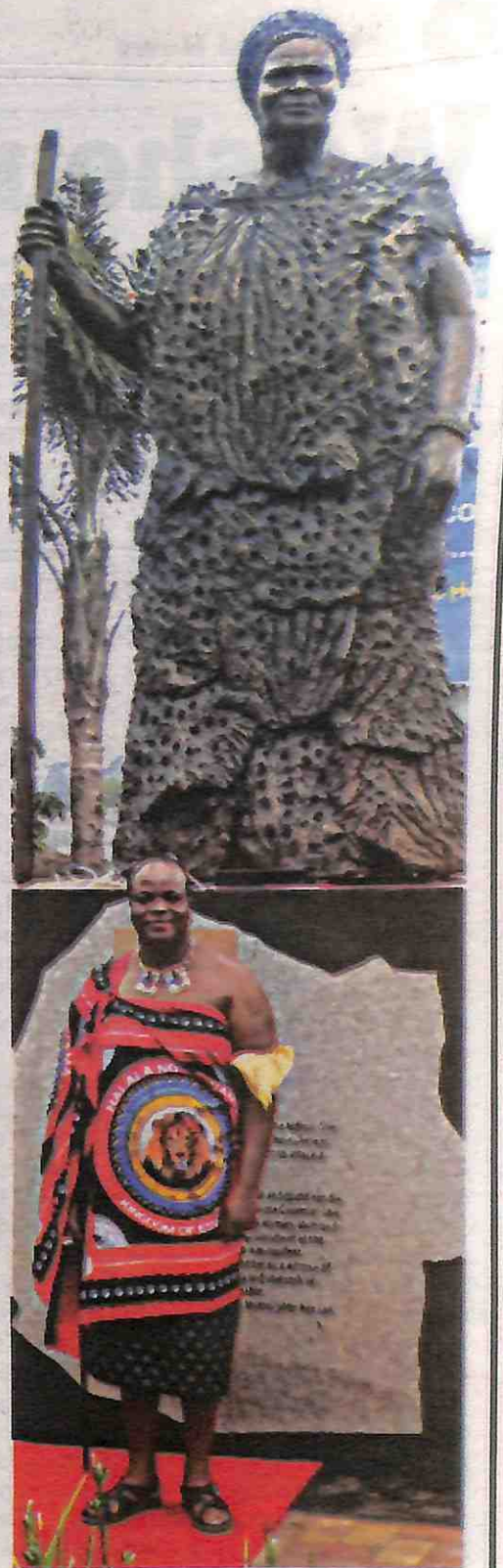


THE CAPITAL STANDSTILL...



FOR THE LOVE OF OUR KING: His Majesty King Mswati III being welcomed by hundreds of Emaswati as he arrives at Gwamile Street before unveiling the Queen Gwamile statue next to the Municipal Council of Mbabane offices. The King also officially opened the FINCORP Building and Hilton Garden Inn Hotel. (Pics: Lucky Simelane) **MORE ON PAGES 4 - 5**



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We shouldn't forget Gwamile - King

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ezulwini

HIS Majesty King Mswati III said the nation shouldn't forget the historic icon Queen Gwamile (Labotsibeni) as she played a vital role in the country.

The King was speaking at MTN Golf Park after officially launching the three projects in Mbabane yesterday.

The combined cost of the three projects was E578 million. These were the FINCORP Headquarters, which the King named Intfutuko Building, PSPF Hilton Hotel and the Queen Gwamile monument at the traffic circle at Gwamile Street in Mbabane. The above mentioned cost E97 million, E480 million and E1.7 million respectively.

On Queen Gwamile the King said the memorable day for the capital city would help the country realise its growth aspirations as there was availability of appropriate infrastructure, which was very important.

He said this provided the much needed facilities for business to thrive and played an important role in job creation through construction.

"The projects have not only transformed the physical landscape of Mbabane city but were completed in record time. We were pleased earlier on to have the opportunity to admire the new structures," he said.

The King applauded the Municipal Council of Mbabane for a sterling job of reminding the nation of her heritage and its rich history.

He said the monument was ideally situated on the main street which

was named after Queen Gwamile in recognition of the legacy and the great history which she represented.

"This sculpture marks the tribute we have for the hard work of our forebearers through their selfless service to Their Majesties, heirs, descendants and the entire nation. Please continue making this city a tourist destination which lives up to being the true capital city of this great nation," stated the King.

Nation

He said Queen Gwamile sacrificed everything to ensure that the country was where it is today, being a proud nation with strong foundational principles and upbringing. She made sure that King Sobhuza II got education against the advice of many who opposed it.

"From way back women were recognised and celebrated for their important critical roles, even now we do. From the time the Queen took King Sobhuza II to school, education has had great strides indicating that it was key.

"No nation can achieve anything without education. FINCORP is a result of education and it is recognised even by the international community," he said.

King Mswati III added that preserving a country's history had an important role to play in the development of its citizens. It made the statue of Gogo Gwamile a worthwhile initiative.

His Majesty encouraged the city council to work harder to improve service delivery in the city. He also implored parastatals to continue investing in efforts to minimise dependency on government to grow.

'DEVELOPED COUNTRIES A RESULT OF FUNDS LIKE PSPF'

HIS Majesty the King said developed countries were a result of funds like the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF).

He encouraged the nation to learn from developed countries as the country aims to reach first world status by 2022.

The King said this had been a legacy from savings made by pensionable civil servants which they aimed to use at a later stage in life. However, Emaswati raised concerns that they needed more income generating projects hence the investment.

"You need to always keep in mind that Emaswati look up to the pension fund for a decent life after retirement, therefore, it becomes critical that you invest their money wisely as well. Ensure that this investment is protected against any acts of corruption

that would negatively impact and affect the fund," advised Okandaba. He said this would raise confidence in the local economy as PSPF successfully invested more than 40 per cent of its assets locally which was way above what was required by legislation.

"Over 25 years it has accumulated over 20 billion.

PSPF has partnered with the international Hilton Hotel to enhance their management skills as they have many hotels in the world. I believe that this partnership will bear more fruits. It is also encouraging that bookings have increased since May," he said.

His Majesty added that hospitality at the hotel met first world status, with great work by architectures, engineers and other aspects. He encouraged people to use it.

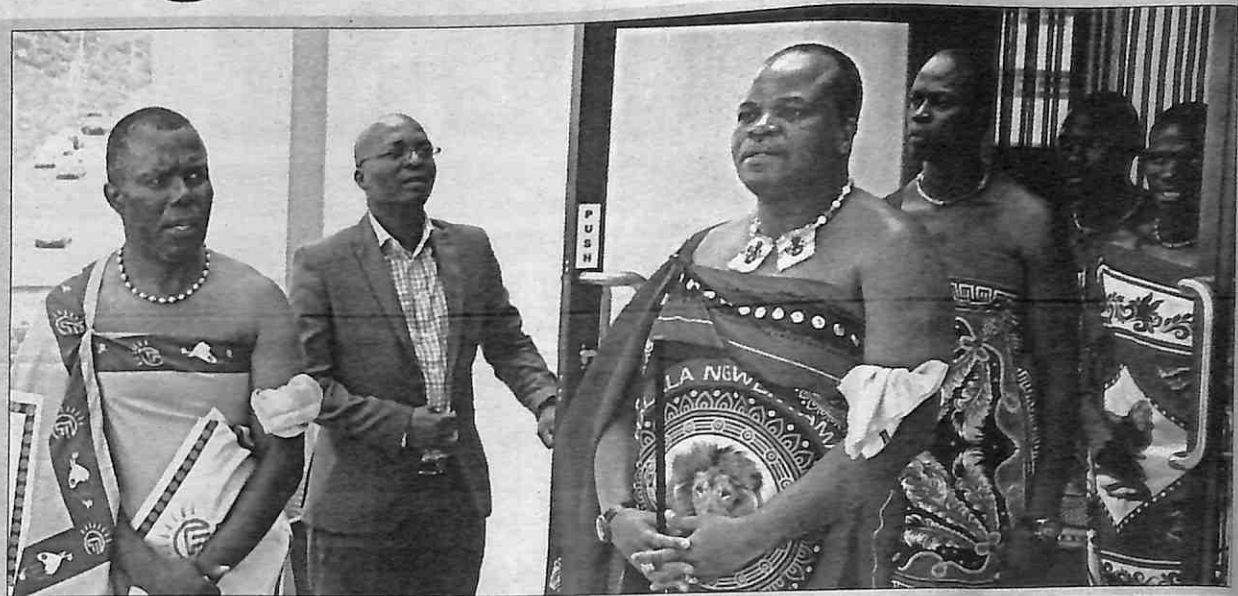
21 cows for Their Majesties

THE three institutions presented Their Majesties with special gifts in the forms of 21 cows.

Tetfulo were presented by the Municipal Council of Mbabane Mayor Sikhumbuzo

Dube, FINCORP MD Dumisani Msibi and PSPF CEO Langalakhe Dlamini. Dube presented five cows, Msibi and Dlamini each presented eight cows each.

Name of Institution	His Majesty's	Her Majesty's
Municipal Council of Mbabane	3	2
FINCORP	5	3
PSPF	5	3



UNVEILS: His Majesty King Mswati III after unveiling the plaque at FINCORP Building in Mbabane yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

FINCORP brought confidence in local economy, banks

THE King said FINCORP came at a time when banks were skeptical in lending money to farmers because they were not guaranteed of payments after a series of unpaid loans from the latter.

He said the institution neutralised a dire situation by providing loans to farmers who acknowledged that the fund was the King's so they had to pay it back.

His Majesty said Emaswati worked harder after committing to pay the loans, he was assured when some report-

ed to him that they were assisted having borrowed from FINCORP.

"That situation has prevailed until now, confidence was regained by the banking sector as a result after not being paid *sebatse mantulwa uyavut-fwa*. Currently it has given out loans amounting to E1.2 billion, this is in line with our expectation of having many billionaires in the country, said the King.

His Majesty acknowledged the Republic of China (Taiwan) for injecting a capital of E36 million and Tibiyo

TakaNgwane for the E8 million injection so that farmers could be assisted with loans.

He also appreciated SANLAM Eswatini for constructing the state-of-the-art building.

"We hope that it is well maintained and taken care of. Thank you to all those who played a role towards today. We further encouraged those who have received support from FINCORP to honour their repayment commitments so that others could equally benefit," he stated.

80 000 benefit from E6.2 billion – FINCORP MD

FINCORP Managing Director Dumsani Msibi revealed that cumulative disbursements made by the institution since inception were in excess of E6.2 billion to over 80 000 beneficiaries.

He said they focused on the mandate given by His Majesty the King to go and provide access credit to the nation funding local small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs), creating jobs and ending poverty in the rural communities.

Msibi added that Emaswati who were developing themselves in various ways across the country had borrowed E1.2 billion.

He said this was because it was a revolving fund where the borrower was loaned, paid back so that help could be extended to others.

The MD disclosed that the SMEs collectively produced goods and services

annually valued at E1.4 billion which they considered to be a small contribution to the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Growth

"FINCORP has over the last 23 years gone through massive transformational growth culminating to the formation of two subsidiary companies; First Finance and FINSURE Insurance Brokers in an effort to diversify revenue streams in an effort to give the organisation both financial and institutional sustainability," said Msibi.

He added through their subsidiary First Finance Company they had offered loans for education, rural housing, home improvement, motor vehicles, household goods and invoice discounting.

Msibi requested the King for what he termed a 'royal nudge' that would encourage the shareholders to do the right thing

towards a critical business needed.

He said they needed an adequate capitalisation of FINCORP by its shareholders; government and Tibiyo TakaNgwane in order to reduce external borrowing which currently came at a very high cost.

"The E1.2 billion portfolio invested in SMEs is financed through external borrowings in excess of E800 million which is high and very costly.

From our annual turnover of plus or minus E220 million, we pay over E100 million towards interest to our lenders some of which are foreign institutions," he said.

Msibi paid a special tribute to their main partners SANLAM Eswatini who arranged the entire funding transaction by joining hands with ERIS Property Group delivering a 'turnkey' project solution under a Private Public Partnership.

Jovial mood as His Majesty tours Mbabane

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

IT was laughter all the way as His Majesty King Mswati III toured Mbabane yesterday.

The King toured Mbabane City when officially opening Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, FINCORP building and unveiling Queen Gwamile's statue.

His Majesty would now and then send the entourage into stitches of laughter with his banter.

At Hilton Garden Hotel His Majesty

asked what happens when one needs fresh air from outside the hotel.

This was after he was informed that the windows cannot be opened and room temperature is regulated by an air conditioner.

Air

PSPF CEO Langalakhe Dlamini said the only way one could get fresh air was by going outside the hotel building.

His Majesty also sent the entourage into stitches after he told the CEO to show him how the gym equipment

This led to the CEO doing lifts count-

ing from one to 10 much to the amusement of onlookers.

His Majesty who was in a jovial mood would now and then send the crowd into stitches with his light-hearted humour.

His Majesty took his time taking pictures with management and staff at the places he toured yesterday.

It was pictures galore as people took turns posing with His Majesty.

While alighting from his vehicle proceeding to Gogo Gwamile statue His Majesty took his time to greet onlookers who couldn't help but scream with excitement upon seeing the King.

THE CAPITAL COMES ALIVE AS KING HITS MBABANE

..Officially unveils Queen Labotsibeni monument, opens E97m FINCORP building, E480m Hilton Garden Inn

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

MBABANE city came alive yesterday as His Majesty King Mswati III officially opened two buildings and unveiled the statue of Queen Labotsibeni also known as Gwamile.

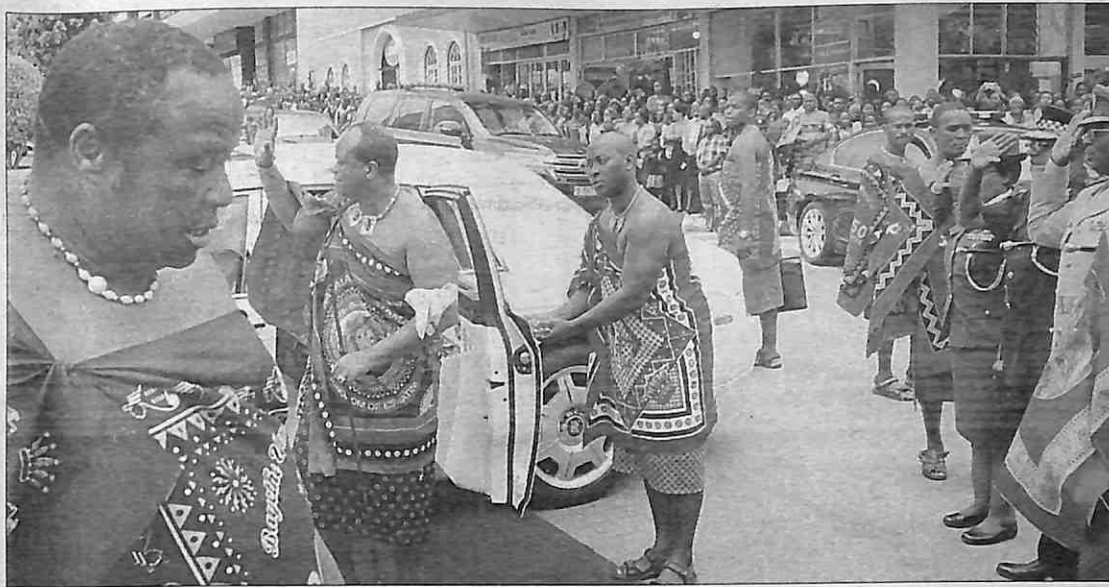
The symbolic moment in the history of Mbabane saw throngs of people lining up the streets to witness His Majesty the King blessing these projects.

The King started by touring the Eswatini Development Finance Corporation headquarters building (commonly known as FINCORP). This building it was revealed is worth E97 million.

It was also revealed that FINCORP was launched by His Majesty the King in November 1995, back then it was known as the E44 million Enterprise Trust Fund.

The launch happened at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre and the organisation first opened its doors to the public in April 1996 after wide consultations with various stakeholders under the leadership of Tibiyo TakaNgwane.

The government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) back then, it is said, played a major role in the formation of FINCORP by availing



STANDSTILL: His Majesty King Mswati III waves to Emaswati upon arrival at Gwamile Street where he unveiled Queen Gwamile's monument next to the Municipal Council of Mbabane offices. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

a total sum of E36 million seed capital whilst Tibiyo Taka Ngwane provided an additional sum of E8 million. During the tour of FINCORP, His Majesty the King was shown around the state-of-the-art building and its features. One of the things that stood out during the tour was the boardroom, which has the latest technology which allows those using it to engage in live tele and video conferencing.

His Majesty the King then proceeded to the Municipal Council of

Mbabane, where he unveiled and launched the Gwamile Monument worth over E1 million.

This was hailed as a symbolic moment in the history of the capital city. His Majesty the King unveiled the statue while throngs of people who lined the streets watched.

The King then proceeded to Hilton Garden Inn Hotel where he officially opened the building worth E480 million.

His Majesty the King was taken around the hotel by the Public Service

Pensions Fund's Chief Executive Officer Langelakhe Dlamini, who are owners of the hotel, but managed by the international Hilton Garden Group of Hotels. Some of the memorable moments during the tour included His Majesty the King asking the CEO to show him how to use the gym equipment situated inside the hotel.

The CEO had no problem as he took some weights and started lifting, much to the amusement of the entourage.

Hilton aligning itself with Vision 2022 - Hilton Vice President

HILTON Garden Inn Vice President Jan Van der Putten has stated that as the Hilton Hotel Group they fully aligned themselves with His Majesty King Mswati III's Vision 2022 of seeing the country reaching First World status by 2022.

Van der Putten was speaking during the launch of the hotel at Mahlalekhukhwini House in Ezulwini yesterday.

He said the Hilton Hotel Group has 17 branches with 5 800 hotels in 114 countries. Van der Putten said in Africa the hotel is in 40 countries with the Kingdom of Eswatini being the latest. The vice president said as a hotel they strove to offer uncompromised customer service standards. He said this was evidenced by the awards they have won so far. Van der Putten said human capital was at the core of the hotel's vision and as they celebrate their 100th anniversary, they fully aligned themselves with His Majesty's Vision 2022.

'Emaswati very hospitable'

IF there is one thing that Emaswati have always been applauded for being good at, it is being hospitable.

These sentiments were also shared by Hilton Garden Inn Hotel Group Vice President Jan Van Der Putten when presenting his speech before His Majesty King Mswati III yesterday at Mahlalekhukhwini House.

The vice president said he has heard for many years about the reputation of Emaswati being hospitable people.

Van der Putten said none of what the hotel has achieved would have been possible without the hospitality of Emaswati.

He pointed out that Emaswati are a true embodiment of what the hotel is all about. The hotel, it was revealed, has got 124 rooms of different types with two accessible rooms, 26 twin rooms, 16 deluxe rooms, 74 standard rooms, five suites, and two family rooms.

The Hilton Garden Inn has employed a total of 100 Emaswati and has won international awards namely the Most Innovative Project by the Southern African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) and the Best Hotel Development awarded by Africa Property Investment Award.

Projects will change economic landscape of Eswatini - PM

PRIME Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini has hailed the official opening of the three projects in Mbabane as something that will change the economic landscape of the country.

The prime minister also appreciated the recognition of the significant role played by people such as Gogo Gwamile in the country.

The prime minister said Her Majesty Queen Gwamile stood strong and tall, he also appreciated the leadership of the Queen Mother in the country.

On another note, the prime minister said it was gratifying to note that from a seed capital base of E44 million way back in 1995, FINCORP has grown its assets to just above E1.2 billion. The premier stated that he was informed that FINCORP has cumulatively approved loans in excess of E6.2 billion to over 80 000 Emaswati since inception.

