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In a story published in the Sunday
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of people who were said to have
appeared at the Mbabane
Magistrate's Court, charged with
drink driving offenses. Calvin
Musuta was listed in that table as
one of the alleged offenders. It has
since been brought to our attention
that while Musuta appeared at the
Magistrate's Court on that same
Saturday morning, he was not
appearing on a charge of drink dri-

ving, but for a charge of negligent

driving. We would like to apologise

to Musuta for the error.

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# SODV CASE AT DPM'S OFFICE

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA

n official at the Deputy Prime Minister's Office is reportedly suffering from major depression, and showing signs of being suicidal.

This follows a case of alleged sexual harassment by the woman's supervisor, which has dragged for more than two years, that no one wants to touch.

Strangely, the DPM's Office is responsible for dealing with issues such as this, under the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV)

A senior official has had a complaint lodged against him for sexual harassment and victimisation but no action has been taken on the case as suggested by documents seen by this newspaper.

Psychotherapy

As a result, a young woman \*Saneliso Nxumalo is reported to be on chronic medication and psychotherapy services after being diagnosed by professionals at the Psychiatric Centre.

According to documents, the woman lodged a formal complaint after several attempts to report this issue had failed to yield any results.

In her complaint, she stated that she wanted to stop the victimisation by her supervisor, to get justice, and to 'dispel any rumours and mysteries around this issue and the need to stand up not only for myself but other women who have been victims of sexual offences and have found themselves at the mercy of men who use their advantage of power to render them helpless that has prompted me to lodge this complaint'.

Complaints

According to a source, the official has been reported by other women for sexual offences, and yet no action has been taken against him.

Five others are believed to have lodged complaints against the same official

Nxumalo, for her case, claims to have to have tried different remedy attempts at times seeking help even from colleagues.

She alleges that he explicitly expressed interest both verbally and through texts. He also allegedly called to inform Nxumalo to join him on trips outside the country.

"I also recall incidences where I have been touched inappropriately. One such time he closed and locked the door at my office at the inter-ministerial building, where

he tried to hold and forcefully kiss me but I managed to pull away and ran out the door," reads her complaint.

She also alleges that in one incident, while driving with the alleged perpetrator, "he slid his hand under my skirt and touched me between my legs, I abruptly applied brakes almost causing an accident and his hand was thrown off on impact."

There are several detailed claims against the official, which have also been reported to have been brought to the attention of the Prime Minister and the secretary to Cabinet.

Growing tensions became apparent between the two when in between conversations she would be shouted at and duty stations changed erratically without the use of the government instruments. She eventually avoided contact where possible as she was cognitively affected by everything and his presence.

"On one occasion I went to the then Under Secretary (US) Chief Ndlaluhlaza and explained my frustration after I had made drastic changes in my life including no longer wearing makeup, dress code change, wearing a ring on my left hand and intentional weight gain. The US promised to address the code of conduct and work ethics in

the work place with Head of Departments (HODs) staff members at their meeting. These advances subsided for a little while only to return," she states.

The frustrations at work left her suicidal with at least one failed suicide attempt and led her to having two car accidents in a space of two days, her family and friends are aggrieved as the quality of their lives have been greatly affected by all this as the situation has gotten worse.

"The issues noted are not exhaustive; my experience has left me fatigued, depressed and very unhappy in the workplace. I have tried everything to extend kindness and respect to my superior but I have realised that I would never get peace without giving to his advances," she said

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One such time he closed and locked the door at my office at the inter-ministerial building where he tried to hold and forcefully kiss me but I managed to pull away and ran out the door,

# I AM INVESTIGATING

he Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku who is a leader of the custodians of social welfare issues said he was personally investigating this case based on a rumour though as nothing was officially reported to him by anyone even his other officials and the victims.

He added that the victims can approach him personally so that he could get a balanced story unlike now that it's only hearsay and he cannot make a decision not fully informed. He also encouraged the victims to approach the police as it's their right, since the Constitution clearly states that all are equal before the eyes of the law.

"I would like this case to be reported so that the police do their investigation, the affected should come to me on Monday (tomorrow). I am very passionate on these issues, actually SODV falls under my portfolio, then I will lead the police in the perpetrator's direction. As much as I am not trained to investigate,

but I am personally investigating based on a rumour. The affected can come to me or reach out confidentially if they are scared to be seen coming to my office so that this case is expedited. We cannot tolerate this kind of conduct from anyone let alone one of ours," the DPM said. Masuku said as much as he didn't know the affected he was following on a lead that he got whilst on personal errands. He emphasised that the affected victims should contact him even if it's

so that they confirm the rumour.
"I promise to deal with this and I

"I promise to deal with this and I would love to deal with this before the end of the week. SODV criminalises, it is not 'tibi tendlu' and I don't want to be one of those who protect perpetrators in the name of 'tibi tendlu'. I cannot accuse the perpetrator unless I have had the other party's side so that I engage the commissioner of police. We will hide the informer's identity and I can only report once we have all the facts," he said.



Hired inmates painting former His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase new house at one of his many homesteads, at Dwaleni in the Manzini region. (Pics; Bodwa Mbingo)

# **MZUTHINI HIRES**

STORIES BY BODWA MBINGO

mid reports of an eviction order hovering over his head to vacate a government house in Mbabane, former His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase seems to have a plan going forward.

The Liqoqo member has moved to hire inmates under his former place of employment to construct his new house at one of his many homesteads, at Dwaleni in the Manzini region. This is the same service he procured during the construction of his plush double storey house situated at his rural home at Mkhwakhweni in the Shiselweni region.

The department does have a programme where inmates are hired to do manual work for private citizens, a programme aimed at equipping them with skills. The depart-

ment charges money for the service, but their charges are below the normal market scale and such jobs are used to equip the inmates with the much needed practical work after acquiring the construction skills during their rehabilitation.

HMCS' Public Relations Officer Gugulethu Dlamini yesterday confirmed that their charges were below the market scale, but not too low as such money still had to be used in empowering the inmates after serving their jail time through purchasing for them the necessary tools for their newly acquired trade.

Ironically, the move by Ntshangase to construct the new home at Dwaleni comes amid reports that a letter of eviction has been sent out for approval to public service ministry superiors and the ministry of justice after his continued stay in a government house in one of the suburbs in Mbabane.

According to officials from the ministry of public service, where

# TIBIYO TAKANGWANE MEI TUCOSWA, VUVULANE FARMI

**NDLANGAMANDLA** 

n a historic move, Tibiyo TakaNgwane led by its Managing Director (MD) Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini met with the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) and Vuvulane farmers to discuss issues surrounding the farm.

According to some of the farmers who attended the meeting which was held at Tibiyo TakaNgwane premises on Wednesday, amongst other things, it is alleged that it was agreed that farmers should write and furnish Tibiyo TakaNgwane with their grievances.

### Meeting

The Sunday Observer was informed that there were two TUCOSWA representatives including its Acting Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga, while there were four farmers who represented Vuvulane farmers.

"Tibiyo TakaNgwane wanted to be briefed on the Vuvulane issue and advised us (farmers) to list (in writing) our concerns," one of the farmers who attended the meeting

The farmers' identities is being withheld as per Article Seven of the code of ethics, which binds journalists to protect confidential sources of information.

The farmers continued to state that it was their first time to meet with Tibiyo TakaNgwane over the

The meeting was independently





Tibiyo TakaNgwane led by its Managing Director (MD) Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini met and TUCOSWA's Acting Secretary General (SG) Muzi Mhlanga.

confirmed by TUCOSWA's Acting Secretary General (SG) Muzi Mhlanga in an interview yesterday. He mentioned that although the farmers' emotions were high concerning the matter but they (farmers) have trusted the federation to lead and find an amicable solution through the

### Markets

Mhlanga mentioned that before the meeting, the federation pleaded with the farmers to control their emotions as the federation wanted a solution to the matter.

'What we fear the most is that if the issue is not attended to now, the country is at stake of losing international sugar markets. Tibiyo

TakaNgwane was also happy that finally the matter was being discussed, Dr Dlamini promised that the institution was also committed to solving the matter," he narrated.

The unionist proceeded to add that farmers were informed to meet where they would possibly list their grievances. Their list would be presented in the following meeting with Tibiyo TakaNgwane.

He mentioned that the seriousness of the Vuvulane dispute was that some of the sugar cane schemes have been greatly affected as they were not able to sell their product

However, the SG also pointed out that despite the Vuvulane dispute, issues were also highlighted.

Moreover, Mhlanga mentioned that TUCOSWA was just trying to assist in the matter as it had been ignored for almost 20 years.

Mhlanga pointed out that if things go well, the next meeting with Tibiyo TakaNgwane is expected to take place in the first week of July. The following meeting with Tibiyo TakaNgwane would be determined by how fast the workers would be able to come up with their list of concerns.

### **Evictions**

Mhlanga said the main intention iwoulb be to resolve the matter before the end of this year. "The discussions were led by Dr AT, who gave a historical background of the matter," he said. He stated that some of the farmers had some disagreements on some of the history but they respected the fact that the main aim is to find a solution as dwelling much on history would not help.

The issue of the farm ownership has a detailed background with the farmers claiming that they were evicted from the farm by the Royal Eswatini Sugar Corporation (RSSC) and Tibiyo TakaNgwane. However, both entities in different press statements distanced themselves from the act. After a 12-year wait, the liquidation was completed mid-December last year when about over 75 ex-workers shared E2.2million. The liquidators were Sibusiso Motsa and Derrick Jele.

# Farmers divided, fail to draw list of grievances

uvulane farmers are divided about the talks with Tibiyo TakaNgwane.

The matter is so serious that the Thursday meeting where the farmers were expected to come up with a list of their grievances yielded no results. The over 100 farmers who were gathered at Vuvulane Inkhundla rejected the report of their representatives who attended the meeting with Tibiyo TakaNgwane.

One of the farmers said as a result, another meeting is expected to be convened this week where possibly, the farmers would manage to come up with the list.

'The problem is that there are international forces that have been following with keen the matter and promised to resolve it so some of the farmers are now against the meetings

with Tibiyo TakaNgwane about the dispute," the farmer narrated.

Trade Union Congress Swaziland (TUCOSWA) Acting Secretary General (SG)

Muzi Mhlanga acknowledged the division. He said it was caused by the fact that some of the farmers were currently benefiting and were not suffering. Elaborating on the division, Mhlanga added that it

was also caused by that some of the farmers were new and were getting privileges from the status quo.

NO TAKA NGWAN

MON IN PROG

"Farmers like Mpisi ON CONGRESS OF Dlamini who attended seemed happy with the

outcome of the meeting with Tibiyo TakaNgwane but we are yet to be briefed concerning that,"

On another note, it is said that there is an individual who has been fingered as the master-mind behind the farmers' dispute.

# It was a meeting to discuss issues of mutual interest –

√ibiyo TakaNgwane confirmed meeting the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) and Vuvulane farm-

The confirmation was made by the entity's Communications Officer Sibongiseni Mamba under the direc-

tive of the Managing Director (MD) Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini.

"It was a meeting to discuss issues of mutual interest among the parties.

It was a positive meeting, honest conversations to look into how the parties' differences and disputes can be resolved," Mamba said.

Mamba continued to state that he was optimistic that the matter would be resolved.

the houses are managed and allocated, a civil servant should prepare to vacate a state house by his last day of service.

Ministry of Public Service Communications Officer Hlobisile Vilakati confirmed to this publication last weekend that the ministry had already written a letter to the ministry of justice seeking the eviction of Ntshangase would and other former civil servants who were illegally occupying government quarters.

The ministry of justice and constitutional affairs is responsible for effecting evictions within the parameters of the set law of all retired civil servants or those who are adamant and still occu-Py government quarters illegally after the housing department has made prayers in good faith that such people be moved out lawfully, and be assisted by their parent ministries officers, especially immediate supervisors/human resources officers and be afforded transportation.

According to information gathered by the Sunday Observer, Ntshangase must have vacated the government house

and submitted back keys to public service ministry housing department before

If he continues staying and utilising the government quarters it would be illegal, as government will suffer losses concerning rent and housing tax that is supposed to be paid monthly by the one who occupies the lease.

Meanwhile, a visit by the Observer on Saturday to Dwaleni this week found the inmates busy working on final touchups to the house under the watchful eye of a Correctional Officer.

Ntshangase when reached yesterday also confirmed that he had procured the services of the inmates to construct his new house. He defended his move by stating that the country's Correctional Services Act permits for citizens to procure the services of inmates to perform such work. He said so did the Prison Act that the department graduated from in recent years.

"It is not only me that uses the inmates, but even other officers have been using them lawfully. It was felt that it would

not make any sense putting the inmates through theory and forgetting about practical work, hence being engaged by members of the public has been a way

The programme was started in a bid to teach the inmates various trades including building and construction. What usually happened was that when the inmates eventually finished serving their terms they found themselves without any startup capital to be able to buy themselves the tools to use while doing their work.

This programme then assists them to make money to buy tools for themselves after their terms," he explained.

He explained that he entered into an agreement with the department whereby he was given a quotation for the work to be done and terms of payment. He said another vital thing is that he was to ensure that he provides transport for the inmates on a daily basis to and from the construction site as it is a responsibility for any member of the public to

# Anyone can hire the inmates - PRO

is Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Gugulethu Dlamini has come out to disclose that any member of the public is allowed to enlist the services of inmates for the construction of their houses.

She said it was not only her former boss, Ntshangase, who was allowed to use the inmates, but everyone in the country. She explained that the service is obtained at a fee that is reasonable and below the market scale and that anyone interested is free to contact the department for the service.

Dlamini disclosed that the service is under the Empowerment Fund that was established to assist the inmates to be able to buy themselves tools to use in advancing whatever skill they acquire while inside when they finish serving

She explained that MTN Eswatini

was instrumental in assisting them establish the fund as the company pumped in E100 000 towards

"After seeing that the E100 000 would not be enough to assist the inmates buy themselves tools, a plan was hatched to grow the fund, hence a service like his one. This will allow even inmates that will be out of the Correctional institutions years to come to also benefit from the fund. Through this service, we assist the community, allow the inmates to continue learning and improving their skills as well as get money to boost the fund," she stated.

She also explained that the progamme is also used to allow the inmates to market their skills and slowly integrate into the community they come from through allowing them to work in public and outside the confines of their

# Apostle Chi bringing good work to Eswatini

BY SIMON SHABANGU

he coming of Apostle John Chi to the Kingdom of Eswatini will put smiles on the faces of many people as he will not only minister the Word of God and pray for the sick, but will also do charity work for the people.

The apostle is said to have shown keen interest in the King's groundbreaking initiative of End Malaria Fund which was launched recently. The apostle, according to the team behind the three day 'Jesus on the Scene Crusade,' is not only an anointed servant of God but also a giver of note who does charity work not only his country, Cameroon, but in many countries around the continent and beyond. Prophet Thabiso Nxumalo from the Breath of Life Church, who is an organising committee member, said apostle, John Chi would share to the people of God that true love for mankind manifests itself through giving to the downtrodden. "There is no love that does not express itself in giving. Giving is a rare privilege when it is done in the proper attitude. Apostle John Chi showed his interest in giving towards the End Malaria Fund launched in the country on the 31st May.

He is highly involved in the works of charity, including donations to the physically challenged, widows, orphans, the homeless and the underprivileged," he said.

He said the apostle also pays tuition fees for several university students, has helped finance a lot of businesses and continuously takes care of many families around the world. "He believes that charity and the works of righteousness go together. He is a strong believer that as human beings, one has a vision to build a world to change and everyone is included," he says.

# Deliverance

Prophet Nxumalo says the 'Jesus on the Scene Crusade' will be a demonstration of many healings and deliverance ministrations for the name of God to be glorified. "The lame will walk, the sick will be healed, and the demon possessed will be set free as the man of God prays. We have seen him doing wonders in many of his crusades and we believe that this one will not be different and if anything it will be in a higher level as the country is a blessed nation," he added. Apostle Chi's ministry has grown enormously and still maintains a humble disposition and humane approach to the people of God. The crusade will begin on the 25-27 July at Mavuso Trade Centre. The crusade starts on a Thursday with a prophetic and impartation service where people are expected to register to secure seats in that service which starts at 4pm. On Friday, the service also starts at 4pm and is open to everyone while Sunday the service will start at 12noon until late where the nation is invited to come in their numbers and witness the power of God at work.

# Trump sent special gift to Apostle Chi

tthe '2018 Raised to Deliver Conference' with God's servant Apostle John Chi, in Pasco Washington, United States of America hosted by the Hungry Generation Church, Apostle John Chi humbly led the congregation through a moment of prayer for the nation and the President of the United States of America Donald Trump. Indeed nothing makes us love a person as much as praying for that per-

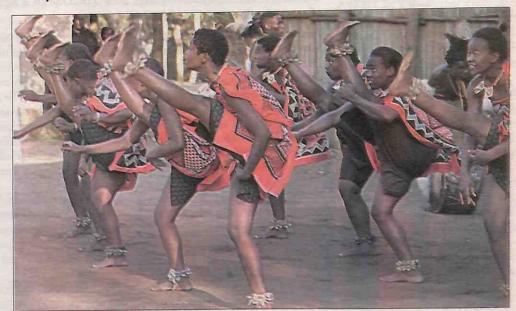
son. This unconditional act of love made it through to the desk of the president and in response to which the president sent a special gift to God's servant Apostle John Chi as a sign of his appreciation. Truly a man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men (PROVERBS 18V16). God bless His anointed President Donald Trump and all the leaders of the world. Sourced from YouTube

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# Classic Car Rally



Eswatini Tourisn Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo joined by some of the rally crew members together with Galp and ENTC staffers who were part of the local partners.



Part of the performances displayed by the culture group at Mantenga.

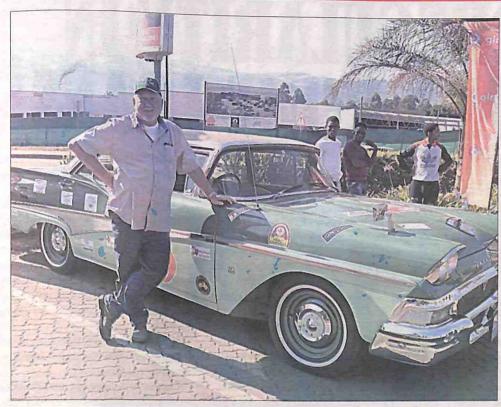


The crew briefing the participants on their next stop after Corner Plaza.



A section of the many vintage cars which took part in the rally.

# cars bring Corner Plaza to standstill



Leon Lottering posing next to his 1958 classic Ford Fairlane, which is one of the oldest cars in the rally.



Local vintage car owner Devin Bauermeister (r) was briefly roped in as he drove his vintage car around with his family. He is captured in a conversation with one of the rally participants.

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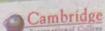
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Tebenguni Nxumalo posing with her younger siblings Mkhuleko, Ubiyelwe and Khulekani as they also came through to view the vintage cars.



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# UNESWA's restructuring process halted

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

he University of Eswatini's restructuring process has been halted as it has emerged that part of the process was inconsistent with the University of Swaziland Act, 1983.

The restructuring process is in line with the institution's 2016-2021 five- year strategic plan that supports UNESWA's vision of being the University of Choice in the continent. However, its implementation has been found to be inconsistent with the Act, which has not been repealed to accommodate the reforms. The legislation specifies the duties of all the officers of the institution.

### Admissions

The reorganisation on the other hand, tempers with the duties of some members of the administration as some functions are either removed or added to certain posts. As it is the case with the office of the registrar and that of the pro vice chancellor.

According to the Act pro vice chancellors exercise powers and perform duties as assigned under the legislation, statutes and council or as may be assigned by the vice chancellor and be responsible to the vice chancellor.

On the other hand, the Act states that the registrar of the university shall be the administrative officer and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as assigned to him under the Act.

In this regard, the registrar is responsible for among other duties: the general administration and management of the university, administration of students' admissions, registration and examination and the university human resource

recruitment and development.

However, the strategy had been crafted such that the above-mentioned duties of the registrar be removed from the office of the registrar and be transferred to that of the pro-vice chancellor.

The institution then decided to implement the strategy through the restructuring process without changing the legislation.

### Retirement

This is where all hell broke loose as the affected officials did not take it lightly, when they noted that their duties and responsibilities were either reduced or added much against the provision of the University Act.

One such officer is the Registrar of the university who is said to have informed the management that he was not happy with the changes citing that they were inconsistent with the University Act.

Simelane is said to have requested an early retirement when most of his duties were stripped off.

According to the UNESWA Vice Chancellor Professor Justice Thwala the council met and reviewed the decision to implement the restructuring process because the irregularities were brought to its attention.

"The duties that had been removed were then reinstated. The registrar was engaged, and he agreed to come back to his position until the end of his term," he said.

Last week the VC sent apologies to those that had applied for the position of the registrar as it was advertised in February, while the registrar was on leave and had applied for the early retirement.

He said after the review the institution withdraw the post and thus was to send letters to the applicants sending the apologies.

# MAJOZI INVESTIGATES IRREGULARITY IN BANKS HOME LOANS

BY BODWA MBINGO

Pollowing countless concerns by helpless consumers, many of which have lost their homes due to mortgage based funding; Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) Governor Majozi Sithole is springing into action by investigating any irregular practices by key stakeholders in the mortgage sector.

Through a notice, the governor has announced that the Central Bank is in the process of reviewing the mortgage loan process and mortgage based funding processes including investigation of allegations of malpractice leveled against the stakeholders in the industry with respect to repossession of consumer properties.

The governor invites members of the public who have information or evidence concerning any misconduct or malpractice in the mortgages sector by any bank or the Eswatini Building Society (including their duly authorised agents) to provide that information or evidence, on or before the end of this month. He states that the bank is even ready to keep identities of those who have the evidence confidential through lawful means.

He notes that mortgage loans for many consumers represent the biggest financial commitment of their lives, hence it is vital that they understand the ramifications of such financial commitments and appreciate the wider responsibilities and rights that they have as homeowners

A mortgage is a legal agreement by which a bank or other creditor lends money at interest in exchange for taking title of the debtor's property, with the condition that the con-

veyance of title becomes void upon the payment of the debt.

In simple terms, a mortgage is a loan in which one's house functions as the collateral. The bank or mortgage lender loans one a large chunk of money (typically 80 per cent of the price of the home), which one must pay back - with interest - over a set peri-

od of time

Day in day out, Emaswati have fallen victims to their arrangements with banks or other lenders partly for failure to meet the agreements and some due to ignorance of their rights in such arrangements. This has affected and destroyed many lives as most have lost their homes after banks have moved to seize and sell their properties. Some people claim most of the repossession of their properties has been committed illegally by the banks. A host of such matters have ended up in court, but the money lenders have often had the last laugh, where it concerns rulings by the courts of law.

However, a landmark ruling by a full bench of the Supreme Court full in a matter between the Swaziland Building Society against Rodgers Mabhoyane du Pont of Croydon back in 2016 was the only victory against any money lender in the land. The Supreme Court made the landmark ruling that reversed the sale of a farm belonging to du Pont under dubious circumstances.

The attorney general's chambers had filed an application in the Supreme Court on du Pont's behalf seeking to reverse the sale of his farm by the Swaziland Building Society.

Du Pont wanted the court to, inter alia, reverse the sale in



as a shopping complex next to the road leading to Dvokolwako, Madlangempisi and Buhleni.

A week before the application, the businessman had been evicted by 50 police officers who were led by Sheriff Melusi Qwabe. However, after du Pont was evicted briefly for about 12 hours the then Attorney General Majahenkaba Dlamini's office moved quickly to stay the execution of the court order evicting him.

The Central Bank has, therefore, noted with concern, the challenges faced by consumers in this sector.

"These challenges are there either because the available tools to help consumers make effective decisions, when choosing a mortgage, do not fully meet their needs or because of commercial relationships that exist in the sector that may lead to conflict of interest or misaligned incentives to the detriment of consumers. These challenges magnitude manifests itself through the rate and manner in which mortgaged properties are acquired and sometimes quickly repossessed and disposed off in the country," reads the statement.

The bank concedes that the mortgages sector plays a vital role in Eswatini's economy, so it is important that the conduct of market players in this sector is equitable and fair to ensure that competition works effectively.

The governor states that the bank has a responsibility to ensure that players' conduct and competition in the mortgage sector is healthy and working to the benefit of consumers.

"As a result, we have deemed it appropriate and essential that we conduct a review into the mortgages sector, to look at the general conduct of mortgages market participants, particularly lenders and their duly authorised agents. This review will include the investigation of allegations of irregular practices by key stakeholders in the mortgage sector," adds the governor.

The move by the Central Bank has been commended by numerous consumers in the land who also hope that going forward things will only get better and there would be less suicides as a result of people losing their properties to financial institutions.

# Phakama's daughter detained for invading family business

BY BODWA MBINGO

A fter invading Phakama Investment business premises in Malkerns with her eight other siblings recently, one of the late former businessman Richard Themba Dlamini of Phakama Bus Service was arrested for alleged failure to comply with a court order.

Andile Dlamini was last week detained

at the Malkerns Police Station for two days before being released. This week she appeared before Manzini Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane and was directed to return to court on July 3 to answer for her charges.

This is after, together with her siblings, they stormed the family business premises in Malkerns in the wee hours of Friday morning, May 30, and barred at least five Phakama buses from operating in their daily routes for hours. They also locked entrances to three shops that are within the business premises using chains and padlocks.

Police

Richard Themba Dlamini is the deceased former business mogul, who passed away six years ago and to date his estate has still not been winded up due to ongoing disputes amongst his family members. It has been gathered that Andile was called to the Malkerns Police Station last week Tuesday, where she was told she had to go to the Magistrate's Court the following day.

On the Wednesday, she had a oneon-one session with the magistrate in her chambers, where it was explained to her that she had failed to comply with a court order that barred her from returning to the family's business premises. This was after she had been part of a group of the deceased Dlamini's children that stormed the premises and started fire at the entrance thus blocking buses from leaving the premises. That was in February, where they invaded the business premises at around 2:30am and allegedly started the fire in an attempt to expedite the process of liquidation and distribution of their father's estate.

# DISQUALIFIED COMPANY WINS CONTROVERSIAL ESWADE E1.3 MILLION TENDER BY DEFAULT

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

company that has not been successful in the tendering process has by default found itself the winner of the Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE) security tender worth E1.3 million, which has dragged almost a year.

The company was already providing security services at ESWADE's Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP 1) when ESWADE issued out the tender for the same services as the parastal was struggling to find a qualifying tenderer.

The very same company also bid in the tender but was disqualified last year with other security companies, which were not compliant to the tender requirements.

However, the third retendering process took about six months before the results of the evaluation could

DETAILS OF BEST EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERER				
NAME	REACTION INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD T/A REACTION FORCE SECURITY SERVICES			
NATIONALITY	SWAZI			
PROPOSED CONTRACT PRICE	E1,337,446.32			
TOTAL EVALUATION SCORE	75%			

It must be noted that, in terms of section 45(2) of the Act, the above contract award decision does not constitute a contract. Further, in terms of section 45(4), 46, and 47 of the Act, all tenderers who submitted bids are hereby notified that a period of ten (10) working days is hereby allowed for submission of any application for review from the above stated date of first publishing of this period.

DETAILS OF ALL OTHER EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERERS						
NAME	NATIONALITY	BID PRICE AS READ OUT	EVALUATED PRICE	(TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL)		
NKULU SHIBA INVESTMENTS T/A TOP TWO SECURITY SERVICES	SWAZI			DISQUALIFIED (NON-COMPLIANT COPIES OF STATUATORY DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED)		
THE BIG SHOW T/A MAXIMUM SECURITY SERVICES	SWAZI			COPY OF COPIES OF ONE CERTIFIED NATIONAL ID; SECOND SHAREHOLDER ID COPY NOT CERTIFIED)		

The notice of the intention to award a tender for the provision of security services to ESWADE sourced from the EPPRA website.

be published, which worked to the advantage of the company that was on the ground, as it eventually continued rendering its services.

ESWADE Strategy Corporate and Communications Manager Nokwazi Hlophe said the delay was due to the fact that the tendering process had to be started afresh several times as none of the companies that had tendered had met the requirements of the tender. "Bids that were submitted in response to the procurement notice were evaluated in accordance with the Public Procurement and ESWADE procedures were found to be no compliant to the tender requirements, thus were disqualified by the evaluation committee. An application for a retender was made to the ESPPRA and approval was obtained before commencement of the re-tendering process," she said.