Statue of Gwamile symbol of women power

HER Majesty Queen Gwamile's statue was hailed as one that is a true reflection of women power and the respect accorded to women in the country.

Minister of Public Service Wilson Ntshangase, when making his remarks yesterday said the unveiling of the statue showed the love and respect that the country had for women.

A brief background of the statue shared yesterday was that Mbabane city was established in 1902 after a peace treaty, the Treaty of Vereeniging, which quelled the animosity between Britons and the Boers. It is said Mbabane was proclaimed the capital town of Eswatini in 1903 and later declared an urban area in 1912. It is said all of this happened during 1899 to 1921 period. It is said all this happened



IT LOOKS NICE: His Majesty King Mswati III admires the statue of Queen Gwamile.

during the reign of Queen Gwamile as Regent at the time (between 1899 and 1921).

Queen Mother Gwamile's immense contribution towards the development and progres-

sion of Mbabane was greatly appreciated.

Queen Gwamile was hailed as a woman known for her feisty, strength of character and capabilities.

Public wowed by Gogo Gwamile statue

THOUSANDS of members of the public who came through to watch the unveiling of Gogo Gwamile statue were left in awe by the statue which looks so 'alive'.

Members of the public who lined the streets pointed out that the statue was a true resemblance of Gogo Gwamile.

Some were heard saying the

statue looks more like it will come alive and speak "Yini ngatsi utokhuluma," remarked one onlooker, in vernacular when the statue was unveiled.

Some immediately flashed out their mobile phones and started snapping pictures of the statue as soon as it was unveiled.

Within seconds, the pictures of the statue were shared all

over social media platforms with most people admiring the work done by those who created it.

While some were thrilled by the unveiling of the statue, for some the happiness was more on seeing His Majesty the King hit the streets of Mbabane in person, which is something that does not happen often.



Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini.

LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Conference Room on the 05 NOVEMBER 2019 starting at 10.00am.

Region HH0H0

1. LUNGILE HLATJWAYO P. O. Box 217 EZULWINI grant of a WINE & MALT Liquor Licence situated at FARM 2 PLOT 279 SIDWASHINI known as EKHAYABAR.

Any person who wishes to lodge an objection to the above-mentioned application may do so with the Secretary of the Liquor Licensing Board in writing, sending a copy to the applicant by registered mail to reach him/her at least ten days before the sitting of the Board.

SECRETARY LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD
P.O. BOX 451
MBABANE

E23.5 BILLION PENSION SAVINGS IN SAFE



WENA WAPHA KATHI: His Majesty King Mswati III unveils the plaque at FINCORP building before he unveils the Queen Gwamile statue and later opening the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Mbabane yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



OFFICIAL: His Majesty the King joined by PSPF Chief Executive Officer Langalakhe Dlamini, Chairman of the Board Sammy Dlamini and Hilton Inn Group Vice President Jan Van der Putton as they pose after the unveiling of the plaque.



REGENT: Councillors of Mbabane together with Minister of Tinkhundla David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala join the King while posing next to the statue of Queen Gwamile.

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

THE Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) has assured members who have entrusted them with E23.5 billion of their savings that their monies are in safe hands.

This assurance was made by PSPF Chief Executive Officer Langalakhe Dlamini yesterday during the official launch of Hilton Garden Inn Hotel.

The hotel is one of the investments that PSPF has made.

Speaking during the event, Dlamini said their focus was to take care of the assets they have and grow them to ensure that a sustainable retirement plan is in place for all civil servants while investing in building a robust and health Eswatini economy.

...pays pensioners a total

Through the hotel, the CEO said they believe as PSPF they have delivered an exceptional product.

The CEO said what led to the development of the hotel was that the PSPF wanted to secure an international hotel brand to operate it.

He added that the design of the building was to be iconic, futuristic and world class in line with the Vision 2022, as well as inspire the country's future architectural language.

When explaining why they decided to invest in Hilton Hotel, Dlamini said this was because Hilton is an international brand.

He said they would not go for a local brand or any local operator or even region-



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III joined by FINCORP management led by MD Dumisani Msibi at the rooftop of the building.



PENSION: PSPF management poses with His Majesty the King.



DIRECTORS: PSPF Board members pose with His Majesty King Mswati III.



ROYAL FAMILY: Emakhosikati were also present at the event.

HANDS - PSPF CEO

of E110 million monthly

al operator for their strategy was to create a new market, and not cannibalise their sister hotel operators in the country.

The PSPF chief executive officer explained that the Government of Eswatini, the employees which are active members and pensioners are great people who have trusted them with E23.5 billion of their savings.

The CEO said for some of their members this is their only life savings and they acknowledge that they are looking after this money with integrity and stewardship.

Dlamini said the fund now pays more than E110 million to various pensioners on a monthly basis. He said E110 million a month is prob-

ably one of the few large payrolls this country runs. He added that as PSPF, they have more than 50 000 beneficiaries who are paid by the fund monthly.

The CEO said as PSPF, they pride themselves in their net contribution to the economy. Dlamini said they are yet to carry out a full scope research and benchmarking exercise comparing benefits provided by the fund to similar schemes in the region.

The CEO said desktop investigations have shown that their fund provides better benefits to its members.

"It will interest our active members to know that it takes us less than five days to process the exit lump sum from day of retirement to payment," the CEO said.



TOO HEAVY: PSPF CEO Langalakhe Dlamini lifts the weights while His Majesty looks on.



MANY: Photographers made sure they got nice shots of the King.



BAYETHE: Hilton Garden Inn Hotel employees also had a chance to pose with His Majesty the King.



HLOHLA DVOYE: Prince Sigombeni and Prince Hlangusemphi lead Emajaha in song as they walk past Madlenya House and the DPM's Office on their way to the official unveiling of Queen Gwamile Statue along Gwamile Street.



ON ROOFTOP: His Majesty King Mswati III joined by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, Tibiyo TakaNgwane MD Dr A.T Dlamini and Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati.



FUNDERS: FINCORP employees led by MD Dumisani Msibi pose with the King after he officially opened the building.



FOR THE LOVE OF OUR KING: Emaswati, including pupils came in their numbers to watch the proceedings at Gwamile Street.

LaMgabhi murder: Deceased's friend arrested

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
LaMgabhi

A 16-year-old boy has been arrested in connection to the murder of Maswati Fakudze whose body was discovered by his father hours after reporting him missing at LaMgabhi.

The arrest of the murder suspect could solve the puzzle of three other murders currently under police investigation.

Yesterday, members the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) Lukhozi Department arrested the 16-year-old and he is currently kept in police custody, where he is being questioned concerning the murder of Maswati (15).

The deceased 15-year-old's body was discovered less than a kilometre away from where the body of the minor was discovered. His body was also dragged away from the murder scene and concealed within a bush. Ironically, the murder suspect is a resident of the area.

The murder of Maswati comes just seven months after a Hlophe family from around the area discovered the corpse of Senzelwe Hlophe (four), who was found a hundred metres from her homestead, her body concealed within a bush. Next to the corpse was a kitchen knife, which, according to some family members, belonged to the family.

The LaMgabhi community has been

...suspect could also be linked to three other murders



THIS WAY: A police officer from the Lukhozi Unit shows the murder suspect Sibahle Zwane which way to go upon arrival at the Ezulwini Police Station after his arrest yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

living in fear since the death of the four-year-old minor and the uncertainty surrounding her death had left the community in constant tension resulting in residents' finger pointing.

Over the past months, allegations have circulated that the minor's killer was a prominent member of the Hlophe chieftaincy from the area. Information gathered was to the effect that the suspect is a resident in

the chiefdom. The circumstances regarding the arrest murder suspect were said to have been caused by the death of a classmate who was doing Grade Six at Qedusizi Primary.

A source mentioned that the suspect was reported to have had a falling out with his classmate following prolonged bullying. The source added that in another incident,

Murder suspect's sanity questioned

FOLLOWING his arrest yesterday, the murder suspect depicted a care free attitude.

According to information gathered, a community member said they had suspicions that the suspect could be linked to the recent murder.

However, he said what was strange was that when they visited the Fakudze family for mourning, the suspect was found in the homestead charging his cellphone in the house the deceased used to sleep in.

"This is very disturbing because he did not show any remorse and acted like he did not know anything," he said. Another community member

mentioned when the suspect was taken to his homestead by the police to collect the clothes he was wearing on Sunday, he still did not show any remorse as he was seen smiling while in the company of the police.

Mentioned

He also mentioned that the suspect would be best kept away from the community as there were a number of people who did not want him back in the area.

"It would be best if he would be kept in prison or the psychiatric centre for the rest of his life because he was no longer welcome here as people are angry," he said.

the suspect was said to have fallen out with his younger sister after they had an argument following a dispute over domestic chores. "It is believed that the suspect's sister was also murdered which prompted the suspect moving to his mother's homestead.

Source

The source also mentioned as community members, they suspected the boy was behind the murder of Maswati Fakudze as the deceased was last seen with him on Sunday.

It was also mentioned that the suspect had fresh wounds on his arms and chest suspected to have been suspected that they were sustained during the murder.

When contacted, the murder suspect's family declined to comment on the matter. LaMgabhi Indvuna Alfred Maseko also declined to comment on

the matter.

"I cannot comment on the matter," he said. The father of the deceased also said he was still not in a position to comment on the matter.

"As we speak I am home having a meeting with the elders regarding the matter in question," he said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the arrest of a 16-year-old of LaMgabhi area in connection with the murder of Maswati Fakudze (15).

Vilakati added the suspect was also linked to the other three murders but stated the police were still in the process of conducting investigations to verify the other three murder cases. She also said the suspect would make his court appearance today pending finalisation of the paperwork.

Community members hoping arrest brings closure

COMMUNITY members hope the arrest of the murder suspect brings closure to residents.

This was revealed by a member of LaMgabhi community who opted for anonymity amid the tension in the area. She stated since the death of the minor earlier this year, they have been living in constant fear for their children's lives. She said they were even afraid to let their children go to school let alone sending them to shops.

Forced

"We have been forced to go to the shops ourselves as we feared for our children's lives. The situation has been dire and we are hoping this could be the end of it and the minor's family can get some closure," she said. She also mentioned as much as the suspect acted normally in most instances, he was scary to some extent as he always carried a bush knife with him wherever he went.

Another community member said he did not know much about the suspect's earlier life, but they always suspected he was not in the right state of mind as he would have outbursts out of the blue. He added the recent murder confirmed their suspicions that the murders were being committed by a local. He stated they hoped the police investigations would solve the murders once and for all so they could get back to their normal lives.

We have been forced to go to the shops ourselves as we feared for our children's lives

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**Barnabas matsebula
For; registrar of companies**

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION IN TERMS OF THE MANZINI TOWN PLANNING SCHEME OF 2013

I Mrs. Bonsile N. Ndwandwe Ateko the owner(s) of the property in question, hereby make a Public Notice in terms of Clause 1.4 of the 2013 Manzini Town Planning scheme that I wish to apply **VARIATION** in the (describe the variance) from **6m FRONTAGE, 3m SIDES & BACK** To plot R/24/125

Anyone having objection to this application may lodge their objections, in writing, with the Municipal Council of Manzini at P.O. Box 418, Manzini M200, Swaziland not later than **21 November 2019**, that is 21 days from the late publication of the notice namely on **23 October 2019**.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK:

AS the nation celebrates Customer Service Week, Manzini News cannot help but reflect on the great customer service milestones that have over the recent years been achieved by the kingdom's Hub; particularly within the Eswatini municipal space.

Those who have experienced the Municipal Council of Manzini's customer-friendly environment will attest to the fact that the City of Manzini is one of the best in the region with regard to putting the customer first. Inspired by the municipality's bold mission statement, which is emphatic on the issue of quality municipal service delivery, as well as the organisational strategy, which puts emphasis on customer focus, the Municipal Council of Manzini has delivered a number of services which have made living in the Hub of Eswatini such a breeze. Please read on as we take a tour of the customer care elements that have changed the definition of Manzini City.

24/7 CALL CENTRE

In the year 2017, the Municipal Council of Manzini launched a 24/7 Call Centre; which is accessible from both the landline and cell-phone (800 2004/2505 7000) as well as email (callcentre@mzcitycouncil.sz). The Call Centre has over the years gained popularity as one of the biggest customer feedback channels for the municipality.

Council receives a significant number of customer compliments, service delivery suggestions and service delivery concerns through this two-way communication channel. From what Manzini News has heard, customers are not only excited by the fact that the Call Centre phone gets to be answered within just three rings but also the fact that constant updates on progress towards addressing reported concerns are made to the customer; the aim being to ensure the customer is always on board regarding addressing of their concerns. Ultimately, the biggest prize is customer satisfaction. In fact, feedback from customers reflects a way-above-average satisfaction rating on service rendered through the Call Centre. If you have not yet tried it, please feel free to do so.

INTRODUCTION OF NIGHT RESPONSE TEAM

Undoubtedly the first of its kind in the Eswatini municipal space, residents and the business sector of Manzini City today enjoy a peace of mind; knowing that whenever neighbour, drinking hall, church or any other person troubles them with excessive noise they would be able to contact council (regardless of the time of day) and the noise would be stopped.

This service has been crafted in such a way that its accessibility is only a phone call away. All you do is dial the 24/7 Call Centre numbers (800 2004/2505 7000) and Kwekwe Security Rangers will be there in a split second.

This is another service that continues to receive raving feedback from the Municipality's customers. In fact, not only does this service cover noise but other municipal nuisances as well, including open burning of waste, illegal dumping and stray animals.

The good thing about the night response team is that the service is accessible even on week-ends and public holidays. If you have not yet

DID YOU KNOW? MANZINI MUNICIPALITY IS ONE OF THE MOST CUSTOMER CENTRIC

HERE: Part of the Manzini Municipal Council building.



experienced this service, please try it out; you will be pleasantly amazed.

FACEBOOK INTERACTION

The City of Manzini is one of the most active on social media; Facebook in particular. Armed with both a group and page (named 'Manzini News'), the municipality is always inundated with customer service delivery feedback on this platform. Hundreds of posts and comments land on this platform on a monthly basis and the nicest thing is that the customer is sure to receive a proper response in the shortest space of time. Moreover, the response often translates into actual action on the ground.

Customers have never stopped expressing gratitude to the municipal Council of Manzini for availing such a responsive customer feedback platform. If you are on Facebook but are not yet part of this exciting platform, please do not waste any more time.

Follow the Municipality on this platform and be assured to be first to receive service delivery updates from the municipality.

Although not so active, council also has an Instagram platform; also named 'Manzini News'. Soon the municipality will also be on Twitter and LinkedIn. If you have been worried about the sudden disappearance of the Council website (www.mzcitycouncil.sz), please do rest assured it will be back soon as it is presently under construction. The new website will be even more relevant, more interactive and more user-friendly. Just watch this space!

WIDER CHOICE ON RATES PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Municipal Council of Manzini has migrated from the era where one had to travel all the way to the Rates Hall in order to pay their property taxes (rates). You are now able to avoid the Rates Hall queues through the following payment options;

- « Mobile Money
- « Electronic Funds Transfer
- « Debit Order payment
- « Swiping at the Rates Hall
- « Cheque payment
- « Mobile speed-point payment

IT'S NOW QUICKER TO GET BUILDING APPROVAL, HEALTH CERTIFICATE

If you have been one of the municipality's customers in the past, you will recall that it took ages (up to six weeks) to get a response on whether or not your building application had been approved. Today, you get to know where you stand within a mere two weeks. Moreover, if your building application has not been successful, the reasons thereof and advice are duly given.

Same applies to applications for health certificates.

Gone are the days when you would have to wait up to a month before knowing whether or not your health certificate application has been successful. Today, in just three days you get to be informed of the outcome of your health certificate application.

CONSISTENT STAFF TRAINING ON CUSTOMER CARE

As an indication of organisational commitment to good customer care, staff training on the subject matter has been flagged as a priority deliverable in the existing organisational strategy. As a result, employees (at all levels) are subjected to periodic training on customer care; and this has significantly improved the way employees relate to the Municipality's customers. In fact, feedback from customers indicates that such improvement is being noted and appreciated. In fact, as part of the Municipality's Quality Management System (ISO 9001:2015), ill-behaviour by an employee towards a customer has been made to attract heavy corrective measures. Therefore, in the event that you experience ill-treatment by any employee (at any level), please do not hesitate to contact the 24/7 Call Centre (800 2004/2505 7000) and report the matter.

Customers have never stopped expressing gratitude to the Municipal Council of Manzini for availing such a responsive customer feedback platform

Mozambicans vote in numbers in Manzini

BY NONCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

MOZAMBICANS residing in Eswatini yesterday turned out in numbers at Satellite Trading Complex to cast their votes in the ongoing Mozambique presidential election.

The atmosphere was filled with both joy and pride as more and more Mozambican nationals flocked to the voting station.

Interviewed afterwards, a representative of the favourite party Frelimo, Sabadinho Mhlanga said they were happy to be given the platform to represent the party by casting their votes. He stated that the reason he voted for Frelimo was because he believed that there was still a lot of improvement that would be done by their party in a quest to make Mozambique a better nation. "The country needs improvement in its judiciary system and to become more democratic," he added.

Mhlanga mentioned, however that they will accept whatever results as long as the party that wins will lead the country with the intention of making it the best.

Representing the second most favourite party in the country was Aderito Manjate,



HERE: Polling officers give directions to the Mozambicans who had come to vote in Manzini yesterday.

who stated that their aim was to win the election this time around.

He said they wanted to change the current operations in the country and also to see Mozambique progressing in future. Meanwhile, on January 16, 2019, the main opposition party RENAMO held a congress at which Ossufo Momade was elected as the party's new leader and presidential candidate.

Momade had been the party's interim president following the death of Afonso Dhlakama in May 2018 and was seen as a 'unifying leader' who could bring the political and military sector of RENAMO closer.

The ruling party FRELIMO held its congress on May 6, at which it confirmed its decision to support the re-

election of President Filipe Nyusi for a second and final term.

On May 9, following a three-day congress, the Democratic Movement of Mozambique confirmed that its presidential candidate would be Daviz Simango, mayor of Beira since 2003. Simango was a presidential candidate in the two previous general elections.

On July 31 the Constitutional Council approved four candidates; Nyusi, Momade, Simango and Mário Albino. Two candidates were disqualified; Hélder Mendoça and Alice Mabota. Mabota would have been the first woman to run for president, but failed to collect enough signatures. Thus, the two parties went head to head yesterday to become the ruling party of the country.

...Some cast their votes in Mbabane

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

MOZAMBICAN nationals who live in Northern Hhohho participated in their country's democratic elections by casting their votes in Mbabane.

The voting which took place at the Mozambican Embassy hall was divided into three categories, namely presidential, parliamentary and provincial elections.

Leading candidates for the presidential election are current President of Mozambique Filipe Nyusi of the ruling FRELIMO party and opposition leader, Ossufo Momade of the RENAMO party.

Both Nyusi and Momade are joined in the presidential race by Daviz Simango of the MDM party, as well as Mario Albino of the AMUSI party.

Speaking yesterday, about 16 Mozambicans who live in the country said some of them hired a quantum to transport them to Mbabane so that they could cast their votes.

"Northern Hhohho has a small Mozambican population of about 16 individuals. With this small number of people, some of us decided to hire a quantum to transport us to Mbabane to vote.

"While voting we were all required to dip our index fingers in black ink to avoid illegal double voting.

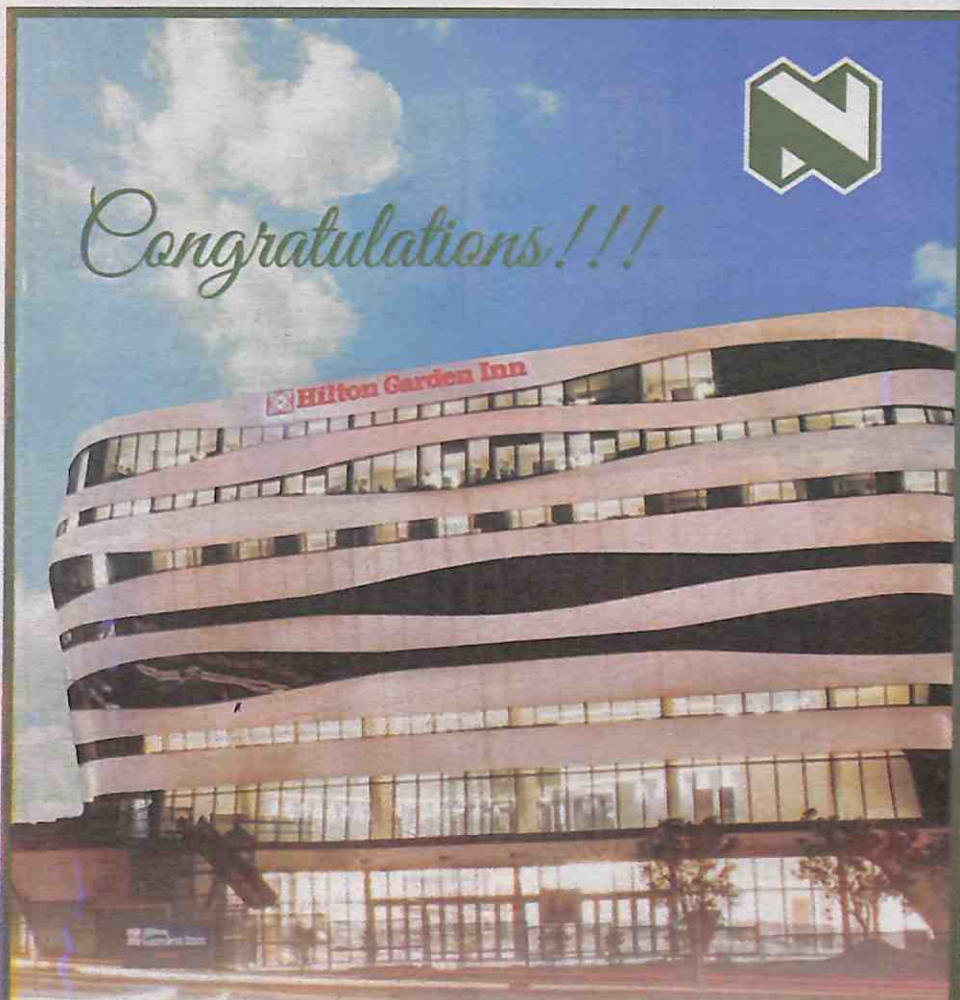
INKED: A Mozambican national shows his inked finger after casting his vote in Mbabane yesterday.

"We voted because this is a very important round of elections that will shape our futures," said one of them.

Meanwhile, a female member of the group of Mozambicans said her preferred candidate was Alice Mabota, who would have been the first woman to run for president in Mozambique since the nation's independence from Portugal in 1975.

"As women we would have liked to see Mabota run for the presidency. Unfortunately, she was disqualified due to lack of signatures in Mozambican parliament. We fought for the right to vote in the past against the Portuguese.

"Since we gained independence in 1975, we have been led by the FRELIMO party. The few of us who live around Northern Hhohho enjoyed voting in Mbabane as it was peaceful and safe. Some of our families in Mozambique have said some of them are afraid to vote due to the recent outbreaks of violence in certain rural areas," she added.

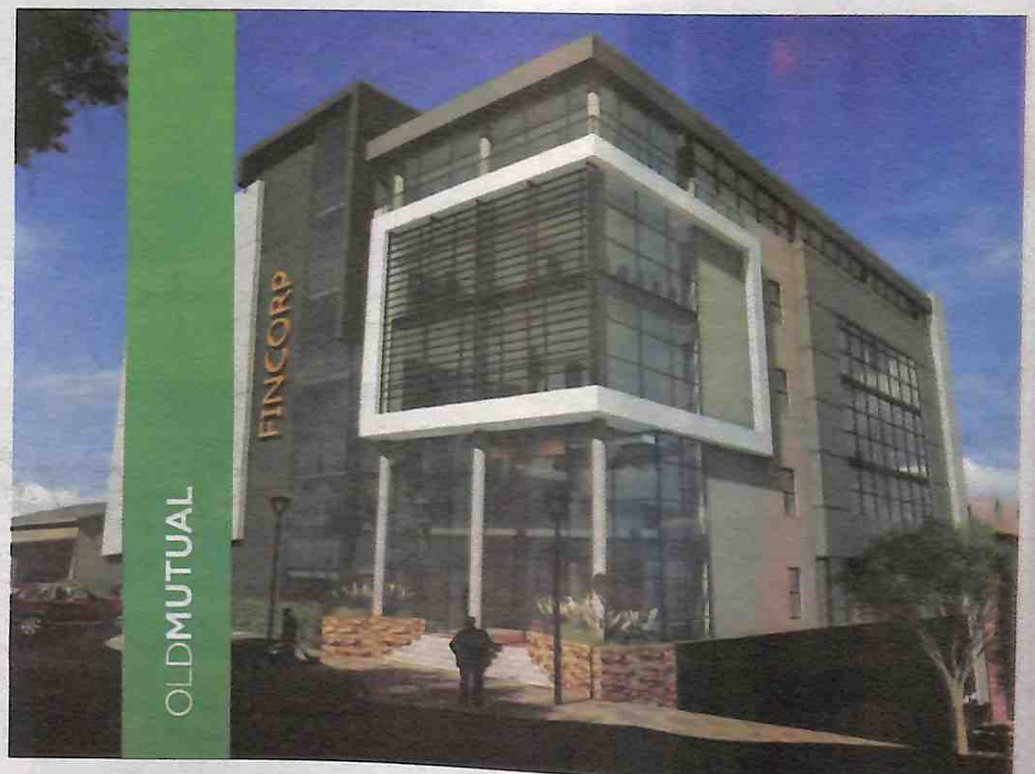


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Taiwan promises more projects for Eswatini

...to benefit more for being the only African country with formal ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan)

BY KENNETH DLAMINI

WITH Eswatini now the only African country that has formal ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan), this is likely to come with positive spin-offs for the country.

This was said by International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) Deputy Secretary Alex L.J. Shyy during a media briefing at their offices in Taipei recently.

Shyy was responding to questions from journalists during a visit to the institution as part of the tour organised by Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).

He said with most African countries having opted out of ties with Taiwan to start cooperation with Mainland China, this placed Eswatini at a huge advantage in terms of funding and new technical cooperation projects that will be introduced to the country in future.

Though Shyy was not specific on the type of projects and investments that will be coming to the country but pointed out that this was their thinking.

He highlighted that Eswatini should benefit from its ties and cooperation with Taiwan in terms of more projects and involvement in the future.

Shyy pointed out that Taiwan still has about six projects in other African countries despite that they do not have formal ties with them. "We still have many partnerships that we continue to maintain and develop with other countries in Africa," he said.

Some of the countries where the Republic of China (Taiwan) has projects in besides Eswatini include Tunisia, Burkina Faso and Ethiopia.

Projects

In Eswatini, some of the projects cited as a huge success by the Taiwanese include the Pig Industry Enhancement Project in 2016.

This is where the TaiwanICDF used a four-pronged approach, namely: rearing high-quality pig breeding stock and establishing a high-quality supply system; improving the pig rearing environment in accordance with local conditions; training ministry of agriculture personnel and farmers to increase the level of feeding and nutrition management; and advocating the importance of improving meat quality.

The aim was to increase the country's production of pigs with the target of reducing imports of pork by 25 per cent.

This was also targeted at satisfying the domestic shortfall of pork, which is usually supplemented through imports.

The TaiwanICDF also actively assisted Eswatini technicians to improve the facilities of Mpisi National Pig Breeding Station and purchased pure bred boars and sows from South Africa. They also trained over 917 participants during 20 sessions by the end of 2018.

Other projects in Eswatini include the FINCORP Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) re-lending project to assist the country's farmers. Another project is the implementation of the Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) with international organisations through lending corporation.

The Taiwanese are also involved in many other projects in the country, including the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET).



SCRIBES: A group of international journalists who visited Taiwan on a press tour recently, pictured at the TaiwanICDF offices in Taipei. (Courtesy pic)



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E100 000 DAGGA CONSIGNMENT SEIZED

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

AS dagga grown in the country continues to make its way through the country's borders, three people have been arrested after they were caught transporting the illegal herb from Eswatini to South Africa.

According to the South African Police Service (SAPS) media statement, the trio was arrested in mid-September.

They were arrested on the R33 Highway in Paulpietersburg after they were found in a bakkie with 10 bags of dagga weighing more than 110 kilogrammes. The total value of the dagga is said to be around E100 000.

It could not be immediately ascertained if the three were Emaswati or South Africans.

The report stated that investigations revealed that the dagga was transported from Eswatini to Ladysmith.

The suspects according to the police statement were charged for the possession of dagga and they made their court appearance at the Paulpietersburg Magistrate's Court.

The report states that another suspect was also arrested at Makhobeni Reserve while

transporting more than 74 kilogrammes of dagga in a hired vehicle.

The 34-year-old driver was charged for possession of dagga and he appeared at the Pongola Magistrate's Court.

Worth noting is that such an incident comes at a time when dagga worth E1.2 million coming from the country was seized in South Africa.

Among the arrested was Liswati national. Such incidents come at a time when in the country there is a fight over the legalisation of cannabis with some sectors of society vouching for dagga to be grown legally while others are against the idea.

Meanwhile just last week Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) Public Relations Officer Tengetile Khumalo said their members who were deployed along the border lines of the country in the month of September confiscated dagga consignments valued at E251 137.

Matsamo was singled out as one of the places where huge amounts of dagga was smuggled through.

It is not only dagga that is smuggled through the country's borderlines as skin lotions worth millions were seized being smuggled into the country in the month of September. Other consignments include stolen vehicles.



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Job Specification

Skills

1. Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills;
2. Strong writing skills with the ability to produce a compelling story;
3. Proof reading and editorial skills with a good eye for detail;
4. Strong Analytical and ICT skills;
5. Ability to work on multiple projects at the same time
6. Ability to work as part of a team and individually
7. Excellent time management and prioritization skills

Competence

1. Experience of managing and writing content for a website CMS
2. Google Analytics and SEO experience
3. Experience of driving digital strategies
4. Experience in identifying target audiences and devising digital campaigns that engage, inform and motivate
5. Experience of email, AdWords and display of advertising campaigns

Relevant Experience

1. Bachelor's degree level in ICT/ Computer Science/Marketing or similar
2. At least 3 years' experience in digital communication
3. Qualification in graphic design can be helpful

Inyatsi offers salary and benefits in line with large company benefits, dependent on qualifications and experience.

Applications accompanied by supporting documents should be forwarded to: The Human Resources Manager, P.O. Box 4426, Manzini - M200; alternatively e-mailed to recruitment@inyatsi.co.sz not later than **31st October 2019**.

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Take care of pupils with special needs - minister

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

MINISTER of Education and Training Lady Howard Mabuza says it is important to take care of pupils with special needs.

She said if this doesn't happen, they then lag behind in their school performance and other life aspects. The minister was speaking during a handover of 10 prodigi humanware connect devices for male students with special needs held at the ministry of education.

She was represented by the ministry's PS Bertram Stewart. The donation was made possible by Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM). These are special laptops which have tailor made fonts for the beneficiaries; they will use in them educational purposes. They are specially designed for pupils with 'visual special needs.'

She also noted that there was now lack of safety in schools.

This was because the country was going through a rough patch where some teachers have entered schools demonstrating, forcing colleagues and pupils to join their cause.

Mabuza appreciated ESCCOM for such an initiative through the Universal Access and Service Committee (UNSO).

She said the money could have been used in any other initiatives, but they decided on pupils.

"We hope that the pupils will improve in their work. Government has challenged us to look at how to improve our education system through innovation. We thank you for this technological advance as it is a part of that. Pupils take care of this, it is specifically for learning. Take extra care of it and don't lose it so that sponsors continue helping others," she said.

Meanwhile, Qhozo Kunene Phonjwane High School teacher spoke on behalf of schools. She greatly appreciated ESCCOM for intervening.

She also urged the pupils to apply themselves. She said the ground had been levelled for them to perform as other pupils. On that note, Salesian High School Teacher Ncamiso Thwala thanked the ministry for lessening the pupils' challenges.

"The ball is in your court now. It is up to you to overcome the hurdles," said Thwala.

Nyamane High School pupil Thabo Mofokeng thanked the ministry, ESCCOM and UNSOF for the special laptops. He sang 'Ngizolibonga elakho igama'.

Senior Inspector for Special Education Needs Ceb'sile Nxumalo disclosed that Macmillan publishers gave the ministry permission to upload all their books. She promised that they won't duplicate the books violating copyrights.



TOGETHERNESS: ESCCOM Chief Executive Mvilawempi Dlamini, MoET PS Bertram Stewart, UNSOF Ali Resting, ESCCOM Director Strategy and Economic Regulation Lindiwe Dlamini, Eswatini Mobile Chief Technical and Information Officer Wandile Mtshali and Senior Inspector for Special Education Needs Ceb'sile Nxumalo. They are with the beneficiaries of the prodigi human ware connect at the ministry's offices. (Pic: Nokuzola Thwala)

Every Liswati should have access to ICTs

UNSO Chairperson Ali Resting says every Liswati should have access to ICT.

He said the donation to pupils with special needs was pursuant to one of their regulations which provided that eligible persons to receive subsidies from the fund were persons with disabilities in schools. He added that they considered pupils with visual impairments and thought of possible solutions to assist their learning.

"The fund then made a commitment to sup-

port the ministry of education and training in enabling a learning environment for pupils with visual challenges. Not only did we make the commitment but we have delivered on our commitment. Today's event is a clear demonstration of our commitment to close and ultimately eliminate the digital divide in the country and ensure that ICT services are made available, at the quality specified to all end users in the country including those with disabilities," stated Resting.

ABOUT THE FUND

The Universal Service Access was established in terms of the Electronic Communications Act (ECA) of 2013 and substantiated by the Electronic Communications Universal Service and Access regulations 2016.

It was to ensure that communications services and ICTs are made available at the quality specified, to all end users in Eswatini including those with disabilities, independent of geographic location at an affordable

price.

Resting said the scope of the universal service included; voice communication services, data communication services, infrastructure for the provision of voice or data communication services, equipment and end user services and training and skills development. "The fund oversees the rollout of universal services and access initiatives under the auspices of the Eswatini Communications Commission."

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES

Name of pupil

1. Salwakh Gamedze
2. Sisekelo Fakudze
3. Khulekani Magagula
4. Nkhosinemandla Makhanya
5. Khanyakwezwe Shongwe
6. Zakhele Dlamini
7. Banele Dlamini
8. Thabo Mogokeng
9. Mthokozisi Simelne
10. Charles Dupont

Name of High School

1. Phonjwane
2. Elangeni
3. Mavula
4. Mbabane Central
5. Ekuvinjelweni
6. Nkhaba
7. Nkhaba
8. Nyamane
9. Salesian
10. Swazi National

Region

1. Lubombo
2. Hhohho
3. Hhohho
4. Hhohho
5. Hhohho
6. Hhohho
7. Hhohho
8. Shiselweni
9. Manzini
10. Manzini



FIT FOR THE ROAD: A kombi driver making sure a wheelbarrow is tightly fastened before transporting his passengers to Mpuluzi yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

TRAFFIC COP LECTURED ON MANNERISM

STORIES BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

MANZINI Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane took some time to lecture a female police officer who rudely attended to convicts in court.

This happened on Monday while the court was in session. Before the short but deep lecture, there were murmurs between the police officer working under the traffic department and a man who had just been sentenced by the court for a traffic related offence.

When the female officer was taking the convict's finger prints, she punitively grabbed his hand towards the ink box and onto the fingerprint sheet without telling him what he was supposed to do. Noting the harshness of the officer, the man murmured something.

The interaction between the two attracted the

stares of those who were present in court, and Magistrate Zwane asked what was happening.

In response, the convict told the court that the officer was not explaining what he was supposed to do but instead, was being harsh.

Before this, the same female officer had been seen pushing back another traffic offender who was asking for permission to go outside after his case was heard by the court.

"I've been watching you shoving people around, such is unacceptable," Magistrate Zwane said.

She continued to tell the officer that the offenders were in court to answer for their crimes and nothing else. Magistrate Zwane said it called for a lot of patience when one worked with members of the public. "These people are the reason we get paid at the end of the month," Zwane said.

This brief lesson ended with the officer apologising to the court saying, "I'm sorry Your Worship."

Accused's bail application thrown out

AN accused person had his bail application thrown out after he stated that being locked up affected his breathing.

Mfan'fikile Dlamini (43) of Makholweni under Chief Makhosini told the court that he was asthmatic and had challenges breathing behind bars.

The bail application was made after Dlamini was remanded in custody for a robbery offence that he allegedly committed with, one Samkeliso Vilakati (32) where the two jointly used a knife to induce submission to one Phumzile Maziya.

The two suspects are said to have stolen cash amounting to E2 000 belonging to Maziya, who is Vilakati's former girlfriend.

Before Maziya was robbed, her former boyfriend

is alleged to have grabbed her handbag and threatened to assault her, thus contravened the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act 15 of 2018. The crime was committed last Tuesday at Murray Camp in Manzini.

In response, the presiding officer Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane asked how his breathing was while in court and Dlamini kept saying he was unwell. "How do you know that you cannot breathe behind bars?"

Dlamini said he had been locked up before he went to court. Magistrate Zwane then advised that the accused rather be taken to hospital by the police before being taken to Zakhele Remand Centre.

Baceth employees arrested for stealing fertiliser

A female employee of Baceth Hardware in Luve was arrested along two others for stealing 18 bags of 50kg farming fertiliser from the hardware.

Thandeka Fanele Zwane (23) of kaPhunga was arrested along with Phiwokwakhe Nathaniel Nkonyane (27) of Bhekinkhosi and Mlondi Simelane (31) of Ngcayini. Simelane is stated as an accomplice in the offence because he was allegedly involved in the criminal activity.

Information gathered from sources was to the effect that last Tuesday when the offence was committed, Simelane was at the shop to buy the bags of fertiliser and met Nkonyane while outside the shop. It is alleged that Nkonyane offered to sell Simelane the same amount of fertiliser at a low price.

After the customer accepted the deal, it is alleged that Nkonyane collaborated with Thandeka who is employed as a stocker by the Hosea Member of Parliament (MP) Bacede Mabuza in his hard-

ware.

As part of her job, Thandeka is said to have been tasked to ensure that the bought goods were the same quantity that is transported out of the store.

To do this, Thandeka, according to sources, was supposed to sign the receipt which she was supposed to give to those responsible for loading the bought items on a delivery vehicle.

However, on this day, it is said that Thandeka and Nkonyane worked collaboratively and it resulted to her not checking the till slip to that was produced by Simelane after buying the bags of fertiliser.

Sources also claimed that the receipts that Simelane produced were obsolete but this went unchecked by Thandeka who later facilitated that the fertiliser be taken out of the store.

The three suspects appeared before Magistrate Nelisiwe Hlophe and were remanded in custody pending commencement of the trial. Each of them were admitted on E4 000 bail.



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Programme starts at 10: am--Hospice Offices

Join the walk and donate to Hospice palliative care work.
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DAIRY CATTLE FARMING COURSE

Dairy Cattle owners, keepers and aspiring individuals are kindly invited to attend a dairy farming training course to be held at the Board's Conference Room at Enguleni House, Manzini. The course will commence on the 22nd October 2019 and run for eight (8) weeks. Selected days for training are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week starting at 5:30pm till 7:00pm.