# ESWADE intends to award Reaction Force Security Services same tender

n a recent development, SWADE awarded a tender worth E1.3 million to Reaction Investment trading as Reaction Force Security Services.

This tender is for provision of security services for the offices, dam and infrastructure at ESWADE's Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP 1).

# Website

An intention to award notice published in the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPPRA) website shows that Reaction Force Security Services attained a total evaluation score of 75 per cent and as a result, out-

shined the three other competitors vying for this tender.

The other companies that had submitted bid on this tender included maximum security, which is currently proving its services to ESWADE for the same tender.

The company was disqualified for among other reasons failure to cer-

tify on ID copy of one of its shareholders, while Black Mamba Security Services was disqualified for submitting a copy of FORM C. Nkulushiba Investment trading as Top Two Security was disqualified for non-compliant copies of statutory documents that were submit-

# 1300 MEN IN MEN'S HEALTH WEEK CAMPAIGN

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA

bout 1 300 men sought health services in five days at the International Convention Centre (ICC) and Hotel last week at Ezulwini.

The men's health week was a drive by the ministry of health working together with development partners including EMS, EGPAF, HC 3, PSI New Start, TB Centre, Blood Donor bank, and oral health since June and Eswatini men's health month.

Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) Communications Manager Muzi Yende said the initative went so well considering the total number of men reached in such a small time.

# Service

"It's interesting and encouraging to see such great a number of men accessing so many health services at once. This initiative helped us reach out to so many men at once who normally don't visit clinics.

We have done as well as we have helped a lot of men in a small space of time," he said.

Yende appreciated the KISS joint venture for letting them use the facility and visit their employees when approached. He also appreciated the men for donating about 100 pints of blood.

He said men were perceived to

be scared to test for HIV, but they discovered that wasn't the case during their week stay at ICC.

"This month men are encouraged to go to a hospital and do a full checkup without queuing. We also encourage health facilities to give priority to men when they come this month as it's their month.

The ministry of health has lined up activities during the course of the month including events at Lobamba and Pigg's Peak and we are just working on the logistics,"

The main event will be on June 29 at Prince of Wales, all health service providers will be there to offer their services to men.

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This initiative helped us reach out to so many men at once, who normally don't visit clinics. We have done well as we have a lot of men in a small space of time,"

# Making A Difference

# How anomalies unfolded over the months

Il hell broke loose when Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE) listed one of the companies for an intention to award a contract tender worth E1.3 million for provision of security services at ESWADE's Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP 1)

Suspicions of fraud and corruption emanated, leading to other bidders contesting, while others wrote letters of complaint to the ESWADE CEO Samson Sithole seeking clarity on how he had disqualified them and what criterion he used to conclude that Awesome Security Company T/A Citadel had won.

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On the other hand, investigations by this newspaper revealed that Awesome Security had allegedly forged a labour compliance certificate, which therefore made it not eligible to have been awarded the tender. Further investigations revealed that during the tender opening, the very same company had failed to produce and meet several stage one requirements as specified in the tender document.

The tender document indicated that the intent to award was erroneously issued or there was an oversight in the procurement team as none of the companies qualified to move to the second stage of the tendering process. This was also confirmed by Sithole, who stated that in his assessment he found that none of the tenderers had all the required documents. This then called for a re-tender process, which was done and again the cycle took place hence cancellation of the tender and necessity to tender anew.

# Claims

In the second round, the CEO reported that the evaluation indicated that the were companies that had failed to follow instruction relating to the bill of quantities in that they had inserted in wrong envelopes.

On the other hand, security companies said that was not true rather they had been told that they were not expected to include the prices in the bill of quantities which they said was anomaly as in the past they had included the prices. This resulted in ESWADE tendering anew and this time taking over six months to publish the results of the evaluation, which again had been queried by the bidders as they claimed it was deliberately aimed at making sure that their competitor who had not qualified benefited in the period.

Even then, police had to be called in to intervene in the stand-off. Apparently, a court order had been issued by the magistrate that Andile and her other siblings, Thulile and Sanele, should never again set foot at the Phakama Investment yard.

However, Andile is still adamant that they never received such an order and if they had they would not have returned to the area.

On the day, even the arrival of the armed police officers from the Malkerns Police Station could

not yield any fruits as their pleas to the unrelenting family members to allow operations for the day to continue fell on deaf ears. The police officers branded the court order that they claimed barred them from 'trespassing in the business premises'. In yet another dramatic occurrence last year, one of Dlamini's daughters allegedly hijacked one of the buses on its way to the Phakama business premises. She is alleged to have grabbed a bag full of money and ran off, leaving the bus dri-

ver and conductor perplexed.

The bus driver and conductor called other family members, before driving off to the Malkerns Police Station, where they reported the hijacking. Later that day, the police came and took her and her mother in for questioning.

After telling the police that she had not stolen the money, as she had a right to take it, simply because it belonged to her father, she was later released with the police advising her not to do it again.



This is the sedan that was used by late businessman Richard Themba Dlamini's children to block the exit of Phakama Investments premises, grounding at least five buses. (Pic: Bodwa Mbingo)

# ▶ ► MTN 21 days of Y'ello Care 2019

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Chief Dambuza Lukhele showing the youngsters how it's done.

# Chief Dambuza calls for revised curriculum

hief Dambuza Lukhele has called upon politicians to revise the current education curriculum so that it is inclusive of all types of young Emaswati.

The chief said this during the official launch of the E100 000 Khula Natsi loan scheme at Ngobolweni on Friday.

Whilst touring the bee-keeping project with Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, MTN Eswatini Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sibusiso Nhleko, Kubuta Member of Parliament (MP) Mlamuli Mabuza, Director of Youth Affairs Bheki Thwala as well as Macmillan Eswatini Managing Director (MD) Busisiwe Simelane, the chief said it didn't make sense to him that the country continuously taught children to look for jobs when it was clear that that there weren't any in the market.

# Market

"The job market is saturated, and that's a fact. Why then do we keep teaching our children that they need to go and look for jobs instead of empowering them with skills that will allow them to create their own job opportunities?

"I urge upon politicians in the country to smell the coffee and get to work because the current system is not working," he said.

Macmillan Managing Director (MD) Busisiwe Simelane also agreed with the chief and mentioned that whilst the process would take time, Macmillan was already working with the ministry of education on publishing an all-inclusive and allencompassing syllabi.

"I would like to thank the chief for his point, and I would like to assure him that what he is talking about has been noted, and we are working hand-inhand with the ministry to ensure that this issue is handled, so I promise that in the near future, we will have more inclusive books for children that might not be A pupils in class, but might be blessed with certain skills like agriculture, arts and so forth,"she said.

# Exposure

On the other hand, Youth Fund CEO Bhekizwe Maziya mentioned that from the applications they have received, the fund had noted that young people lack exposure to help them think of innovative businesses.

"It is unfortunate that the unemployment levels keep on rising and the high youth poverty rate also indicates that more young people are working poor. As we receive the loan applications, we have realised that young people lack exposure to help them think outside the box and to easily identify opportunities at their disposal.

They also lack initiatives like this one we are launching today presented by the MTN Foundation and other partners, which de-rick the new small scale industries by providing grants for the high rick startups, to eventually increase appetite for the development finance institutions like Youth Fund," he said.

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Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga nailing the bee cages.



MTN Acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko nailing one of the bee cages.





Macmillan Eswatini Managing Director Busisiwe Simelane making her remarks. (R) ESWADE's Lynn Kota delivering her speech.



MTN Eswatini's Evidence Ntshalintshali digging the toilet hole.

# Over 1 000

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# STORIES BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

he MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care Youth Biz Challenge recorded over 1 000 entries, predominantly from disadvantaged young people.

Prior to the MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care, the company invited young people aged between 18-35 to apply for the opportunity to become the company's business partners by selling its products and services.

The aim of the programme is to empower aspiring entrepreneurs to develop fully operational businesses by providing resources and the necessary business support to help them launch, manage and run their businesses successfully.

This initiative is part of this year's MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care, which in the bigger scheme of things, seeks to create about 300 youth owned business initiatives.

MTN received over 1 000 entries under the Youth Biz Challenge which were cut down to 40 and further trimmed down to 15 people.

The 15 candidates were then taken through training by MTN staff specialising in legal matters, finance, marketing and sales. Cumulatively, these sessions sought to equip young people develop sound business proposals and also run sound business enterprises.

To ensure inclusivity, contenders were allowed to submit their proposals in SiSwati. The 15 finalists presented their proposals to the panel of judges last Tuesday for the selection of the top five businesses.

At the end of the challenge, the top five won five MTN branded kiosks and initial stock to run their businesses.

The challenge is a zero-equity programme, meaning, beneficiaries will not be expected to give MTN equity in return.

Amongst other things that were considered by the panel of judges were; business viability, products saleability, marketing strategies, and profitability.

One of the contestants, Bongiwe Sihlongonyane from Esigangeni said her company's vision is to decentralise and create a one-stop-shop for MTN products and services. The services include MTN Mobile Money, data, airtime, SIM Registration, and SIM swaps.

Sihlongonyane is an unemployed university graduate and her objective is to create a decent living.

"I believe that the business will enable me to meet my basic financial needs," she said.

Sihlongonyane said her business would reduce distances that people travel to access MTN services and also help them to cut down on transport costs. In the long run, she wants to establish an internet café.

"I will also become MTN ambassador and engage others, especially the youth on products like MTN Pulse. As part of giving back to my community, I plan to engage the youth on social The job market is saturated, and that's just a fact. Why then do we keep teaching our children that they need to go and look for jobs instead of empowering them with skills that will allow for them to create their own job opportunities? - Chief Dambuza Lukhele

I will use the experience I gained while I was a foot soldier to help people with a number of MTN services including; Mobile Money, SIM Registration, SIM swaps, internet settings, MoMoPay stickers, and the MTN SmartApp - Ngobile Dlamini

# entries for MTN Youth Biz Challenge



Young entrepreneurs pose for a group picture with MTNers and other partners. This was during the official prize presentation day of the different businesses as well as the Youth Biz presentation. The event was held at CODEC, Ezulwini. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)





The Registrar of Companies Msebe Malinga also gave a presentation to the youth. (R) Indvundvuma Investments presenting their business plan to the audience.



issues that affect them. I am open to a range of other empowerment programmes," said Sihlongonyane.

She wants to differentiate her business from its competitors by offering exceptional customer service, and being reliable in terms of operating hours and days. Sihlongonyane would like to ensure that customers always get assistance for whatever service or product they are looking for.

Samkeliso Ngwenya from Ekudvwaleni said his business would address issues of reliability and service quality, which the local vendors seem to be grappling with. Ngwenya will diversify his business by selling fruits and vegetables, and possibly venture into livestock farming at a later stage.

foot soldier from KaZandondo, said her business would also reduce the need for MTN customers to travel long distances to access the company's products and services.

Experience

"I will use the experience I gained while I was a foot soldier to help people with a number of MTN services including; Mobile Money, SIM Registration, SIM swaps, internet settings, MoMoPay stickers, and the MTN SmartApp,"

Another issue that the young people promised to help the company address is the illegal overcharging of airtime, data, and minutes, especially in remote areas.

Thembinkosi Nkambule from Tsawela said

Ngobile Dlamini, who was an MTN agent or MTN customers are charged E1 extra when buying the above-mentioned products at E5.

"My business will charge the standard rate provided by MTN to ensure that customers get utmost value from their hard-earned money,"

Lungile Nhlengetfwa from the drought-stricken parts of the Lubombo region said though most people from her community receive social grants from organisations that support them efficiently through MTN Mobile Money, cashing out their monies remains a challenge due to the scarcity of MTN Mobile Money vendors, especially on weekends.

Winners of the MTN Youth Biz Challenge will be announced before the end of the MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care.



# Three investigators for Human Rights' 120 cases

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

o under-staffed is the Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration Integrity that only three investigators are currently investigating over 120 cases which means each investigator grapples with a workload of at least 40 cases on average.

Last year, the commission received 109 cases which added to the backlog of the previous six years where the commission functioned without the secretariat since its appointment.

This was revealed by the Human Rights Commissioner Sabelo Masuku during an interview on Friday.

The commission was established under Sections 163 to 171 of the constitution and tasked with the mandate to investigate complaints of violation of the fundamental rights and freedoms contained in the constitution as well as investigate complaints of corruption and abuse of power by public officials.

The commission was appointed in 2009, albeit without a staff compliment or secretariat.

For six years after its establishment, the commission lacked adequate financial and human resources to carry out its mandate as it did not have a functioning secretariat, hence the backlog of cases.

According to Masuku, during this period the commission applied means to remedy, correct or reverse any instances complained of, 'in such a manner and ways as dictated by the situation'.

In most cases, the commission reportedly negotiated and fostered a com-

promise between parties, or were referred to those agencies and departments with comparative advantage to deal with the matter before the commission.

"For instance, complaints bordering on labour issues or deceased estates were referred to agencies as CMAC and Master of the High Court, respectively, with a recommendation that they deal with and finalise the matters," said Masuku.

He revealed that the recruitment of the secretariat assisted in dealing with the backlog of cases which had accumulated through the years until the end of 2017.

As a result, from 2018 (excluding the cases inherited from backlog) the commission attended to 109 cases.

Masuku said these include cases investigated by the commission on its own accord from media reports and any other sources of information on alleged human rights violations.

He further stated that the commission was still facing similar challenges in terms of personnel since government is expected to hire the commission's staff but currently has frozen hiring

"It is quite a big mandate that we have. We are looking at human rights, public administration and issues of integrity. Indeed, challenges include personnel because according to the provisions of the constitution our staff must be hired by government and government has currently frozen hiring," he explained.

Masuku said the commission has a total of eight members, five of them technical staff and the others administrative



Human Rights Commissioner Sabelo Masuku.

"Three of those are investigators and the others include the legal advisor and the executive secretary," he revealed.

He, however, revealed that the commission was devising strategies to deal with these challenges and ensuring that the investigators and other officials are supplemented. "We have devised a strategy to try and get secondment from some government ministries especially those who have legal expertise and externally. One such department is that of the attorney general who does second officials. We are also looking at having interns who could be with us for a year or two. Secondly, we are engaging Commonwealth to second officials that will join the the commission," he added.

# Functions of the Commission on Human Rights

he commission is empowered under Section 164(1) to investigate complains concerning alleged violations of fundamental rights and freedoms under the constitution.

The commissioner is to take appropriate action for remanding, correction or reversal of instances complained off through such means as affair proper and effective including inter-alia;

Publicising the findings and recommendations of the commission.
Negotiates and compromise

 Causing the complaint and the findings of the commission on that complaint to be reported to the supe-

rior of the offending person or insti-

Referring matters to the director of public prosecution or the attorney general's office for appropriate action to secure the termination of the offending action or conduct or the abandonment or alteration of the offending procedure.

 Bringing proceedings to re-strain the enforcement of any legislation or regulation by challenging the validity of that legislation or regulation where the offending action or conduct is sort to be justified by reference to that legislation or regulation.

### Bill

The delay in the passing of the Human Rights Bill of 2011 is another challenge as the commission does not have an enabling bill and thus solely relies on the constitution.

"We would really like to have an enabling legislation so that it may go to the finer details of the operations of the commission.

Currently we rely on the constitution as it is quite detailed in terms of giving the commission power to work," he said.

# Breakthrough as ESCCOM grants UNESWA Community radio licence

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

hat has been perceived as a breakthrough in the media landscape in Eswatini, the Communications Commission (ESS-COM) has issued an intention to grant the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) and other tertiary institutions a community radio broadcasting licence.

The Commission has invited written comments from interested stakeholders and the general public on the proposed decision document to issue the licence to UNESWA and other tertiary institutions.

"As part of the public consultation process contemplated in Section 32 of the Eswatini Communications Commission Act, 2013, the Commission hereby invites written comments from interested stakeholders and the general public on the proposed decision document to issue the licence to UNESWA and other tertiary institutions. The deadline for submission of comments is 17h00 on the 17 June 2019," reads part of the announcement.

This follows that UNESWA has

This is a milestone - Swaziland Community Multimedia Network

he Swaziland Community Multimedia Network (SCMN) has applauded government's move to issue community radio licences in the country as this was long awaited by the network.

SCMN Acting Chairperson, Thulani Fakudze said members of the network have been waiting for over 14 years for community radio licences and were happy that finally there is light in this sector. "We appre-

applied to establish a community radio station at the Kwaluseni Campus to be available only within the three UNESWA campuses (Kwaluseni, Luyengo and Mbabane).

The institution seeks to disseminate accurate news and information about significant events on the three campuses of UNESWA and to provide members of the university community a forum for discussing academic, administrative and social issues.

The main objective of the radio station is to prepare Journalism and Mass

ciate the move as we have waited for it since 2005, to see community radio outlets being granted licences. We were trying all these years but in vain and were promised that we will be granted licences last year but it did not happen.

Pleased

We are pleased to hear that UNESWA may be the first to be granted the licence; this is a step forward," he said. Fakudze stated that the licences were key to fun-

Communication (JMC) students for the real world of radio broadcasting by performing the diverse operations of a radio station in a well-equipped studio.

Among other things, the radio station will enhance JMC advertising students as they will be provided a platform for developing their copywriting and campaign skills once the institution has been granted the licence.

The radio station is envisaged to give UNESWA students an avenue to expose and exhibit various artistic talents,

ders as they normally list it as the main requirement.

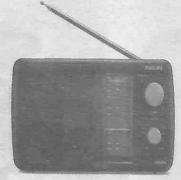
"Other members have also applied for the community radio licences and we hope they will get responses as some applied in February but to date, they have not received responses."

According to Fakudze, the members of the network are: Lubombo, Mankayane, Matsanjeni, Hhohho, Kwaluseni/ UNESWA and Seventh Day Adventist.

especially in music, acting, and debate. The campus station will also offer Institute of Distance Learning students a platform to complement their learning through educational broadcasts and encourage student and staff participation in community development projects.

Eswatini musicians are set to also benefit from the community radio station as it will provide them a platform to showcase their talents.

This was confirmed by the University's Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane who



said the institution was grateful to the Commission as the licence would enable the department of journalism to produce graduates with practical knowledge.

Simelane stated that once the licence has been granted, it would be easy for the university to mobilise funds to purchase the equipment for the studio.

"We really appreciate this; the radio station will be useful in the department of Journalism and Mass Communication. It will be used for the training of our students. We once obtained a temporal licence and were able to broadcast the graduation ceremony, but it was for a short period as we had about two days if I'm not mistaken in 2016," he said.

# PM'S OLD PRIMARY SCHOOL A MESS

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

rime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini did his primary education at a modest school at Mbekelweni, in Manzini. Back then, it was probably a decent school. However, the school is now a far cry from what it used to be as it looks like a 'warzone'.

The school, which is situated a few kilometres from Manzini town, has broken windows while the structures too are dilapidated. Sadly, sources have claimed that the building is vandalised by residents of the area. To fix the broken glasses, the school needs roughly E10 000.

Though it was not readily gathered which year the PM enrolled at the school, one of the teachers confirmed that Dlamini did his primary education at Mbekelweni. The Sunday Observer was also informed that Dlamini's parental home is a few kilometres from the school.

Concerned parents informed this publication that because of the broken windows, their children were exposed to the cold winter weather.

They alleged that since inception of Free Primary Education (FPE) programme, the school started falling apart. Some are of the view that the monies paid by government were not enough to maintain the facility and keep it going.

Of note, government introduced FPE in 2010 and since its inception government has been paying a stagnant E560 per pupil yearly.

The Principal Neamsile Mdziniso informed this publication that the only thing that could help curb the vandalism would be to enclose the school. The fence that was erected years ago has been damaged.

Mdziniso mentioned that the issue of enclosing the school was so serious in such a way that they had been asking the area's Inkhundla for help. The first attempt was made in 2012, however, the request was not approved. Again the school requested the same last year around August but the Inkhundla team failed to approve it before leaving office.

Mdziniso added that early this year, the school approached the Inkhundla to pursue the same request, and were promised to expect a response before the end of this month.

"More than anything, enclosing the school in a priority as residents often

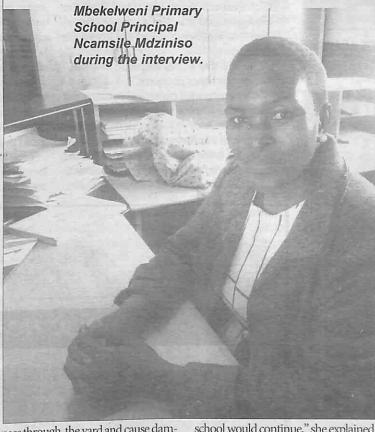


A view of Mbekelweni Primary School.









pass through the yard and cause damage. I don't think getting new window glasses would solve the problem because whosoever is vandalising the

school would continue," she explained. She said the residents would at times break into some of the classes and steal valuable teaching aids. Mdziniso



Pupils from the school using tap water.

continued to add that another problem was furniture shortage; however, this was not problematic as the broken window glasses.

Furthermore, she added that the school has asked the Inkhundla to help with renovations. Mndziniso said in the past the administration painted the rusting corrugated iron and patched where necessary, however, there was a great need to renovate the school as the structures were dilapidated. "For the glasses, I think roughly E10 000 is needed judging by the previous quotation as we once fixed the glasses. I think it was 2016, unfortunately we have been struggling to fix them ever since," she said.

Making things worse is that there is a football pitch for the community located next to the school.

It is suspected that the people who frequent the pitch, including the pupils, could be behind the vandalising of the school. The school has a night

# 17 BANK CARDS RECOVERED AT BUSHFIRE FESTIVAL

BY SANDZASIVE NXUMALO

dentity cards, passports and bank cards form part of over 40 items that were reportedly lost at this year's MTN Bushfire Festival.

This list of items recovered from the festival is, however, comparatively longer than that of the 2018 Bushfire Festival where only 27 items were found.

The most interesting about this list is the sheer number of bank cards lost in what was meant to be a minimal cash transaction environment. There were a total of 17 bank cards recovered this year, almost twice the number of those found last year.

Here is a list of items lost during the Bushfire Festival and at the campsite that are desperately eeking to find their way back home;

Travelling Documents
Oakeng Sekele misplaced his South African passport
Manuel Quinito Unizo, lost his Republic of

Mozambique Passport

- Mozambique Passport

  Bank cards and identity cards

   P Mdingi South African driver's license

   L.G Monageng South African driver's

   Thabile Precious Shabangu Eswatini national identi-
- ty card (and pink bag)
   David Alan Levin Driver's licence and Sapphire VISA
- Treasure Mohoje Letswela Medical aid card Samkhelo Herald Dlamini Wallet V.E.J Manelle Standard Bank Debit Card

Besides bank cards and identity cards, there were quite a few electronics - cellphones and a smoking Vape - and clothing items recovered.

- S.A. Evian Investec Debit card Nuno Morim Moza Debito bank card
- B.H Ramatsheko Gold credit card
- J Smith Barclays Premium Banking card
   I.M Tihabi Nedbank Gold Cheque Bank card
- Fabio D.C Matos Itau Personnalite Black card
- Capitec bank cards
- L.N Mthethwa
- N.M Mnisi D.V Bapela
- K.L Maota FNB cards

The Bushfire Festival has been steadily growing since its inception.

The festival provides visitors with a unique

S.D Zwane – FNB Swaziland Platinum Lifestyle card M.K Serobe – FNB Private Client Cheque card S.G Ntombela – FNB Private Client Cheque

oria Nkwana – FNB Private Client Credit card Cell Phones
- Silver iPhone 6 in a cat pouch

- Gold Huawei in a transparent cover Black Azumi

Clothes and Miscellaneous items - Gold Mr Price watch

- Yellow smoking Vape
- House key (N121)
- Black Mr Price children's shirt (age 1-2)
- Black Guess leather jacket
- Black Jabari leather jacket (size 10)

Red Freestyle hoodie

Green flops (size 10)
- Classical lock key

- Mr Price denim Black Mr Price denim
- Black Aldo Nero belt

mix of cultural exhibitions from the various foods and craft/art stalls to the international artists and guests.

# WATINI MOBILE BRANDING CAMPAIGN



Eswatini Mobile staff members pose for a group photo during the branding campaign, which started in Matsapha yesterday. The mobile company will be visiting vendors all over the kingdom making sure that their kioks are well decorated with its colours and more visible to their clients. The vendors will also be getting mobile kiosks.



Another Spaza at Mhlaleni being decorated in the company's colours.

(Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



One of the kiosks that Eswatini Mobile distributed to it's vendors along the Mbabane



The Eswatini Mobile staff hard at work as they paint a spaza at Mbuleni in Matsapha

# Eswatini Mobile paints Matsapha red

swatini Mobile vendors were yes-who painted their stalls red all over Matsapha.

The mobile company's Corporate Communications Manager Nosipho Shongwe said this was an ongoing exercise that was being rolled out across the

She said this was in response to a number of customer concerns.

"Our customers expressed concern that they did not know where to purchase airtime outside of our Experience Centres across the country and branded vendors.

We felt it was important to actually brand the spaza shops with our brand colour to alert customers of our availability in des-

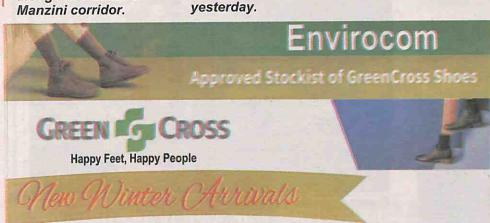
BY SUNDAY OBSERVER REPORTER ignated areas in Matsapha," said Shongwe yesterday.

She said that in addition to painting the structures, Eswatini Mobile had also placed branded kiosks to be utilised by vendors while selling Eswatini Mobile products.

Acquire

"We hope our customers will now fully enjoy our services within their communities as they will be able to also acquire eMali and be able to purchase EEC units without paying for any service charges," she stated.

Shongwe revealed that vendors who wanted to have their facilities branded with Eswatini Mobile colours needed to register with trade marketers who serviced their areas so that a team from the organisation could ensure that they are branded and provided with all necessary tools to sell Eswatini Mobile products.





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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The general public is advised that from the 17th June 2019, Inyatsi Construction Ltd will be upgrading The MR103 along the ICC & FISH Site at Ezulwini. The operations will commence at 0700 hrs to 1700hrs, Monday to Saturday over the next (12) Months.

The Public is advised to adhere to all road safety signs and traffic control measures. We regret any inconvenience caused to motorists and residents.



PRINCIPAL SECRETARY MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

# BUSINESS ESWATINI COMMENDS TUCOSWA

BY KING'S OFFICE CORRESPONDENT

ENEVA, SWITZERLAND - Business Eswatini has commended TUCOSWA's understanding of His Majesty's position on tripartism and social justice.

This follows the King's first ever address at the 100-year-old international labour Organisation (ILO) Conference on Tuesday which was hailed by TUCOSWA.

In a joint statement issued by Business Eswatini's President Andrew le Roux and CEO E. Nathi Dlamini, they said the statement issued by TUCOSWA was encouraging, not least because it captures what they think is the true spirit of what His Majesty expressed.

The employer's organisation said the trade union's assessment of His Majesty's speech was not necessarily inconsistent with those held by Business Eswatini.

"The union's understanding of His Majesty's position on tripartism and social justice in particular, was spot-on. We are of the view that His Majesty has now helped open a new chapter for social partners by setting the stage for true tripartism in Eswatini," they said.

They said it was now up to the social partners, who include government, business and trade Unions, to make this vision a reality or, God forbid, abort it.

Business Eswatini threw a word of caution though, saying that for the King's vision to ultimately see the light of day, the process must begin with the Labour Advisory Board where social partners ought to sit at table as equal partners and where proceedings must be underpinned by consensus.

"This has not always been the case in the past, something which always left a bad after-taste to business. Lack of proper consultation invariably created unnecessary tension and acrimony between partners in the past," said the organisation. The employers further stressed that government must, going forward, consult business fairly and equally as much as it consults labour. They said to ignore the advice would serve no one's best interest as they said that they are of the view that it is counterproductive of government, or anyone for that matter, to listen more to one party and less to the other.

"Doing so actually undermines His Majesty's vision of a renewed dispensation on social justice. Social partners need each other because neither one can exist without the other. Without a vibrant business sector, there can be no employees to speak of, and no unions. Conversely, without employees, there's little doubt if there could be any business," they said.

They then expressed confidence in the Ambrose Dlamini-led government that they expect to do the right thing when it comes to tripartism and to set a new tone within government structures, especially within the Labour Advisory Board, which is in keeping with that of His Majesty.