The training is set out to cover the following topics:

Module	
1	Introduction to Dairy Science and Management
2	Requirements and Preparations for Starting a Dairy Project
3	Fodder Production
4	Dairy Cattle Feeding
5	Dairy Cattle Breeding
6	Calf Rearing
7	Clean Milk Production
8	Legal Issues
9	Disease Prevention and Control
10	Business Plan Preparation and Business Management
11	Educational Tour

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“ There's a lot of due diligence, a lot of preparatory time, ”



Sanlam Group CEO Thandile Nxumalo, pictured at FINCOP building which houses their offices

By Sibusiso Dlamini

YESTERDAY, His Majesty King Mswati III officially opened the trailblazing five-storey FINCOP building in Mbabane. FINCOP tasked SANLAM as developers of the building with a debt through Investec.

The Swazi Observer sat-down with SANLAM group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Thandile Nxumalo to talk about their excitement over the accomplishment of the building. As one walks into the building, it's mind-blowing and it only gets

better as you go through the offices and Nxumalo says there is no-better feeling than knowing that you have worked from the ground-up to help create a landmark in the country.

Congratulations on the work of this building, it looks absolutely great.

1. How are you feeling walking through it every day after working so hard to ensure that it comes to life?

We are very proud to have made a contribution to the landscape of the Capital City. I think we have changed it. We remember when this

corner of town was nothing but overgrown vegetation, and boom today; it's something completely different.

We like to be associated with something that is well-done, and with that said we would like to congratulate the FINCOP management for the vision because we actualize dreams, but the vision and the idea has to come with the client, so FINCOP told us exactly what they wanted and we made it happen. We are proud to have been able to make their dream come to life.

2. How long has it taken to bring this project

to life?

This has been in works since 2015. Project finance on its own takes a really long time because you're relying on the cash-flows of the assets to repay the debt and equity. There's a lot of due diligence, a lot of preparatory time, and I think we only got to the ground-work about two years back because we had to go through testing everything and also finding the right partners.

We partnered with ERIS PROPERTY Group, a development team that is amongst the best in the African continent in what they do. We have done a number of projects in Botswana with them as well, and this project was on-time, according to specification and it was on budget, which is what ERIS are masters at doing. It took a lot of time, but it's been worth the wait.

3. What is the mood of the SANLAM staff after His Majesty's officially opened it yesterday?

Everyone is in a party mood. It's the perfect time to celebrate and reflect on the fact that we finally did it. No man is an island.

My success as their leader is because of them and our success as a together is the success of SANLAM, but collectively that success is the country's success because we have contributed in something that's a landmark for our country. So to my staff; we go through tough times and work hard and I am

grateful for them and all our stakeholders. We wouldn't have made it without all the people that walked hand-in-hand with us.

4. How can SANLAM also help the average Swazi also 'actualize their dreams'?

We have done the UN building so this is our second baby. We have focused on institutions because for us to develop your project, it has to be from 50m - 100m, so that makes it hard for individuals, but then albeit that, we have a lot of products that individuals can tap into. We call ourselves 'wealth-smiths' and if you have as little as E10 000 you can invest and grow with us.

The current scope of the economy calls for financial prudence as an individual. It calls for right decisions around costs-management. How are you managing your costs? Are you investing for the future? Start educating yourself on how you should save and how and what to invest in?

5. Why is it important for young people to be financially prudent?

It is very important for the youth to start investing, today. We have products for young people. I was advising friends to buy some shares for their children as birthday gifts. It's never too early to start investing as a young person because you might want to start a business in the near future, so you have to have something on your egg-nest.



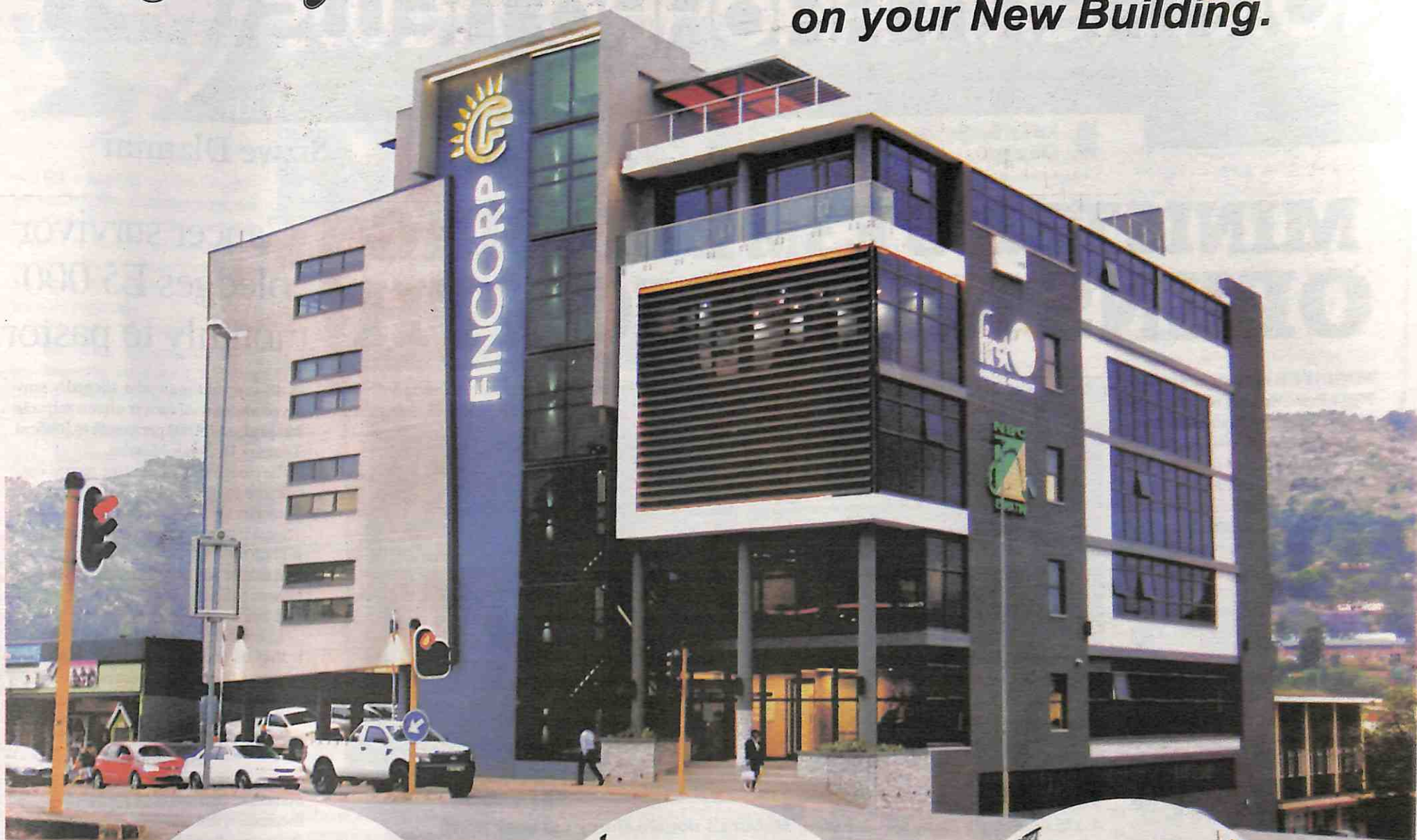
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MINISTER'S E3M BUILDING OPENS NEXT MONTH

MINISTER of Agriculture and Pigg's Peak Member of Parliament (MP) Jabulani Mabuza's double storey complex worth E3 million will open next month.

The office and commercial structure which is in its final stages of construction is located opposite Ngub's Motor Spares building in Pigg's Peak.

The minister's communications officer Precious Tsabedze said the structure will house offices and a pizza eatery.

"It is scheduled to open late next month if everything goes to plan. Construction of the building began last year; we are happy to see the quick progress.

The design of the building is very modern and designed to let sunlight in. It has two floors; the first one has six adjoining offices that are separated by a metre wide passage.

All the offices will feature taps and sinks with glass doors.

However each client will be able



A VIEW: Pigg's Peak MP Jabulani Mabuza's double storey complex worth E3 million.

to specify their own custom designed doors if they wish to do so. Still on the first floor all the offices are in the middle row but towards the edges of the first floor we have two

big commercial areas.

A major pizza and chicken eatery have already tiled the bottom portion of the commercial area; meaning we will have an official pizza

eatery in Pigg's Peak soon but you will have to wait and see who they will be," she said.

Tsabedze said the second floor consisted of more offices.

Cancer survivor pledges E5 000 monthly to pastor

A 48-year-old man who allegedly survived abdominal cancer after a miracle has pledged E5 000 per month to Biblical Teacher Dr Noah Mamba.

The pledge took place at the revival outside the Pigg's Peak Police Station last Thursday.

Speaking during the revival, the survivor said he was hospitalised and doctors told him that he had only 25 months to live as he was suffering from abdominal cancer that was incurable.

"In late 2018 I fell sick, at Mbabane Clinic they diagnosed me with urinal bladder cancer. I then sought treatment in South Africa; however special doctors told me that no such treatment was available because the cancer that I had was rare.

Hospitalised

The doctors added that there was no immediate treatment available for me except medication that will only delay the cancer from spreading," he said.

While hospitalised, doctors informed him to prepare his family for his inevitable funeral.

"I never lost hope; my family took me to various prayer services. During this time my health continued to deteriorate, I slowly became bed ridden at the Mbabane Clinic.

After speaking to my cousin in mid-July, five months after I was originally diagnosed with the cancer; we both decided to visit Mamba in Matsapha who first prayed for me and told me that the cancer will be cured.

Three weeks later; I began to eat again and regain body weight. This surprised the doctors who had diagnosed me. For this miracle I pledge E5 000 to Mamba on a monthly basis till I die for allowing God to use him to heal me," he added.

After the testimony there was jubilation at the service.



DONATE: Police march after donating disposable nappies and food to day care centres around Pigg's Peak. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

Cops, business community donate to day care centres

PIGG'S Peak Police Fellowship in conjunction with the business community have donated disposable nappies and food hampers to day care centres around the small northern Hhohho town.

The donations took place last Thursday before the evening session of the Police Fellowship crusade which began with a walk through the Town. The donations were made to day care centres and nurseries at Malanda, Macembeni

and Mangwaneni. The food hampers consisted of rice, beans, cooking oil, sugar and cooked meals.

Speaking during the donation Busisiwe Khumalo at Macembeni Day Care and Nursery said the donations were appreciated as they were a good surprise the children.

Appreciated

"As a day care and nursery; donations are much appreciated.

Our day care feeds the children hence we need to have food read-

ily available as less fortunate children come to the day care to eat that one balanced meal a day.

We also need toys to entertain the children during break time, hence we are pleading with the business community to donate toys to us," she said.

Khumalo said they also received soaps that would be of great help for their laundry. "We will wash blankets that we use to cover the smaller children. We are appeal-

ing to the business community to donate items like stationary and other learning materials which we use to introduce the little ones to nursery school education," she added. Speaking on behalf of the police Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said it was important for the police to work well with the various communities in every capacity not just in fighting crime.



MIRACLE TENT: A tent where the Pigg's Peak police revivals were held.

MP EMPLOYS 5 LUCKY WOMEN ON THE SPOT

NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Ludzeludze

WITH alarming rates of unemployment, five women could not believe their luck on Saturday when they were offered sudden employment by businessman and Hosea Member of Parliament Mduduzi Bacede Mabuza.

The five ladies had gone to Ludzeludze Inkhundla to join the thousands of residents who had attended MP Vusi Swali's thanksgiving ceremony on Saturday.

They were not aware that their gods were also with them. Having com-



HAPPY FACES: Attendees in dance with their MP Vusi Swali on Saturday at Ludzeludze.

(Pics: Nonduduzo Kunene)

pleted school recently and staying home due to unemployment, the five

went home as new Baceth Hardware employees courtesy of MP Mabuza.

Mabuza, who owns Baceth Hardwares, on Saturday, announced that as a way of giving back to the society; his company would provide employment opportunities to three females who had completed school but unemployed.

"If you have finished school and you are currently unemployed and you stay around Ludzeludze quickly rush to the stage because I am employing you today," he shouted before five ladies stormed the stage.

Even though Mabuza had offered employment to three people, he later changed his mind and gave employment to all the five ladies who responded to the opportunity.

"On Monday please come to our Baceth Hardware in Ludzeludze and bring your Form Five certificate," he told the five lucky ladies.

Mabuza further gave one Mpumelelo

Magagula E300 after he won a Coca-Cola drinking competition.

Magagula received another E200 from MP Mabuza after he managed to do 20 pushups immediately after drinking the Coca-Cola.

Attendees of the event were treated to various entrainment brought by MP Mabuza.

Grateful

Meanwhile, Ludzeludze MP Vusi Swali said he was grateful that electorates under his constituency had confidence in him by voting him into Parliament.

"All I can say is that I love you all. Thank you for also allowing me to come back and host a thanksgiving ceremony here.

We still have a long way to go and I believe that we will develop the constituency together. I am also grateful to the MPs who have showed support today and all those who made the day successful. God bless you all," he said.

'BE CAREFUL OF ASPIRING LOSER POLITICIANS'

HOSEA Member of Parliament and Businessman Mduduzi Bacede Mabuza has warned the electorate under Ludzeludze constituency to be careful of aspiring politicians who lost out in the race to Parliament.

He said it has become a norm for losers to criticise and badmouth incumbent legislators with the hope to canvass for votes for the elections.

Mabuza was addressing close to 1 500 residents who, on Saturday, attended a thanksgiving ceremony hosted by MP Vusi Swali. The event, which was also attended by two ministers and over 20 MPs, was held at Ludzeludze constituency offices.

"They have this tendency of asking mean questions such as *unisite ngani lelenimukhetsile*. In 2008, after I lost the race to Parliament I received many calls from people complain-

ing about bad choices they had made during the elections. This made me realise that people know what they want but they are sometimes misled by certain individuals.

Therefore, let me warn you to be careful of critics coming from aspirants who lost in the race to the August House. Each time they make provocative statements about your incumbent MP simply ask them what better thing have they done during their term of office?"

Mabuza further advised his colleagues not to abandon their respective constituencies. He said every MP should work hand in hand with electorates under his/her constituency in order to push development.

"We are here to celebrate and further say thank you for voting for MP Swali into Parliament. He is a right candidate and we are going to assist

him in whatever way to bring development in this constituency," he said.

Mabuza, who owns Baceth Hardwares, also made donations to at least 10 people who had attended the event. Immediately after addressing the crowd, Mabuza gave E200 to four elderly whom he asked questions about his hardwares. Apart from the cash gift, Mabuza distributed caps and T-shirts.

This was before he called into stage Baceth dancers and rubber man.

Summing up his CSI, Mabuza also donated E2 000 to a disabled woman who said she wanted to further her studies. "We are going to take full charge of your education fees by offering the E2 000 you are looking for. Report to our office on Monday," he said.

Parliamentarians who attended MP Vusi Swali's thanksgiving cer-



DANCING: MPs joined by Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati in dance.

emony

- Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati
- Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase
- MP Busisiwe Mavimbela
- MP Lorraine Nxumalo
- Mbabane West MP Musa Zwane
- Kukhanyeni MP Malavi Sihlongonyane
- Nkhamba MP Zakhele Magongo
- Nhlabeni MP Manzi Zwane

- Kubuta MP Musa Mabuza
- Mhlangatane MP Madala Mhlanga
- Siphocosini MP Mduduzi Matsebula
- Ngwempisi MP Mthandeni Dube
- Hosea MP Mduduzi Mabuza
- Ndzingeni MP Lutfo Dlamini
- Mkhaweni MP Ndlelayekuphila Masuku
- Hhukwini MP Nkhanyeti Ngwenya
- Zombodze Emuva Muzi Kunene
- Gilgal MP Kenneth Sandla Fakudze
- Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko.

Govt tables Land Agricultural Commercialisation Bill

STORIES BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

THE ministry of agriculture has tabled a Bill that will allow locals who live on Eswatini National Land (SNL) to access financial assistance for commercial farming from financial institutions.

The Bill was shared by Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza before chiefs from around Northern Hhohho at the Pigg's Peak Hotel on Monday.

He said about 70 per cent of Emaswati currently live on Eswatini National Land and were all along not eligible for commercial farming loans.

"The ministry of agriculture promotes agri-business and many Emaswati want to engage in commercial farming so as to generate money but limited as they cannot access loans from financial institutions. The ministry is launching the Eswatini National Land Agricultural Commercialisation Bill so that businesses on SNL can get loans," he said. Mabuza added that the new bill would involve



TABLES: Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza.

three committees and the chiefs.

It would have fewer restrictions for example an individual who lives in Manzini can use the Bill to farm on land at Nkomazi.

"This can happen only if the farmer has informed his own chief in Manzini and the new chief at Nkomazi of his intentions. Also, the chief in Nkomazi should first look for a local suitor for the busi-

ness locally before allowing the individual in Manzini to commercialise the land at Nkomazi. If individuals go against their lease agreements by farming something that they are not allowed to, they will be removed from the land and pay a fine of E5 000.

Before the commercial farming can begin; three committees need to be involved in selecting appli-

cants; a committee selected by the chief, a committee at the king's office and a committee at the ministry of agriculture.

The Bill will be tabled before Parliament again," he added.

Meanwhile, chiefs expressed their concern that people who live in urban areas would abuse the Bill as it was meant for individuals who live on SNL.

Govt needs E60m to build 20 dams

MINISTER of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza says government needs E60 million to construct 20 farming dams.

He said the ministry of agriculture is already planning to construct one major dam in the Shiselweni region.

"After years of research, the ministry has seen the need for the construction of 20 small dams around the Kingdom so as to ensure that Emaswati can farm all year round. This forms part of our commercial farming initiative. Water is an important resource that will aid the various communities to farm their crops. However; after consulting technicians it came to our attention that each dam will cost E3 million to construct. This means government will need E60 million to construct all the proposed dams," he said.

Mabuza added that such a massive construction would not happen overnight due to the lack of funds. "The current economic climate indicates that government cannot construct all the dams at once because this will cost too much money.

Hence; we are planning to construct one major dam in Shiselweni soon. Plans for that dam will be shared at a later stage but for now we have to focus on getting water to the farmers. We have considered all options and if the dams will be delayed, we will dig boreholes instead to promote farming," he added.

MP Vusi Swali's thanksgiving at Ludzeludze Inkhundla



REJOICE: The residents join their MP Vusi Swali as he dances during the thanksgiving ceremony at Ludzeludze constituency on Saturday. (Pics: Nonduduzo Kunene)



FOLLOWING: Members of Lutsango observe proceedings at the event.



CASH: MP Bacede Mabuza gives cash to some elderly people who answered his questions correctly.



PRESENT: MP Lorraine Nxumalo converses with one of the attendants.



Y'ELLO: The residents join Mzwakhe Myeni and his group as he performs next to the MTN stand.



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HELEN'S ZEAL FOR POWER:

A 'SECOND COMING' WITH DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES



WHO said these words-that a woman carries a baby for nine months, suffer morning sickness, labour pains and on birth-kills it!

These words must have come from the wise mouth of Dr. Jim-may he rest in peace.

Dr. Jim: an Organic Intellectual: Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology and Cultural studies, from the local public broadcaster might have had Helen Zille in mind. Because this is exactly what her 'second coming' as DA Chief Executive Officer entails-a black spot on a white background.

UNDISPUTED HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

Helen Zille, by all standards, will go down in history as the builder of the Democratic Alliance (DA). It's true Tony Leon formed the party but the building blocks were neatly put by Ms. Zille.

From a party that looks everything whitish-Zille wittingly made it a party for all-using her background in Media Studies and her personae as an alluring factor to seduce membership from all races.

Cleverly, Zille gave birth to black bright twins; Lindiwe Mazibuko and Mmusi Maimane. Among other bright siblings was Phumzile van Damme as PRO. Taking advantage of the Zuma spectre; nine wasted years; the party grew from strength to strength.

It was a matter of time before it snatched the Western Cape from its bitter rival-ANC. For three consecutive terms-to date, it governs Cape Town-reducing ANC to warm the benches.

It also made huge inroads in many provinces, including Gauteng where it took over major cities. In all the success stories Ms. Zille was the undisputed heavyweight champion boasting multiple effect to diverse voters.

STRENGTH

Zille's strength was being an all-round player of the ball; she could dribble, pass and defend with a degree of proficiency. More-over, she could sing, dance; humorous and charismatic; appealing to blacks; because from organisational behaviour point of view; In Rome you



ZEAL OF POWER: Helen Zille.

do what Romans do; and Zille did just that.

But it doesn't end there! She is a white woman-wearing Xhosa gear, speaking Xhosa; so she is one of us.

So when a white woman does that 'she belongs to us.

And she cares about us, but this woman can also send thunderous punches to a president who always put his head on the opposition's guillotine. Wow. She also pulls the plug-advantageously. Another PLUS for Ms. Zille.

EXITING

So when she announces her exit-naturally-she receives standing ovation. Why-because the timing is right. Though one of the twins; Mazibuko; after Havard never returned to the party-the other twin; Mmainane still carries the torch.

Politics is about timing-so the timing is right for Ms Helen to leave-the measurement of leadership is to produce other leaders-Ms Helen has done just that, so it's time to go home.

More-over, Ms Helen is leaving a party in full swing as fierce opposition that keeps the ruling party on its toes-even on its knees.

SECOND COMING

Thus Ms. Zille's zeal for power will taint her legacy. I see it as a grave miscalculation on her part. An anti-climax, if you may. The timing for her exit was right and the timing for her return is wrong. Very...very wrong.

The reason is simple-a lot has changed and she risks dancing in the glory of the past-like many African despots who think they were graciously put on earth by God to rule; forever and ever.....!

DICTATOR

The dictators think they are the only ones who have solutions to problems. What they forget is shifting identity, voter behaviour, time and relevance.

And this is the path Ms Helen is following and it will backfire-slapping her on the face. The weakness of politicians all over the world-brilliant as they may be-is not knowing when to exit. We thought Zille did-then BOOM-She is back.

NOT GOOD AS THE FIRST TIME

Her return won't be as good as the first time because like I said many things have changed now. DA should realize that among others-the RISE of the party is Zuma and the FALL of the party-again-is Zuma. Zuma in power and Zuma out of power.

So Ms Helen benefited handsomely from the Zuma administration and Thuli Madonsela-former Public Protector-made things easier for her and all opposition. But all these-on her return might be gone. With Ramaphosa at the helm-it is a different ball game all together.

POOR SHOWING

Ms. Zille's selling point is that she wants to resurrect the party after a poor show in the May elections-where the party shed about 400 000 votes.

Well and good-but she can still do that at advisory level not in the hot kitchen as Chief executive Officer. The reasons for this are so glaring - YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOUT TO BE HEARD!

You can also whisper in the background and

still be heard. And with her clout she can whisper to the right ears-because she has bragging rights anyway.

PRIEMER

More-over, in her 10 years as a successful Premier of Cape Town- she shouted for the whole world to hear. In fact, she shouted long time ago as an anti-apartheid activist and journalist from Rand Daily Mail.

After the mysterious death of Steve Biko under police custody, the government lost its marbles and tried to conceal it.

It took the bravery of Ms Helen to reveal it to the world and invited the wrath of the unhappy regime. And was this not Ms Helen Zille's loudest pitch-in the height of apartheid's mass murder project.

400 000 VOTES SHED

I am persuaded to revisit the party's loss of 400 000 votes. Does it have to do with Maimane. No! No! and No! It cannot be squarely put on one person.

The party has to take a mirror and look at its inner-self-its soul - Its ideological perception of blacks as a whole! Does the party-deep down in its root believe in blacks? That's the starting point?

BLACKISH

But Ms Helen is already flagging the answer- thus she says BLACK (race) should not be an underlining determinant for leadership. Well and good. But the timing makes one smells a rat! Its fishy.

Not when its core white voters were missing in action in the recent elections under black leadership. The worse thing that the party can do right now is to lose Maimane.

Once again the timing of his exit-even the rumours about it is a sharp edged sword to the party-especially on issues of relations with blacks in general.

Worse- it won't be good for SA democracy as he is a shining star of the opposition; articulate and charismatic. He could also sing and dance-a magical appeal to SA politics.

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Ms Zille played her part and must lead from behind. I doubt very much if her second coming is the one prophet Isaiah prophesied about 750 years ago.

On her return she will find herself as a huge elephant in the room.

There will be tension but over time they will realize that due to size the elephant no longer moves but is stationary. And as it struggles with mobility-it will be cut to size! I don't think Ms Zille will still have the zeal for a fight. Zille carried this baby; nursed and nurtured it-she must not kill it.



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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ON THIS DAY

...OCTOBER 16

1701 - The Collegiate School was founded in Killingworth, CT. The school moved to New Haven in 1745 and changed its name to Yale College.

1793 - During the French Revolution, Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded after being convicted of treason.

1829 - In Boston, MA, the first modern hotel in America opened. The Tremont Hotel had 170 rooms that rented for \$2 a day and included four meals.

1847 - "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte was first published in London.

1859 - Abolitionist John Brown led a raid on Harper's Ferry, VA (now located in West Virginia).

1869 - A hotel in Boston became the first in the US to install indoor plumbing.

1916 - Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic in New York City, NY.

1923 - Walt Disney contracted with M.J. Winkler to distribute the Alice Comedies. This event is recognized as the start of the Disney Company. Disney movies, music and books

1928 - Marvin Pipkin received a patent for the frosted electric light bulb.

1939 - 'Right To Happiness' debuted on the NBC-Blue network.

1939 - 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' opened on Broadway.

1941 - The Nazis advanced to within 60 miles of Moscow. Romanians entered Odessa, USSR, and began exterminating 150 000 Jews.

1942 - The ballet "Rodeo" premiered in New York City.

1943 - Chicago's new subway system was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

1944 - "The Robe," by Lloyd Douglas, was published for the first time.

1945 - "His Honor the Barber" debuted on NBC Radio.

1955 - Mrs. Jules Lederer replaced Ruth Crowley in newspapers using the name Ann Landers.

1962 - US President Kennedy was informed that there were missile bases in Cuba, beginning the Cuban missile crisis.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ruby Rose Turner
(TV Actress) -
October 16, 2005
(14 years old)



Naomi Osaka
(Tennis Player) -
October 16, 1997
(22 years old)

CHANGES TO INTEREST, CREDIT FEES OR CHARGES

42. (1) A credit provider shall not unilaterally increase-

(a) the periodic or incidental service fees, or the method of calculating such fees, that may be charged under the credit agreement; or
(b) the rate of interest applicable to a credit agreement, except with respect to a credit agreement with a variable interest rate.

(2) Except as otherwise provided for in this section, a credit provider shall deliver

written notice of at least five days to the consumer setting out particulars of a change concerning-

(a) the rate of interest;
(b) the amount of a credit fee or charge; or
(c) a change in the frequency or time for payment of a credit fee or charge.

(3) In respect of a credit agreement that has a variable interest rate, the credit provider shall deliver written notice to the consumer, no later than thirty (30) days after the day on which a change in the variable interest rate takes effect, setting out-

(a) the new rate and any further prescribed information; or
(b) if a rate is determined by referring to a reference rate as contemplated in section 41(4), the new reference rate.

Maximum rates of interest, fees and charges

43. (1) The minister, after consulting the Authority, may prescribe a method for calculating-

(a) a maximum rate of interest; and
(b) the maximum fees contemplated in this Part, applicable to each subsector of the consumer credit market, as determined by the Minister.

(2) When prescribing a matter contemplated in subsection (1), the Minister shall consider, among other things-

(a) the need to make credit available to persons contemplated in section 15(b);

(a) conditions prevailing in the credit market, including the cost of credit as contemplated in section 39 and the optimal functioning of the consumer credit market; and
(c) the social impact on low income consumers.

(3) When establishing regulations contemplated in this section, the Minister-

(a) shall establish different maximums for credit agreements within each

Sub-sector of the consumer credit market; and

(b) may prescribe the method, consistent with section 60(3), for allocating service fees between the provision of credit and the provision of related financial services, in circumstances in which a credit provider offers multiple financial services under a single agreement.

Credit insurance

44. (1) A credit provider may require a consumer to maintain during the term of their credit agreement-

(a) credit life insurance not exceeding, at any time during the life of the credit agreement, the total of the outstanding obligations of the consumer to the credit provider in terms of their agreement; and
(b) either-

(i) in the case of a mortgage agreement, insurance cover in respect of the immovable property that is subject to the mortgage, not exceeding the full asset value of that property; or

(ii) in any other case, insurance cover not exceeding, at any time during the life of the credit agreement, the total of the outstanding obligations of the consumer to the credit provider in terms of their agreement.

(2) A credit provider shall not induce a consumer in any way to enter into or to make any alterations or additions to or cancel a credit life insurance.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a credit provider shall not offer or demand that the consumer purchase or maintain insurance that is-

(a) unreasonable; or
(b) at an unreasonable cost to the consumer, having regard to the

actual risk and liabilities involved in the credit agreement.

(4) A consumer shall be entitled to choose the insurer with whom to conclude a credit life insurance to cover the debt.

(5) Where the consumer has purchased an insurance policy, the credit provider may require the consumer to provide the credit provider with written directions -

(a) in the prescribed manner and form requiring and permitting the credit provider to pay any premiums due under that policy during the term of the credit agreement on behalf of the consumer as they fall due, and to bill the consumer for the amount of such premiums;

and (b) to the insurer in the prescribed manner and form, naming the credit provider as a loss payee under the policy up to the settlement value at the happening of an insured contingency, and requiring the insurer, if an insured event occurs, to settle the obligation of the consumer under the credit agreement as a first charge against the proceeds of that policy at any time during the term of the credit agreement.

(6) Where the premiums under an insurance policy contemplated in this section are paid annually, the consumer is entitled, upon settlement of the credit agreement, to a refund of the unused portion of the final premium of the year.

Statement of account

45. (1) A credit provider shall deliver to a consumer periodic statements of account without any charge in accordance with this section.

(2) The credit provider shall issue statements of account at least once a month, except as otherwise provided for in this subsection;

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2)-

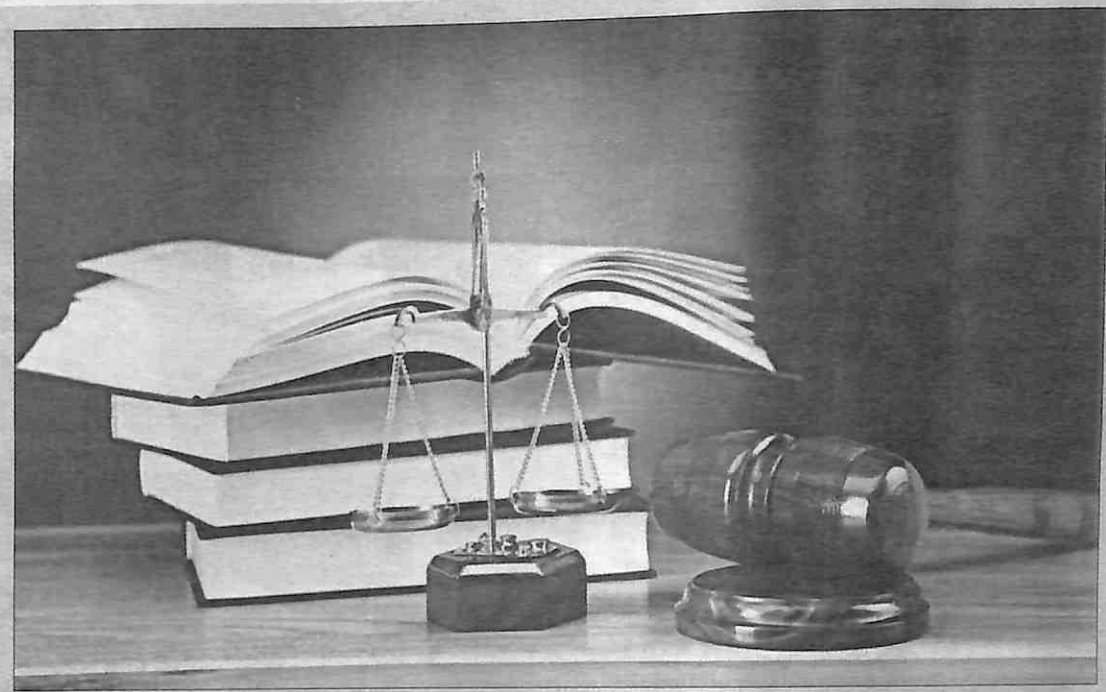
(a) a consumer and credit provider may agree to reduce the frequency of statements of account referred to in subsection (2)(a) or (b), but no such agreement may provide for more than three months between delivery of successive statements of account; and

(b) a statement of account need not be delivered in respect of a credit facility if no amount has been debited or credited to the account during the statement period.

Form and content of statement of account

46. A statement of account shall show the opening balance in each successive statement of account as being the same as the closing balance shown in the immediately preceding statement of account.

“The periodic or incidental service fees, or the method of calculating such fees, that may be charged under the credit agreement”



1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

SEXUAL violence has always been, and still remains the one thing that is a nightmare to women in the country.

Almost every day there will be a story or two in the newspaper about a woman who has been sexually violated. Those are just the stories that make it to the newspaper, there are stories that don't, and those that do not even get reported because rape has become so entrenched in women's everyday life that it has become normal.

The thing with sexual violence is that it is rarely perpetrated by strangers, it is always someone the victim is close to. It could be a boyfriend, a relative like an uncle, a guardian and even one's husband.

One of the many reasons that women keep being victims of sexual violence is the toxic belief that sex is a man's right in a marriage. The recent chilling statement by a senator is the very reason why rape is still rampant in the country.

The senator said that a husband can never rape his wife, and went on to say that if a woman does not want to have sexual intercourse with her husband, she must not sleep in the same room as him.

Implying that sleeping on the same bed with someone is an invitation to sex.

This very mentality is what makes men believe they have the right to sex. The woman's body no longer belongs to her, she has no body autonomy anymore. This is why some women die of curable diseases, because the husband refuses her from going to the hospital.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE A BIG CHALLENGE



Another belief that leads to sexual violence is the belief that girls are responsible for controlling a man's sexual urges. Many a times women are shamed for the choice of their clothing and told it is 'too revealing'.

Fault

Sometimes women themselves feel it is their fault when a man rapes them because the skirt she was wearing was too short or too tight. No one stops to consider the fact that women's clothing is rarely in the mind of a man, and believing that a woman is responsible for what happens to her is a sign of a sick society that needs help.

Victims of rape should not be made to take the blame, men who rape must take full responsibility and be dealt with accordingly.

One of the other drivers of sexual violence is the belief that it can be used to put women in their place. It is a dangerous and harmful belief

that women need a man if they are believed to be too difficult, 'too bossy'.

Corrective rape, hard to believe that this is even a thing, has been accepted across Africa as a way to turn lesbian women straight. The same, however, has never been said about gay men. In not so many words, this shows that women are there to please men sexually, and when they don't they can be forced to.

Rape

Sexual activity, including rape, is believed to be a marker of male masculinity. If a man finds himself in the same room with a woman, he will be applauded by his friends if he can convince her to sleep with him.

And if he fails to convince her, he will forcefully engage with her, just so he can brag to his friends. A woman who finds herself in this kind of situation usually doesn't

report because she believes it is either her fault, or she didn't do enough to fight him off. She does not consider it rape.

Family

Sexual violence is also considered taboo, that is why family and friends always try to convince the victim not to report, or that it should be 'dealt with' at home.

This puts the perpetrator off the hook and puts more women at potential risk.

If there are young boys in the family, they will see this and think that it is ok to treat women that way and in turn do it when they grow older.

Abuse is a cycle, it does not stop until someone in the family breaks the cycle, or the law forces people to take responsibility of their actions. The best thing to do is of cause encourage women to report any form of violence they experience, and that experienced by someone they know.

Wit and Wisdom

● One's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

● Fear is that little darkroom where negatives are developed.

- Michael Pritchard

● There is no wealth but life.

- John Ruskin

● When nobody around you seems to measure up, it's time to check your yardstick.

- Bill Lemley

● There is no security in life. There is only opportunity.

- Douglas MacArthur

● O Lord, please fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough. Enlightenment is the "quiet acceptance of what is" I believe the truly enlightened beings are those who refuse to allow themselves to be distressed over things that simply are the way they are.

- Wayne Dyer

● Learn the richness of solitude and quiet. That "still small voice" is yearning to be heard.

- Susan Jeffers

● True freedom is an inner thing. It is a state of mind. It is a deliberate exercise of choice. Thus, if we think we are bound by external forces, we are deceiving ourselves. It is our willing acquiescence to these outer demands that imprisons. Free yourself today. Take control of your thoughts. No day is so bad it can't be fixed with a nap. Welcome anything that comes to you, but do not long for anything else. I often regret that I have spoken; never that I am silent.

- Publilius Syrus

● Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them, since you cannot even make yourself as you wish to be.

- T. A. Kempis

● If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain.

- Maya Angelou

● You have a gift that only you can give the world - that's the whole reason you're on the planet. Use your precious energy to build a magnificent life that reality is attainable.

The miracle of your existence calls for celebration every day.

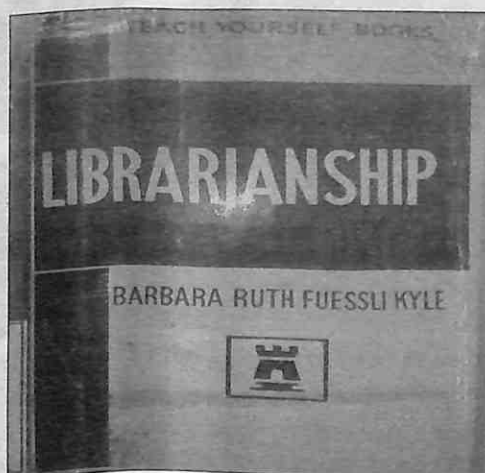
- Oprah

BOOK review

PIGG'S PEAK LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE BY CAROLINE ARNOLD (J00154 ARN)

A group of easy-read books that explain the role of the community today, how it works, its various services, and its importance to daily life. Illustrated throughout with photographs

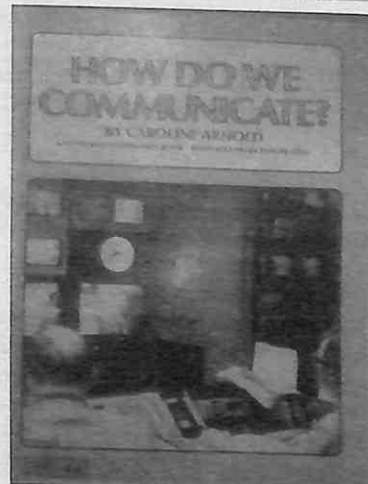


LIBRARIANSHIP BY BARBARA RUTH FUESSLI KYLE

THIS is a book for those who collect books and use libraries: and who want to do both to the best advantage.

The author has had experience in Public libraries, was for 10 years librarian of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, more recently was the assistant director of the National Book League, and is now Research Librarian of Aslib. She is, therefore, well equipped to take you behind the scenes in different kinds of libraries, and to answer the question-

"What do Librarians do?"