During his address at ILO, the King stressed that since the ILO was founded on partnership and social dialogue, a partnership and social dialogue could only thrive if it were underpinned by trust, openness and respect and appealed to the social partners to find a balance in these val-

He urged all players in the labour market space to be continuously trained and persuaded to embrace these essential values in order to keep the tripartite relationship strong and effective. In reaction to this, TUCOSWA viewed his attendance as recognition and renewed commitment by the Kingdom of Eswatini to the vows that the country took when it joined the ILO in 1975. The organisation said they were pleased to hear His Majesty, in his address to the conference, reaffirm and restate that universal and lasting peace can be established only if it was based upon

The commitment for the repositioning and the ultimate intended re-launch of the social dialogue, specifically pronounced at the highest level, gives us hope that issues affecting the labour market and all its players will now be attended to with rejuvenated power. The TUCOSWA, it being a creature of collective bargaining, unreservedly welcome the intended initiative and we shall see through its realisation," it said. The ILO Conference officially opened on June 10 and will run until June 22nd.

It is premised on the theme: 'Advancing social justice and promoting decent work'.

BIRCHCOOPER GRADUATE INSTITUTE (BCGI) The commitment 2019 MID YEAR INTAKE IN PROGRESS for the repositioning and the **ESWATINI HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL APPROVED PROGRAMMES** ultimate intended AFFORDABLE INSTALMENT PAYMENT PLAN re-launch of the social dialogue, Social Work & Community Development specifically pronounced at the Development · Accounting & Finance Business Management & Administration
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# 'Bitter unionists are naïve

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

s the meeting between His Majesty King Mswati III and the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) has courted mixed reactions from some of the federation's affiliate unionists, TUCOSWA has comes out to state that unionists who are be bitter would be naïve.

TUCOSWA leadership, Quinton Dlamini, Mduduzi Gina and Simangele Mtetwa formed part of a delegation of the International Trade Union Congress (ITUC) that paid a courtesy call to the King on Tuesday after his address at the 108th ILO conference.

The influential ITUC delegation coprised the secretary general of ITUC Africa, the deputy secretary general ITUC Africa region, director workers rights Africa region and director of education at ITUC.

TUCOSWA is part of the tripartite Eswatini delegation attending the 108th Session of the International Labour Conference taking place in Geneva, Switzerland. Talking to the publication about the matter was the federation's Acting Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga. Mhlanga said the federation was delighted and consider meetings as a blessing despite that the King extended love to them while they were not in the country. He said this was because the comprehensive social dialogue His Majesty talked about was what the federation strives for.

He said now that the King has also talked about the issues, he foresees that its implementation would be much easier. Mhlanga mentioned that the leadership knew about meeting the King in Geneva because ITUC

has been advocating for it. The SG added that TUCOSWA urged Gina, Mtetwa and Dlamini to use their seasoned leadership skills on the

"The country is ruled by the King, we meet with ministers then why must we not meet the King; what is wrong with that?" he wondered. Mhlanga also clarified that TUCOSWA was not a political party, adding that many people were failing to understand that a federation is not a political party. He said some of the workers under the federation are staunch supporters of the system.

Trade unions work with a current system but ours is to gradually lobby for change but we can't run away from the fact that we cannot win anything if we'll disassociate ourselves," he said.

The SG continued to mention that another factor was that ILO advocates that once another party has opened doors for dialogue, no matter the hostility, the other party is expected to engage. He made an example of Zimbabwe where civil servants in January were heavily assaulted by the force for engaging in a strike.

"It is important for people to understand that we are not a political party so we won't boycott engaging with the country's leaders,"

The country is ruled by the King, we meet with ministers then why must we not meet the King; what is wrong with that?



**ESWATINI ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY** 

# **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ)**

RFQ Tender No. 002 of 2019: Procurement of New Generation Capacity in Eswatini (First Tranche Procurement Programme

# BACKGROUND

The Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA), in co-operation with the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy as mandated by Section 25 of the Electricity Act of 2007, has on Friday, 07 June 2019 launched the request for qualifications (RFQ) to shortlist independent power producers (IPPs) that will be invited to participate in the request for proposals (RFP) process for the development of solar photovoltaic (PV) plants with a combined capacity of circa 40 MW (First Tranche

Information on the background of the Eswatini energy sector and more details about the First Tranche Procurement Programme are provided in the RFQ document.

The RFQ document is available for download from the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ESPPRA) website (www.sppra.co.sz), as well as from the ESERA website (www.sera.org.sz/tenders.php). Any notices and/or clarifications regarding the RFQ will be issued in the form of briefing notes which will be published on the ESERA website on the lini provided herein.

Interested parties are requested to respond to the RFQ by completing the response forms provided in the RFQ document. It should be noted that interested parties are required to pay a non-refundable fee of ten thousand Emalangeni (E 10 000) to ESERA in order to be eligible to submit responses pursuant to the RFQ as fully described in the RFQ document.

The closing date for submitting responses to the RFQ is 23rd August 2019, 12 noon (CAT). Instructions on the submission of responses are specified in the RFQ document.

All enquiries relating to the RFQ must be addressed to the ESERA Capacity Procurement Manager, Mr Mphumuzi Maziya



# **Ex-Times editor** seizes ex-lover's car, ID

STORIES BY SUNDAY **OBSERVER REPORTER** 

x-Times of Swaziland SUN-DAY Editor Innocent to release a bluebook, car keys and identity document (ID) to his exlover Zanele Ginindza, nee Dlamini.

Ginindza has approached the court seeking an order which would direct the seasoned journalist, who is the first respondent, to release to the Deputy Sherriff of the court, the blue book and a spare key of the car in question.

Failing to surrender the items, Ginindza wants the registrar of the central motor registry which is cited as the second respondent ordered to issue out a new blue book to her. Further, Ginindza also wants national commissioner of Royal Eswatini Police Service (Ezulwini Police Post), which is the third respondent in the application, to release forthwith the car to her or her designated agent.

High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba presided over the matter on Friday. Judgment was granted in applicant's favour although stayed until Tuesday, wherein Maphalala would be given a chance to state why the interim court order should not be made final.

Maphalala was not in court when the matter was heard, his name was called three times but he did not show-up.

It is said that the application was served to him on Thursday.

Ginindza has involved services of lawyer Fayiya Majaha Tengbeh from S.V Mdladla and Associates.

Giving background on the matter, Ginindza divulged that on or about the year 2011 they were involved in a romantic relationship.

"I state that our relationship ended on or about the end of May 2019 and we are no longer involved romantically," Ginindza said.

Merits of the allegations made by Ginindza are yet to be tested in

She continued to state that during the subsistence of their relationship and towards the tail end, Maphalala allegedly begun exhibiting very aggressive behaviour.

"I state further that as our relationship deteriorated and in a bid to spite me, the first respondent (Maphalala) confiscated and hid from me the bluebook of my motor vehicle," she said.

The make of the motor vehicle is colour Ginindza stated that she purchased the car from Elite Motors

in 2014 and she has been in peaceful and undisturbed possession of the motor vehicle. She attached the receipt of purchase of the motor

Additionally, Ginindza stated that the motor vehicle was still registered in the name of the seller and she had been unable to effect change of ownership by virtue of the fact that Maphalala withholds the bluebook from her.

"I state further that on or about the 11th June 2019, Maphalala went to my family home at Ezulwini, in the district of Hhohho and in my absence forcefully removed my motor vehicle which was in the peaceful and undisturbed possession of my son, who presently uses the motor vehicle under my permission for work purposes," she narrated.

Duplicate

She accused Maphalala of unlawfully removing the motor vehicle from the premises without her permission using a duplicate car key which is unknown to her.

Ginindza added that Maphalala had illicitly made the keys and went and parked the motor vehicle at Ezulwini Police Post.

"I verily believe and I am advised by my son that upon the first respondent having stolen the motor behicle, my son immediately went to the Ezulwini Police Post to report a case of theft and thereby stumbled upon the motor vehicle parked there," she explained.

She went on to add that at the police post, her son was attended to by one Constable Nomvuyo Dlamini who, notwithstanding the fact that her son produced evidence of the receipts of the purchase of the motor vehicle, he was not allowed access to the vehicle.

Also, she asserted that her son reported that the car had been unlawfully taken by Maphalala, however, the officer refused to release it back to her son.

Adding that the refusal reasons were unknown and were not explained to her or her son to her detriment as she was being deprived the use and enjoyment of her motor vehicle without any court order for its detention by the police. She verily believed that the police have no lawful justification for keeping the motor vehicle.

She stated that her previous requests for the bluebook have been met with threats of violence and verbal a Toyota Vitz which is light blue in abuse from Maphalala which led to her taking the matter to ourt.

# ...Maphalala stole ex-lover's ID

nnocent Maphalala is also accused of seizing his ex-lover's (Zanele Ginindza nee Dlamini) identi-

The ex-lover seeks an order for the return of the motor vehicle key and her personal identity card.

"I state that Maphalala stole my identity document (ID) card from

my family home on June 4, 2019 after gaining forceful entry in my absence and surreptitiously," she

She continued to reveal that Maphalala unlawfully made a spare key of her car during the period when the two were residing togeth-

# BULEMBU ASBESTOS CABLE WAY FINALLY REMOVED

...The old aerial cableway which runs from Bulembu to Barberton is falling down in places, posing a threat to people travelling on the road

STORIES BY BODWA MBINGO

¬he historical and only cableway to run across an international border at the northern part of Eswatini is finally being removed.

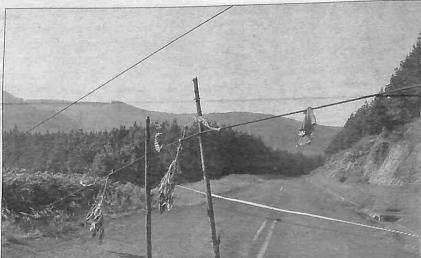
Of a 20km cableway that used to transport asbestos minerals from Bulembu to Barberton, South Africa, only pylons and cables remain that are dilapidating. Havelock asbestos mine in Bulembu ceased production in 2001 which meant the cableway will no longer be in use. The provincial Department of Public

Works, Roads and Transport (DPWRT) in South Africa has finally started remov-The cables have been reported to pose

a danger to motorists and at some places have fallen down to the road due to their deterioration.

They used to support a mining conveyor belt from Bulembu to Barberton, but it is no longer in use.

Schwalbach, Sappi Communications Manager, said, over



This is how the cable appears to be a problem to motorists on the South African side, resulting in it being removed.

# Same old bumpy Bulembu-Pigg's Peak road

esidents of Bulembu, the mining town that used to be vibrant but has literally turned into a ghost village, are still cut off from the rest of the country's civilisation due to the bad state of the road that leads to the nearest town of Pigg's Peak.

Public transport operators have long abandoned this 18km route as they fear risking their buses and minibuses, forcing the residents to do their shopping at an alternative South African town of Barberton in the Mpumalanga Province.

The buses that used to service this road decided to stop after most of them broke down or required constant service due to the bad state of the road. Furthermore, minibuses that were otherwise reliable all pulled out from servicing this road one after another to an extent that to travel to Pigg's Peak, the Bulembu residents have to rely on hitchhiking lifts from generous motorists.

It becomes worse for any motorist during rainy days as the state of the road worsens and proves not conducive for drivers to use. This road is characterised by very steep slopes in most areas.

Banned

This has, therefore, forced residents of this small town that used to produce asbestos, a mineral that is now banned in most countries because of its asbestosis disease causes, to be alienated from the rest of the Eswatini populace.

They are finding it very hard to travel to other areas because of the state of their road and it is making it very difficult to access supplies of food stuffs from the neighbouring town of Pigg's

A visit to this almost abandoned town this week found that the residents now have a clinic they have to rely on, a bakery, a honey production plant as well as milk and sour milk producing farm for

them to consume while some of these products are exported from this town.

A police officer interviewed at the border post, about 2km from the town, lamented that they always cannot wait to go on off-days and vacate this secluded area.

# Forced

A resident in one of the area's plantations' compound said they are forced to buy only canned food stuffs as they only go to town once a month.

Furthermore, the state of the road has seen the country losing millions of Emalangeni from tourism pecks as most tourists shy away from using the somewhat short, but bumpy 18km road that could connect them to the country from the neighbouring South Africa.

While the South African part of the road that leads to the Bulembu Border Post was long tarred by the government, the local part of the road that should



This picture shows the bad state of the Bulembu-Pigg's Peak road that has forced residents of this area to be alienated from the entire Emaswati. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

the years, Sappi has expressed concerns about the state of the cableway. Sappi cannot state with complete certainty to whom the cableway that runs between Barberton and Eswatini belongs.

"Historically, it existed to convey mining material between the two points, and as such, has always spanned a certain portion of Sappi's land, particularly our Twello plantation."

According to Schwalbach, the area underneath the cableway is kept clear with an unplanted servitude the same way they treat Eskom power lines which traverse their property.

"This is a safety requirement to keep forestry activities beneath and near the cableway to a minimum. Over the years, Sappi has expressed concerns about the state of the cableway, which has shown major signs of deterioration due to wear, tear and exposure to weather conditions and lack of maintenance," added Schwalbach.

Bongani Dhlamini, spokesman for DPWRT, said the cables have always hung low over the road in some sections.

"The cable is not a live electric cable as its usage has been discon-

tinued and left unattended. During the departmental routine roads inspection, it was discovered that the cables have fallen on the road. Some sections were removed and the department is in the process of finalising the removal of the remaining cable," said Dhlamini.

The remains of what used to be a vibrant Bulembu town are now a museum, formerly the finishing factory, on a hill attached to the giant cable system that runs out of the town. At the museum are giant buckets that were once attached to the cable system and were filled with asbestos. Once full, the buckets travelled via cable for 15 miles to Barberton.

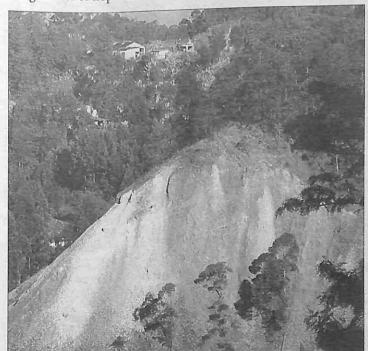
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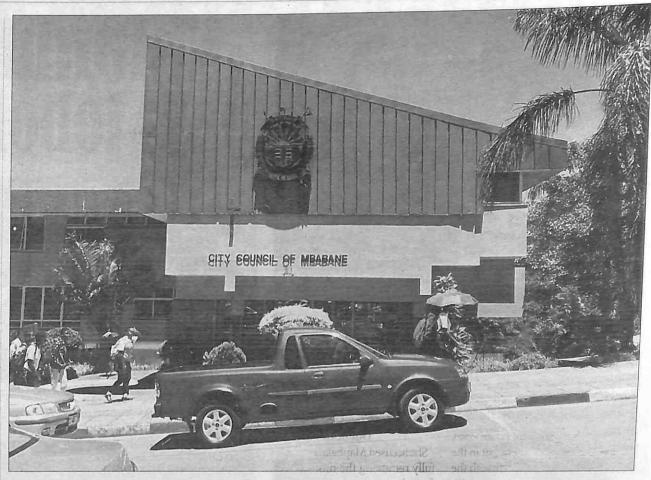
connect visitors to the Northern Hhohho town of Pigg's Peak and to the rest of Eswatini is still a nightmare for drivers.

It is still un-tarred and sometimes forces motorists to abandon their trips due to its slippery and narrow state, especially during rainy days. A glimmer of hope still rests on constant announcements by the ministry of public works and transport that the rehabilitation of this road that will elevate it to a tarred one will soon begin.

The commencement of this project still very much depends on the availability of funds from government.



This is what remains of the asbestos dumps at Bulembu to date.



# Mbabane Council blocks care point construction

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMAND-LA

babane Municipal Council has been accused of blocking the construction of a neighbourhood care point (*lidladla lendlunkhulu*) where over 500 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) were set to benefit.

The care point is set to be built on plot 1409, Zone 2, Ward 1. The zone leaders of the area in mid-November 2019, wrote a letter to Council where they requested that the Council endorses construction of the care point.

The ward leaders had managed to secure a sponsorship for the construction of the care point; however, there are fears from the Ward 1 leaders that the donor might pull out due to uncertainty whether the project would eventually kick-off.

The Sunday Observer understands that the ward reached an agreement with SOS Village to assist in the construction of the care point. On November 13, 2019, the ward wrote to SOS seeking sponsorship.

Ward 1 through its Secretary General (SG) Laurence Methula wrote to the Council requesting to build the care point.

"This letter is in respect of a decision taken by the zone leaders of Mahwalala community to have a care point that will service the zones in Ward 1," reads the letter.

Furthermore, it is stated in the letter that Zone 2 was chosen as a centre place not that it is going to be used by Zone 2 alone. The care point was meant to service the Mahwalala community.

"There is a donor which is willing to help but before the start of the project they need to see a letter from the City Council office that permits us to use the land. The plot we are requesting is num-



Laurence Methula Ward 1 Secretary General (SG) during the interview.

ber 1409," explained the communiqué. In an interview yesterday, Methula added that a follow-up letter was written to the Council this year, however, both letters were not responded to. As means of trying to get the deal done, Methula went in person to the Council to inquire why they were not responding to the letters.

Verbally

"Unfortunately, I was verbally told that we were no longer eligible to be in office," he said.

He said he was shocked by the response as the zone leaders' term of office only expired at the end of April. Elections are expected to take place before the end of this month.

He continued to state that the Council's decision not to approve the building of the care point has made the over 500 OVC starve as the care point was their last hope.

He mentioned that poverty under Ward 1 was at extreme levels.

"The donor is now threatening to with-

draw as initially the project was supposed to be constructed in 2018 when our request was approved.

The donor now suspects that there are problems regarding the land ownership," he narrated.

Methula did not reveal the care-point construction costs, however, he stated that it would accommodate the over 500 OVC.

SOS Public Relations Officer Temalangeni Dlamini confirmed that the organisation approved the request by Ward 1 to fund the construction of the care point.

She said SOS was still waiting for a meeting which would take place between Mahwalala community and the Council.

Responding to the allegations levelled by Methula, the Council's mouthpiece Lucky Tsabedze said SOS is a partner with Council in a number of soup kitchens and social centres.

Adding, he said the Council has worked with them (SOS) in Msunduza, Makholokholo, Malagwane and Mahwalala where they feed over 1000

"As such they know the way Council works and would have also approached Council if this was a serious proposal. Hence we think Methula is pushing his agenda of promoting himself," he said.

Tsabedze continued to add that the Council considers issues of sustainability when donors want to develop such centres. This includes designs of the structure, construction as well as the capacity to maintain and operate it.

"Council does not want to see a soup kitchen started then stopped a year or so later because the donor nor longer has funds to continue operating it, leaving OVC high and dry," he explained.

He mentioned that the Council also considers how far the nearest soup kitchen or social centre is from the current one.



Nhlanhla Manotsha Mkhonto, an employee of Eswatini Beverages, paid lobola for his longtime lover Qondile Sibiya, a teacher at Global University in a colourful ceremony held at Mbikwakhe over the weekend. The couple poses with their children Yandisiwe and Akandemangisi. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



The couple poses with the in-laws.

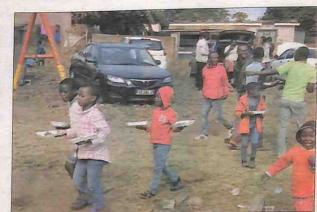
AND MANY MORE IN STOCK



The ecstatic couple enjoy some cosy moments during

# Nhlanhla Mkhonta pays lobola for Qondile





Some of the invited guests relaxing during the function. (R) Even the young ones had enough to indulge in at the event.



One of the beasts that were slaughtered for the cer-



Manotsha Mkhonto poses with the ladies who formed part of the entourage.



The groom in a discussion with the umyeni Mduduzi Mkhonto.

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# MISS TOURISM OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

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# BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

he third edition of the Miss Tourism Eswatini pageant, initiated six years ago was officially launched at The Hilton Inn Hotel yesterday morn-

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati officially launched the pageant saying they the applaud efforts of the Honourable Minister of Information, Communication and Technology, Princess Sikhanyiso as the patron of this event in promoting and improving the lives of the girl child by equipping her with the necessary tools to learn, succeed and contribute to the country's growth and development.

It is also worth noting that the pageant last saw its crowning in 2015, where Nadia Nascimento was crowned queen alongside her princesses, Lindelwa Dlamini and Noncedo Mdluli.

Speaking during the launch, Vilakati said the Miss Tourism Eswatini pageant was aimed at promoting tourism within the Kingdom of Eswatini through collaborative efforts of diverse stakeholder-ship drawn from government, in particular the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs, non-profit organisations (NGOs), private sector, community members and others with a view of enhancing the image of Eswatini and promoting the country to not only the people of Eswatini but also the international community.

"It is my pleasure to announce that





Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati speaks during the Miss Tourism Launch held at The Hilton Inn Hotel yesterday morning. (R) Miss Tourism Eswatini Director Fundzisile Dlamini addresses guests. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



Sasha Thorne, Fundzisile Dlamini and Miliswa Mamba smile for the camera.

the entire concept for Miss Tourism Eswatini 2019 is to use the pageant as a means of creating our own narrative as the Kingdom of Eswatini, which speaks on the country owning its identity and presenting the kingdom as a tourism destination of choice by rebutting all myths," said Vilakati.

# Collaboration

He also said the collaboration between the pageant and the ministry would focus on promoting domestic and international tourism through various projects and events in Eswatini and abroad.

The Miss Tourism Eswatini platform in as much as its mandate is to attract trade and investment through tourism, it also creates opportunities for the youth focusing mainly on the girl child.

The minister said as a ministry they were ready to support wherever they

# Support

"We urge all stakeholders and corporates to support the cause both through financial means as well as assisting to provide the girl child with a better future by ensuring she receives quality tertiary education through sponsorships.

"This platform is an opportunity to do it one girl child at a time by prioritising her needs which will ultimately result in the betterment of the whole nation," he said.





Outgoing Miss Tourism Nadia Nascimento listens to the proceedings of the event. (R) Qibho Intalektual directs the event as the MC of the day.



Some of the guests listening to proceedings at the show.



Pageant Eswatini's Raksha Aiyaturai and Catherine Potgieter listening to the speakers.

He further extended his sincere gratitude to the Minister for Information, Communication and Technology, Princess Sikhanyiso for her active role in leading the Imbali Foundation and also being the brains behind the hosting of the Miss Tourism Eswatini pageant.

"I hope this initiative will continue to inspire many of our young maidens to join this noble cause, said Vilakati.

Emaswati join thousands for Bushiri-led church's youth conference

BY BODWA MBINGO

sizeable number of Emaswati yesterday joined thousands of other young people from all over South Africa and neighbouring countries in Pretoria for a Shepherd Bushiriled Enlightened Christian Gathering (ECG)'s international youth conference.

IOL News reported that soon after midday, two huge marquees with an estimated capacity of 4 000 and 9 000 people respectively were packed by ecstatic young people from South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Eswatini, among others. The South Africans held up banners representing the different provinces as well those

from other countries including Emaswati. Thousands of chairs were also placed outside the marquees, many already occupied by young people.

A media advisory issued by the ECG's international youth coordinator Winnie Tshirangwana stated that the festivities yesterday were part of the vast church's "Youth Magnets" initiative to join the global community in commemorating International Youth Day, which falls on

"Like other years, this year the ECG

Youth Magnets will also join the global community on June 16, which falls on Sunday - our main day of worship. The ECG is also fully cognisant of the critical national significance of June 16 within the Republic of South Africa, and the millions of its people," said Tshirangwana.

She said Bushiri would be joined by other "leaders of society", including representatives of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and a delegation from the ministry in the presidency responsible for women, youth, and persons with disabilities. Also in the lineup to address the young people is renowned entrepreneur and international banker Jerry Mashamba.

June is dedicated as Youth Month in South Africa, with numerous activities on the calendar commemorating the role of young people in society. Bushiri's following throughout Southern Africa needs not be overemphasized.

For instance, in February, followers of the prophet gathered in their thousands to hear their leader's first Sunday sermon since his release from police custody. Bushiri and his wife were granted E100 000 bail each by the Specialised Commercial Crimes Court in Pretoria.

According to the Hawks, the case against the pair "concerns alleged offences of fraud, money laundering and contravention of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act. (POCA), committed from 2015, in relation to Exchange Control Regulations related to foreign currency in an amount of US\$1 147

On the fateful Sunday many congregants could be seen flocking into the church venue. Inside the halls people were singing and chanting praises to the Lord.

The same fanatic behaviour had been displayed by the churchgoers outside the court building following Bushiri's arrest over a week

During the service, the congregants were seen praying while declaring fire upon those who acted against their beloved leader.

In January, Bushiri appeared before the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (the CRL Rights Commission) to explain the circumstances surrounding the deaths of three women who were killed during a stampede at his church in December 2018.

The commission recommended that the church find a suitable venue to accommodate its congregants following a report by the Tshware municipality that the church p es did not comply with safe ulations.



# A Youth Section on Youth Issues By The Youth

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### THE SUNDAY PODIUM

would like to start by wishing all the loving fathers and all the single mothers a Happy Father's day. We appreciate you. This past week has been rather taxing on my body, mainly because of the on-going MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care. Whilst the travelling might be gruelling, the experience has been wonderful to say the least. One of the good perks about this career path is that you get to see the world from its luxuriant and poverty-stricken view- all you need is just a three-hour drive away from the capital city. It is during this time that I have learnt to be more grateful for the little that I have and not to complain, rather work hard on just getting everything I ASPIRE. I'll be sharing more lessons I have learnt next week.

It is perhaps this campaign that has convinced me to finally put my pen on paper and give my two cents on this issue. MTN Eswatini will be hosting a Mental Health Indaba this coming Friday from talks with the team working on it; they very much understand what is happening on the ground.

Earlier this year, I read Kay Redfield's 'Night Falls Fast: Understanding Suicide'. It is on this very well thought of book that the writer unpacks suicides and the struggles that are pushing people to such an unfortunate end in the 21st century. She dispels the silence and shame that surround the subject of suicide and provides a better understanding of the suicidal mind and a chance to recognise the person at risk. She brings to book not only wide scientific knowledge and clinical experience but also great compassion.

# Talented

Last year, one of Eswatini's most talented rappers Zolile Motsa who goes by the stage name 80 Script shocked many when he revealed that he hadn't been making music for about eight months, because he was drowning in depression. I was to later get an opportunity to have a sit-down with him to discuss why he had been drowning in depression, and how he got himself out of the hell

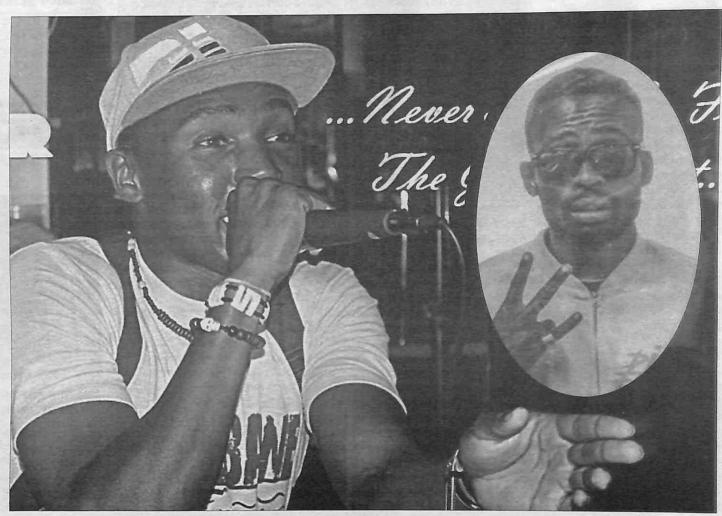
Funny enough, for those who aren't aware, Zolile's grandfather is business mogul Moses Motsa, so my point is that suicidal thoughts don't pick on one's race, age, gender or class. They could really affect anyone and this means we as a nation should be worried when the cases are multiplying.

A few months later after that conversation, one of our most promising acts in the rap industry Marcus committed suicide and we still haven't recovered from that. I happened to meet the girlfriend a few months back and to be honest; she was strong to not even contemplate on ending her own life as well.

The one thing about being a young person is that there are so many expectations from our parents, not to even mention the pressure we exert on ourselves for no particular reason come to think of it.

It starts with school. So many young people are worried sick about not doing well, or not getting to study in the tertiary institution of your dreams. Society has placed so many 'standards' on us, and the moment we think we aren't meeting them, we think of ending our lives. We need to learn as young people that the World doesn't operate like that. Things will not always go the way you want

# Why aren't we doing anything to curb suicide?



them to go or rather the way you hope for them to go. It's not easy in life; the world doesn't have your best interest at heart, so you need to be ready to table obstacles in every step of the way.