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VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 14 OCT 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.8106	14.8606
British Pound/SZL	18.6140	18.6768
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.2837	7.3063
Swiss France/SZL	14.8671	14.9158
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3492	1.3657
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0327	10.0695
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.2100	11.2444
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.3183	16.3734
Gold	1,487.2729	
Oil	61.48	

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MTN invests E30m annually to improve network coverage

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

AS part of ongoing network improvement, MTN has recently completed the construction of 15 new network sites, while 120 existing network sites have been upgraded from 2G network introducing a more versatile 3G network.

Both the new and improved network sites are spread across the country, while the Lubombo and Shiselweni regions were on the receiving end of most as 90 sites were upgraded.

MTN Eswatini invests about E30 million annually to improve network coverage. This investment means that more customers can now enjoy improved data speeds and superior call quality.

MTN Corporate Affairs Manager

Mandla Lumphondvo said the company continued to upgrade some of its 3G sites to 4G which comes with LTE technology.

MTN Eswatini introduced 4G LTE on July 7, 2016 and initially covered the business corridor which includes Mbabane, Ezulwini, Lozitha, Matsapha and Manzini. A month later, it was extended up to King Mswati III International Airport and ultimately, Siteki.

"This is how MTN Eswatini continues to deliver a superior customer experience. This experience has been seen, in part, through reduced dropped calls rate and minimal interruptions during high call traffic events like International Trade Fair opening, Umhlanga, MTN Bushfire Festival of the arts, to mention a few.

"MTN customers who use 4G compatible devices are spoilt for



INVEST: MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo.

choice. They could either use the 3G network or move into 4G as gadgets seamlessly latch on the available network. The 4G LTE

technology provides the fastest cellular data network available. The speed difference between 4G LTE and 3G is quite noticeable," he said.

He said to access the 4G network, one needed to be in a zone where this network is already active. Additionally, the customer's SIM card and device need to be 4G compatible.

Since the rollout of 4G LTE, MTN Eswatini has invited customers who are using SIM cards that are not 4G-compatible to visit its service centres, or any of its authorised dealers, to do a SIM swap. MTN is aware that some customers may still have SIM cards which are not 4G-compatible yet live in a 4G LTE network zone. These customers are encouraged to swap their SIMs so they could be part of the 4G LTE technology and enjoy full-scale, the benefits of a modern connected life.

EswatiniBank heading for new era

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

IN line with its objective to provide quality products and services, EswatiniBank customers should brace themselves for a new world of banking.

The bank will soon unveil a new version of its banking system, which will bring a whole new and memorable banking experience for its customers.

All along, the bank has been working behind the scenes undergoing a major system upgrade of its core banking system which will see it move to a latest world class banking system.

In the next month, the new system will go live and customers stand to benefit immensely going forward.

EswatiniBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele said the new banking system would enable the bank to roll out innovative banking products on a platform that is technologically advanced and stable.

He said the new system would increase efficiencies because of paperless and automated processes.

"This will lead to improved turnaround time in bank processes, such as deposits and withdrawals.

"Our customers will enjoy the benefits of this massive investment through better and faster services which are planned for roll-out in the near future," he said.

Lukhele further requested customers to be calm during the transition period and assured that they would try to keep any inconveniences to the minimum.

He said the new system was world class and used in many countries around the world.

"Staff has already been trained on the new system and everything is being finalised to have it go live and customers begin to reap the benefits," he added. Lukhele said the bank was always



TRAINING: EswatiniBank staff members during their intensive training on the new system.



NEW: Some of EswatiniBank staff members with the system experts during training on the upgraded system.

committed to meet customer expectations at all times and expressed hope that the new system

would create an advanced platform which the bank will utilise to address customer needs.

MCIT APPOINTS LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE ministry of commerce, industry and trade (MCIT) has appointed a new Liquor Licensing Board.

This was revealed by MCIT Communications Officer Thabile Mdluli, who said the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo officially commissioned the Board during a meeting held at the ministry's conference room yesterday.

The Board is expected to be in office for the next two years.

Welcoming

"Welcoming the Board, the minister wished them a fruitful two years. He warned the Board of a backlog in cases accumulated when there was no Board in the past few months. He encouraged them to work with diligence as they continue to serve the nation," she said.

She further disclosed that the minister highlighted that there was a Liquor Amendment Bill that was yet to be submitted to Parliament, which will address the issue of liquor business on Swazi Nation Land.

"The minister said he was hopeful that Parliament would consider the Bill once guidelines to sup-



APPOINTED: The Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo addresses the some of the Liquor Licensing Board members. (Courtesy pic)

The new Board is as follows:

All Regions:	Hhohho Region	Manzini Region	Lubombo Region	Shiselweni Region
Mndeni Vilakati – Chairperson	Nhlanhla Nxumalo	Andreas M. Hlophe	Norman Sigwane	Gibson Ndllovu
Lomcebo Dlamini – Secretary	Bongani G. Mdluli	Dumisa Mamba	Vusi Majozane A. Maziya	Bonginkosi N. Langwenya
Samukelisiwe Dlamini – Member	Swelekile Shabangu	Happy T. Luhlanga	Busisiwe Nhlabatsi	Idah Hill
Russel Nxumalo – Member	Sibusiso Dlamini (Secretary)	Samkeliso Dlamini (Secretary)	Anthony Masilela (Secretary)	Zwakele Dlamini (Secretary)

port it are formulated," he said. Meanwhile, the Liquor Board will

have its first sitting at the Hhohho Regional Secretary's Offices, Pigg's

Peak, on November 4 at 1030hrs," she added.

Eswatini Compliance workshop postponed indefinitely

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE Eswatini Compliance Workshop scheduled for the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre today and tomorrow has been postponed indefinitely.

The workshop was designed to help the compliance professionals, oversight executives, regula-

tors and directors and it will consist of wide ranging topics but all covering governance, risk, operational and regulatory compliance.

Interviewed yesterday, one of the organisers of the event NMP Institute Business Development Director Raymond Dlamini said they had to postpone the event due to reasons beyond their control.

"Pressing circumstances have forced us to cancel the event and we do apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Meet

"We are, however still to meet with our stakeholders to find a way forward and alternative dates for the conference," he said.

Some of the speakers lined for the conference included, amongst

others, Chief Executive Officer, Compliance Institute of Southern Africa Rianne Potgieter, Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela, and Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ESPPRA) CEO Madoda Mngomezulu, Attorney Zweli Jele, North West University Lecturer Dr Nhlanhla Maphanga and Eswatini Standards Association Technical Standards Manager Phillip Mndawe.

Over 140 Salvation Army Youth trained on business development

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

OVER 140 young entrepreneurs funded by the Salvation Army have gone through the second phase of their business training through the Junior Achievement (JA) Business Development Programme.

The nine months programme which seeks to produce Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) by taking these young people, from seven communities in Mbabane, through an entrepreneurship training programme that has components of idea generation, turning ideas into profitable sustainable businesses and mentorship amongst others.

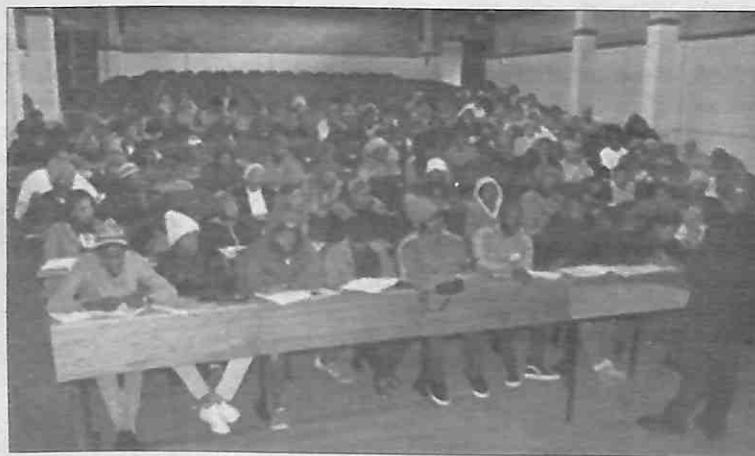
JA Business Development Coordinator Phetsile Bennett noted that the programme would end in May next year and that the participants would be ready to start up busi-

nesses and create employment, thus curbing the scourge of poverty.

She mentioned that the training was conducted by two facilitators, namely Bertha Sithole and Lloyd Masiya.

"Topics covered by Sithole included Marketing Research, the Pitch Anatomy, Advertising, Design, Social Media Marketing and Team building while Masiya presented on goal setting and strategic framework, market analysis, production selection and pricing, competitor analysis and unique selling points, elements of a business plan, income statement, cash flow statement and distinguishing cost of fixed assets from expenses and cost of production related expenditure," she said.

Also taking part in the training were organisations that assist the youth in starting up businesses and these included Lubane Savings and Credit Cooperative, as the young people



TRAINING: A Section of the youth undergoing training listen attentively.

are expected to start their own savings cooperatives so they are able to save for their businesses. The Youth Enterprise Revolving Fund (YERF) also made a presentation, where the young people appreciated the insight

on how they can go about applying for loans to start up their businesses.

"They are looking forward for the time they will apply for loans from Youth Fund," she said.



FACILITATE: Bertha Sithole, one of the facilitators during the training.

Headline inflation rate in September at 1.9 per cent

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE headline inflation rate in September is 1.9 per cent.

This is the annual percentage change in the CPI in September 2019 compared with that of September 2018.

This annual rate of inflation is 0.1 index points lower than the corresponding annual rate of 2.0 per cent observed in August 2019. According to Bongumenzi Zwane from the Central Statistical Office in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, the Month on Month inflation rate, which is the percentage change in the CPI in September 2019 compared with that of August 2019) is 0.1 per cent.

The lower headline inflation was due to decreasing annual rates of change reflected in September in the price indices for Furnishing, household equipment, and routine household maintenance which decreased from 2.9 per cent in August 2019 to 2.1 per cent in September 2019.

Goods and services for routine household maintenance (namely non-durable goods); and glassware, tableware, and household utensils mainly contributed to the lower index. It was also highlighted that miscellaneous goods and services, which decreased from -0.1 per cent in August 2019 to -0.6 per cent in September 2019.

Personal care, namely electric appliances for personal care; and personal effects (such as jewellery, clocks and watches) contributed to the lower index in this category.

The decreasing rates were slightly counteracted by increasing rates of growth in the price indices for clothing and footwear which increased from 1.0 per cent in August 2019 to 1.6 per cent in September 2019. Clothing (such as other articles for clothing and accessories and garments) contributed to the higher index in this category. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics increased from 2.7 per cent in August 2019 to 3.1 per cent in September 2019. Tobacco; and alcoholic beverages, such as beer, mainly contributed to the increased index in this category.



COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRADE ESWATINI

OVER the past couple of weeks, we addressed the African Electronic Trade Group (AeTrade); which is bound to change the digital trade facet of the continent and Eswatini as the regional offices host country.

This week, we look at the quality infrastructure in Eswatini. Quality is a major component of trade; as it is a prerequisite of trade across the globe. Therefore, for the AeTrade Offices to be effective; and by extension the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Eswatini entrepreneurs and enterprises need to be quality and standards compliant.

Now, coming back to the local quality infrastructure; the initiative to develop a national quality infrastructure for the Kingdom of Eswatini began in the late 70s. To date, the country has developed a quality infrastructure that meets international requirements.

With the mandate of developing and implementing the National Quality Policy and Legal Instruments, the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini developed a department of Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID). The Department also has the mandate of overseeing the development of National Quality Infrastructure institutions, systems and structures. The Department derives its mandate from regional and international agreements such as the World Trade Organisation – Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO-TBT); SADC Protocol on Trade and the COMESA Treaty.

The national quality infrastructure (NQI) is the institutional framework that establishes and implements standardisation, conformity assessment, technical regulations, metrology and accreditation.

The NQI helps government to protect consumers and safeguard human health and safety, animal and plant life and health and protects the environment. The NQI consists of a variety of organisations which play a role in establishing standards, evaluating whether products, processes or services fulfil specified technical requirements and certifying that requirements are met.

The Kingdom of Eswatini has developed its quality infrastructure as follows:

● The Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID) Department, responsible for the development and implementation of the National Quality Policy and Legal Instruments. The Department also has the mandate to oversee the development of the National Quality Infrastructure institutions, systems and structures. Above the policy mandate the department is also responsible for Accreditation activities, Technical regulations coordination and quality promotion.

● The National Standardisation Body, namely the Eswatini Standards Authority (SWASA) is responsible for the development of national standards as well as certification of systems and products.

● The Weights & Measures (Legal Metrology) Section ensures that products and services produced in the country are in the legally specified measurement.

● B. National Regulatory and Quality Policy (Link to the Policy Document) The National Quality policy was developed and approved in 2010. This is an overarching document that gives direction and guidelines for the establishment of organisations, structures and systems for the preparation, adoption and application of quality standards and carrying out of conformity assessment activities. It aims at strengthening the national quality infrastructure to achieve accelerated economic growth, ensure supply of safe and high quality goods and services, improve competitiveness, the

standard of living and quality of life of the Eswatini citizens, and contribute towards environment protection.

This department has three (3) Sections i.e.

- Accreditation
- Office of Technical Regulations Coordination
- Quality Promotion

What is quality?

Quality is one of those issues that often get overlooked yet it is a critical success factor for one; considering that it is a prerequisite for enterprises that want to effectively trade with international markets. Arguably, quality is the most intriguing concept that is perhaps more complicated than it appears. Many times, people use

the word quality with an assumption that everyone understands its meaning yet it is one word that is not so easy to define. Even quality experts define quality in somewhat different ways; depending on the perspective of the aspect under consideration. Reason being that quality may mean different things to different people.

To a manufacturer, quality may mean conformance to specification. To someone who is concerned about value for money, a quality product may be regarded as one that provides performance at an acceptable price or conformance at an acceptable cost. Also, somebody may consider quality in relative terms depending on the comparison of features and characteristics of products. Others view quality as a measure of goodness that is inherent to a product or service. Recognising the different perspectives on quality is important as it enables one to communicate effectively about quality, and companies or organisations need to recognise that differences in perceptions of quality exist.

Despite all the differences surrounding the definition of quality, all the definitions coalesce around Juran's idea that quality needs to be defined from the perspective of "fitness for intended use." Thus, the basic definition of quality is "meeting or exceeding customer expectations." According to Deming, another authority in the quality field, the "customer's definition of quality is what matters".

But who is the customer?

In the quality domain, customers are categorised into external and internal customers; external customers being people who come from outside the organisation who receive the organisation's goods and service and internal customers being those people who are recipients of another person's or department's output/goods/services within the organisation.

For more information on the Eswatini quality infrastructure and other issues related to the mandate of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, drop an email to our Communication Officer Thabile Mdluli at jehovau-nami@gmail.com or call 2404 3201/2/3/4 Till next week!

ESWATINI'S NATIONAL QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE



50 companies blacklisted after EOH finds almost R1bn in fake work and overbilling

JOHANNESBURG - one of the largest IT service providers in Africa, has reported a large loss as the cost of fraudulent transactions with the public sector piled up.

Large write-offs, in part due to the fraud, have contributed to its net asset value falling almost 70 per cent to R1.957bn in the past year.

Earlier this year, EOH was barred from reselling Microsoft software licences in SA amid reports that a whistleblower filed a complaint with

US market authorities about alleged EOH corruption in a SA department of defence software deal. Three top executives have since resigned.

The JSE-listed company then tasked law firm ENS to investigate R1.2bn in suspect transactions, primarily in EOH's dealings with the public sector., EOH said in an update to shareholders that the amount has since been reduced to R935 million and includes:

Some of these companies have initiated legal challenges against EOH,

which the company will "robustly oppose".

A small group of individuals in the public sector team were responsible for the fraud, EOH said.

The investigation has also identified various opportunistic incidents of theft from EOH, and a number of individuals have been dismissed. EOH has filed criminal charges against former staff members, and wants to recover losses from those implicated. It has also provided information to the Hawks and the Financial

Intelligence Centre. In response to the fraud, the company says it has introduced stricter rules, including for commission payments, gifts and other incentives. The use of sales agents or middlemen are now prohibited when bidding for contracts.

"The company is focused on removing any culture of hierarchy and fear which dissuades employees from speaking up and voicing important issues related to the business."

Today, EOH reported that for the year to end-July, its revenue fell

almost 3 per cent to R11.791bn, while its headline loss tripled from 546c a share to 1 681c.

"The ongoing weakness in the macro-economic environment, the ENSAfrica investigation and the reputational impact of Microsoft cancelling its licence reseller agreement as well as the delay in infrastructure projects in the NEXTEC business has led to depressed revenues and margin pressure for the 2019 financial year," EOH said.

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MOZAMBIQUE'S PRESIDENTIAL POLLS TO TEST PEACE DEAL

MAPUTO - Polls opened across Mozambique yesterday, with 13 million voters registered to cast ballots in presidential, parliamentary and provincial elections seen as key to consolidating peace in the southern African nation.

A ceasefire was signed in August between the government and the opposition Renamo rebels after years of skirmishes following a civil war, and acceptance of the election results is a key test of the agreement. The ruling Frelimo party, which has governed since Mozambique's independence from Portugal in 1975, is expected to be returned to power and President Felipe Nyusi, who voted as polls opened, is expected to win a second term in a vote where insecurity and political tensions might keep some people from the polls. Renamo's candidate and new leader Ossufo Momade is expected to benefit from Renamo's popularity, particularly in the countryside. Also seeking the presidency is opposition MDM candidate Daviz Simango, who is mayor of Beira city, which suffered badly in the devastating Cyclone Idai earlier this year.

The southern African nation of near-



FOLLOW THE LEADER: Mozambican President Felipe Nyusi shows his finger with the ink mark after casting his ballot at the Jozina Machel School during the Mozambican General Elections yesterday, in Maputo, Mozambique.

ly 30 million people on the Indian Ocean was hit by Idai and, weeks later, Cyclone Kenneth, raising fears about what climate change would bring to the country's sprawling coastline in the decades to come. Insecurity also poses a threat. At least 10 polling centers were not opening in northernmost Cabo Delgado province as Mozambique's election authority said it cannot guarantee safety from attacks by shadowy Islamic extremists. That

means some 5 400 people will not be able to vote. More than 400 people have been killed by the insurgents over the past two years. Vote counting will start after polls close at 6 pm local time and preliminary results are expected today, with full provisional results before the end of the week.

A runoff will be held if no presidential candidate wins a majority of the vote.

AP



ON THE RISE: Rwanda's Parliament members pose for photos with Rwandan President Paul Kagame in Kigali.

Rwanda breaks world record for women representation in Parliament

RWANDA - Rwanda has increased its women representation in Parliament, beating its current world record of 64 per cent.

According to Taarifa News the new world record for women representation in parliament has shot up to 67.5 per cent.

Out of a total parliamentary membership of 80, women occupy 54 seats.

The United Nations and the

Inter-Parliamentary Union demand a 30 per cent minimum threshold for women representation.

Ghana has 36 women in Parliament and this represents 12.75 per cent.

The new record came to light last Tuesday night after the National Electoral Commission announced the September 3 parliamentary elections results.

AFP

Nigeria says no 'time limit' on border closure for goods

ABUJA - Nigeria's customs chief on Monday said a ban on goods coming into the country across its land borders will last as long as it takes for neighbours to stem the flow of smuggled merchandise.

"For now, all goods illegal or legal remain banned from being imported into Nigeria through the land borders," Hameed Ali, comptroller general of the Nigeria Customs Service, told journalists.

"A time limit is not anything we can talk about for now. It will continue as long as we can get the desired results." Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari unexpectedly closed Nigeria's borders to goods trade in August declaring the time had come to end rampant smuggling

across the porous frontiers.

The closure has had a devastating impact on Benin, Nigeria's neighbour to the west, which has been a key exporter of foodstuffs to Africa's most populous country.