## Dreams

We can't have so many young people succumbing just because of school! If you haven't been accepted in the university of your dreams, it's okay, you're not the first and you're not the last. If you haven't gotten that scholarship you have always longed for, it's still okay, life isn't just about that.

It's even worse for young adult, because the workplace isn't easy at all. Work politics can lead you to that point as well, but we just all have to find people to talk to. We need to find means to relive of stress than to just think of death.

Also government should be doing something about this. It is clear that we have a saturated job market, so where are all these graduates going to and how do you think they survive daily? Government needs to find means of providing more opportunities for young people to start up their own businesses. We need to get young people in the arts sector busy as well as in sports.

Diversification and innovativeness is needed when it comes to youth affairs as well, so I

hope Bheki Thwala isn't just attending Youth Fund events, because I'm still to be convinced of his relevance in the ministry, not to mention effectiveness.

Now, there's also one big factor of suicides in this generation - social media. Young people want validation for everything they do from the rest of the world. They want to be seen as the 'coolest' or the 'happiest' and this usually all they are really trying to do is hide in inside pain.

The main problem is that we are all laughing on the outside but we are aching on the inside and we aren't even trying to find means of healing ourselves.

## Families

Again, remember that most young people in this era have grown up in broken families and still want simple validation on just love. Hence, this 'blesser', phenomenon even. So many girls can't even love a man because they grew up in an environment, where the father was abusing the mother and they never recovered. Absent fathers were a thing in the 90's, so I'm not shocked why we have these

Young people should get this one and for all. You do not need to live for social media. Instagram is lie and everyone has their own lane. Patience and hard work are needed, but also get someone to give you an ear and to offload your heavy heart. Don't laugh when you are in deep pain since it's going to catch up with you. Please just take a moment to ask your close friends how they are really doing. Let's continue this conversation at the Mental Health Indaba at Mahlalekhukhwini on Friday, see you then.

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**DISCUSSIONS** 

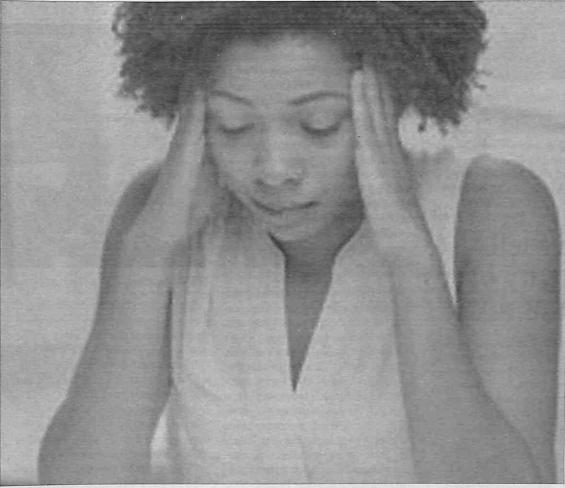
# 5 HURDLES THAT USUALLY RIPPIE THE YOUTH

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

his week, I had a number of meaningful conversations around mental health (hence my decision to tackle the suicide issue on the previous page. After discussions with the young people, these are the obstacles that I thought were predominantly responsible for crippling the youth

1. Avoiding deep and meaningful connections like close friendships -Ultimately, the human experience is about connecting with other people. Connection is what provides value and meaning to our lives. We are wired for it and research proves just that. People with strong social ties are always healthier and have a lower risk of death. Additionally, it seems that friendships can even help you fight cancer. As a young person who is trying to develop himself, being in a relationship decreases the risk of depression, suicide, and substance abuse. Last week, I learnt that strong family ties are one of the primary reasons the people of Japan have incredible longevity despite being one of the poorest prefectures in the country.

2. Being idle all day - You might want to stand up for this. Sitting all day doing nothing has more harmful effects than you might expect. Besides the obvious health effects, mentally it's a problem as well. You cant' train your body to be lazy and not think the whole day. Get your self out of the coach up and do something, even it's volunteering.



3. Not stopping just to breathe -Just a few months ago I was talking to a friend who is a yoga instructor in one of the gyms in the capital city and she told me, "I think people love my class because it is the only time in their entire day when they just sit and breathe." That really provided some interesting food for thought. From the time we wake up until the time we go to bed, do we ever get some time just to relax and breathe? I rarely do myself, so I'm also

a culprit. And that's a shame because the benefits of mindfulness and meditation are huge. I'm not an expatriate so even if you don't do the actual meditation, just get something to do that relieves you of stress and anxiety.

4. Not joining a religion or becoming part of a community - This is an interesting fact coming from someone who always opines strongly about religion, but what I want to be clear is that we all have a spiritual side of us that also needs to be fed the same way we feed our physical bodies.

You could choose which religion to follow, but then we all know that people with strong faith often release control of their struggles and worries to higher power, which can help to relieve anxiety and stress.

For example, I have a mother who has been in this one Bible studying group for decades. That is where she also gets a strong source of community and friendships. Her closest friends have been formed with fellow believers and has lasted them for decades. The bottom line is that we all need a sense of belonging and community in our

5. Ignoring your creative abilities -"The sad thing about not following your dreams is that it will haunt you," said one Jermaine Cole.

This is a fact, because expressing yourself creatively reduces stress ad this subsequently strengthens your health and wellness. That means the likelihood of depression is reduced, so the best thing for you is to tap into your creative juices, don't bury them in the nine to five. If you aren't lucky to do what you love to earn a living, make sure that you do what you love on your leisure time so that it doesn't haunt you.

n today's culture, children are often taught to be perfect, that they are always winners and that they can never do wrong - which is

not bad at all. In fact it's encouraged that parents constantly coddle and protect their self-esteem. They guard their children from any experiences of negativity, hardships, or failure. They teach their children that as long as they 'are themselves' then they automatically deserve to be rewarded for it unconditionally.

As a result, we grow up with the belief that "I deserve all the happiness and success in the world exactly as I am" and anyone that denies me whatev-

# Humility: the acceptance of our flawed self

er I want is wrong. This in turn creates a generation of self-centred, egoistical, and entitled children. We

we deserve for nothing, because wenever put in extra work to earn something ourselves. Self-esteem isn't necessarily

the best force that dri-

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emphasise it. Instead, what's most important today is to cultivate humility and modesty. As painful as it can be, we need to acknowledge our weakthen begin to ness and limitations more often. We believe that need to reinstitute the concept of a "flawed self- that is hypocritical, broken and highly prone to being wrong and making mistakes.

It's only when we accept this flawed self that we can truly embark on selfimprovement and the building of good character.

But if we always pretend we can do no wrong, then we will never change or grow as individuals. Humility doesn't always come naturally to people. If anything, we are often wired to be over-confident in ourselves. We think we are smarter than we really are. We think we are better than we really are. And we think we are moral-

though our society tends to highly ly superior than we really are. Humility helps curb this never ending overconfidence.

### WHAT DOES HUMILITY **TEACHES US?**

ever is. I've made mistakes in the past and I will make mistakes in the future. There will always be some things I want to change about myself. You are never an ending project.

You don't know everything You are not as smart as you think you are. People often overestimate how much they know about a particular subject, and it's important for one to accept the wisdom of ignorance.

Your feelings don't always serve me - When you accept your flawed

self, you accept that sometimes you need to fight against your natural desires and impulses when they don't serve your best interest. Your emotions can sometimes mislead you.

Accept your weakness - Just like You are not perfect - No one everyone else, we have both strengths and weaknesses. You just have to make sure that you do not only make yourself susceptible to give into them and repeat them. This calls for one to accept their weakness before they can begin to work on them.

> It's okay to seek help outside yourself - When we accept our flaws and limitations, it's when we then recognise that sometimes we need to seek help outside to get past difficult times in life. You shouldn't feel ashamed when you ask another person for help or assistance.

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# SA Scene Your Daily Mzansi News

# Manuel defamation ruling to be decided next week

APE TOWN - The EFF's fight against a judgment in favour of Trevor Manuel continued in the High Court in Joburg on Friday where the party argued for leave to appeal against the decision.

Earlier the High Court ordered the EFF to apologise for defamatory claims against Manuel and pay him R500 000 in damages.

Manuel said he would donate the money to the victims of wrongdoing at VBS Mutual Bank.

On Friday, following arguments by both parties, the court said it would rule on the EFF's application on Tuesday.

The judgment against the EFF was handed down at the end of last month after Manuel sued the party and demanded an apology. This was after



Former finance Minister Trevor Manuel.

the party said Manuel had known new SARS commissioner Edward Kieswetter before he was appointed to the position. Manuel chaired a panel interviewing candidates for the top job at SARS. Citizen

# RAMAPHOSA WILL NOT LET SA FOLLOW VENEZUELA, ZIM EXAMPLE'

oelf Meyer, President Cyril Ramaphosa's opposite number as chief negotiator for the National Party (NP) government during the transition to democracy, affirmed on Friday his belief that the president can get the country on the right track.

An Order of the Baobab in Silver recipient, 77-year-old Meyer said "we were closer to each other than probably anybody else in our lives [at that time]".

Speaking at the Cape Town Press Club, he continued that "when it comes to the president ... in my view, he is well-suited for the job for two reasons; one is he is a modellist and, second, he is a constitutionalist"

### Modellist

"What I mean when I say he is a modellist is that he will never allow this country to follow the example of Venezuela, Cuba or Zimbabwe. Full stop. That's it. He will not because he's a modellist, he understands that any thinking that would align South Africa with those countries within that space would just be stupid. He would rather like to see South Africa grow as a country along the lines of what Japan did after World War II or Germany did after unification or China did in the last three decades, and I think that is where he finds himself right now," said Meyer.



SA President Cyril Ramaphosa.

"He has five years to prove himself. If he doesn't prove himself he's not going to be reelected after five years and he has five years to save the country.

"The period that lies ahead is of critical importance not only for him, but for the country," he added.

And Meyer should know, this is not the first time that he and Ramaphosa have peered into the abyss and pulled off the seemingly impossible.

What many of the generation born after the democratic breakthrough failed to understand was that the country was on the "brink of civil war", said Meyer, adding "that we overcame that is amazing." Today, South Africa is hailed as a "benchmark for conflict resolution" where conflict seems insurmountable, he said. Meyer, who was a key figure involved in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) negotiations and today works as a consultant on peace processes all over the world, said that there were, however, in his opinion, two serious shortcomings in the democratic transition, the effects of which are still felt today. News24

# Former executive tells #StateCaptureInquiry of unethical practices at SAA

OHANNESBURG - A former SAA executive on Friday said she had been suspended for speaking out on unethical behaviour by the national carrier's board of directors led by its then-chairperson Dudu Myeni.

Cynthia Stimpel, SAA's group treasurer until 2016, told the commission of inquiry into state capture that she was suspended in July that year for complaining that the Myeni-led board was behaving unethically.

# Suspension

Stimpel's suspension followed her battle against the airline's plans to award contracts to advise on transactions, source R15 billion in funding and restructure debt to littleknown company BnP Capital.

Two of the contracts would have cost SAA around R500m, but Myeni became the only board member willing to support the payment of a R50m cancellation fee to BnP Capital after its mandate as transaction adviser was terminated.

"The only member of the board who supported the recommendation (to pay BnP Capital R\$9.9m (R146m)) was Dudu Myeni," Stimpel said. According to Stimpel, she felt she needed to know more about BnP Capital including its profile, capacity and capabilities.

# Commission

"I needed to know who the company was," she told the commission headed by Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo.

Instead, after she managed to lay her hands on the documents detailing BnP Capital's credentials, former SAA chief financial officer Phumeza Nhantsi suspended her.

Among the charges included that Stimpel had committed misconduct, unauthorised possession and removal of confidential tender documents, insolence and breach of SAA's anonymous reporting policy. "It is very untruthful, I have not done that," she said. The commission will resume on Tuesday.

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# ...meets with Reserve Bank over high-profile vacancies

OHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa and Deputy Finance Minister David Masondo met with the board of the SA Reserve Bank (SARB) at the presidential guesthouse in Pretoria on Friday to discuss vacancies at the bank.

"The meeting, which was attended by the deputy minister of finance, representatives of the non-executive component of the SARB board and the governor of the bank was called to discuss vacancies which have arisen in the executive leadership of the central bank," Ramaphosa's spokesperson Khusela Diko said in a statement on Friday evening.

This comes after SARB Deputy Governor Francois Groepe resigned in January, while the bank's Deputy Governor, Daniel Mminele's term comes to an end at the end of this month, and governor Lesetja Kganyago's term comes to an end in November 2019.

Diko said that according to the South African Reserve Bank Act, the SARB is managed by a board of 15 directors, including the governor, three deputy governors and three other directors. They are all appointed by the president after consultation with the finance minister and the SARB board.

"The president has welcomed the engagement with the board and will be applying his mind to its recommendations," Diko said. News24



Public Protector advocate Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

# Committee to look into Mkhwebane's fitness to hold office will sit next month

APE TOWN - Parliament said the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services was only expected to sit for the first time early next month, when it would be seized with a new request from the Democratic Alliance (DA) that Parliament initiates proceedings aimed at removing Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane from office.

National Assembly Speaker Thandi

Modise wrote to the party informing it that she would refer its request to the committee for it to consider.

Committees set up under the sixth Parliament were only due to start meeting and electing their chairpersons during the first week of July.

It's unclear, therefore, how soon the DA's request will be dealt with by the committee. It comes after the Gauteng High Court last month found

Mkhwebane's report on the Guptalinked Estina dairy farm project unconstitutional and set it aside on the basis that she failed in her duties to investigate and report on it. DA Chief Whip John Steenhuisen said the committee should thoroughly examine all the judgments that have gone against Mkhwebane and provide the National Assembly with a proper assessment on her fitness to hold office. Citizen A TO A

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# **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

oday we are celebrating our fathers! Fatherhood is celebrated to acknowledge and honour the contribution of fathers and male parents who play a role of being father figures in our society.

Father's Day is a bitter-sweet day for some other individuals. It is a reminder of how some people grew up without their fathers, for various reasons.

Personally on this day, I hardly log into social media as my timelime is usually flooded with emotional posts from my friends about their experiences with their late fathers or father figures. It becomes very sad seeing good stories about fathers who have passed away. So I choose to mute my social media because I'm such an emotional

It has become very challenging to be a good father nowadays as we live in the SODV Act era. As a father, you're not sure whether you are grooming a 'Better Dad' for the future or an abuser.

These young boys need to be mentored for them to be the 'Better Dads' hence on our cover today we have Tom Churchyard.

He is the brains behind Kwakha Indvodza; a non-profit organisation that specialises in community-led, high-impact health and behavioural change interventions with men and boys.

Through his brainchild, he believes good men are not born but they are built, shaped and moulded during their childhood and adolescent years by adults in their lives.

The work that has been done by Churchyard should not be overlooked. He is indeed changing and shaping young men to become the 'Good Dads'.

Read more about Churchyard on Pages 4 and 5.

Happy Father's Day to all dads out there.

Till next week, Enjoy. Ayanda

**EDITOR'S TIP:** 

# IT STARTS WITH US

e live in a different world; the cruel humankind compared to decades ago. Our fathers are rapists, drug abusers, women bashers; you name it. It's really bad out there. True, good fathers are a thing we lack right now.

Too many men have twisted ideas of what it means to be a father, and abandon their families when they feel they can't live up to the title.

We can still craft a promising generation of what is called 'Better Dads'.

The future is on our hands.

It starts with us. I might have no children yet but I know for sure that time, compromise and love are essential for sharpening 'Better Dads' of the future.

Make time for your kids, and make them a priority in your life. Don't work all day and expect that to count, you may be providing for them, working to make their life better, but they will see it as not wanting to be with them.

We need to try to understand them, try to be there for them. You don't have to be perfect at everything they

want, just trying will be enough to show them you really care.

Also compromise for your children!

Keep an open mind, listen to their argu-

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Lastly but not the least, love them completely. Not just for who you want them to be or the good things they do. Laugh at their scheming nature that you recognise from when you were young. Cry (yes, I mean that, cry!) when they

> are hurt, and love their scars. Tell them they are beautiful inside and out, not because you should, but

because you see it. We can do

> ByAvanda

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our dad is out there doing his thing -being himself- and that's what you love about him most. A wine that will be meaningful should personify him in some way. Otherwise, it would just be another bottle of wine.

Since all dads are unique, the perfect Father's Day wine is one that fits his personality.

### IF HE'S THE ULTIMATE FAN, GET SHIRAZ

Like his collection of sports paraphernalia, Shiraz is a big, in-your-face wine that doesn't back down and never gives up. Traditionally from Australia, Shiraz is the same grape as Syrah, but 'Shiraz' generally indicates a brighter, more fruity expression of this dark grape. Bold and daring, Shiraz is known for Major League fruit flavours like black cherry and plum, plus a super smooth mouthfeel that make these bottles perfect pairings for gameday favorites and tailgating must-haves like sliders, meat-lover's pizza, and carnitas.

### IF HE'S A GRILLMASTER, BUY ZINFANDEL

Zinfandel is heralded as THE barbeque wine, and for good reason. These California bottles are ripe with fruit flavours like blackberry, raspberry and cherry which play off the sweet notes in most BBQ sauces (even the vinegar-based ones!). Plus, these are full-bodied wines with the oomph to stand up to smokey ribs, marbled steaks, burgers, or anything else Dad throws on the grill. Usually aged in new oak and tinged with vanilla and

# PICK A WINE THAT DRINKS LIKE YOUR



smoke, they're unfussy and equally delicious from a plastic cup beside the grill or a crystal goblet at a well-set table.

# IF HE'S AN OUTDOOR WARRIOR, TRY A NATURAL RED

Earthy, funky, and adventurous natural

wines are known for being off the beaten path, just like a dad who loves winter camping, white water kayaking, or a great hike.

Natural winemakers often go beyond organic farming by using fewer chemicals in the winery, and bottling their wines without filtration, which gives the wines a funky edge--anything from barnyard aromas to candied fruit--and occasionally a cloudy colour.

The bottle variation inherent in these wines makes them a delicious, drinkable adventure and perfect for an intrepid dad.

### IF HE'S A BEER GURU, GRAB AN ORANGE WINE

Trust us, orange wine is a beer-lovers wine. These wines are white, but made in the style of red wines so they have lip-smacking tannins and the tartness of a sour ale.

Made from a range of grape varieties, these wines are infused with a combination of herbaceous, earthy flavours and citrus tones,

Orange wines often mimic the bitter hopsmeets-fruit combination that makes IPAs and ales refreshing and addicting. Plus, these wines are easier to find than ever before, so you can give dad a new edible obsession.

(Sourced from the net)

# DAD-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP ESSENTIAL

ou've probably heard that having a strong male influence is important in a young boy's life, but it's equally important for daughters to have one as well. A positive father-daughter relationship can have a huge impact on a young girl's life

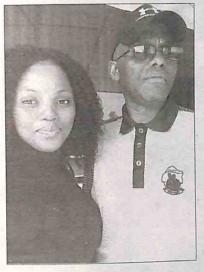
and even determine whether or not she develops into a strong, confident woman.

A father's influence in his daughter's life shapes her self-esteem, self-image, confidence and opinions of men.

We now live in a culture where dad is an equal partner in care giving.

From day one, dads are encouraged to be hands-on, changing diapers, giving baths, putting baby to sleep and calming her cries. That presence and effort is the beginning of a very important relationship.

With that being said, we sat down with three daddy's girls as they share their fond relationship with their



# 'HE'S MY SUPERHERO

athers are the most influential people in our lives who consistently teach us to pray, persevere and to PROSPER.

Maneliso Vilakati says her father is a packed friend who is always cracking jokes and most probably makes her days memorable.

"Growing older, my father has been an inspiration and the greatest example to follow. I thank God for him every single day. Words alone can never express my love and appreciation for



# HE'S MY SPECIAL GIFT

shares with SCENE.

this far, so she says.



ember of Parliament Robert Maongo's daughter Thembekile is not new in the entertainment industry as she is the face of MegaSound Picnic. Thembekile Magongo says her father has been an essential part of her life. Her father's hustling spirit is one lesson that has kept Thembekile

"Being a parent myself now, I've learnt that you must do anything for your kids even if it means starving yourself for them to eat.

"My father is really one person who bends over backwards for his off-spring even when times are tough.

I have to say that has inspired me to do the same for my son as well."

By Phetsile

By Phetsile Mamba

# BECOMING A GREAT DAD STARTS NOW...

on't worry about being a great dad.
Being a great dad isn't about holding the baby just right, or knowing how to burp her, or being a willing participant at imaginary tea parties.

Being a good dad starts with being a good husband. It starts with getting involved in the entire prenatal process; so if you really want to be a good dad, make darn sure you're a good husband, because great husbands become great dads.

As a dad, one of your main roles is protector. There are many ways you need to do this. Safety is one: child-proof your home, teach them good safety habits, set a good example by using your seatbelt, make sure they use a car seat if below a certain age, weight, you name it.

Spend your spare time with your children. When we get home from work, often you are tired and just want to relax. But this is the only time you have with them during the weekdays, often, and you shouldn't waste it. Take this time to find out about their day, lay on the couch with them.

# GIVE THEM HUGS

Dads shouldn't be afraid to show affection.

Children need physical contact, and not just from their moms. Snuggle with them, hug them, love them.

## PLAY WITH THEM

Go outside and play sports. Do a treasure hunt. Have a pillow fight. Play Transformers or Pokemon with them.

Don't just watch TV. Show

them how to have fun. see '100 ways to have fun with your children' for free or cheap.

ON WEEKENDS, DEVOTE AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE TO THEM

While work may be your passion, it won't be long before they're grown and no longer want to spend time with you. Take advantage of these years. The thing children want most from their dads is their time.

# DO THE MOM STUFF

Things that are traditionally considered 'mom' duties are not just for moms anymore — changing diapers, feeding, bathing, rocking them to sleep in the middle of the night.

Dads should help out as much as they can, sharing these types of duties equally if possible.

And in fact, if you're a dad of a baby, this is the perfect time to bond with your child. You should leap at the chance to do these things, because that's how you start a lifelong close relationship with your child.

Don't ever abuse your kid. Ever. The same goes for your wife. There is never, ever a reason to hit a woman or abuse a child. It is the height of cowardice and a disgrace to fathers everywhere to hurt any woman or child.

It is impossible to be a great dad if you hurt your child or your child's mommy even once. It dishonours you, your entire life, and everything you've worked this hard to achieve. Pass this on to your children.

(Sourced from the net)



# om Churchyard needs no introduction in the industry. A few know him as sands and Qibho's manager back in 2014 when the two, now superstars, were still trying to make a break-through in the industry.

Churchyard's vision was to have the two record their debut album and they did so. Clearly they were well mentored by Churchyard as today they are the kingdom's trailblaSers.

Churchyard ventured into a beautiful journey that has been overlooked by many. He is the brains behind 'Kwakha Indvodza' (meaning 'Building a Man' in siSwati) which is a non-profit organisation that specialises in community-led, high-impact health and behavioural change interventions with men and boys.

"There is a crisis of absent fathers and positive male role models in Eswatini. In our work, we have discovered that the absence of a positive male figure in homes creates a physical, emotional and financial void that negatively affects children.

"Many young boys do not come into regular contact with positive male influence, often raised by elderly or female family members in their homes, young men are developing into adulthood without any reference point on how to behave as respectful and responsible men," Churchyard shares with

He, through his brainchild, believes good men are not born but they are built, shaped and moulded during their childhood and adolescent years by adults in their lives.

"No boy ever dreams of joining a gang, getting hooked on drugs or going to prison. Kwakha Indvodza through its programmes aims to encourage young men to take positive steps towards living with respect, honour and dignity.

"Our aim is to ensure that young men are mentored by positive role models through positive spaces to become responsible, respectful and confident young men.

"Our programmes offer training and mentorship on financial independence, male health and social responsibility. Kwakha Indvodza creates resilient, healthy, gender-equal changemakers who will in turn mentor and grow other men in their communities."

Nowadays, financial independence for young men is essential for them to become the 'good dads' of the future. They need to shine now for them to be independent fathers because that journey is not for faint-hearted ones.

# BECOMING A GOOD FATHER IN

he new millennium sees a growing awareness of different types of fathers. These include non-residential fathers, divorced, stepfathers, you name it.

"...Good fathers are not born. They are built, shaped and moulded during their childhood and adolescent years by adults in their lives

past few decades, with families having more choices in terms of childcare, roles in the home and the workplace, and education.

As a society, we have come to know and Fathers' roles have changed greatly in the accept several types of fathers in the new mil-

lennium, noting one factor that many have in common - greater involvement in their children's lives so they can become the better 'dads'.

We are living in the new age; the era of SODV Act. Fathers, it is really important to

# TOM CHURCHYARD MENTORING FUTURE DADS

Hence Kwakha Indvodza, according to opment trainings. These trainings are free of charge and last a week long. Some graduates Churchyard, has created economic and employfrom these trainings have been absorbed ment opportunities for out of school into the Kwakha Indvodza's apprenyouth through their Social ticeship programme." Entrepreneurship and Income The work that has been done Generation (SEIG) programme. by Churchyard should not be "The programme aims to overlooked. He is indeed empower young people through changing and shaping young business skills, career guidance men to become the 'good gads'. and income generating train-Mind you, Kwakha Indvodza ing sessions to give those from also has a number of health prodeprived areas the opportunijects that aim to ensure that young ty to break the poverty trap. men are health conscious so that "The SEIG has equi-pped they can live for long and enjoy yo-ung men with their time with family and friends carpentry skills in good health. through its skills devel-

Majaha project that aims to scale up access to HIV testing, care and treatment as well as improve treatment retention to achieve the national target for HIV preven-



They have Se-yetf Ut also aims to reduce the prevalence of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections among men, and provides technical assistance to nine facilities across the Lubombo region to offer male friendly corners in their

"At Kwakha Indvodza we are always excited to celebrate fathers as we realise how important the role of a father is. This year, we want to celebrate the fathers in the organisation and encourage them to continue being positive role models for their children and the boys that the organisation mentors."

By Ayanda Dlamini

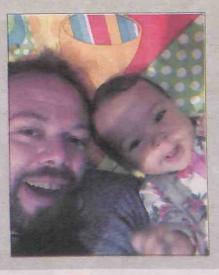
# ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FAT

TOM CHURCHYARD (FATHER TO JOANNA KHETSIWE CHURCHYARD-ZWANE)

**C** For me fatherhood has been the most defining moment of my adult life. Fatherhood is rushing home from work to play peek-a-boo on your hands and knees.

Fatherhood is rediscovering the world through the eyes of a one-year-old. It is the pleasure of watching her learn and grow and the responsibility of guiding that growth as best we know how.

Fatherhood is facing fears. Fatherhood is figuring out who you are and what is important. It is a gift. It is a chaotic and all-consuming and precious beyond measure. I can't wait to do it again!"





# MDUDUZI DLADIA (FATHER TO MELIZWI DLADLA)

**C** Fatherhood means being present in the growth of my children, giving love unconditionally through working hard to make sure that my family experience a better life than my childhood experience. Fatherhood also means non-stop fun with my children, play funny childish games with them.

"A great 'dad' means to be involved, supportive, responsible and protective, leading, guiding and showing strength in the family.

"Finally being a father means I have swiftly matured, planning for the well-being of my family after I am gone has become a priority." By Ayanda Dlamini

# 2 I ST CENTUR

educate your sons about such laws who conceived a beautiful initiaat a very young age. Let them be aware of these laws for them to be the better 'dads'

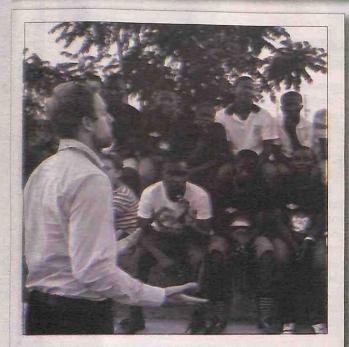
Unfortunately some of these young boys lost their fathers and they tend to grow up without that fatherhood or 'Becoming A Good Man' mentorship.

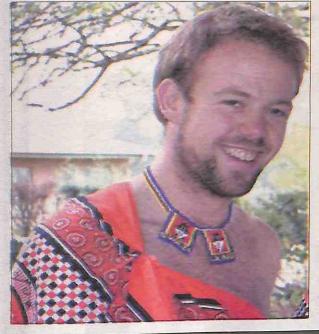
Thanks to Tom Churchyard

tive of fatherhood mentorship if we may it call it.