It has also pushed up prices for staples such as rice at markets around Nigeria. Ali said that all imports should now come through the country's ports where they can be monitored more easily and generate much-needed revenue.

Nigeria is heavily reliant on imports to feed its booming population of some 190 million, but the government is seeking to bolster domestic agriculture as it looks to diversify the oil-dependent economy.

AFP

AU will be 'durable' as it learns from others' mistakes

JOHANNESBURG - The African free trade plan is significant move in the continent's pursuit of economic integration, President Cyril Ramaphosa has said.

Speaking at the opening address of the Financial Times Africa Summit in London on Monday - a gathering of investors, business people and decision makers - Ramaphosa said the free trade plan would develop a single market of 54 nations, with 1.2 billion people and a combined GDP of US \$3trn.

Ramaphosa spoke of investment opportunities in Africa, which he said were being enhanced by the African Continental

Free Trade Agreement. He said the agreement was the realisation of the dreams of the founders of the African Union, 56 years ago, comparing it to the Maastricht Treaty of 1992, which represented a new era of integration in Europe. Ramaphosa also said Africa would learn lessons from the EU.

"We have been learning from others in the past and we will learn from the mistakes they continue to make, as they undo (those of) the EU and a few others," Ramaphosa said. "We want to learn from what they are doing and not doing correctly. I want to assure you, our union will be much more durable than what

we can see around (us)," Ramaphosa said.

His comment was met with chuckles from the crowd present. The EU and UK are currently engaged in talks for the latter to leave the union.

His remarks also follow xenophobic attacks against foreign nationals, including Nigerians, in Gauteng. Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari earlier this month visited South Africa, where both countries agreed to leverage off the African Continental Free Trade Agreement and strengthen trade ties following the violence, Bloomberg previously reported. **FIN24**

BRIEFS

Zimbabwe doctors enter 43rd day of strike

HARARE - Striking Zimbabwe doctors on Monday defied a court order to return to work, saying a pay rise offered by the government failed to meet everyday costs. Doctors remained home for a 43rd consecutive day, striking for better pay after their salaries were eroded by the country's spiralling inflation. Zimbabwe's labour court ruled the action 'unlawful' on Friday and ordered the medics back to their wards within 48 hours. The Zimbabwe Hospital Doctors Association (ZHDA) announced on Sunday it would lodge an appeal to the Supreme Court.

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Seven people killed in Andhra Pradesh

WORLD - Seven people have been killed and 13 others injured after a tourist bus fell into a gorge in Andhra Pradesh yesterday, police have confirmed. The incident occurred near Valmiki Konda between Mareduilli and Chinturu in the East Godavari district. Police said they rushed to the area and launched a rescue operation with the help of local authorities. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital, where the condition of five of the passengers is said to be critical. The bus driver apparently lost control of the bus while negotiating a curve, resulting in the accident, the police added. **IOI**

Chained Children Rescued

NIGERIA - A 78-year-old Muslim cleric has been arrested in northern Nigeria over the alleged torture and abuse of students who attended his Islamic boarding school. "We learnt that the inmates here are over 300 and because of the inhuman treatments they are being subjected to they revolted yesterday," Katsina Police spokesman Sanusi Buba told reporters on Monday. Most of the students in the all-male school escaped on Sunday. However, police later found 67 people aged between 7 and 40, 'shackled with chains' in the school located in the town of Daura, near the border with Niger.

Zim aims to triple diamond production

HARARE - Zimbabwe expects to increase diamond production to 11 million carats by 2023 from 3.2 million carats last year, the mines minister said on Monday, part of an ambitious plan to raise mining output and earn the country US \$12 billion a year. The mineral-rich southern African nation sees the mining sector as the main driver for reviving an economy crippled by triple-digit inflation and high unemployment. Still, many investors fret about whether they can take money out because of acute dollar shortages.

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EFF vows to fight for Kanya Cekeshe's release

JOHANNESBURG - The EFF says it will go to the highest courts to fight for the release of #FeesMustFall student activist Kanya Cekeshe.

The party said this after the student's application to appeal his conviction and be granted bail was dismissed in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Cekeshe, believed to be one of the last #FeesMustFall student activists still in prison, was convicted of public violence and malicious damage to property when he tried to set a police van alight during protests in 2016.

EFF spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi told

News24 the party would fight for his release "until the end", adding the next stage was to take the matter to the High Court.

"A fair trial is at the core of the administration of justice. You cannot possibly argue that at any point or given time that you are administering justice if your trials are not fair," Ndlozi said.

Allegations

He added any "objective" observer would conclude that Cekeshe was not given adequate legal representation during the trial.

Cekeshe's legal representative, advocate Tembeka Ngcukaitobi, argued in court that his client's previous legal representation was highly incompetent.

He said there were discrepancies in the allegations in the charge sheet and admissions made.

Magistrate Theunis Carstens, while handing down judgment, said Cekeshe admitted to all the allegations that were levelled against him.

He said the arguments made by the defence were "opportunistic".

"It is crystal clear that the applicant admitted all the relevant allegations in the charge sheet. In so far as the admissions made by the applicant are concerned, there is no merit in any of the arguments

put forward by defence counsel," said Carstens.

Ndlozi, however, said the magistrate should have dealt with the "facts" submitted by Cekeshe's defence, that his previous legal representative had not explained what admissions meant.

'We want Kanya to come out'

He described Cekeshe as a "desperate young man" who did not understand that an eight-year sentence was a serious decision.

Ndlozi said the facts were not explained to him, adding there were "many young men and women in jail because of that particular problem".

He said they were hoping, however, that higher courts

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conviction.

Cekeshe's family struggled to hold back their tears when they learned their relative would remain behind bars.

His uncle, Mnikelo Madala, told a group of EFF student command members, who had gathered outside the court, that they would continue to fight for his release.

EFF Student Command President Mandla Shikwambana said the government had failed them, adding that they were now going to the streets to fight for Cekeshe's release.

"We are subjected to another struggle where we have to go and fight, physically so, for Kanya to be released because there is no more options left for us [as young people of South Africa]."

"They [the government] have showed us the middle finger, chasing us to the streets. They are saying we must go to the streets and demand Kanya in the streets and the street is what we are going to give them."

"We want Kanya to come out and further his studies and be with his family," Shikwambana said.

Citizen



ZUMA TO APPEAL STAY

JOHANNESBURG - Former president Jacob Zuma's fraud and corruption trial has been postponed to February 2020 for pre-trial proceedings.

Minutes before the prosecution of former President Jacob Zuma started at the Pietermaritzburg High Court, the legal team of the ex-leader informally indicated to the State it would appeal Friday's ruling that his corruption case must go ahead.

Shortly after arriving at the court yesterday morning for the trial which was

set for three days, Zuma's attorney, Advocate Dan Mantsha, accompanied by Advocate Thobani Masuku SC (Senior Counsel), engaged in a brief discussing with the prosecution team which included Advocate Bill Downer and the legal team representing Thales, which included Advocate Anton Katz.

Independent Media learnt that Mantsha, when asked by the NPA to lay their cards on the table after three days of silence, told the prosecutors that they "will definitely appeal" and they need a bit of time to do so. It is understood

that the time they want was to comprehensively go through Friday's ruling and prepare their papers for the appeal.

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At the time of compiling this report, the legal teams of Zuma, Thales and the prosecuting team from the NPA, were locked in a meeting and the hearing was yet to start by 10am yesterday.

Speaking to Independent Media on Monday, Professor Pierre de Vos, a constitutional law expert at the University of Cape Town, said Zuma's chances of

I'm no longer allowed at Nkandla - MaNtuli

JOHANNESBURG - Nompumelelo Ntuli, one of former president Jacob Zuma's wives, receives no financial support from her estranged husband.

This emerged after the NPA revealed that it would not be prosecuting anyone for Zuma's alleged poisoning owing to the lack of evidence.

MaNtuli, as she is affectionately known, is the fourth woman Zuma married and the second current wife. She has three children with Zuma.

The former president is married to Sizakele Khumalo, Thobeka Madiba and Gloria Ngema, and engaged to Nonkan- yiso Conco. He and Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, now minister in the Presidency, were divorced in 1998.

Another wife, Kate Zuma, is said to have committed suicide in 2000.

In 2015, MaNtuli was accused of being involved in a plot to poison the former statesman, and was subsequently banished from his Nkandla homestead.

Now she plans to sue the NPA and the Hawks for "malicious prosecution" after she was implicated in the poisoning saga, an allegation she vehemently denied.

MaNtuli wants to force the NPA and the Hawks to disclose what information they had against her to warrant being put up as a suspect.

On Monday, her lawyer Ulrich Roux



GOOD ALL DAYS: Jacob Zuma and Nompumelelo Ntuli Zuma.

said they would be sending a letter of demand to the NPA and the Hawks by the end of the week.

"We will file a letter of demand that will go out this week and they will have 30 days to respond to that."

"If they don't respond to the letter, we will issue summons in a court of law," Roux said.

MaNtuli broke her silence at the weekend in an interview with news channel Newzroom Afrika about how difficult her life has been since being accused of plotting to kill her husband.

When the allegations against her surfaced, MaNtuli and her three children were banished from Zuma's Nkandla

homestead and moved to an apartment in Durban North.

"Yes, I'm happy to say I have been cleared and the world knows the truth, but the pain is still there," she said.

In the interview, the former first lady said the allegations had turned her life into "a living hell".

"I thought my husband knew me. It was a shock. I was subjected to machines (a lie-detector test). It has been five years of hell. We were moved to a one-bedroom guest house in Greytown to accommodate the children's schooling."

Zuma's spokesperson, Vukile Mathabela, said the case was a family issue.

The Star

SARS probes illicit economy

JOHANNESBURG - Finance Minister Tito Mboweni says the study conducted by SARS into illicit economy was expected to be completed next March.

Mboweni revealed this in a written response to a parliamentary question from DA MP Dion George, who asked whether an estimation of the size of the illicit economy has been conducted and what steps are being taken to tax the illicit economy effectively, among other things.

In his response, the minister said the illicit economy was a continuously changing landscape and a function of the overall levels of societal and tax compliance.

"SARS is in the process of conducting scientific and evidence-based research to quantify the size of the illicit econo-

my for South Africa and as such there is no official position yet on the size of the illicit economy."

"The study also seeks to identify, quantify illicit/illegal activities taking place in both the formal and informal economy," Mboweni said.

He also said the study would further involve identifying, locating, understanding, registering, managing and monitoring illicit businesses in their different forms and sizes in the illicit economy.

Mboweni said the outcome of the study would assist in determining the size of each illegal trading item.

"In the absence of SARS own research findings. It is difficult to put a value to the illicit economy."

The research studies, which commenced in November 2018, are expected to be completed by March 2020."

He stated that SARS has established an interim capability to conduct investigations into the illicit economy.

"The capability executes integrated enforcement investigations and comprises of multi-disciplinary and collaborative investigations and enforcement debt recovery actions, supported by legal experts and data analytics," Mboweni said.

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success should he decide to appeal, were slim.

"Zuma's problem is his arguments in previous cases over the past 15 years the courts have already said those arguments don't hold water," De Vos said.

Zuma is facing a litany of corruption, fraud and money laundering charges emanating from the 1999 arms deal worth R30 billion. It is alleged that he received bribes from Thales through his former financial adviser, convicted Durban

fraudster Schabir Shaik.

Shaik was released on medical parole in 2009 after serving a mere two years and four months of his 15 year sentence after he was convicted of corruption in 2005.

Zuma will have until November 1 to file papers in the leave to appeal bid.

The leave to appeal application will be heard on November 22, and the criminal case will be postponed to February 4, 2020.

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MSHOLOZI: Former president Jacob Zuma.

Gender activist and law lecturer shot dead

JOHANNESBURG - Law lecturer at Vaal University of Technology (VUT), Arvitha Doodnath, was found dead inside her car near the Joburg Zoo in Parktown on Saturday, in what appeared to be an attempted hijacking, EWN reported.

She was a law lecturer, gender activist and Helen Suzman Foundation (HSF) researcher, according to Times Select.

Doodnath reportedly led a campaign against gender-based violence at VUT after the killing of University of Cape Town (UCT) student Uyinene Mrwetyana.

Times Select reports the 30-year-old was on her way home from a dancing event at the Hindu Temple in Mayfair, Johannesburg.

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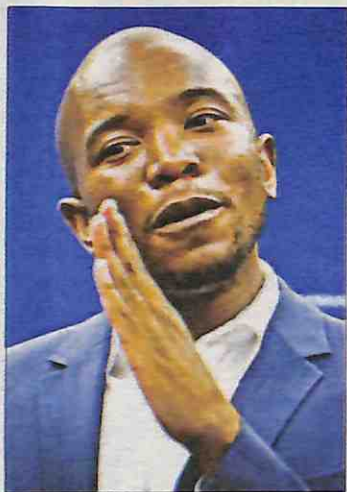
CAPE TOWN - Internal divisions in the DA could harm the party at the local government elections in 2021 if the flames of dissent are not doused quickly.

The party is beset by internal jockeying for positions with party leader Mmusi Maimane's position at risk, Helen Zille and Athol Trollip vying for the position of federal chairperson and its Cape Town Metro caucus at each other's throats.

Firstly there was an attempt to get rid of caucus leader Grant Twigg, a motion which he survived, and on Monday a motion to get rid of deputy caucus leader JP Smith failed when it was withdrawn. Amanda Gouws from the political science department at Stellenbosch University said the public spats were becoming a mess for the party.

"The DA is struggling with a leadership problem and a race problem. And the party has shown itself that it is not integrated and that there is no space for black leadership." It comes after a motion of no confidence against mayoral committee member for safety and security JP Smith was withdrawn yesterday and has prompted the party to look into other mechanisms to deal with internal conflicts.

Political analyst Sanusha Naidoo said: "You cannot ignore the fact



DIVIDED: DA leader Mmusi Maimane, Helen Zille and Athol Trollip.

that the DA is imploding and they cannot cover it up. But now the battle lines have been drawn in a destructive way and it leaves questions for the party's credibility about its stance on transformation. And what we are seeing is certain members that want to take the party back." On the withdrawal of the motion against Smith, DA provincial leader Bonginkosi Madikizela said: "We as leadership advised against it and suggested other mechanisms to deal with issues raised. Fortunately, those people who tabled (the motion) listened."

He said that tabling a motion was not a desirable way to resolve issues. "I said let us rather find another

way of dealing with the issues raised. I spoke to the councillors at great length." The motion was brought forward by councillors Courtney van Wyk and Steven Vuba. In their submission, they accused Smith of being at the forefront of "actively driving disunity" within the party. The submission paints a picture of Smith as a delinquent, stating that after the independent report of the sub-committee established to inquire into tensions within the City, known as the "Steenhuisen Report" and adopted by the party's federal executive, Smith was placed at the centre of "heightened tensions and disunity within the caucus".

Former Mayco member for transport and urban development and now GOOD party member Brett Herron said that what played out in council yesterday demonstrated how "some of the animals are more equal than others".

"How the members of that caucus, and the party, sit in silence and accommodate the obvious double standards is beyond me. Their right to exercise their judgment and elect or remove their own leaders is arbitrarily removed. But as with every contradiction and failure of fairness when it came to Patricia de Lille they sit silent - allowing their dignity and integrity to be trampled on. News24

R70m a year to house MPs in Cape Town

JOHANNESBURG - South African taxpayers are forking out tens of millions every year to house parliamentarians at official residences in Cape Town.

According to Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia De Lille, the state has forked out about R750m over the fourth and fifth Parliament (between 2009 and 2019) to house MPs at the three parliamentary villages in Cape Town.

She was responding to a written parliamentary question from DA MP Willem Faber.

Government spent about R380m on the three villages - Acacia Park, Pelican Park and Laboria Park - in the five years spanning the fourth parliament between 2009 and 2014. Since then, for the fifth Parliament, it spent about R360m.

This includes, among others, costs for water and electricity, rates and taxes, management of the three villages, construction of new buildings, maintenance and the purchasing of furniture and appliances.

This means that, on average, taxpayers spend more than R70m annually to accommodate MPs at parliamentary villages.

Breaking down the figures reveals that bus transport for parliamentarians living at the villages in the fifth parliament cost the state about R36m, and public works and infrastructure staff who manage these premises cost the department about R13m in the same period.

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KZN COMMUNITY TO GET R176 MILLION BRIDGE

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to a better South Africa. She lived her life with fierce determination, compassion, and joy. It is devastating that her life was taken from her in the manner that it was.

"We wish to extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends for this tragic loss, to whom we offer our support and prayers. Arvitha was, and remains, an integral part of the HSF family and we will forever remember her in this way."

Several police spokespeople could not provide information on the incident, Times Select reported.

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PRINCE WILLIAM, KATE MEET PAKISTANI LEADERS

ISLAMABAD - Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate yesterday met Pakistani leaders and speak at a public event on the first full day of their visit to the country, officials said.

More than 1 000 troops and police guards were deployed to secure a highly-fortified red zone in Islamabad where the Royal couple stayed after their arrival late on Monday.

The couple, known also as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, were likely to hold a meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan over lunch, an official at the premier's office told DPA.

A separate meeting was also planned with President Arif Alvi, the Foreign Ministry said, without giving any details on the time and venue due to security concerns.

Prince William and Kate are also to participate in a charity event organised for young people, the ministry added. The couple are expected to speak at the occasion.

After spending a day in the Pakistani capital, the couple are to head to the eastern city of Lahore, where visits are scheduled to a 17th-century mosque



WELCOME: Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate.

and a fort.

The royals are due tomorrow in the mountainous town of Chitral in the north to meet communities facing the challenge of climate change, according to the British high commission in Islamabad.



The red carpet was rolled out to receive William and Kate at the airport on Monday, with several ministers, diplomats, government officers and security officials lined up to welcome them.

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MIRACLE: Police in India are searching for the parents of a newborn baby who was found buried alive in a shallow grave.

Man burying daughter finds newborn alive in grave

UTTAR - A man digging a grave in northern India found a newborn girl buried alive, police said on Monday, in the latest case to shine a spotlight on female infanticide in the country.

Hitesh Sirohi had gone to bury his own daughter, who died a few minutes after birth on Wednesday, when his spade hit an earthen pot, local police in Uttar Pradesh state told AFP.

"When he noticed a newborn girl inside it, he immediately rescued her and dialled... for help."

Sirohi told the Times of India he found the baby wrapped in a cloth and crying.

"At one point I thought that my daughter had come alive. But the voice was actually coming from the pot," he told the newspaper.

The newborn was taken to hospital where she is receiving medical care, police said, adding that a local politician was paying for her expenses.

India has long struggled with female infanticide, which has become widespread because of parents' preferences for sons - who are viewed as investments

and heirs - while girls are seen as a liability.

India is trying to bridge the sex ratio gap with tough laws, as the country fares badly with 940 females for every 1 000 males according to the 2011 census.

Prenatal sex determination was outlawed in 1994 but families' still use illegal methods or devices to discover the gender and terminate pregnancies for unwanted female offspring.

A 2011 study in the British medical journal The Lancet found that up to 12 million girls had been aborted in the last three decades in India.

In January, a three-week old baby girl was found buried alive in Rajasthan state after locals heard her crying from a shallow grave, but died after a few weeks at a hospital.

In 2017, police in western Maharashtra state recovered 19 female fetuses from a sewer near a clinic.

A doctor was arrested and charged with illegally aborting female fetuses for parents desperate for a boy.

AFP

Saudi visit signals Putin's growing Middle East influence

MOSCOW - President Vladimir Putin signalled Moscow's growing Middle East clout on Monday on his first visit to Saudi Arabia in over a decade, buoyed by Russian military gains in Syria, strong ties with Riyadh's regional rivals and energy cooperation.