Churchyard, through Khakhwa Indvodza (meaning Building a Man), has changed young boys on how to look after themselves and becoming the 'good fathers' of the future.

By Ayanda Dlamini









# 2 I ST CENTURY FATHERHOOD IS CHALLENGING, INTERESTING

e live in the new age; the era of SODV act, it must be challenging being a father and sharpening your kids especially boys to be the 'Better Dads'

Fatherhood is not a child's play in the 21st century. A good father in nowadays needs to understand his children are human, and that making mistakes is

part of growing up.

Spending money recklessly, getting into minor car accidents, getting intoxicated with drugs and alcohol, even going on dates with questionable people are stressful and a good father recognises this. However, he needs makes it clear that repeated irresponsibility won't be tolerated.

Sibusiso Zikalala; a renowned attorney who is a father of two attests to this as he finds that being a father in the 21st is a roller coaster.

"It is very challenging and very exciting at the same time. Challenging because the challenges that the family unit is facing in this century are quite different from those in previous times so much that it almost seems as if there are no points of reference on how to deal with them.

"It is exciting because there are so many possibilities on the things that a child can aspire to and which as a father I can mentor them for," he shares with

"I have always aspired to be a father that is present in all of my children's stages of development, from

cutting their umbilical cords when they are born to being there for their first steps.

"The reality is that it is not easy to do this because in order to adequately provide for one's family means being away from them a lot. But it is important to strike a balance."

The seasoned attorney believes that children in nowadays lack good relationships with perfect meaning, be it friendships at home or school.

"We grew up with friends who were real friends with no expectations but appreciating you for being you.

"Peer pressure and living up to other people's expectations of me as opposed to living life on my own terms was the hardest thing I had to face as a child

"However, my father was always accountable, even to us his children. He is always deeply spiritual. That has helped me be grounded. He inspired me.

"I believe we are different from our parents and grandparents. I am different to them in that I am more ambitious than my parents and my grandpar-

"They were often content with whatever cards life dealt them. Our generation generally and me specifically am always pursuing something better. I am on a constant pursuit of rising to be above the pack.

"I am the same to them in that I am able to relate to all classes of people. My parents could relate to people less affluent than them and people who were more successful than them.

"They could be both sophisticated and simple. I am the same way."

# FATHER'S DAY FOOD RECIPE; GRILLED CHICKEN

eat, be it steak, ribs or chicken, is our dads' best I iriena.

Let's be honest, grilled chicken breast may not seem like the most exciting meat out there, but it's affordable, crowd-pleasing and a snap to cook to spoil your dad today.

So why not skip the burgers or any fast food at the Mall and try this super-easy recipe proposed by SCENE today?

You won't want to sleep on the sauce, which is a classic BBQ jazzed up with honey and lime.

It's so flavourful, the chicken real- est part of the meat to get an acculy doesn't need a marinade—which rate reading (and if you're grilling means you get to eat it WAY soon- bone-in chicken, don't hit the bones

When grilling, you want to get those grates ripping hot before starting to cook. To get gorgeous grill marks and avoid dried out food, preheat your grill (gas or charcoal) for 10 to 15 minutes.

The grill is hot, your chicken is prepped, but there's one more thing you should know. To avoid getting sick, chicken must be cooked to an internal temperature of 165°F. Insert a thermometer at the thickwhen taking the temperature).

# **INGREDIENTS**

Barbecue sauce Juice of 1 lime 2 tbsp. honey 1 tbsp. hot sauce Kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts and drumsticks Vegetable oil, for grill

# **DIRECTIONS**

In a large bowl, whisk together barbecue sauce, lime juice, honey, and hot sauce and season with salt and pepper. Set aside 1/2 cup for basting.

Add chicken to bowl and toss until coated.

Heat grill to high. Oil grates and grill chicken, basting with reserved marinade, until charred, eight minutes per side for breasts, and 10 to 12 minutes per side for legs.

Let s spoil our father



# DADS' STYLE TIPS ON DRESSING UP FOR TODAY'S BRUNCH

.. STAY AWAY FROM LEATHER JACKETS BECAUSE THEY TEND TO LOOK A LITTLE BIT AGING IN IN THE OLDER MAN

oday we are celebrating you fathers. It's your day, you need to look good whether you decide to go out or you are planning to have a small braai.

If you don't have an idea, don't worry SCENE has your back. Rule number one, try by all means to keep it simple.

### **GET THE BASICS RIGHT**

Get a haircut, make sure you've had a bath, and brush your teeth! We know a lot of men worry that their breath smells and they've got a bit of halitosis, but there are sprays so you can take care of that.

# CHOOSE COMFORT OVER FLASHY FASHION

You need to wear something that you feel comfortable with. It's important not to try too hard as it will look a bit forced.

Tried and tested outfits are good. It depends on the occasion but reach for your favourite outfit that you know really works for you.

# DRAW ATTENTION TO YOUR BEST FEATURES

Choose something that accentuates your

best point. You need to know your body and what works for you. Don't try anything too baggy. Slim fit all the way. Keep it quite classic. It's not the time to go for the latest trend.

### **EMBRACE YOUR AGE**

Find clothes that are age appropriate. If you're 50 something and you turn up in a Santana T-shirt, any printed T-shirt, then you run the risk of looking as if you're trying too hard. We are not saying older men shouldn't wear rock band T-shirts but there's sort of a time and a place, really.

It's about wearing a nicely laundered shirt, a jacket or a nice bit of knitwear without any

moth holes and no stains down the front.
A nice pair of jeans that aren't artificially ripped, distressed or faded in any way.
A good pair of shoes that are clean are

afford the best in the way of clothes, wear a good pair of shoes and that'll help. Compiled by Ayanda Dlamini

essential because a cheap pair of shoes

can pull down an outfit. Even if you can't

# SPOIL YOUR DAD

here are a million ways to celebrate your father today,

father todar but as we all know, his favourite way to enjoy it would be spending the day with you. If you need a little help

If you need a little help coming up with the perfect plan, below are some great things to do with your dad that can happen before or after a nice Father's Day brunch (and before or after you give him the perfect Father's Day gift).

o Father's Day is best celebrated with family and amazing food, so bringing out the charcoal for the grill is a no-brainer. Take the opportunity to learn a thing or two from dad or simply cheer him on as he serves plate after plate of

delicious goodness.

Celebrating dad can be as low-key as booking him a massage where he can truly feel at peace. Pair it with a lavender scented shaving kit he can use every day for the ultimate treat.

Treate a questionnaire that's all about daddy, and have the kids each fill it out. This is a gift that works best for younger kids, as their answers could prove to be both sweet and silly. Frame the finished questionnaire for dad

to display and enjoy.

Buy your father a tool box; we know fathers love to go around the house fixing things therefore getting your father a toolbox will make those DIYs a much easier experience.

Buy him a shirt, fathers love looking good and in something of quality.

Watch his favourites show with him, there is nothing that feels good like being surprised with your favourite dish on Father's Day unexpectedly.

• For the dad who is really just a big child at heart, allowing him to

SPREZZABOX



indulge his love of video games on the go can actually be good for his health. Studies have suggested that hitting the sticks from time to time may improve memory,

enhance cognitive function, and can help reduce pain and anxiety about medical procedures. With game vice, your dad can have over 1 000 compatible games right at his fingertips whether he's commuting to work or waiting in a long line at the post office. The device connects directly to your smartphones charging port without needing to pair or charge it.

The perfect carry-on for the man on the go. The backpack has three storage compartments two main ones, and a full-size front pocket plus tons of additional pockets for a passport, keys, headphones and all the other things he needs easy access to during work trips. But the best feature is the protective suspended tech cell inside made to hold a laptop and elevate it from the bottom of the bag, so it never hits the ground.

● Have a little something dropped on the door step of the most fashionable dad (or those who could use a little help in that department) each month. Each box contains four to five stylish lifestyle accessories; think fashionable socks, watches, tie clips; leather cord holders, coasters and one grooming product.

Compiled by Phetsile Mamba



# BEAT ON BEATS WITH MDUBASA

# AFTERLIFE WITH CATHY BATTISTESSA - LET IT GO

Open every part of you, Take your tears and let it go now,

Let the pieces float away, Like the wind blowing through my soul, I can see that there is

I can see that there is something kinda moving me within, deeper than my core now,

I believe that the earth'll keep on shaking us until we can learn how to live here, And all the darkness can't

And all the darkness can't shade the light in here, and the falling of souls is past-time,

And the peace beyond the doubt can just keep blowing in the wind.

Gotta leave it all behind.

### CHORUS

Just let yourself...ra dance
Just let yourself...ra dance
Well let it go now..ra dance
Now let it go...ra dance
I don't know much but I ask
for unity and hope we're
ready to feel now,

I was calling but no-one heard again and left a small part of me pleading, oh,

# CHORUS REPEAT

If I fall and lose my way, please hold me to the sun, Warm the souls that shy

Lay a hand on everyone, And we can, Lift ourselves to be ready

Lift ourselves to be ready for the changes it ain't nothing we ain't created,

So shine on, Shine a long, long, long way, to the truth and back and know that we've made it, oh Oh.

# CHORUS

I don't know much but I ask for unity and hope we're ready to feel now,

I was calling but no-one heard again and left a small part of me pleading, ohh,

ing, ohh,
Ohhh oh, Ra
dance, ra
dance are we
losing time
here?

I don't know much but I ask for unity and hope we're ready to make it,

I was calling but no-one heard again and left a small part of me pleading,

Are we losing time here?
Time will tell,
Oh light let it shine on me,
Oh light let it shine on you,
Oh light

Let it go, Let it go now, just let it go, ah let it go,

...And know that we've





# DJALLIE, NONO RELEASE 'NGILOZI YAMI'

ersatile DJ and spinner
Allie has released his single titled Ngilozi Yar
which features vocalist Nono, which was produced and recorded in February.
In a project that was highly anticipated as the
producer reveals that he encountered a number

of obstacles that made him delay the release of the song, which finally came out three months later.

# HOW IT CAME ABOUT:

Having worked with Nono for the past three years, the duo decided to return to the studio to work on another project in the beginning of the year. Allie and Nono went through a couple of demos searching for

that one beat that would suit and compliment what they were looking for. It was then that they decided on an instrumental that worked for them, recorded vocals and the rest was history.

# SONG STRUCTURE:

Allie has released his single titled Ngilozi Yarkared to the DJ's usual signature sound.

The concept behind it was to introduce an electronic sound with an African nurtured vocalist. The overall composition then lets any listener relate to the sounds in the song.

DJ Allie opened up on how at first he wasn't confident with introducing this type of sound to his fans but after a massive positive response when posting a couple of clips on social media, he knew that he was definitely on the right track.

# FEATURED ARTIST:

Nonkululeko Sibisi, well-known as Nono, is an amazing artist who has worked with the likes of Sifiso M, Chakalaka and Tlale Makhene, to name a few.

She fully understood the concept of the song when DJ Allie explained it to her which made the whole recording session short and simple.

The song can be found on Soundcloud and alternative links can be found in all my social media platforms.

# **MUSIC PRODUCTION WITH DJ ALI**

# INSPIRA!

The quickest way to making a good song is through inspiration and that is basically how most of Inspiration comes in

my songs are made. Inspiration comes in many forms, it could be from acknowledging artists, genres, sound samples, new plugins, emotions etc.

# PRODUCTION PROCESS

During the first stages of production, my songs are normally influenced by the main chords in the song which is what I normally begin with when producing. After making a good chord progression, I then figure percussion patterns which will then determine the mood of the song.

The bass line normally comes in as my third element in the production process. I love bass lines so this is where I spend most of my time trying to figure a unique bass melody.

I then add extra sounds using various instruments in normally in staccato pattern which accompanies the percussions and snares. Other chords may be added to add depth into the main melody to make it sound rich and more pleasant.

# MIXING & MASTERING

Once I feel content with the sound, I then start the mixing process where I basically ensure that all sounds are well balanced with the right effects added to them. When the mixing process is complete, I begin mastering the song which adds depth into the overall song and ready for use to music lover.



Nella Hillary celebrated her 40th birthday in style, as she really looked amazing at her surprise party which was hosted by her friends at Fontein last Saturday. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

# NELLA HILLARY'S SURPRISE 4.0TH BIRTHDAY

hile some people may dread turning 40, it's actually a huge milestone and one that should be celebrated no matter how you feel about reaching four decades.

new things and get a fresh start! More than anything, your 40th birthday is a great excuse to start knocking some things off your bucket list or simply to spend a day doing nothing more or less than exactly what you want

Nella Hillary's family friends ushered her It's the perfect time to set new goals, try into the 'New Age'; 40 in style during her

surprise party which was hosted by her close

From the decor as the set up, everything was defined at pure CLASS. Nella's friends came clad in stylish garbs at the sophisticated outdoor set up party. The party was held at Fontein last week Saturday.

By Ayanda Dlamini





Nella's mother Tara Isaacs delivers her speech while the birthday



Shanice Coglin reads her speech for her dear cousin.



'You are the best mom'. Those were the exact words articulat-

Birthday girl poses with her family and friends.



Go girl, it's your birth-



for a 40year-old queen.



Nella shares a light moment with her friend Gciniwe Fakudze. (R) Tsakasile Dlamini, Joy Littler and Delia Isaacs having fun.

# Analysis & opinion

- COMMENT

# King's visit to Geneva timely, spot on

is Majesty has always been right in his observation of issues pertaining to the country and how it is viewed in Geneva by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its various annual conferences.

Labour issues have always been a thorn in the flesh for the country since time immemorial and Eswatini has constantly failed to deal with concerns coming from Geneva. However, notably, since the King called Sibaya back in August 2016, there has been enormous and notable progress. His Majesty tackled the issue of presentations made by the country's representatives in Geneva as not being accurate to the situation on the ground. He noted that some people just go to Beijing to misrepresent the country to the outside world.

Since then, the King has taken up the issues and in particular Eswatini's representation and image. That is to show that every Liswati should stand up and defend the country at such international platforms. His visit this year, the first ever, to the ILO conference in Geneva shows that he is taking the labour issues seriously. It also shows that he is taking a leading role to clearing the perception the world has about this country.

# Pertinent

In Geneva he wined and dined with the country's workforce representatives, the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) as well as employers, Business Eswatini. All had good things to say about their engagement with the head of State.

Not only that, but the King also took to the podium to address the international gathering, driving very pertinent points that the world has been waiting to hear.

Notably, during this 108th Centenary Session of the 2019 ILO Conference not only caught the eye of Emaswati, but attracted quite a big audience who flocked into the auditorium to listen to him deliver his speech as he delved on topical issues that affect both worker and employer. Business Eswatini feel that His Majesty through his well-thought out and clearly articulated speech in that country gave employers and workers, alike, food for thought with his views of the work landscape.

They feel that his wide-ranging speech which at times seemed to nudge everyone listening to him to begin a new chapter in social engagement which is underpinned by tripartism in the true sense was a mouthful.

Emaswati should, therefore, stand up and be proud of the King's move. That it has called for a whole Head of State to stand up and defend the country at the ILO stage should be not left unnoticed for years to come.



Perhaps some people will say Knowledge Ngwenya got what he deserved on Thursday when he appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

I am certain that there were many in the teaching profession certainly who might have done some highfives when news broke of the PAC's decision to punish the ministry of education's investigations officer.

Those are probably entitled to that, although I am not certain Ngwenya deserved such a roasting—certainly not the outcome of the committee's order that he pay back E500 000 thereabout. It is clear, judging by the tone and attitude of the members of the PAC that Knowledge Ngwenya has very little sympathisers out there.

From where I stand, and having read the comments attributed to the members of the committee, Knowledge had no chance. It is easy to conclude that his case was determined long before he sat down to state his case before the members.

And that is why I felt there was something not right with the manner the PAC handled this particular case, and in reaching the conclusion that Ngwenya be ordered to pay back E524 352 for not being at his post in Nhlangano.

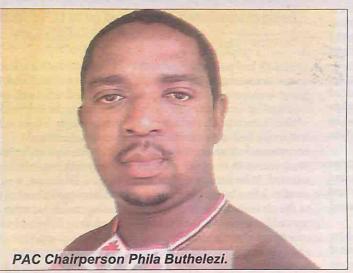
Strangely, one of the committee members has the audacity to blurt out that while the PAC punishes Ngwenya for not being at his workstation, she does not want Ngwenya there, because the people of Shiselweni can't be at the receiving end of people like Knowledge Ngwenya – which by the way, assumes that because Ngwenya does not have qualifications, he can't be allowed to work from Nhlangano.

In short, Akafundzanga, and he can't work from Nhlangano! Wow. Like, that is what it comes down to. This is what MP Busisiwe Mavimbela is quoted to have said on Thursday, which clearly demonstrates not just a negative attitude toward the officer, but very personalised opinion.

What has Ngwenya's little education got to do with the job he was supposed to have been doing in the Shiselweni region, where by the way, there was no dispute he was expected to be working from?

It seems to me that the PAC stooped very low in determining this officer's case. They got personal. They were all emotional.

KNOWLEDGE IS THE SCAPEGOAT



They failed to apply themselves in this case, because they knew who they were dealing with.

To put this into context; Knowledge Ngwenya has ruffled a few feathers in his role as an investigator in the ministry of education. According to his critics, he has destroyed a lot of people's careers. So it is fair to say he has collected a few enemies by the way he has dealt with supposedly rogue teachers – teachers alleged to be sleeping with their pupils; teachers who have been alleged to be corrupt and stealing from government.

These have found themselves out of their comfortable jobs and obviously shamed and tainted. They blame Knowledge Ngwenya.

It seemed to me, therefore, that the PAC came into that sitting on Thursday with preconceived notions, and were determined to fry him with impunity.

This is evident in the manner that the PAC does not even interrogate the issue of what Knowledge Ngwenya was doing in the period that he is being fined for, what results he has brought, even if to question his methods. That was not their interest. What was their mission was to expose him as an officer who had failed his O'Level and who, therefore, did not qualify for the position.

They definitely did not appear to be a committee that could see an officer who has potential and who had committed himself to rooting out corruption. No, that was not important. In fact, Knowledge could never expect to hear that from anywhere outside the walls of Macanjana Motsa and Pat Muir's offices. Not even the principal secretary's office, who made it clear with her responses that she did not see the value of

what Knowledge does for the ministry, or the need for him in that portfolio – because if anything, akafundzanga.

Well, at least the PS was reasonable in stating that the function that the officer performs could easily be handed over to the police.

That, to me is what the PAC was supposed to have been exploring on Thursday. Does the ministry need Knowledge and what he brings to the department through his investigations; should he be given further assistance in helping him investigate more cases?

This to me is important, because the cases of teachers sleeping with and impregnating their pupils are on the increase, and to get to the bottom of this is important for the future of this country. Because, obviously, the police can't really be bombarded with these cases, especially now that we are struggling with such a spiking crime rate, if not the lack of numbers to police the society.

But, that opportunity was missed by the PAC, which was only interested in the narrow approach to this investigation – which was to deal with a very controversial if not unpopular officer, simply because akafundzanga.

Well, I am annoyed by this; because not only is the PAC channelling us into the thinking that only people who are successful academically should be trusted, but it seemed to me that Knowledge was being punished for his lack of qualification for the job, than that he was not at his workstation.

If that was not the case, I am certain they would not have even needed to interrogate him, but would have dealt with his supervisors, because honestly, those are the people who should be taking

responsibility for an officer and where he should be based. The schools manager, as has been said in hush tones, should be made to explain why the officer is receiving instructions from Mbabane and not Nhlangano, and if that is an issue, what they have done about it.

But, to summon Knowledge Ngwenya and parade his grades is pathetic as it is unnecessary, unless it was to lower his dignity.

Knowledge Ngwenya's crime is not that he is being paid for doing nothing, rather it is that the PAC does not like him. It is not that his whereabouts cannot be traced, and indeed he made the appearance before the committee. It is rather that there are people who think that he is a problem to their friends and relatives, and he must be dealt with

That should explain why they want him to pay back half a million Emalangeni.

Shame on Phila Buthelezi and his committee for they have showed their bias, as if they are sitting there in that committee with PhDs.

We may not like what Knowledge does, but damn he has exposed some very bad people!

For all it's worth, there are people who need to explain Knowledge Ngwenya's role and position in the ministry. There are people who need to tell us how he got the job. There are people who need to explain to us why he is trusted, or even why he has been made an investigator in the first place.

There are people who should be made to pay the fine for his salary for not being where he was posted. Punishing the lowly man only serves to feed the egos and the rumour mills, and will not solve the problem. After all, as MP Mavimbela said, Knowledge isn't qualified for even Shiselweni I.

And yet the ministry and the Civil Service Commission get away with it. How nice.

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By Comfort Mabuza

et me declare my interest right from the onset, I am a media practitioner and have laboured hard to ensure there is respect for the members of the Fourth Estate. This is prompted by the love and respect I have for its role in keeping us informed and entertained.

I have continued to have high respect for scribes, though paid peanuts, committed scribes, who even in the midst of the so many challenges, continue to serve the nation by reporting the truth and allow the free flow of information.

I pay special tribute to those who continue to uphold the journalism code of ethics, and ensure that the truth is reported fully and without fear or favour and are never biased in pursuing any hidden agendas.

I greatly salute and honour those who have served this noble profession highly and ensured that we get news and accurate information that is balanced and well-researched. We must honour them, that even though they work under harsh conditions, they have never been tired of ensuring we are informed so that we make informed decisions.

We pay special tribute to those who have been persecuted for truth telling by enemies of press freedom, but never get tired to live according to the essence of the media to inform, educate and entertain. We salute scribes who report nothing else but the truths as the number one duty of every media practitioner worth his/her salt. Shame on those who drive certain agendas and in the process report half truths leaving us with a heap of lies and rumours, hence we end up misinformed.

# PRESS FREEDOM A HEART-CRY FOR THE MEDIA

The world over, Eswatini, we all yearn for press freedom and will do all we can to keep the enemies of press freedom under the spotlight. There is no denial that certain media houses do push agendas and discredit innocent

# WHATEVER HAPPENED TO MEDIA COMPLAINTS COMMISSION?

# WHEN PRESS FREEDOM IS WITHOUT CHECKS AND BALANCES - WE ARE IN GREAT TROUBLE

Of course, we are not for statutory media control and police free expression, but rather allow press freedom to thrive and when people feel their characters were being assassinated, they would go to there lodge complaints.

lives, with bad publicity, and such unethical coverage brings so much harm bordering on character assassination and bad publicity.

When one critically evaluates the half truths and unresearched and unconfirmed rumours, we sure have every reason to be concerned and worried. Who receives joy to see another fellow human being taken to the cleaners because of things reported that are not true. Unfortunately, once the news have been disseminated, and were lies, it becomes so hard to manage the damage caused. Yes, to press and media freedom, but certainly a big 'NO' to half baked character assassination bordering on butchering people's innocent lives through unethical coverage. It certanly is not press freedom when lies are spread through unreaserch half cooked coverage which one can conclude a certain discrediting agenda is being driven. So even though the media should enjoy its freedom, when such freedom is not guarded by being more ethical, we sure should be concerned and worried.

### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO MEDIA COMPLAINTS COMMMISSION?

A while back, there were attempts by the government to pay close attention to the behaviour of the media. This was birthed by a resolve by the regime of that time that the media was to be closely monitored for its reporting, which was considered hell-bent to assassinate people's

characters. Such a statutory body was meant to deal with the media practitioners considered a 'misbehaving' lot abusing the very press freedom, thus becoming recklessl and destroying people's characters.

The plan was hatched then to have a body with powers to revoke one's licence. Of course, we are not for statutory media control and police free expression, but rather allow press freedom to thrive and when people feel their characters were being assassinated, they would go there to lodge complaints. It is history now that the media created so much noise and protested against the government of the day for a statutory council.

The main issue being that it is against press freedom to licence journalists, as the Fourth Estate is founded on the very principle of free expression and pursues a human rights agenda. It is history, that the statutory council was rejected and instead a self-regulatory mechanism the Media Complaints Commission (MCC) was preferred instead.

I remember quite well that the media had agreed that independent people be appointed to serve as commissioners in this self-regulatory mechanism. What remains a great concern is that up until now, no one is able to give answers where the MCC. In the absence of a watchdog, people's characters are being assassinated willy nilly and there seems to be no concern whatsover to protect members of the public from undue harsh treatment and unfair reporting. Can the meda practitioners

give a convincing answer, what happenned to this outfit?

### **EDITORS' FORUM AND** PRIME MINISTER'S **BREAKFAST MEETING**

One of the success undertakings and developments within the media fratenity in the Kingdom of Eswatini has been the hosting of the premier and the members of his Cabinet team by the famous Editors' Forum Breafast meeting. It certainly has become such an important meeting, not only are the editors able to face the Executive and interrogate them, but it sort of gives the government space to explain their own programmes and respond to concerns raised by members of the Fourth Estate.

I must salute mellowed and seasoned journalists like Bheki Makhubu, editor of the Nation Magazine, who continues to ask relevent questions and is never intimidated by the politicians and government executives who attend the breakfast meetings.

It should be highlighted that this is a very rare opportunity, where members of the Fourth Estate can have coffee and dine with government executives, who are news sources by the way.

While this is plausable and very rare, we should keep hoping that people will continue calling for accountability and where possible interrogate decisions made by government, which are not strategic enough and in line with national priorities.

While the editors enjoy these breakfast

meetings, one wonders if the critical minds and pens remain alive to news gathering and not shy away in putting the Cabinet team on the spotlight.

Lest we forget, Cabinet is the great news source and never should we be fooled about their kind hearts during such meetings.

# JUSTICE THOMAS MASUKU - THE GREAT AMBASSADOR OF FAIRNESS

Before one signs off, it will be a great ommission not to pay tribute to His Lordship, Justice Thomas Masuku, who is currently based in Namibia as a judge. The recent judgements pronounced by His Lordship Justice Masuku in Namibia have again proven that our very own son continues to be the great ambassador of the Kingdom of Eswatini. When one looks close to the recent judgement by Masuku, we can just salute this great son of the soil, and pray that God will sustain him as he continues to serve the Judiciary with dignity and honour.

He surely has given us hope that there are still honourable sons and daughters in this respectable noble profession. Thank you your Lordship for instilling confidence and hope that we can still have hope and confidence that justice can be found in the region. Your herald judgement has once again proven that we do have people who respect highly the rule of law.

### JUSTICE MASUKU -CHAIRPESON OF MCC

It is now history that when the commissioners where apppointed to serve the MCC, His Lordship Thomas Musuku was appointed the chairperson of this body. Of course, there were concerns when we opted for him, but now with the great commendable judgements he has since pronounced, I am sure members of the public have had faith on the operations of the

I advise strongly as a human rights defender that we cannot afford to have freedom without limits, there must be respect for the journalism code of ethics, that will ensure that even though the media is a human rights and fundamental freedom matter, where do the members of the public lodge complaints of there is a feeling that the report was not accurate.

We surely could become a well respected profession if our reporting is fair and accurate, as well as able to stand the test of professional standards.

# By Lisa Mongelli

he Bible says the wages of sin is death! What does that mean exactly and what is sin? Do most of us live under the misguided assumption that there is only evil in the deed, or is it not true there is as much evil in the thought? You see the beginning of all evil is in thought for without the thought we are never lead to the deed.

The cause of all action begins with thought be it for good or evil there is no deed without the intention that thought creates. Do you turn away and ignore the evil around you justify-

# FOR THE LOVE OF



ing yourself by saying this is not My Problem"? That attitude in itself that one thought of indifference is a great evil for when "good people" ignore

cruelty and abuse and do nothing they are most decidedly doing something.

Thousands of Children all over the

World are beaten, starved and murdered by their primary care givers while social services and law enforcement are completely ineffectual at enforcing the laws that protect chiln. Most cases of child neglect and infant murder go unreported and under-detected through concealment by the families and the silence of their neighbours.

In most cases of homicide involving children in the African states there is no cooperation between police, social services and pathology therefore there is no real mechanism for detecting the true statistics of such cases, and in end affect little chance of protecting those children from abuse or the risk of being killed through violence. In South Africa alone 41% of all rape report-



JOY NDWANDWE'S LEADERSHIP ZONE

his year's Day of the African Child 2019 is themed, Humanitarian Action in Africawhile sub-themed children's Rights First, Protection, Empowerment and Equal Opportunity for all children. The official day, June 16, isabout honouring South Africa's 1976 youth and children who rioted against apartheid and its Bantu education.

Hence, in South Africa June is youth month, as the voices of the youth created a historical legacy when losing lives and risking lives towards the liberation of their country and demanding a humane education system. This Day of the African Child continues to be relevant in the present day context for children and youth voices elevated particularly within the education sector.

My personal bias is that the education sector must transform into developmental education, from early childhood development to higher education and policy development. By acknowledging the indigenous context of learners and within the region towards integrating indigenous knowledge and modernity within the curriculum. This, in my view, affirms children's natural rights, their protection, empowerment and equal opportunities for all children.

# CHILDREN'S NATURAL RIGHTS

As proponent for development education, which enhances confident, dignity and contentment of children by integrating their indigenous context within the curriculum.

As opposed to the Bantu education and colonial education that battered the indigenous context for insecure and displaced child to emerge with a server identity crisis. Thus, hero-worshiping the education system that civilised them as their indigenous context was barbaric and savage, which in my view subjugates the children's natural rights.

These natural rights, embedded within the indigenous context thoughts through myths and story-telling 'kwesukesukela' when home was a shrine and a learning centre.

Home the learning centre, was instilling natural rights for children, teaching diverse stories of creation, humanness and metaphysics battered

# AY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD 2019

● This Day of the African Child continues to be relevant in the present day context for children and youth voices elevated particularly within the education sector

by Western education. As my research informs me, these myths and stories, were rich in indigenous depth and context rooted in diversity. Hence, they were a threat to western education, which was rooted within one story of creation the patriarchy, Christian civilisation that subjugates all natural rights embedded in indigenous context. The Adam and Eve story of creation became the foundational basis for western education and civilisation thus, 'kwesuke sukela' indigenous context subjugated with all the natural rights of children.

Evidently, my argument is that education without natural rights embedded in indigenous context cannot be developmental education. As this education continues to subjugate diverse stories of creation, humanness and metaphysics critical for confidence, dignity and contentment of the children and youth.

Thus instilling the superficial identity crises, which I coined 'kudla umsobho ngefologo' literary 'eating soup with a fork' due to insecurity within your indigenous context and wishing to be ridiculously civilised.

In fact, being more civilised than those who come from the civilisation, emerges products of Western education, patriarchy, Christianity created through battering the indigenous context. With success stories of subjugating, the natural rights of children and youth through education, evident in colonial and Christian policies guiding education 51 years after independence.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CHILDREN

The current development trends are driving technology towards preparing children for the 4th Industrial Revolution, an honourable policy development process but as always am of a different view. I believe social innovation is just as critical as technological innovation, as we have so many social issues and challenges that technology cannot resolve. At the risk of sounding simplistic, social media posts indicate social issues and challenges, however in many minds social media is a problem. If all the societies' issues and challenges appropriately managed through social innovation, they would not predominantly manifest as social media posts.

Evidently, they emerge from social issues and challenges prevalent within society, amplified through technology platform such as social media for technology is driving information.

Therefore, creating equal opportunity for all children requires social innovation that ensures social protection and empowerment of children is within their indigenous context.

As products of civilised education, patriarchy and Christian story of creation, we have a tendency to lean towards linear thinking, by rejecting integrating indigenous knowledge and modernity.

Educated to consider indigenous knowledge an enemy to society, particularly to children, as we are linear civilised patriarchist leading national policymaking. How can we create equal opportunity for all children when we are battering their indigenous context, which is prevailing in the lives of many children?

Equal opportunity requires a diverse platform and discourse, as there cannot be equal opportunity emanating from the linear story of creation.

Equal opportunity for all children is not only access to infrastructure and basis services but enabling the indigenous context to be part of the children's education is critical. Yet another simply analogy, education and religion for civilisation requires as your enter the classroom or church leave for indigenous context at the door. On your way home, after the battering, either you shamefully pick it up as you cannot enter home without it or you run home they embrace you because they are ashamed of who they are. Lastly, you get home and they batter you, thus, run back to outside the classroom or church to pick your indigenous context in tears. This is not developmental education and religion, which should embrace children and youth with their indigenous context towards equal opportunity for all.

# CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Agenda 2063, the Africa we want, is for the African children and youth, my wish is for them to experience developmental education. Such that their indigenous context be a source of confidence, dignity and contentment, as opposed

to how we became insecure of our indigenous context. We led the genocide against the story-teller of the diverse stories of creation as we are so linear, believed in patriarchy, Western education and Christianity. Such that those rooted within their indigenous context were 'those people' for we were too civilized to provide them access to equal opportunity. We subjugated the natural rights of children rooted within their indigenous context, as we were the foot soldiers of patriarchy, western education and religion. Incapable of even embracing Islam as we are too linear to contextualize another story of creation that is not Christian, and yet we are leading policy makers who talk on podium about children's rights and equal opportunity for all children.

As an African Renaissance activist affirmed by researching in development education, this has enabled me to rethink my thinking on how my indigenous context had always been subjugated by civilised, patriarchy, Western education and religion. Using otherness within my own indigenous context, evidence of our brains fried by superficial thoughts that dominated my linear thinking, so we could not dialogue. With those that were rooted within their indigenous context, yes this is what civilisation, patriarchy, western education and religion successfully produced.

Today I state this madness has to end, as it is enslavement designed to ensure Africa remains underdeveloped, this time by its educated and civilized policy makers too superficial to integrate indigenous knowledge with modernity.

Thus chasing western paradigm such as technological innovation whilst remaining aloof on the integration of indigenous knowledge and modernity towards social innovation. Critical for the Africa we want, Agenda 2063, led by children and youth who embrace their indigenous context; and it is possible to eat and drink indigenous foods, and dress indigenous clothes whilst dominated by western thoughts

Agenda 2063 for African children who understand that linear story of creation embedded with Christianity and Islam, marginaliees critical thinking as diversity in thoughts and beliefs is how Africa will achieved peace and development.

# CHILDREN

ed involves children.

The abuse of children is in pandemic proportion all over the world. Violence against children is not limited to the third world alone in fact quite the opposite. Some of the most horrific acts of violence against children and infants took place in the United States and the United Kingdom. Where are the social fail safes to protect these poor children, toddlers, and infants against such heinous acts of cruelty, torture and murder; clearly and absolutely the system is failing; the law makers are failing, and society is failing. A man in the in UK was convicted of the triple murder of three young children the prison authorities and psychologist working with them

deemed this man once again fit to live among society after only serving 45 years of a life sentence.

This man murdered and then mutilated the bodies of three young children after which he proceeded to hang them on a metal fence. Clearly this man's release is a gross miscarriage of justice no child will ever be safe around such a person!

Statistics show that child abuse and homicide are especially prevalent in low to middle income families where there is alcoholism or drug abuse. Economic struggles, mental illness and single parenthood are also reported as contributing factors to this horrific social sickness.

Children of poverty stricken single

Mothers are especially at risk according to statistics, but sadly child abuse is not exclusive to the realm of the poor; many children of well educated upper class families also experience horrendous abuse. Child abuse is definitely not exclusive to class.

We live in a society where child rape is rife and seldom reported where children are beaten and neglected everyday and it is never reported. The world statistics show that most of the child fatalities from neglect are less than 3 years of age. In the United States alone 75per cent of all child abuse victims die of neglect and nearly half who die of physical violence are under the age of 1 year. In most countries social services are over burdened with cases and are pathetically under staffed; therefore the ability to protect children especially children under the age of five years is especially difficult. World society needs to take a more stringent look at their laws in regards to child abuse and murder, and spend more of the tax payer's money on social services. School teachers and social workers are ranked among the worst paying professions in the civilised world, and yet what these professionals can potentially provide for our children is of paramount importance.

Thoughts have power they perpetute the resonance and vibration of our lives and contribute to the overall frequency of our world; for you see every thought we think is a creation. When we understand that all children are our responsibility, when we can grasp the undeniable fact that all cruelty must be stopped no matter who be the perpetrator we come one step closer to making this world, our world, a better place. The child's protection act of Eswatini states that all children in Eswatini deserved to be cared for and protected from harm and to grow up in a safe environment in which their rights and needs are respected. Let us all remember how

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important our children are, and how vital it is to do all we can to protect them. The children of this World are the promise of all our tomorrows and the hope of this world. God bless you and enjoy your Sunday.

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he Junior Achievement Eswatini programme encourages youth to participate in all sectors of business, not only those in technology. One sector that the youth is not so active in is agriculture, yet there is evidence from our very own alumni that this is quite a profitable industry that more young

people need to explore.

Government has also recognised agriculture as one of the key industries that we need to concentrate on as a country in order to improve the economy.

This week, our feature will look into that that sector. We need to ask ourselves why is the youth not interested in this sector yet they are able and they can make a significant contribution in it.

An article by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) ran a feature on this very important topic recently and this article will share some of that articles as well as some of the findings they discuss from a study there.



The feature notes that there is a potential for agriculture to create employment, however, African youths in Sub-Saharan Africa do not realise agriculture as a profitable opportunity for livelihood. The experts state that there is a growing notion that the best way to entice young people back to the farms is through making youths access information and communication technologies tailored for agriculture.

This realisation was the focus of research by a youth-led research initiative supported by the MasterCard Foundation - Building inclusive agricultural technologies for young people. The research examined the experiences of young African agriculturalist in seven countries – Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ghana, Malawi and Zambia.

The interesting part about this study design was that young African youths (researchers) were talking to their fellow youths and this is one of the unique perspective to this challenge. The research captured the experiences of young people in the agrifood system –both innovators and

adopters. The focus was on how well available technologies have reached young people who are working in agriculture. Data was collected through focus group discussions and semistructured interviews.

"The youth in the study said that their biggest obstacle to a career in farming was learning the digital and technical skills needed in todays' market. Technologies such as cloud computing, soil sensors, drones have changed food production and processing – digital literacy is now a must! The second important reasons

they raised was land ownership, most youths who receive farming land get smaller pieces of land parceled out. The challenge is that young farmers must produce more yields from smaller spaces, without innovative technologies In some countries for example in Kenya, some youth are innovatively establishing youth-driven innovations which sadly do not receive political or financial support that allows for viability and scalability," the feature states.

Let us explore this further.

# **OUR OWN SUCCESS STORIES**

ne agri-business we have had under JA Eswatini deals with mushrooms. This business was started in 2015 by Sebenele Mkhaliphi, Simphiwe Mathobeka and Mancoba. It is located in Mafutseni, at kaBhudla, and operates from 8am to 5pm. Their target customers are shops and individuals.

Average income that the business makes is about E4 000 per month. The business progress shows that they have completed their incubation house. This cost E10 000, and this was taken from the business coffers. They will be incubating mushroom bags and take them to the cropping house. Benefits from the training is that they are able to network with other entrepreneurs and share skills and ideas. They also learnt proper record keeping. Challenges, though, is that their product is in demand, however, they do not have the money to expand. They cannot supply all their customers. Their target is 40 trays per week.

Their advice to other youngsters is start small with what they have, and realise that they are able to think. Another one is Smiling Through Investments which is an agribusiness firm that seeks to empower the agricultural sector, by providing expertise and a marketing platform for them to outclass. It is 100 per cent youth owned entity that seeks to rise above the odds of business.

# Established

It was established in September 2013 due to the love of agri-cultural business. The objectives of the business are to provide quality, affordable agri-business services, to provide fresh, quality and well packaged agricultural products, to enable agri-business promotion and use of locally grown products, to develop and sustain the project as a recognised brand into the future, and to strive in growth and alliances as a youth established business

They are engaged in green-mealies and bean seed production in Malkerns. Three of the managers of this company are JA Alumni. These are the CEO Gcina Dlamini, the Finance Manager Thabani Sibandze and the Marketing Manager Nothando Mamba.

Gcina is a 25-year-old agricultural entrepreneur and he is the pioneer of this project. He is the CEO and founding

entrepreneur and he is the pioneer of this project. He is the CEO and founding member of Smiling Through Investment, which deals with grain seed production. He is a self-starter and mentor to other young entrepreneurs. He enrolled in the JA entrepreneurship programme in 2014, while he was a pupils at Swazi National High School. This exposed him to the basic concept of starting and running an enterprise at a practical level. He holds a BSC in Agricultural Economics from the Eswatini. He won the kick

start award for young entrepreneurs amounting to E179 000. He was part of the team that founded the UNESWA, Luyengo annual Agricultural Business Fair. In April 2018, he was awarded the prestigious Queen's Young Leader's Award 2018 at the Birmingham Palace in London. In 2017. he was honoured with a Young African Leader award, UNISA Pretoria GIBBS. currently conducts his seed production business on 15 hectares. They sell their products in agricultural shops and to commercial farmers.

Evang. Wilton Mamba



# 'GREATER LOVE IS JESUS CRUCIFIED'

reater love refers to the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Love is synonymous with Jesus, who is in God. Everything to do with Jesus and His Father is love. Genuine love is the kind without prejudice, expectation and is absolutely selfless. We have to love our neighbours, friends and enemies unconditionally. The love of the world blushes and fades in the face of God's love. God's love is supreme; it does not pick or choose; it is consistent; it does not wait to see if one will love the beholder back. If God had to weigh us first to determine if we were worthy before He gave us Jesus, we would not have received the greatest gift



ever given to mankind.

God's love does not observe if one is a friend or foe before acting and manifesting itself. Prophet TB Joshua says love goes to the end without hindrance, and this love is the kind that is synonymous with Jesus. God's love is evident in John 3:16, where Jesus says, "God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." For a time Satan had dominion over the world, ruling over it and having his way with mankind. It is mankind that gave Satan the title deed of Eden. The Garden of Eden was originally given to man, represented by our first ancestors, Adam and Eve. However, man sold his birth right, pretty much the same way Esau gave up his birth right to his twin brother Jacob.

When you give up your birth right, you allow the beneficiary to rule over you. In essence, you sign on the dotted line that you shall now obey the recipient of such power.

When Adam and Eve listened and obeyed Satan's commands, they signed off whatever rights and power they had in the world, officially surrendering this world to Satan to do as he saw fit with it.

Because Satan was a killer from the beginning, he has gone on to ruin this earth and all of God's cre-

### **HOW TO GET THE** YOUTH INVOLVED

The study noted that agricultural technologies should be tailored to optimise opportunities for young people - particularly rural young people - to maximise their on-farm activities and facilitate their entry into offfarm activities.

To date, young people need a resourced space where they can share ideas and access

The dissemination of information through inappropriate channels, such as social media, is a barrier to the uptake of technologies at

The study states that young people have unaddressed gaps in the skills required to operate agricultural technologies.

Both adopters and innovators are constrained by inadequate accessible financial products to invest specifically in agricultural technologies - with respect to both ideation and uptake.

From the above findings they stated that is clear that a number of solutions hinge on the holistic approach by various stakeholders.

The following recommendations were made:-

### TO GOVERNMENT, DONORS AND PRIVATE SECTOR

Invest in agricultural innovation hubs and incubation centres. These centres should

- Provide access to online and offline resources
- Act as the access point for innovators to build skills and use tools
- Are staffed with trained experts to offer technical support and motivate innovators, and
- Offer connections for innovators to idea-share

# TO PROMOTERS

- Promote agricultural technologies through targeted, audience-specific channels
- Work with local ambassadors to pro mote the innovations
- Identify requisite wrapa-round skills and provide training
- Address negative perceptions about young women's abilities.

### TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND FUNDERS

- To build seed capital products and competitive incubation grants
- To familiarise youth resource mobilisation strategies and let creative solutions modelled by youth drive new approaches to financing Meanwhile, the young people were challenged to take the lead in driving agricultural transformation through technology.





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# ETA ROLLS UP ITS SLEEVES AS IT COMMISSIONS FIRST DOMESTIC MARKET SURVEY

The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), which has been conducting research on the economic impact of travel and tourism in 185 countries for nearly 30 years, reports that the global travel and tourism sector posted 3.9 per cent growth in 2018 beating global GDP at 3.2 per cent to contribute US\$8.8 trillion.

redit goes to the entire ETA marketing team under the able leadership of the outgoing Marketing Manager, Bongani Dlamini, who ran before us and made a contribution in laying a foundation for future growth in the sector. We remain indebted to their hard work and that being said, we would like to wish the outgoing marketing manager all the best in future.

In recent years, tourism has moved from a peripheral, nice-to-do business to take centre-tage in job creation and economic growth the world over.

The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), which has been conducting research on the economic impact of travel and tourism in 185 countries for nearly 30 years, reports that the global travel and tourism sector posted 3.9per cent growth in 2018, beating global GDP at 3.2 per cent to contribute US\$8.8 trillion. WTTC reports that for the eighth consecutive year, travel and tourism stayed above the growth rate of global GDP, generating 10.4% of global GDP.

His Majesty's government has determined to benefit from these global growth trends, and has, to this end, identified the travel and tourism sector as one of five key priority focal areas to drive economic recovery and growth in the recently launched strategic roadmap 2018 - 2023. The other sectors are agriculture, ICT and education, energy and manufacturing and agro processing, all of which remain vital to the tourism value chain. Government's target for ETA in their input to the strategic roadmap as laid out by the prime minister is to ensure the inflow of tourists into the country as a source of revenue that will boost the economy

We at ETA have our work cut out for us, and we know it will not be business as usual. It is encouraging that the local travel and tourism sector has been showing strong growth in recent

The Labour Force Survey of 2016 by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) revealed that total direct employment in tourism across the various industries was 73,154, implying that tourism accounted for 26 per cent of total direct employment in Eswatini in 2016. To achieve lofty employment expectations, ETA is hitting the ground running, starting off with the commissioning of a 'Domestic Tourism Survey' in an effort to grow the sector.

A sample of the readers will be called in telephone interviews who will participate in the survey and what's interesting is that participants of the survey stand a chance to win fantastic prizes.

# Information

The survey is aimed at gathering information on travel patterns, experiences and preferences of Emaswati on the domestic tourism market, and commences this month for a period of 30 days through telephone interviews. A representative sample of locals will be requested to provide information relating to their travel patterns, experiences and factors that influence their trav-

The prevailing economic uncertainties within the country's main source markets have been noted to have a depressing effect on international visitations to the country. The extended consequences of the declines in international tourism demand are stagnations and even decreases in tourism expenditure, employment and output. This reality has prompted ETA to review its marketing priorities to consider a more inward approach that will stimulate domestic tourism activity. The rationale to collate data on domestic tourism is further affirmed by the relatively high volumes of Emaswati who travel to neighbouring South Africa on an annual basis. For instance, in 2018 a total of 1 559 554 Emaswati exited the country to and through South Africa and, of this figure, a significant proportion was registered by South Africa Tourism as having spent an average of over R2 200 per visit.

The main objective of this study is therefore to gain insights on the demographics, travel choices, accommodation and attraction preferences and experiences of locals in their engagement with the local product.

### Population

The target population are Emaswati who are above 21 years or older and are employed regardless of whether they have travelled within the country for leisure purposes.

The findings from this survey will give better understanding of domestic visitor demands and inform planning of tourism product development and marketing strategies by ETA and industry players. Specifically, the domestic tourism survey will reinforce ETA's efforts to achieve its goal of increased geographic spread, increased length of overnight stay and increased tourism receipts.

The ETA, in partnership with the local tourism industry, will offer prizes to a sizeable number of participants to the survey. A total of 15 Emaswati, who will have been interviewed, will stand a chance to win an assortment of prizes ranging from meals for two, activities in attraction sites and weekend stays. The public is, therefore, requested to be responsive and provide honest feedback as this study is aimed at providing quality and attractive tourism products for enjoyment of Emaswati.

ation in it. When man sinned, his worldly eyes opened and he could now exercise his right to choose between good and evil. When this happened, God turned His back on man, and without God, man was left on his own vices, and he winded up being evil through and through his very nature. Without God, there is no goodness - because God is good. Where there is no goodness, Satan reigns

This scenario hurt God so much because He loves mankind, and did not want this communion to be broken. Even as doing so hurt Him so much, God had no choice but to drive man out of the Garden of Eden, lest he ate of the Tree of Life and lived in perpetual sin. But God had a

When man was lost and doomed for eternal torment because of his sins, God made the ultimate sacrifice to restore man into His image. His forgiveness was made manifest in His giving, even before the blood was spilt.

This was a demonstration of greater love. As a flower fades away at the height of the noon sunshine, so does the love of the world in the face of God's love. When He gave Jesus for the atonement of the sins of the world, God made it possible for those who believed to have eternal

The blood makes the miracle of believing possible, and this is attained through baptism - being born of water and the Spirit as Jesus explained to Nicodemus in John 3. The reward of this belief, is eternal life. John 13 records the last Passover before the death of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This Jewish tradition started during the time of the Pharaohs in Egypt where the Hebrews lived as slaves, having been forced to seek refuge there at the height of the famine in Canaan. God commanded His anointed servant and friend Moses to order the Hebrews to slaughter a lamb and smear the blood on the doorposts of all Jewish abodes so that the Angel of Death would

pass-over all the designated doors and spare their firstborns.

# Died

When Jesus died, His blood served an even greater purpose because He died once for all - a better sacrifice than the blood of bulls. He became the true Lamb

The Bible records that Jesus loved His disciplines during His time on earth until the very end. He knew that His Father had given Him authority over all things in heaven and on earth, and that He had come from God and would return to Him. But He still had to go to the cross to be humiliated, spat on, beaten and

The defining moment in John 13 is when Jesus pours water into a basin and washes His disciple's feet. This is the ultimate demonstration of love, a requirement for all believers.

The hierarchy of love is as follows: 'worldly love', 'Jesus' love' (the acts of Jesus while He lived), greater love (Jesus crucified, whose benefits can be attained through obedience and forgiveness). Unless Jesus washes us of our sins, we will never belong to Him; which is to say

- we are not worthy of His love. The feet of His disciplines were washed as a symbolism of the imminent washing of sins in Calvary. When God gave us Jesus, He showed greater love. When Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He showed greater

No one puts it better than the Prince of Peace Himself in John 15:12-14: "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what'I command you...." In Romans 5:7-8, Apostle Paul says, "It is rare indeed for anyone to die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God proves His love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...' In John 13:34, Jesus says, "Love each

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other just as I have loved you. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disci-

The passion of Christ was the ultimate demonstration of His love for mankind on the cross as commanded by His Father in Heaven.

ast week, I shared a few sentiments of children and how they have experienced sexual violence, little did I know that this will open up so many children who wrote in to share their own experience of both reported and unreported sexual violence cases against them, oh *Lafa Elihle Kakhulu Maswati!* As I read each letter I constantly tried to remain conscious, what our children are going through is too much, can Sexual Violence Against Children End Now!

Here are some of the letters shared with me by the children:

### THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE!

It was late evening, around 11:30pm, when suddenly my life changed, and everything came tumbling down around me. I will never forget that day and moment.

Whenever I think about it a pool of tears come flowing down my face. I curse the day he was born. How could he do such a cruel thing to me? I curse the day I met him. I hate calling him my cousin. My life is shattered because of him. I hate every breath I take because of him. He messed up my life. I don't value myself anymore – I am helpless and hopeless.

My cousin. I trusted him with my life. He was like a brother to me. Someone I could share my sorrows and my happiness with. He took advantage of my kindness. He fooled me, and he fooled my parents. My life is such a mess now. Who can I share this pain with, the sadness that my heart is filled with?

I remember when he entered my bedroom. I was so scared, asking myself what he was doing in my room at that hour, in the middle of the night. When I think about it, I am certain that he planned everything.

My parents were not at home, as they had gone to a funeral. One of my relatives had passed away. At home, there was me, my little brother and my cousin. He opened the door to my room very slowly, so that it wouldn't make noise and then he closed it behind him.

I asked him what he was doing in my room,



# It takes Eswatini to end sexual violence against children

# WHAT OUR CHILDREN ARE GOING THROUGH IS TOO MUCH

but he told me to keep quiet. He came closer and closer to me, and then grabbed my hands and force-fully pushed me down onto the bed. I tried to escape but my strength could not compare to his. He was so strong, and I was very weak. I cried with pain and I tried to scream, but no one could hear me and come to my rescue. He did everything he pleased with my body, until he was satisfied.

I cried because of the pain and I felt so weak. He left my room and I tried to stand up, but I just didn't have the strength.

A pool of blood had spilled out over the sheets. I couldn't do anything and I hated myself. My body felt so disgusting. I wanted to die because I didn't see any reason to live now. I wanted to end my life, but I didn't have the guts to do it, so I let the pain and the misery rule my life.

I was so embarrassed about what had happened that I couldn't even tell my parents. I feared what they would say. I was so full of shame that I didn't trust anyone, and I didn't want the world to see me. From that day, I didn't want anyone to come near me and I hated men with a passion. I felt all alone in a small world, full of emptiness, disappointment and ashamed of my life.

I have never spoken to anyone about what happened, until today, when I share my story with the world. I have found the courage to tell you about my suffering, which I have kept a secret for the last two years, in the hope that it will give someone else the courage to tell their story.

### THE MALE TEACHER

There are many kinds of abuse, but I know of one of my relatives who experienced sexual abuse by someone she trusted. This happened when she was 17 years old.

The abuse took place in her class in 2013. The girl that was abused was my cousin. Her name is Phindile, and her maths teacher had told her that he would teach her extra classes for free. Phindile told her mother what her maths teacher had said so that her mother would not mind when she came home late. Her mother was very happy, and I too was so pleased about it.

The next day Phindile stayed at school when the others went home. The maths teacher took a very long time to come, but Phindile waited. Eventually, the teacher came rushing in and he looked very touched that Phindile had waited for him. Her maths teacher taught and Phindile learned.

Time came for Phindile to go home and Mr Dludlu told her he was very pleased with her progress.

Phindile and her teacher kept on working together for a few weeks and everything was going very well. Then one day, after finishing the extra work, Mr Dludlu closed the windows and the doors and switched off the lights in the classroom. It was so dark. He pulled out a bottle of wine and told Phindile that they must celebrate her excellent work.

Phindile said, "No! What are you giving me, I can't drink that!"

Mr Dludlu said, "Don't stress girl, you will pass the test. Now drink!"

Phindile did not want to upset her teacher, so she drank the wine. She started to feel funny and realised that she was drunk. She wasn't sure what was happening, but then Mr Dludlu started to touch her in her private parts and push himself against her. Phindile pushed him away. She ran home and told her mother. When they returned to the school with the police, Mr Dludlu was not there and that was the last time that anyone ever saw him.

Once again, World Vision Eswatini call upon all sectors to respond to this national CRY for ACTION, Sekubi Kakhulu Maswati, lets Fight Sexual Violence Against Children Collectively Now!!

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he ninth of June 2019 was a Sunday. Any other Sunday in summer at Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, old men and women would do their usual walkabouts and maids would gather, spread out groundsheets, cover them with spicy delicacies and listen to Filipino pop songs. But it was not like any other Sunday, at least not for me.

Filled with anxiety, hope and anger,

Filled with anxiety, hope and anger, I joined the protest against Hong Kong's proposed extradition law, alongside three classmates from my evening Spanish class. We were hopeful because perhaps there was a slim chance that our government would listen to us, for once. We were angry because our government had repeatedly lied to us.

I had not taken part in any demonstrations since 2004, at which time I still had not yet completely lost faith in the sincerity of China's promise of democracy for Hong Kong. But this time I just felt I had to.

We were anxious that if we did not stop the impending extradition bill, all foreign firms and multinationals

# HONG KONG IS IN DANGER. CHINA'S PROMISE OF DEMOCRACY WAS A LIE

would leave Hong Kong in droves, property prices and the stock market would plummet and lots of people would be without jobs or worse. It all started in 1997, when the sovereignty of Hong Kong was returned to Beijing. We were promised a high degree of autonomy with a democratically elected legislature and a chief executive. After 22 years, there is still no sign of a legislature elected by universal suffrage, promised to us under the Basic Law, Hong Kong's constitution.

It's bad enough not to have a completely elected legislature and an elected chief executive. Worse, it now looks as if our chief executive, Carrie Lam, appointed by Beijing in 2017, will bulldoze through our legislature laws, which will authorise our courts to sanction the extradition of any person, of whatever nationality, to China if the PRC authorities deliver official papers to the Hong Kong courts alleging that they have committed one of the scheduled list of crimes in the

PRC.

Not only that, the proposed bill will allow the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government to freeze the assets of anyone falling within the definition of a PRC crime suspect. What makes me even more angry is that our chief executive and our secretary for justice, Teresa Cheng, have openly misled the ordinary people of Hong Kong, effectively saying that anyone who objects to the proposed law does not really understand what it is all about.

# Existing

The latter category of people includes 11 former and existing chairmen of the Bar Association and the Law Society of Hong Kong. She claims that there really is nothing for the people of Hong Kong to worry about because our courts will ensure that everything will be done lawfully and that they will ensure that justice is done in the case of every suspect to be sent to the PRC.

In fact, the court has no such pow-

ers. And by scrapping the second reading of the proposed bill by a committee of the legislative assembly and putting the bill directly to the legislative assembly for voting, Lam is breaking up a lawmaking system that has served us for more than half a century.

Hong Kong will never be the same again if she succeeds. While marching under a 33C sun, taking just two or three steps once every 10 to 15 minutes or so, I saw numerous slogans on homemade placards criticising Carrie Lam, Teresa Cheng and John Lee (our secretary for security).

Within an hour of the official end of the march, the government announced that our legislative assembly would discuss the bill on 12 June, as scheduled. All calls for a delay were ignored and more than two million pairs of feet appeared to have marched in vain after all. It's business as usual at Government House and the legislative assembly, in which pro-Beijing factions have an absolute majority.

Some protesters were furious and did some damage shortly after the march officially ended. Three hundred of them were rounded up and half that number were charged. Many groups have called a strike to stop the legislation going through.

# Protests

On Wednesday, the protests continued. The open space outside the legislative assembly was packed with thousands of people; police used pepper spray and teargas against some protesters; the crowd defended themselves with their umbrellas, goggles and masks.

Protesters who attempted to march on Carrie Lam's residence were stopped by the police. Lam used to brag that she has always been the "number one" since her school days. Now it looks like she'll probably be remembered as the first in Hong Kong to provoke demonstrations on such a massive scale. It looks as if hellish days are coming. In what form, God knows. *Anonymous* 

n the past few weeks there have been a number meetings where "partners" from different parts of the globe are offering support to different causes, and inviting local and international civil society organisations to work with them to contribute to addressing many of the issues that are preventing the majority of emaSwati from living healthy, prosperous and fulfilled

### THE UNDERSTANDABLE RUSH FOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The opportunities presented such by partners, in the context where the country does not attract much support is encouraging. After all, they seek to support work on a multiplicity of issues, including human rights, the rule of law, gender equality, youth empowerment, democracy, gender-based violence, freedom of expression, women's land rights, freedom of association and assembly, law reform, media freedom, digital rights, and access to justice. The interventions they propose will accommodate a broad range of activities, that, if implemented well, could make a real difference in the lives of emaSwati, whose conditions are used to obtain access to the funding and other resources usually offered by these partners.

And of course, where invitations to discussions of possible funding are public, the rooms where they take place are filled with would-be implementers of the proposed programmes, seeking knowledge about how to access the support, eager to present themselves as the best ones, and sometimes, as the only ones who can do what needs to be done. In some cases, there is some exclusivity to who these partners speak to - they may have heard or know one or two "famous" activists or civil society leaders and rely on them to invite other people and organisations that are relevant and credible for the mission they are on.

Interestingly, by doing so, many exclude the very people that could make a difference, simply because they are "uknown', their organisations are not big enough, or they are simply just not liked by the local focal person responsible for issuing the invitations.

As a country the list of social challenges we are facing is endless, and funding opportunities few and far between, so it is understandable that organisations that work on these issues would flock to every available opportunity to get the necessary resources to do work on the ground.

And as any civil society actor will tell you, the funding landscape has drastically changed. Local organisations have always had a steep hill to climb due to factors beyond their control such as the designation of eSwatini as a middle-income country, which automatically excludes us from accessing certain funds, or funding from certain countries and founda-

Our politics have also played a part, where the dislike of the state of our governance, negative record on human rights, and corruption, amongst others, has seen many potential donors turn away. No amount of argument to look at the real inequalities and their destructiveness, as opposed to any calculation of Gross National Income (GNI) per capita, will convince them to reconsider their positions. So it is then that the already small resource envelope shrinks even further.

# WHEN ACTIONS DO NOT ALIGN WITH STATED **VALUES: FUNDERS MUST NOT MISLEAD ORGANISATIONS**

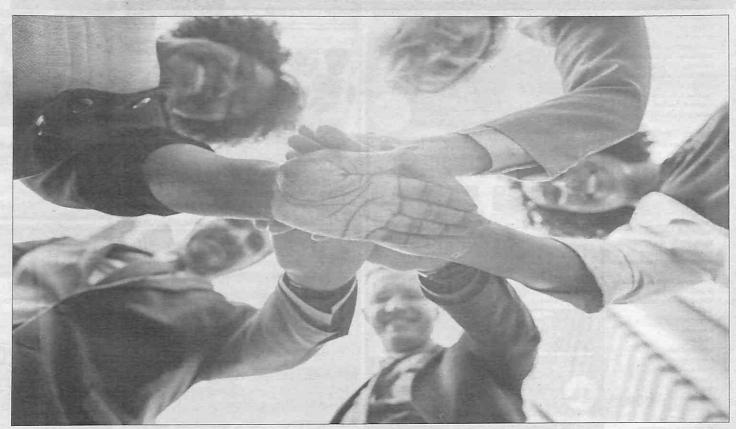
But one sits in these meetings and reflects on the evolution of civil society and its relation-

# SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY - MAKING THE PROMISE A REALITY

# THE WAY WE WORK MUST CHANGE

...if civil society and its benefactors are to make the intended positive impact on society

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ship with the those that occupy the philanthropy sector, even within the past decade, it is saddening to observe that there seems to have been a serious shifting away from what these organisations - on both sides - created for. This sector, whose emergence is founded on altruism and wanting, in good faith to help people in need and whose growth from small donations from individuals, to institutions holding millions, we are told was motivated by wanting to make it more effective, so as to achieve a greater impact, has become a serious industry.

However, in the process of strengthening the "architecture" and machinery of funding, the fundamental reasons why it exists and the values that underpin them, are gradually being eroded. The sector now exhibits characteristics that mimic those of the at times heartless and harmful for-profit sector.

The "partners" who sit at the high table will spell out the requirements that must be fulfilled for the resources to accessed. Understandably, they have their own interests so they will fund whatever aligns with that interest But as you observe more closely and listen to the experiences of both those who have succeeded, and those who have failed to get support, you realise that, what may have been so eloquently explained with colourful "Power-pointed" presentations, is not necessarily what will prevail once the hopeful proposals such streaming in. The formal meeting might have gone to town about about criteria, eligibility, rules, processes, quality, but in reality, it does not seem to always work that way.

### UNHEALTHY COMPETITION IN THE NON! PROFIT SECTOR NOW MIMICKING THE TOXIC HABITS OF PROFIT SEEKING

And power relations being what they are, anyone questioning the disconnect will not only be laughed out of the room, they can be sure they will probably never receive funding. Money is power and those with power never like being questioned, disagreed with or crit-

Some officers will arrogantly tell you it is their money and they can give it to whomever they want to give it to. That's fine, it makes perfect sense too. But what is not okay is the pretence of good faith, to falsely claim that everyone, as long as they have a good enough idea, with the potential to positively impact peoples, and demonstrates they can use and report on funds with integrity has an objectively fair chance of being considered for support.

While previously, at the centre were causes being sincerely pushed by people and activists based on strongly held convictions, you now have so-called professionals who are not really invested in any particular values but care just about quantity over quality, events rather than processes, outputs rather than impact, and the rates at which money is "burned." Yes, they speak good governance, human rights based approaches, empowerment, and all the various nice words that populate the vocabulary of the sector, but their conduct is far removed from what sits in their policy documents about what they represent. And as a result you have organsiations competing for resources now undermining one, another instead of working cooperatively to maximise the use of the little resources each has.

You have opportunistic regional and international organisations who, under the guise of building local capacity, lure locals with promises of partnership, only to use them to establish their legitimacy and eligibility to receive funding, then leave them worse off. And in the process damage is being done to the very people that both the funders and organisations claim they want to help.

### MILLIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE WASTES WITH LIMITED IMPACT IF THINGS DO NOT CHANGE

These are the things that make you wonder whether this is why, when one looks even at just the past decade, for example, and estimates the millions of dollars, euros, pounds, kroner, rands, emalangeni, etc. that has been invested for doing work on these issues, there is no proportionality with the results achieved. As new partners come into the country, and old partners bring new opportunities, there has to be a different way of working if they are genuine in their intentions.

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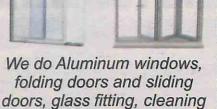
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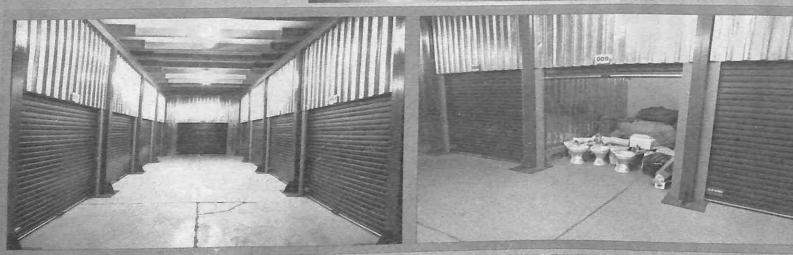
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## Former Zim first lady Grace Mugabe owns 16 farms

ARARE - Grace Mugabe, the wife of Zimbabwe former president Robert Mugabe, owns 16 farms, in what is against the country's land policy which allows ownership of one farm per family.

This was revealed by President Emmerson Mnangagwa during a radio interview in Harare on Friday.

Using Grace Mugabe's monicker, Mnangagwa said, "I know of one lady "Stop It" who has about 16 yet the law says one family one farm."Zimbabwe went through a land redistribution exercise from 2002, which affected approximately 4 500 white farmers.

While thousands of black Zimbabweans were given pieces of land, most of the prime land went to high ranking political elite, who amassed more than one farm.

The seizure of white-owned farms was adopted by Mugabe's government, in a process that triggered the country's economic woes. The land take overs, which were at first violent, did not only attract sanctions from western countries, but also resulted in the collapse of local industries which depended on agricultural produce. Mnangagwa said the land audit conducted by the government revealed that "multi-ownership of farms continue to happen especially with high ranking officials." "Land audit is on, the final report is coming. About eight provinces have been done and once its complete, I will share it

Mnangagwa recently prevented one of his provincial ministers from taking over a vibrant coffee producing farm from a white farmer. News24



Former Zimbabwe first lady Grace Mugabe.

# Lesotho PM faces confidence vote over 'interfering' wife

ASERU - Lesotho's Prime Minister Thomas Thabane is facing a motion of no confidence for allegedly allowing his wife to meddle in government affairs, as political in-fighting rocks his ruling party and threatens the breakdown of his coalition government.

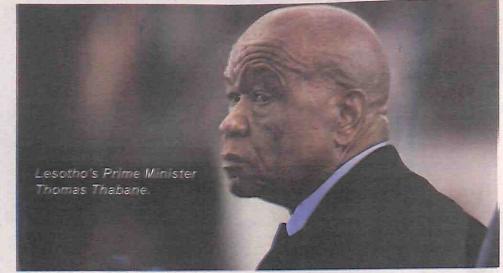
The motion was filed in Parliament this week by a member of Thabane's own ruling All Basotho Convention (ABC), raising the possibility he will call snap elections in the tiny mountainous southern African kingdom.

"We hereby move a motion that this honourable house has no confidence in a government of Lesotho led by the Prime Minister Thomas Motsoahe Thabane," read a motion filed by ABC's Motebang Koma and seconded by the main opposition Democratic Congress deputy leader, Motlalentoa Letsosa.

Parliament was adjourned on Monday with no date fixed for it to sit again. While the motion did not outline reasons for wanting Thabane out, some party members have turned to local media to voice claims that the 80-year-old premier was ceding political power to his young wife, Maesaiah Thabane.

Even staunch supporters of Thabane, such as outspoken Thaba-Bosiu Principal Chief Khoabane Theko, have backed calls for his removal.

"He allowed his wife to usurp control of the party and government," Theko told the Lesotho Times.



"What they must do is to call a special conference and resolve that Ntate Thabane should step down. He wants to play God with this government through his wife." Ntate means sir in Lesotho.

The row comes two years after Thabane's estranged wife Lipolelo (58) was gunned down just two days before his inauguration.

He and Lipolelo were embroiled in a bitter divorce dispute. She won a court case against Thabane during his first stint as prime minister affirming

her position as Lesotho's first lady instead of Thabane's youngest wife.

The ABC party has also been riven with internal conflict over the appointment of a new party vice president.

A pro-Thabane faction has fiercely defended the

Defence minister Tefo Mapesela told Parliament this week that Thabane intended to call fresh elections when Parliament reconvenes. AFP

### WHO panel decides not to declare international Ebola emergency

ENEVA - A World Health Organisation (WHO) panel decided on Friday not to declare an international emergency over Congo's Ebola outbreak despite its spread to Uganda this week, concluding such a declaration could cause too much economic harm.

Congo's epidemic is the second worst ever, with 2108 cases of Ebola and 1 411 deaths since last August. This week it reached Uganda, where three cases were recorded, all in people who had arrived from Congo. Two of them died. In a statement, the panel of 13 independent medical experts on the WHO's Emergency

Committee urged neighbouring "at risk" countries to improve their preparedness for detecting and managing imported cases, "as Uganda has done". "This is not a global emergency, it is an emergency in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a severe emergency and it may affect neighbouring counties," Dr. Preben Aavitsland, the panel's acting chair told a news conference at the UN agency's headquarters in Geneva. "It was the view of the Committee that there is really nothing to gain by declaring a PHEIC (Public Health Emergency of International Concern), but there is potentially a lot to lose." AFP

### 'Distrust between Sudanese parties makes direct talks impossible

AIRO - Outside mediation is needed to defuse Sudan's crisis because the ruling military council and opposition distrust each other too deeply for direct talks following a deadly raid on a protest camp, the top US diplomat for Africa said on Friday. US Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Tibor Nagy also said he had met victims of the June 3 raid during a visit this week to Khartoum and he described their accounts as "harrowing".

The raid, in which opposition-linked doctors say more than 100 people were killed, led to the collapse of stalled talks over a political transition towards

elections and civilian rule following the overthrow of autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April. The military ousted and arrested Bashir after 16 weeks of protests, setting up a transitional council and entering talks with an alliance of protest and opposition groups that then stalled over who would lead a three-year transition.

Nagy, speaking in a telephone briefing from Addis Ababa, said Washington's newly named envoy to Sudan, veteran diplomat Donald Booth, would focus on supporting mediation efforts led by the African Union and IGAD, an African trade bloc. News24

#### BRIEFS

#### Seven million face hunger crisis in South Sudan

KHARTOUM - A record number of almost seven million people are facing severe hunger in South Sudan, despite a peace agreement which has largely stopped fighting after more than five years of war, UN agencies warned Friday.

"Every year, hunger reaches new and unprecedented levels in South Sudan with millions of people unsure where their next meal will come from, particularly at this time of the year when hunger peaks from May to July," Hsiao-Wei Lee of the World Food Programme (WFP) said in Juba. UN-backed assessments use a ranking called the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), which rates hunger levels from one to five. AFP

#### SA's Mogoeng hands over CCJA presidency

JOHANNESBURG - South African Chief Justice, Mogoeng Mogoeng, stepped down as President of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa (CCJA) at the end of his two-year term, his office said on Friday.

On Wednesday, Mogoeng handed over the reins to the President of the Constitutional Tribunal of Angola, Justice Manuel da Costa Aragão, who was elected for a period of two years. The handing over marked the conclusion of the Fifth Congress of the CCJA in Luanda, Angola under the theme: "The Constitutional courts and Councils as Guarantors of the Constitution and the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms." Citizen

#### Why the country did not adopt the rand'

HARARE - Zimbabwe did not adopt the rand due to onerous conditions set by the South African Reserve Bank, President Emmerson Mnangagwa said on Friday.

Speaking during a live radio interview, Mnangagwa said he was part of a committee that approached the SARB, with the intention of adopting the rand as "our domestic currency of Zimbabwe"-- before Zimbabwe adopted the multi-currency system."But when we approached the SARB, they gave us a check list with certain conditions for us to use the rand.

News24

#### Nigeria to shut bank accounts of some firms

LAGOS - Nigeria's central bank said on Friday it will close the bank accounts of firms caught smuggling into the country any goods for which access to foreign exchange has been restricted. The central bank curbed access to dollars in 2015 for firms importing 43 items ranging from rice and soap to private jets and Indian incense in a bid to conserve foreign reserves and diversify the economy of Africa's biggest crude oil producer. But the currency restrictions accelerated the descent of Africa's biggest economy into recession and fuelled inflation.

Reuters



# SUNDAYOBSERVER WORLD NEWS

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# Team weighs options for taking steps against Iran

ASHINGTON - President Donald Trump and Iranian leaders traded accusations on Friday over who was responsible for fiery explosions that crippled two oil tankers off Iran's coast, but both sides appeared cautious not to go beyond a war of words, at least for now, to avoid a direct military confrontation.

After blaming Iran hours after what appeared to be coordinated attacks on a Japanese and a Norwegian tanker on Thursday, the Trump administration considered options on Friday but showed no immediate sign of responding. Options include providing armed escorts to vessels navigating vulnerable shipping lanes of the Strait of Hormuz, reflagging tankers of friendly nations with the US flag to entitle them to US naval protection, and adding more sanctions to what is already a long blacklist.

Acting Defence Secretary Patrick Shanahan said the Pentagon was making plans for possible military action in case of more attacks or efforts to close the Strait of Hormuz, the strategic choke-



#### US President Donald Trump.

point through which much of the world's oil passes.

"We obviously need to make contingency plans should the situation deteriorate," Shanahan told reporters. Iranian officials pointedly warned in April, after the Trump administration tightened a ban on Iran's oil exports and worsened

its economic recession, that they might interrupt the flow of oil through the narrow strait.

The attacks, which caused no injuries, may have been calculated to show that while Tehran could not withstand a full-on US military assault, it could still rattle the White House. *AFP* 

## Tanker attacks require international response - Pentagon

ASHINGTON - The attacks being blamed on Iran in the Gulf of Oman pose a global and not just an American problem, the acting Pentagon chief said on Friday, as he called for an "international consensus" in solving it.

"We have an international situation there in the Middle East, it's not a US situation," Patrick Shanahan told reporters, referring to the attacks on Thursday on two oil tankers.

"The focus for myself and Ambassador (John) Bolton and Secretary (Mike) Pompeo is to build international consensus to this international problem," he said, referring respectively to the national security advisor and the secretary of state.

Shanahan said that is why the American military released a video which, it claimed, showed a patrol boat of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards, a powerful branch of the Iranian military, pulling alongside one of the tankers to remove an unexploded limpet mine from its hull.

The Pentagon chief left open the possibility of further reinforcing the American military presence in the region, under the US Central Command, or CENTCOM.

AFP

# We will leave EU by 31 Oct, Johnson vows

ONDON – Boris Johnson, the frontrunner to be Britain's prime minister, promised he would take the United Kingdom out of the European Union by 31 October, saying that only by preparing to leave without an agreement could a nodeal Brexit be prevented.

Johnson, a former foreign minister and London mayor, is the clear favourite to replace Theresa May.

He won the backing of 114 of 313
Conservative lawmakers in a first round of voting on Thursday, almost three times as

many as his nearest rival.

The contest has been dominated by the question of how and when Britain will leave the EU, Britain's biggest political crisis in a generation. In his first broadcast interview since the campaign started, Johnson gave an unequivocal pledge that Brexit would happen by the latest Brexit deadline of 31 October and Britain had to prepare for a no-deal exit, which he said would not be a disaster.

"All those who say that we should delay ... I think they risk doing terminal damage to trust in politics. We have to get on and do this. We've got to be out by 31 October," Johnson told BBC radio on Friday.

"If we have to get out on what is called no-deal terms, or WTO (World Trade Organisation) terms, then it is our absolute responsibility to prepare for it. And it's by preparing for it that we will prevent that outcome." May resigned as Conservative Party leader having failed three times to get her EU divorce deal through parliament. The bloc has said repeat-

edly it will not renegotiate that agreement, which was aimed at taking Britain out of the bloc on March 29, before the date was pushed back twice to October. *AFP* 

Boris Johnson.

# China denies hit and run as pressure builds on Duterte

ANILA - China has rejected Philippine allegations that a Chinese fishing vessel abandoned 22 Filipinos after it sank their boat in the South China Sea, as pressure builds on President Rodrigo Duterte to take a tougher line. China's embassy

in Manila said the crew had sought to rescue the Filipino fishermen but fled after being "suddenly besieged by seven or eight Filipino fishing boats".

#### Statement

"There was no such thing as (a) 'hitand-run'," it said in a statement late on Friday, adding it would handle the issue disputes that. The issue could compliin a "serious and responsible manner".

The sinking took place on Sunday near the Reed Bank, the site of untapped gas deposits that an international arbitration court in 2016 ruled the Philippines had sovereign rights to exploit. Beijing disputes that. The issue could complicate what are determined efforts by Duterte to build a strong relationship with China, despite deep mistrust among his US-allied defence apparatus, which remains wary about China's maritime militarisation and what it sees as bullying and denial of Manila's access to its own offshore oil and gas reserves.

Duterte has made no mention of Sunday's incident during any of the lengthy and unscripted speeches he has since given. His defence minister, navy chief and spokesman have publicly denounced the Chinese crew and his foreign minister said he had lodged a protest with Beijing. *AFP* 

#### **BRIEFS**

# Hong Kong's embattled leader suspends divisive extradition bill

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's embattled leader yesterday said a divisive bill that would allow extraditions to China would be "suspended" in a major climbdown from her government after a week of unprecedented protests. The city's pro-Beijing leader Carrie Lam has come under huge pressure to abandon the controversial legislation, including from her own political allies and advisers.

"The government has decided to suspend the legislative amendment exercise, restart our communication with all sectors of society, do more... work and listen to different views of society," Lam told reporters yesterday. AFP

# Iran president renews ultimatum over compliance with nuclear pact

**DUSHANBE** - Iran will continue scaling back compliance with its nuclear deal commitments unless other signatories show "positive signals," the Iranian president told a meeting of Russian, Chinese and other Asian leaders in Tajikistan.

Iran stopped complying in May with some commitments in a 2015 nuclear deal that was agreed with global powers, a year after the United States unilaterally withdrew from the accord and tightened sanctions. Tehran said in May that Iran would start enriching uranium at a higher level, unless world powers protected its economy from US sanctions within 60 days. *Reuters* 

#### Protest against far-right President Bolsonaro's pension reforms

SAO PAULO - Thousands of Brazilians brought some services in several cities across the country to a standstill on Friday after launching a national strike to protest against President Jair Bolsonaro's pension reforms proposal. Early in the day, commuters found themselves stranded in front of closed gates at metro, train and bus stations across the country. Papers taped to the gates of banks, schools and shops, warned a strike was ongoing, as workers blocked roads, office buildings and highway tolls.

As part of the pension reform proposal, the government will seek to raise the retirement age and increase workers' contributions. *Al Jazeera* 

## Huawei delays global launch of foldable phone by three months

HONG KONG – Huawei will delay the launch of its much-touted foldable 5G Mate X smartphone by three months, the latest setback for the company that was slapped with US sanctions last month. The Mate X, a competitor to Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Fold, is expected to be rolled out globally in September, Vincent Pang, Huawei's Head of Corporate Communications, said on the sidelines of the WSJ Tech D.Live conference in Hong Kong. It was originally slated for a June launch. The delay comes as Huawei phones face being cut off from updates of Google's Android operating system (OS) in the wake of the US blacklist. AFP



Paratici had been in London on Thursday to iron out compensation terms with Chelsea Director Marina Granovskaia, before flying back to Italy to complete the signing of the Old Lady's new man-

Tuttosport add that the former Napoli boss is wasting no time ahead of the new season, immediately discussing the club's transfer strategy.

The Sarri project will 'seek reinforcements in every area', with midfield recruitment becoming a 'race between Paul Pogba, Sergej Milinkovic-Savic and Adrien Rabiot.

Italian prodigies Nicolo Zaniola of Roma and Federico Chiesa of Fiorentina are also on the Sarri-ball watchlist, while a move for Inter captain Mauro Icardi reportedly remains an option.

Sarri secured his first major trophy as a coach with the Blues last season, winning the Europa League thanks to a 4-1 win over Arsenal in Baku last month.

Juventus will prove to be a whole new challenge for the Italian coach, having won Serie A in each of their last eight seasons.

Daily Mail

## Late invite means Caster won't run in Morocco

APE TOWN - Two-time Olympic champion Caster Semenya will not run her specialist 800m distance at Rabat today despite having received an invitation to do so, in the latest twist of her bitter court battle over gender rules. "She received an invitation but is unable to organ-

ise her schedule to come to Rabat," organiser Alain Blondel told AFP.

Semenya was cleared to take part in the Diamond League meeting after Switzerland's top court rejected an IAAF request to re-impose rules obliging her to lower her testosterone before competing in certain events. Organisers of the Morocco event had initially refused to allow the South African to take part but on Friday they "confirmed her invi-

"After checking the situation of Caster Semenya in the light of the decisions of the Swiss Federal Court, and the Court of Arbitration for Sport, the head of the international athletics meeting in Rabat, Alain Blondel, is happy to confirm the invitation," a statement on the event's official site said.

The Swiss Federal Court issued their order on Wednesday, explaining "this means that Caster remains permitted to compete without restriction in the female category at this time".

The IAAF had earlier this month opposed a ruling by the court temporarily suspending the federation's rules following an appeal by Semenya who won the women's 800m at the 2012 and 2016 Olympics.

The athlete was contesting a decision by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which previously found the rules were "discriminatory" but "necessary" to ensure fairness in women's athletics. AFP



Caster Semenya.

# Cristiano Ronaldo served with papers in US rape lawsuit

Juventus star Ronaldo has been served with court papers related to a rape lawsuit in the United States, according to documents filed by his lawyers on

Five-time world player of the year Ronaldo is accused of rape by Kathryn

Mayorga, who claims the Portuguese soccer star assaulted her in a Las Vegas hotel in 2009.

Juventus' and that a meeting

took place on Friday between Juventus Sporting Director Fabio

Paratici and Sarri's agent Fali

Ramadani in Milan.

Ronaldo, 34, the former Manchester United and Real Madrid player, has strongly denied the accusations against him, insisting their encounter was con-

The legal process in the civil case had been held up as "federal court's rules on serving foreigners" meant an identical state-level case needed to be dropped, Mayorga's attorney said last week. A motion filed in federal court in Nevada on Friday said "the parties have agreed to deem defendant effectively served," meaning Ronaldo has officially received

court documents in the case, allowing it to move forward. Former model Mayorga made the accusations against Ronaldo, who now lives in Turin, in a complaint filed last year.

She said that while she had agreed to a financial settlement with Ronaldo short-

ly after the alleged incident, her emotional trauma at the time did not allow her to participate in the mediation process. Mayorga's attorney added that the model agreed to an out-of-court settlement to keep her name from going public, but was inspired to speak out by the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment. Ronaldo's lawyers have said that the nondisclosure agreement signed with Mayorga was "by no means a confession of guilt".

## Winning titles doesn't bother Pitso

OHANNESBURG - When talking about Mamelodi Sundowns' success, it's difficult not to mention head coach Pitso Mosimane in the same sentence.

The 54-year-old has built a legacy for himself by winning titles on a continuous basis and turning Sundowns into one of the fiercest teams on the African continent.

Mosimane most recently won his fourth PSL title and was named 2018/19 PSL Coach of the Season. However, despite his accolades, trophies have never been Mosimane's aim. "Don't be too much about

yourself," Mosimane was quoted as saying by Phakaaathi.

"It is like people who have got degrees, they put them on the walls and when you go to their offices you see those things. But what about those things? What are you doing at the moment? I am not worried about the cups that I have won," he added.

Rather Mosimane believes in taking it one game at a time, as he explains that a coach is only as good as his last game. "I want to win the next game, that is what drives me," Mosimane revealed. Goal

AFCON provides platform to secure move to Europa' OHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs forward Khama Billiat has admitted that he still harbours ambitions of playing in The Zimbabwe international is coming off his maiden season with Amakhosi, having joined the club from Mamelodi Sundowns in June 2018. Billiat is one of Zimbabwe's key play-

ers heading into the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations finals and he is keen to impress at the continental tournament. "I think it is a very important tourna-

ment for every African to see how far you are as an individual," the 2015/16 PSL Footballer of the Year told SABC Sport. "You get to compare yourself to other play-

ers from West Africa and so forth." Billiat was heavily linked with overseas clubs after impressing at the 2017 AFCON finals in Zimbabwe's matches against North African giants Algeria and Tunisia. However, it was widely reported that his club at the time, Sundowns, rejected offers from Europe and Asia, and the player ended up leaving the club as a free agent last year. Goal

along with the 2014 World Cup, I

wanted to disappear from the world,"

"I didn't want to take my children

to school, everyone could see I was

in a very bad way, I had days I did-

n't want to do anything, they were

Suarez admits he never thought

Barca would throw away their first

"I didn't see it because we are

he told Fox Sports.

very difficult moments.'

leg advantage.



# Di Matteo backs Frank Lampard for Chelsea job

ONDON - Former Chelsea boss Roberto Di Matteo has described Frank Lampard as a "great fit" to replace Maurizio Sarri in the Stamford Bridge dugout.

Sarri is reportedly close to leaving Chelsea after less than 12 months at the club amid suggestions he has been enticed back to Serie A by Italian champions Juventus, who parted company with Massimiliano Allegri at the end of last season.

Fan favourite and all-time Blues top scorer Lampard has emerged as the frontrunner to succeed Sarri following a positive first campaign in management with Championship side Derby County, which ended with defeat to Aston Villa in the play-off final. Some have questioned the 40year-old's lack of managerial experience, but Di Matteo believes his old team should take a gamble by appointing their former midfielder. Speaking at the Costa Smeralda Invitational, Di Matteo said: "He's definitely the right man. He's got personality.

"I followed Derby last year and his team plays very good football. He's got all the experience in the world.

"It's a great fit.

Whether it's right now or not, only time can tell that.

"You can say it is too early but you have to give people a chance.

"Frank has got all the tools and I think he will make a lot of people happy if he was the next manager."

Di Matteo, who lifted the Champions League and FA Cup with Chelsea in

2012 during his eight months in charge, is not surprised Sarri is moving on.

The ex-Napoli boss won the Europa League and reached the Carabao Cup final in his debut campaign with the London side and guided them to a third-place finish in the Premier League, but he never truly won over supporters with his style of play

"That's what the industry is like," Di Matteo added.

"People are always moving. I'm not entirely sure what the details are but it looks like he wants to go back to Italy and he has probably had a good offer from Juventus - one of the biggest clubs in Italy and Europe.

"But Chelsea will find a suitable manager to lead the team."

## Liverpool defeat forces Suarez into big admission worst moments of my life and career

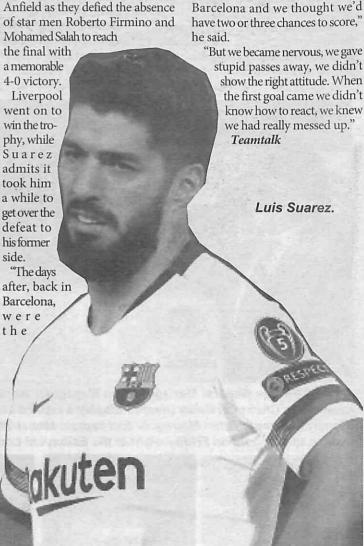
ONDON - Luis Suarez has admitted Barcelona's embarrassing Champions League collapse at Liverpool gave him the 'worst moments of his life"

The Spanish giants cruised to a comfortable 3-0 success in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal against Jurgen Klopp's side and looked a massive odds-on bet to reach the showpiece.

But Klopp's men produced arguably the best-ever European night at Anfield as they defied the absence of star men Roberto Firmino and

win the trophy, while Suarez admits it took him a while to get over the

side. "The days Barcelona, were





## I have not performed as expected at Barcelona - Coutinho

ARCELONA - Philippe Coutinho concedes he has "not performed as expected" during his time at La Liga champions Barcelona.

The 27-year-old has failed to rekindle his Liverpool form following his €160 million (£143m/\$180m) switch in January 2018, struggling to make an impact during his first full season at the club.

The attacking midfielder managed only five league goals in 34 appearances last season and failed to nail down a place in the starting XI, with 12 of his league outings coming from the bench.

Coutinho's underwhelming form has seen him become a target for Barca supporters who have jeered him on several occasions, while media reports have linked him with a move.

He put his club woes to one side yesterday, though, scoring twice as Brazil opened their Copa America campaign with a comfortable 3-0 win over

Speaking after the game, Coutinho admitted that things have not going according to plan during his time in Spain.

Asked by reporters if he had a message for Barca's fans, Coutinho said: "I do not have much to say to them; I am grateful for all the support that I have always received.

"I had a tough time on the field because I have not performed as expected, but football is like that and I'm working hard to improve."

Teamtalk

### UEFA president hits back at Europa League criticisms

AKU - The popularity of English clubs across Europe is being damaged by complaints over the decision to hold the Europa League final in Azerbaijan, according to UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin.

The European governing body was widely criticised by fans and

pundits for its choice to host the final in Baku, which saw Chelsea beat Premier League rivals Arsenal 4-1 to lift the trophy for the second time.

Ticketing and travel issues prevented many supporters from attending the game, with the showpiece final ultimately played

out in front of a sparsely populated Baku Olympic Stadium. UEFA was also criticised for its handling of Henrikh Mkhitaryan's security concerns, with the Arsenal forward deciding not to travel because of the tension between Azerbaijan and his country of Armenia. Goal

## 'Bale would walk into Man Utd side'

ADRID - Real Madrid star Gareth Bale would walk in to the current Manchester .United side, according to a Liverpool

The Welshman has been linked with a return to the Premier League, with his future at Los Blancos in doubt following the return of Zinedine Zidane last season. While Bale's agent has consistently reiterated his client's desire to stay, reports in Spain claim Real are desperate to off-load the winger, which includes a possible loan move. Red legend Ian Rush is hopeful his countryman will make a return to the English top flight. "Apart from that, where else are you looking at?" Rush told BBC. "Looking at Manchester United last season, I think he'd walk into that side now." "When a club wants to get rid of you and he wants to stay, it's very difficult and I feel for him because like I've said before. Real Madrid supporters should be applauding him. "You get to a stage now where different managers have different ways. You just hope that Gareth gets back, hopefully, in the Premier League because everyone wants to see him play. "In the last two Wales games he hasn't been the player he is, but sometimes even the greatest players have to have a couple of bad games." AFP

#### **MONENI PIRATES DINNER**

# BUCS MARKETING COMMITTEE SHOWERS PLAYERS WITH E25 000 GIFT

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

Smarketing committee gave the club players a E25 000 cheque as a token of appreciation for helping the team survive relegation in the past season.

The cheque was presented by marketing committee Chairman Brian Dlamini to the player's during the team's dinner at Esibayeni Lodge.

Dlamini said this was a way of appre-

ciating the commitment and hard work showed by the players last season.

"It is no secret that we had a hard season as a team and some of the players continued to play without being paid their salaries. The committee saw it fit to thank the players for all their hard work with this small gesture," he said.

The club's General Manager Brian Magagula said the [previous season had been one the hardest during his administrative tenure. Magagula thanked the players and the entire Buccaneers fam-

ily for displaying unity despite the challenges which were being faced by the team. "I would like to applaud and thank everyone at the club for helping keep us afloat. In my 20 years stay with the club, the past season was the hardest and I am happy that we managed to overcome the obstacles together as a team," he said. Meanwhile, the team captain Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane said they were happy that their efforts recognised and promised that they would work harder next season.



Pirates markerting committee Londiwe Jiyane and Bongile Sithole posing with team elder Desmond Oswin.



Pirates player Mthunzi Motsa posing with national supporters committee member Girly Matsenjwa and assistant coach Zenzile Mpofu.



Moneni Pirates General Manager Brian Magagula, team captain Menzi Simelane and marketing committee Chairman Brian Dlamini display a replica cheque worth E25 000 to the team's General Manager Brian Magagula and captain Menzi 'Magagawugawu' Simelane during the team's dinner held on Friday night at the Esibayeni Lodge (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



Moneni Pirates
Marketing Committee
Chairman Brian
Dlamini making his
remarks during the
dinner.



Moneni Pirates General Manager Brian Magagula had something to say on the night.



Ndzingeni MP Lutfo Dlamini also attended the event together with Simanga Mamba and Vusi Dlamini.



Pirates players posing during the dinner.

# ... Pirates unveil new kit for 2019/2020 season

OCCER - In true glitz and glamour fashion Moneni Pirates revealed the new kit for the upcoming MTN Premier League 2019/2020 season during the team's dinner at Esibayeni Lodge

on Friday night.
The new kit
was unveiled
by the team's
Marketing
Committee
Chairman
B r i a n
Dlamini who mentioned that the new kit
would be supplied by
Umbro and would have
a redesigned team logo
which commemorates
the club's 52nd anniversary.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce that

OCCER - In true glitz and glamour fashion Moneni Pirates revealed the new kit for the we will be donning a new styled kit next season which will have a new and improved team logo.

We are going back to our original roots and that is what inspired the change in the logo," he

said. The new kit will have three different strips with the home strip a traditional black and white and the away jersey which, is an all-white kit with a touch of black and red socks. There will also be an alternate strip which will be all red with black and white stripes on the shoulders.





# **BIBLE SOCIETY CUP 2019**



Manzini Wanderers captain Menzi Gamedze receiving the trophy from Minister of Sports Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, Portfolio committee member Vulimpompi Nhleko and Bible Society of Eswatini Chairperson Nomsa Mndzebele after their side beat Manzini Sundowns 5-0 in the Bible Society Cup final at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



Manzini Wanderers' Juries Gama attempts to go past Manzini Sundowns' Sibahle Sukuti.



Wanderers' Mensah Johnson celebrating the team's first goal he scored against Sundowns.



Injured Wanderers' player Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane receiving his medal from the minister.



Sundowns goalkeeper Phila Mamba watches as Wanderers score their fourth goal.



Manzini Sundowns' Humphrey Khoza challenging Manzini Wanderers' Mensah Johnson.



Man of the match in the final Leon Manyisa of Wanderers being awarded by the tournament's PRO Comfort 'Hlasela' Shongwe.



Runners-up Manzini Sundowns receiving their silver medals.



Wanderers players celebrating their third goal.



Wanderers supporters celebrating their victory.



The champions Manzini Wanderers being decorated by Minister of Sports Bulunga.

Griffins thrash

Usutu Beavers in MTN League

ASKETBALL - Enjabulweni Griffins

proved their experience of playing

in the National Women's League

(NWL), thrashing newbies Usutu Beavers

This was during the opening match of the

MTN Eswatini National Basketball League

(ENBL) games which were played at the

Usutu Beavers are one of the new teams

in the ENBL alongside Usutu Wolves and

Elangeni Pistols who are campaigning in

Griffins bounced back from their 45-60

loss to Lynx Basketball in the tip-off match,

and came hard on the newbies who proved

their potential last week, albeit eventually

Other games that were still to be played

yesterday by the time of compiling this report

were Manzini Steels against youngsters

Chase Basketball and Manzini Raiders against

ENBL Commissioner Melusi 'Squealer'

Hlophe said he was excited with the stan-

dard of the games and commended the three

newcomers. "I am still in awe with the stan-

dard of the games this year. Teams haven't

been active, but the explosiveness that we

The new teams are not here to be pushovers, they are here to make their mark and

also add value to Eswatini basketball," he

"A special thing is that we will be playing

in different venues in the country this year

and the number of young people that we

have is very exciting. Some teams even have

a couple of Mozambican players, and that

proves that our league's standard has

improved," he added. The games continue

today at the Mavuso Sports Emporium.

losing to Lady Jazz.

Usutu Wolves.

are seeing is great.

said.

the Men's Promotional League (MPL).

Mavuso Sports Emporium yesterday.

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

# Tim Mayuso clinches June MTN Masters crown

BY JONGILE XUBA

OLF - Tim Mavuso won his first MTN Monthly Masters competition during the June edition held at the Mbabane Golf Club yesterday afternoon.

In a field of 70 golfers, Mavuso managed to beat a highly competitive field to take his maiden title with 40 points on a count back.

Mavuso was followed by Wakie Lawrence who also got 40 points to finish second as B Mayisela finished third on 39 points.

Eerfaan Dada managed to finish fourth with 38 points on the count back and he was followed by Vusi Dlamini also with 38 points in fifth position to round up the top five finishers. The Novelty prizes were



Mbabane Golf Club vice captain Sifiso Dhlamini, MTN June Masters Mug winner Tim Mavuso and MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko during the prize presentation of the MTN Monthly Masters held at Mbabane Club.

awarded to Chris Nhleko and Kenneth Nkambule who scooped the nearest to the pin 2/11 and 9/18 sections, respectively. Chris Nhleko managed to get nearest to the pin 8/17, prize meanwhile the longest drive went to lady golfer Nokuthula Dlamini. MTN Eswatini Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko encouraged golfers to continue supporting the mobile network company.

"We are very happy with the partnership between us and Mbabane Golf Club. We urge you to keep up the support and hope to continue our partnership for long time. Going forward we hope to provide some form of reward for golfers who use our services," he said.

MTN June Monthly Masters results

Tim Mavuso – 40 points c/b
 Wakie Lawrence - 40 points
 B Mayisela – 39 points

### REPS BOUNCE BACK IN SBS NETBALL LEAGUE

BY JONGILE XUBA

Police Service (REPS) won their second match in the Swaziland Building Society (SBS) netball league after beating RSSC 111–4 during the league matches which were held yesterday.

The games were played at Zakhele courts in Manzini and after losing last week to Correctional during the grand opening, REPS made sure they sent a message to other teams with a convincing victory over the sugar belt side. In other matches, the UEDF was also in action in the ladies category and they managed to beat newbies Vixens 74–16. Mbabane Raiders were another team side that got back

to winning ways after they won 55–25 against Raiders as OlympAfrica beat Illovo 39–34. The men's category pitted a forces derby where REPS played UEDF and the police side managed to win the match 65–15 in the only game from the male section.

Eswatini National Netball Association (ENNA) Management Committee Chairman Charles Magagula said teams were showing improvement but it was still early days for them to make a complete assessment. "All the teams will get better with time, especially those who did not play during the preseason tournament.

The new teams like Fashion and Vixens will find their feet in time and we are confident everyone will get better," he said.



An OlympAfrica player attempts to block a pass during their SBS Elite League match against Illovo at Zakhele courts in Manzini yesterday afternoon.

Leag	gue resu	lts
68	15	UEDF
04	111	REPS
74	16	Vixens
25	55	Raiders
39	34	Illovo
	68 04 74 25	04 111 74 16 25 55

# 3. B Mayisela – 39 points 4. Eerfaan Dada 38 points c/b 5. Vusi Dlamini 38 points Novelties Nearest to pin Kenneth Nkambule 2/11 & 9/18 Chris Nhleko 8/17 Longest Drive - Nokuthula Dlamini.

#### Manzini Pool Club crash out of Dixie's knockout tournament

BY JONGILE XUBA

Pool – Manzini Pool Club were handed an early exit in the Dixie's International E10 000 knockout competition after losing to Garrison by 13-11 yesterday.

The hub giants, who are fresh from winning the AMICAAL tournament last weekend, were humbled by the army side in a match which was played at the Police Academy Pool Club.

The match was the opening fixture of the triple header which was played yesterday where Way Inn managed to beat Stairs by 13-5.

Host Police Academy were expected to welcome Mankayane Pool Club during the last match of the triple header.

The action will continue today at the same venue

where France will take on their 'fellow brothers'

Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA) Secretary Mbongeni 'Mdlikiza' Gamedze said they were happy with proceedings of the day.

Some of the results
Garrison 13 Manzini Pool Club 11
Way Inn 13 Stairs 5

Playing today at P Figaredo Five			
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France	VS	Correctional	3pm
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3. E2 000			
4. E10 00			
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Stairs Pool team player Sandile 'Skopo' Mamba setting his shot during their match against Way Inn in the Dixie's International E10 000 knockout tournament which was played at the Police Academy yesterday. Stairs lost the match by 13-5. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

# At a spike the hall during their match against Roh

A UEDF player attempts to spike the ball during their match against Bob Cats as the Bob Cats players attempt to block his shot during the Nedbank League match played at the Police Academy in Matsapha yesterday.

## Bob Ladies shine in Nedbank Volleyball League

BY JONGILE XUBA

OLLEYBALL - Bob Ladies continued their fine Nedbank Volleyball League campaign with two wins during the matches played at Police Academy yesterday afternoon.

In what was a good afternoon of volleyball for the women's category, Bob Ladies started their fixtures against Siteki Ladies and they managed to win the match with a comfortable 3–0 score. Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) were in a derby against Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) and the police side won the match 3-0, to get all the bragging rights.

Bob Ladies were in action again, this time facing UEDF where they managed to beat the army side 3-0. Other fixtures saw REPS beat Siteki adies 3-0.

The men's action also had some fire cracker encounter when REPS took on Mshinande where they won 3–0.

Ludzeludze and Mahlanya were the second fixture of the day and Ludzeludze managed to edge Mahlanya with a 3-2 set score. Other matches played on the day saw REPS beat Ludzeludze 3-0 whilst Bob Cats managed a clean sweep against UEDF with a 3-0 win as well.

Men's			
REPS	3	0	Mshinande
Ludzeludze	3	2	Mahlanya
REPS	3	0	Ludzeludze
Bob Cats	3	0	UEDF
Ladies			
Bob Ladies	3	0	Siteki Ladies
REPS	3	0	UEDF
Bob Ladies	3	0	UEDF
REPS	3	0	Siteki Ladies

# pant 'Weslians' lift Bible Society

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

Wanderers.....(1)5, Sundowns.....(0)0

OCCER - A rampant Manzini Wanderers side put Manzini Sundowns to the sword with a 5-0 rout to win their second consecutive Bible Society Cup title at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

It was a changed Wanderers side that paraded the likes of former Royal Leopard's winger, Juries Gama, Vovovo FC and Sihlangu's midfielder Leon Manyisa, and Benin born Chafiou Houessou, also from Vovovo FC.

Sundowns, who had only one hour to rest and prepare for the final after their victory over Mbabane Highlanders, looked lethargic in the second half, a period in which they completely capitulated. Wanderers had gone into the interval with a 1-0 advantage follow-

ing Johnson Mensah's 36th minute strike after a rare mistake from Mbombela United's defender, Humphrey Khoza, who was a guest player for Sundowns. Mensah benefitted from a collision between the defender and goal-keeper Phila Mamba to poke in from close

It took six second half minutes for the 'Weslians' to pull away and all but declare the game dead as a contest when Mensah completed his brace following a tremendous solo run on the left flank that resulted in his final shot finding the far corner of the net to send Wanderers' fans into delirium.

The third goal came immediately as Juries crossed into the box from the left flank with Jose Machado controlling well on the far post to pull back for Mhlengi Mngometulu to head home his team's third of the match. Sundowns were struggling to cope with Wanderers' attacks as the wingers delivered cross



Manzini Wanderers captain Menzi Gamedze receiving the trophy from Minister of Sports Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, Portfolio committee member Vulimpompi Nhleko and Bible Society of Eswatini Chairperson Nomsa Mndzebele. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

after another into the box. Fatigue was taking hold of the 'Kappa Boys' defence as Juries struck home the fourth goal from a free kick just outside the box

after a laboured tackle from skipper, Phumlane Dlamini on Mhlengi. At this point, Wanderers' fans were already in song as the trophy seemed safe and

secure. However, Leon had other ideas as he saved the best for last. Manqoba Spider' Maseko broke free on the right flank before delivering a low cross into Manyisa's path.

The rest was history as he found the roof of the net with an exquisite strike.

Victory was for Wanderers to savour, but perhaps the timing of the semifinals of the tournament could well be improved ahead of next year's event to afford both teams adequate time to recover before the main match.

#### The teams

Wanderers - Romanus (Banele Dlamini), Machado (Menzi Gamedze), Mphumuzi Ginindza, Sihle Thamie), Houesson, Mhlengi, Leon, Mensah (Fash), Mancoba , Juries, Sifiso Maseko. Sundowns – Phila (Lwethu), Siyabonga Ginindza, Mkhuleko, Humphrey, Phumlane, Njabulo Shongwe, Mlondi (Muzi Mahlalela), Banele Ndzabandzaba (Triston Dunn), Linda (Zwakele Mngomezulu), Sibonginkhosi, Mzwandile Mzileni

STORIES BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

Sundowns.....(0)0 Highlanders.....(0)0

(Sundowns won 5-3 after penalties)

OCCER - A subdued performance by Mbabane Highlanders handed a youthful Manzini Sundowns side easy passage to the finals of the Bible Society Cup at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

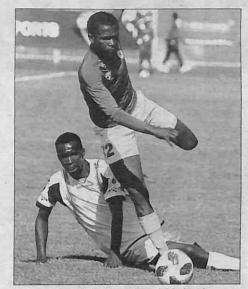
Highlanders' debut in the competition did not go according to plan as Sundowns' academy stars stood their own against their more illustrious opponents to force the game to penalties where a good performance by substitute goalkeeper, Lwethu Simelane ensured they prevailed.

In a game of very few chances in open play, Highlanders had the first opening in the 32nd minute when Ndumiso Mabuza crossed for Phumlani Ngwenya on the edge of the six area box, but his tame shot was easily collected by Phila Mamba in Sundowns' goal.

Ngwenya then unleashed a thunderbolt from the edge of the box on the stroke of half-time, drawing a stunning save from Mamba to ensure a 0-0 stalemate at the break.

At the restart, Mzwandile Mzileni wasted a good chance to give Sundowns the lead when he broke free on the left flank only to see his final shot cut across goal and go wide. Highlanders took control of the game after this missed chance and Thabiso Mokenkoane was unlucky when his header drifted just wide of the left upright in the 52nd minute.

Lwethu then came on for Phila Mamba two minutes later. His first task was to thwart Mokenkoane after he came one-on-one with



Mbabane Highlanders' Melusi Diamini losing the ball to Manzini Sundowns' Mkhuleko Magagula in the second semi-final. Sundowns won 5-3 on penalties.

(Pic: Lucky Simelane)

him in the 60th minute after having been released by Ngwenya. The striker's well placed shot beat the keeper but failed to find the target.

Vusumuzi Zungu received a raucous applause when he replaced Mthobisi Mngomezulu late on, but he did little to influence the outcome of the game until the referee blew for full-time.

In the shoot-outs, Highlanders missed through Mokenkoane, while Sundowns scored from all their kicks. Final score was 5-3 in favour of the 'Kappa Boys'.

## Wanderers past through Moneni Pirates

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

Manzini Wanderers ...(1)2 Moneni Pirates ...(1)1

OCCER - Manzini Wanderers saw off sworn Privals Moneni Pirates to reach the Bible Society Cup final in a match played yesterday at Mavuso Sports Centre.

Parading Vovovo star player Leon Manyisa as one of their guest players, the maroon and white outfit started the game on a high note, as they stringed good passes, especially in the belly of the park in the opening 10 min-

Manyisa tested Moneni Pirates goal minder Siyabonga Zwane five minutes into the affair with a ground shot outside the edge of the box. However, Zwane was equal to the task. The Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati's charges later switched off, hence the 'Sea Robbers' took the game away.

In the 24 minute Moneni Pirates took the lead through a Thabo Vilakati glancing header.

Five minutes later, Phila Dlamini's shot at the edge of the box was flicked over the bar by Wanderers goalkeeper Ncedo Mamba.

The 'Weslians' levelled matters 10 minutes before the breather through Sihlangu player Jose Machado's header which came from a Mike Dombo corner kick.

, with the score reading 1-1. In the second half, 'Koki' Vilakati introduced Johnson Mensah and

The teams went for the break



Moneni Pirates' Menzi Simelane attempts to go past Manzini Wanderers' Leon Manyisa during the first semi-final of the Bible Society Cup at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Wanderers won 2-1. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

Juries Gama. His counterpart Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane brought in his prodigal son Xolani Ngwenya and Phumlani Shabangu.

The changes resulted in the 'Buccaneers' boys pilling pressure on their opponents.

Speedy winger Mphucuko Dlamini's goal was ruled offside in the 55 minute.

Both sides continued launching offensive attacks. Manzini Wanderers created better scoring opportunities but could not utilise them. The maroon and white outfit finally netted the winner through former Tambuti FC player Mpendulo Ngidi who broke the hearts of the 'Sea Robbers' fans after capitalising from a Pirates defensive blunder.

#### The teams

M. Wanderers

Mamba Noedo, Jose Machado, Ginindza Mphumuzi, Mkhonta Sihle, Maseko Sifiso, Houssou Abboudou, Maseko Mancoba, Manyisa Leon, Ndzimandze Mfanufikile, Mpendulo Ngidi, Mike Dombo.

Siyabonga Zwane, Zweli Mdlovu, Mthunzi Motsa, Samkelo Ginindza, Menzi Simelane, Phila Dlamini, Mbongeni Magagula, Lwazi Mamba, Mphucuko' Dlamini, Laurent Abah.

## Sundowns parade SA's Mbombela United stars

OCCER - Manzini Sundowns yesterday paraded three players from South Africa's National First Division side, Mbombela United during the Bible Society Cup.

The players were defender Humphrey Khoza, midfielders Banele Ndzabandzaba and Njabulo Shongwe. They were part of Sundowns team that reached the final of the tournament where they lost 0-5 to Manzini Wanderers.

Most Sundowns' fans were excited to see them on the pitch in their team's colours, especially because they brought solidity in the first game against Highlanders, but the team's head coach, Ernest Mavuso shot down assertions that they could join the team as he said their appearance was only as guest players for the

"They are excellent players and could without doubt solve many of our problems if we were to have them, but that is not the case. They made a huge difference on the day but honestly, our focus was on the youngsters we fielded alongside them as we do not know if we could ever have them with us," he said.

Interviewed after their victory over Highlanders, Khoza said he did not know if he would eventually sign with Sundowns or not.

"We will see, but for now I had been invited to be part of the team for the tournament," he said. The players were accompanied by their former coach at Mbombela, Milton Dlamini, who was part of Sundowns' technical team.

Ndzabandzaba, meanwhile, first surfaced in coach Kostadin Papic's first Sihlangu squad back in March. However, he failed to make the final team that went to Tunisia for the AFCON qualifier which Sihlangu lost 0-4.

#### MHLONGO IMPRESSED WITH 'BULL' DEFENCE

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

OCCER - Mbabane Highlanders' coach, Bongani Mhlongo was left impressed with his team's defence despite a 5-3 penalty shoot-out loss to Manzini Sundowns at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

In a post-match interview, Mhlongo stated that given the fact they had only one week to prepare for the game, he did not expect much from his players.

He pointed out that his defend-

ers did exceptionally well by limiting Sundowns to very few chances throughout the game.

Able

"We were able to contain them for much of the game, to the extent that they failed to penetrate us. The only shots they took towards our goal were from a distance, which means we defended very well overall," he said.

The coach added that inconsistency in their preparations was largely to blame for their failure to progress to the final of the Bible

Society Cup.

"We were not sharp enough upfront as we had chances but failed to convert.

We were also not decisive with our passing, and I guess our focus now will be on ensuring that we have a smooth pre-season so that we are ready for the start of the new season," he said.

Mhlongo further pointed out that he was optimistic of future success as most of the problems they had towards the end of last season had been sorted.



# Ukraine sink South Korea to claim Under-20 World Cup glory

ODZ - Ukraine recovered from the shock of falling behind to an early penalty as they beat South Korea 3-1 to win the Under-20 World Cup final in Poland yesterday.

Vladyslav Supriaha was the star for Ukraine, the 19-year-old Dynamo Kiev player scoring twice as his country won the prestigious title for the first time, succeeding the England side who won in 2017.

The Koreans had taken an early lead in Lodz in central Poland, with Valencia starlet Lee Kang-in converting a fifthminute penalty awarded following a VAR review after Kim Se-yun had been fouled right on the edge of the box.

However, Ukraine levelled in the 34th minute, Supriaha turning and prodding in after the Korean defence had failed to clear a free-kick.

#### Inadvertently

The same player then gave Ukraine the lead eight minutes into the second half, firing home after Kim Hyun-woo had inadvertently played the ball into his path when trying to make a challenge. The Koreans almost levelled when Lee Jae-ik's header was saved by Andriy Lunin, the ball hitting the post on its way to safety. Instead, Ukraine secured the title a minute from time when Heorhiy Tsitaishvili ran more than half the length of the field before finishing emphatically into the far corner.

Ukraine had finished top of a group also containing the United States, Nigeria and Qatar, before seeing off Panama, Colombia and then Italy on their way to the final. France, Argentina and Portugal had been among the other nations taking part in Poland.

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# RAMPANT 'WESLIANS' DEFEND BIBLE CUP



.... Hub giants thrash rivals 'Downs at a packed Mavuso Sports Centre



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