Moscow accrued power in the Middle East in 2015 by sending troops to Syria, where it and Iran have been key backers of President Bashar al-Assad amid civil war, while the United States pulled back. Saudi Arabia sided with Syrian rebels. On the eve of Putin's trip, US troops abruptly retreated from northern Syria as Russian-backed government forces deployed deep inside Kurdish-held territory under a deal to help fend off a Turkish cross-border offensive.

Russia has also strengthened ties with both Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia and Shi'ite Iran, which are locked in a decades-old contest for influence that veered towards open conflict after a recent spate of attacks on oil assets in the Gulf that Riyadh and Washington blame on Tehran. Iran denies the charges.

Tensions with Iran, which is locked in several proxy wars with Saudi Arabia, have risen to new highs after Washington last year quit a 2015 international nuclear accord with Tehran and re-imposed sanctions. The Russian president met King Salman and de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, with whom Putin says he has friendly relations. In televised remarks, Putin and the king said bilateral relations were

important to regional security and stability.

After discussions that touched on joint investments as well as conflicts in Syria and Yemen, Prince Mohammed said Saudi-Russian cooperation on energy would achieve stability.

Deepening ties have seen non-OPEC Russia, once regarded as a rival in oil markets, join OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia in forming an alliance known as OPEC+ to support crude prices by restraining output. At a morning forum convening 300 Saudi and Russian CEOs, Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said producers were showing high commitments to the deal, and his Russian counterpart said there were no talks underway to change it. *Reuters*

BRIEFS

Giuliani ran 'shadow foreign policy'

WASHINGTON - Fiona Hill, the White House's former top Russia adviser, told impeachment investigators on Monday that Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer, ran a shadow foreign policy in Ukraine that circumvented US officials and career diplomats in order to personally benefit President Donald Trump, according to a person familiar with her testimony. Hill, who served as the senior official for Russia and Europe on the National Security Council, was the latest witness in a fast-moving impeachment inquiry.

The Washington Post

Two migrants found dead

PARIS - The bodies of two young Iraqis were found washed up on a beach in northern France on Monday, a first in a region where migrants are taking to boats in growing numbers to try reach Britain.

On Monday morning, a passerby spotted the body of a 17-year-old Iraqi Kurdish youth on a beach in Le Touquet, about 70km (40 miles) south of the port of Calais, long a rallying point for migrants hoping to stow away on a truck or ferry to Britain. A few hours later, another passerby spotted the body of a second Iraqi man, aged 22, on the same beach.

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UK paedophile stabbed to death

LONDON - Britain's worst paedophile who abused up to 200 children, some as young as six months, has been stabbed to death in jail. Richard Huckle, 33, was found dead in his top-floor cell on Sunday after being knifed with a homemade blade. The former grammar schoolboy's bloodied body was discovered at Full Sutton prison near York, where he was serving 22 life sentences. Another inmate at the Category A jail has been placed in isolation while police investigate. Huckle was 19 when he started backpacking around the world preying on youngsters in South East Asia.

Daily mail

Police halt climate change protests

LONDON - British police have ordered a halt to Extinction Rebellion protests in London after a week of civil disobedience by climate change activists who have targeted government buildings and major financial institutions. "Any assembly linked to the Extinction Rebellion 'Autumn Uprising'... must now cease their protest(s) within London," the police said in a statement late on Monday. Police said 1445 people had been arrested in the protests so far. Extinction Rebellion uses civil disobedience to highlight the risks posed by climate change and the accelerating loss of plant and animal species.

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WELCOME: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati poses with the SABC 3 Presenter Search judges from the left Trending SA Presenter Dr Musa Mthombeni, Actress and DJ Thando 'Thabooty' Thabethe and Roger Goode and Eswatini Tourism Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo and Communications Officer Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini after welcoming them.

SABC 3 Presenter Search episode in Eswatini premieres tonight

BY DELISA THWALA

THE SABC 3 Presenter Search which was filmed in the country will be premiered tonight on SABC 3 at 7:30pm.

Eswatini Tourism Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo has urged Ennaswati to tune in for the programme and watch the beauty of Eswatini on screens. Episodes 11 and 12 were filmed in Eswatini in different places such as Ngwenya Glass, Mlilwane Sanctuary and Mantenga Cultural Village to mention a few and will be screened tonight as well as on October 23.

"We would like to invite Eswatini to watch and help us spread the word about the beautiful Kingdom of Eswatini; the ultimate royal experience," said Nxumalo.

This was part of the ETA marketing activities for the third quarter.

The SABC 3 team was in the kingdom from October 3 - 9.

Gracing the country were the panel of judges of the search contest such as Thando 'Thabooty'

Thabede, famously known for her role on Generations The Legacy as 'Nolwazi', Dr Musa Mthombeni of Trending SA and House DJ Roger Goode.

Presenter Search on 3 is a popular reality show, watched by over a million viewers - where contestants vie for coveted presenter spots on the energetic and award-winning Expresso Morning Show on SABC 3.

The series started on August 7 and has run for 10 episodes which will culminate in a live grand finale on October 30 where the two winners will be announced.

SABC 3 is a commercial South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) television channel that carries programming in English and, as of April 2009, Afrikaans.

Rebranded to 'The Stage is Yours', SABC 3 is for the quintessential viewers that is unapologetically South African in pride but embraces a global view.

SABC 3 shines a spotlight on the aspirations of South African natives and represents the progressive spirit of the nation.

Sands, Bholoja, TOS, DJ Zoe most paid artists

... They have played a major role to being where they are today – SWAMA president

STORIES BY PHETSILE MAMBA

THE golden boy Sands, Bholoja, deejays TOS and Zoe are the most paid artists in the country.

This is according to a recent research carried out by the Entertainment Desk and it was also supported by SWAMA under the directorship of Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, who works very closely with the abovementioned artists.

For starters, Eswatini Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) is the largest national association of musicians and an affiliate of the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture.

The association makes sure musicians whose music is played on TV and radio stations are given royalties.

The deal came after the association's futile efforts of clinching the Copy Rights Bill locally.

They also managed to seal a deal with the South African Music Rights Organisation (SAMRO) to collect royalties in SA on behalf of the artists.

According to 'Zox, the mentioned four artists have worked towards being international artist not just locally and they were mostly booked internationally.

However, it is mandated not to reveal their charge fees due to obvious reasons that could jeopardise their work.

"You cannot compare them with local artists since they have built their brands and worked hard towards not just being local but international. They have done tours and have performed in international festivals. They have played a major role to be where they are today," said Dlamini.

Speaking to the artists about this development, Sands said for him it has been a challenging 10-year journey in the industry.

"It came with lots of challenges and lessons mostly. The exposure it came with has made it easier to grow the brand further and also put stars in my profile.

"There are plenty of artists that I look up to. So I can safely say it's God's grace. Dedication, and prayer mostly," said the Tigi hitmaker.

Award-winning and international



BIG BUCKS: Sands, DJ Zoe and DJ TOS.

acclaimed artist Bholoja said his journey was not a good one, but he never gave up becoming the star that he is today.

"Especially if our government is failing to recognise people who can put this kingdom on the map and work with them closer to bring change in the country.

Talent

"Failing to have the right people within government leading the art industry without talent, passion, experience, adequate vision and the right goals for the art industry has failed many and is still going to be a stumbling block to many creative that would have brought change in our economy.

"Our work has been tried and tested, who is marketing the country if we don't? Musicians are the best vehicle to market the country and paint rainbow colours about the good things happening in this country," shared Bholoja when asked about his music journey.

The artist lamented that they have power to create interest for investors to come and invest, create job opportunities in this country.

"So imagine where I would be as a country with my fellow artists if we have the entire backup we need from our government.

"This is very sad because the more you rise, you become of a stranger to your own government. It's like you are

digging your own grave," Bholoja shared.

Bholoja also thanked the French government for the exposure and networking him with African icons like Salif Keita, Lokua Kanza, Engelique Kidjo, David Felgeirrolle, Felix Saba Lecco, Amen Viana and more.

Spot

"They have managed to spot me and my rough craft then and I believe that I would be a big artist not only for Eswatini but Africa and the world at large."

Speaking to Touch of Soul, he said he was used to be an African artist and that now he was global.

"Touch of Soul is a brand that involves not only your five senses of touch, taste, smell, hear, see but we go beyond and add feel and receive and each service provider and artist we work with has a life changing experience before, during and after working with me.

"This is the type of fire we take and bring across and beyond borders. They are all about empowering people and giving them an experience not just entertainment. The experience has been life-changing.

"Being played in countries whose names you can't pronounce or spell can only be described in one word; God. I became a servant to masters in the game. I humbled myself and was lifted up of which I remain eternally grateful," said the Durban-based local deejay.

'I have never bribed anyone for more bookings'

BRIBES will not take you anywhere.

These were words articulated by Bholoja when asked how he managed to keep his brand on toes over the years.

"If you want to be an eagle fly with the eagles. I monitor my growth and time it.

"I have never bribed anyone for more bookings. I work honestly and work hard to give the best.

"If you paid more I always want to make you feel you paid less, by giving

you the best performance on stage," he said.

Adding on, Bholoja mentioned that he used professional band members to grow his brand and he pays according to their rate.

"I do not underestimate our craft. Why should we pride ourselves less yet our craft is in demand internationally," said Bholoja, who has reached the iconic status in the artistry industry in the country.



GOOD: Minister Vilakati shaking hands with 'Thabooty'.



NO BRIBE: Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane.



EWE GETSEMANE: Sbu Noah thrills the crowd in Cape Town during the 'Worship Lifestyle with Sbu Noah'. (Courtesy pics)



CROWD: People who attended the show in deep worship.

BANELE, MAJAHA SHINE IN CAPE TOWN

BY DELISA THWALA

GOSPEL artist Banele Dlamini and Poet Majaha Nkonyane gave stellar performances in Cape Town on Friday night.

They were performing live at the Langa Baptist Church, at an event organised by their management stable; Leserato Events in conjunction with Cape Town-based stable: Bakgone Events. The event was dubbed 'Worship Lifestyle with Sbu Noah' which also featured renowned SA's gospel artist Sbu Noah and local artist Millicent Mbaliso.

Directing the proceedings was Thando Makhaphela from Women in Praise. She did an amazing job on the night and demonstrated her versatility as an artist and MC.

The event was attended by over 750 people who packed the church auditorium. Majaha was the first act on stage and rendered a poem which got the crowd cheering from the beginning to the end. "I had a great time on that

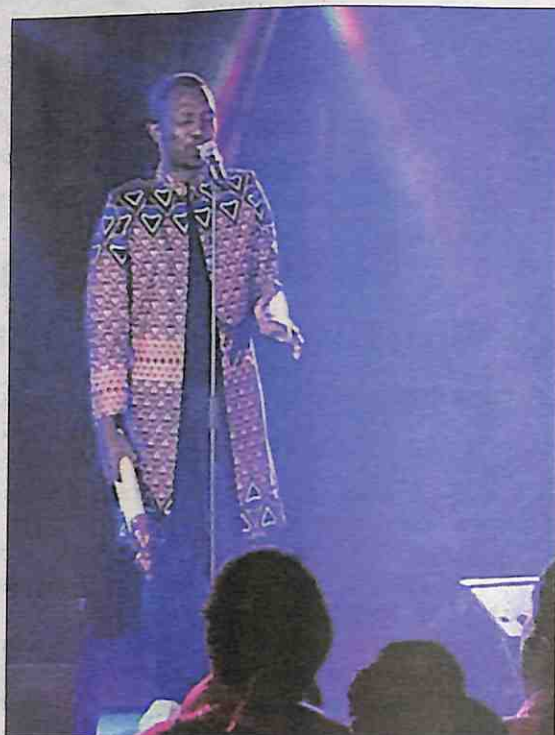
stage and it was a great milestone for my poetry craft. The people were amazing and the entire event was beautiful. Thank you to Leserato for arranging the opportunity for us and for believing in us," said Nkonyane.

He was followed by Banele Dlamini, who rendered three songs leading the worshippers to sing and dance along.

She thrilled Cape Town music lovers with her hit song 'Baba siyabonga'.

It was inevitable that an encore was to be requested. "I enjoyed this performance very much, the crowd was great and responsive, and the love was there for all to see.

Thank you to Leserato for making this possible and believing in us to that extent. It is easier to bring in established artists and anyone can do that, but committing time and resources to taking our talent out of the country is something special. "God will reward them in a special way for this and we wait in anticipation for that special day," said the energetic gospel singer Banele Dlamini.



FIRST: Poet Majaha performs as an opening act.



PRAISE: Banele Dlamini sings during the event.

ANOTHER BUHLE BAMI HEALTH, FITNESS EXPO

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

BUHLE Bami will yet again host a Health and Fitness Expo which will be held at the MTN Golf Park, Ezulwini on November 2.

The expo will commence at 10am till 4pm, with a varied programme, including live demonstrations and expert talks.

Various opportunities are available for sponsorship, exhibition, and promotional activations and vending.

This year's expo will be jointly hosted by Honeychildstyle, a social media driven independent retailer of women's fashion under the directorship of Pinky Glover, fitness enthusiast and Studio Z Director Zama Potgietier and Rewarder from a Momentum Health Rewards Program and Ads-Up Brandhouse.

Buhle Bami is basically an Eswatini movement that celebrates self love and acceptance.

The founders host annual expos that encourage attendees to create quality lifestyles and learn to embrace their being.

The first Buhle Bami Expo event was held last year in October at the Swazi Plaza Rooftop, Mbabane.



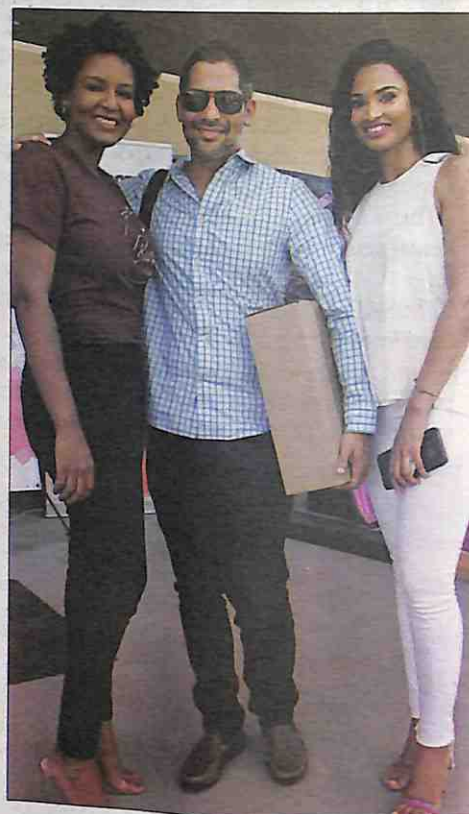
HOW IT'S DONE: Make-up artist Khosi Shabalala conducts a make-up tutorial during the first edition of Buhle Bami which was held last year October at the Swazi Plaza Roof Top in Mbabane.

The successful event showcased new fashion styles, beauty products and services, with expert speakers engaging the attendees on dressing for success, skincare, make-up and sexuality.

Exhibitors included Condomize, Swazi Pharm, Swazi Secrets, FNB, Appletizer, and lastly but not the least, the ladies were treated to a make-

up tutorial from the renowned make-up artist Khosi Shabalala.

This year Buhle Bami will venture into health and fitness, focusing mainly on body, mind and soul. The expo aims to showcase the various products and lifestyle services that are available to Emaswati to help them live their best lives.



MEMORIES: Buhle Bami founders Musonda Chimba and Pinky Glover pose with Dr Monsoor who shared on skincare at last year's edition.



VOTE: The Spotlight top 15 pose after they were selected to move onto the next round, at Mahlalekhukhwi ni House. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)



12 Smart phones up for grabs, just vote!

THE winner of the first season of The Spotlight would not be the only one smiling to bank.

By voting for their favourite contestant, the public stands a chance to win 12 Smartphones from MTN Eswatini.

This was revealed by MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko.

"We are giving away 12 handsets to lucky voters. One winner will be announced every week. To vote and stand a chance to win, SMS contestant's number or code to 7768 or visit: www.thespotlight.co.sz," said Maseko.

Explaining why they came up with this promotion, Maseko said it was motivated by the number of votes coming in for The Spotlight.

"We can see that Emaswati are loving the talent showcased by the contestants, but they haven't gotten much into the fun already, this is a little something to sharpen their appetite," he said.

Maseko said this was a win-win situation. "Get down to business by voting and stand a chance to win one of these 12 handsets," he added.

THE SPOTLIGHT VOTES EDGE CLOSER TO 100 000

**STORIES BY NOKWANDA
SIBANDZE**

THE Spotlight Top 20 was cut down to 15 and the stage is now set for a tight competition as the top 15 battle for your votes to make it to the top 10.

This was the first time for the competition to eliminate a big number after introducing the voting process. MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko said it would be crunch time every week on The Spotlight.

"As MTN, we are very proud about what we have seen during the past weekend. Actually, from auditions, up to the top 15, we are excited by the amount of talent," he said.

Commenting about the performance of the top 15 contestants last Saturday, Maseko said they set the scene for what was going to be a tough competition with rousing performances.



JURISTS: The Spotlight judges Mozaik the Producer, Ndumiso Dlamini, Velemseni Ndzimandze and Khulekani 'Karly B' Mamba.

"It was a spectacular showcase. They set the stage on fire and really gave performances to be proud of, with the judges giving them overall positive feedback," he said.

Voting lines have opened and Maseko has encouraged the public

to keep the voting for their favourites to secure their top 10 this Saturday.

The Spotlight votes stood at over 91 200 yesterday morning.

"We have never seen such growth in votes in any SMS based competition at MTN. We are now getting

close to 100 000 votes since the launch of voting in the past five weeks, and we are confident that we will surpass 100 000 votes by the time the voting window closes on Friday," said Maseko. On Friday after 8am, the weekly votes stood just over 13 000 but they closed at just over 19 300 after the voting window was closed. "We encourage the public to keep the votes coming. From the top 15 performances, you could see that the contestants are hungry and they want this more than anything. The judges have spoken, the last say, of course, belongs to the viewers, who now get to decide who will take the stage again next week, as part of the Top 10," he said.

To vote for your favourite contestant, SMS contestant's number to 7768 or through the website www.thespotlight.co.sz, each vote costs E0.50 on both platforms. You can vote as many times as you wish.

preparing the biggest stage for the contestants. We are preparing for a stage that even most of our established artists have never performed on, because we want whoever that will walk with the grand prize to be ready to take on the world," said Maseko.

Production takes top 10 a notch higher

MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko has announced that the production of the top 10 round of The Spotlight was going to be

different from the rest of the elimination rounds, as the competition gets closer to the final round.

"We will be improving what

people have been seeing in the past five weeks. The production is growing and taking a notch higher as we get closer to the grand finale, where were are

Eswatini takes part in international social dance festival

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

ESWATINI dancers represented the country exceptionally well at the Kaya International Dance Festival in Maputo, Mozambique.

Bailamos Dance Studio, producers of Let's Dance Eswatini and founders of the Eswatini Social Dance Movement which promotes social dances like salsa, kizomba, tango and other styles in the Kingdom, were invited to teach dancing at the Kaya International Dance Festival in Maputo Mozambique two weeks ago in Maputo.

Social dance festivals and congresses take place all over the world

and attract hundreds and thousands of people who are interested and love dancing. This is according to Bailamos Dance Studio and Let's Dance Eswatini Director Suzan Esteves.

Esteves mentioned that Kaya Festival, in its third edition is one of several international social dance festivals in Africa, and had teachers from seven countries from Africa, North America and Europe and participants from all over Mozambique, South Africa, Eswatini, Zambia and other countries.

It is worth noting that this was the first time Eswatini has been invited to teach at a social dance festival.

Esteves and Ncamiso Dlamini were the teachers who were invited, and together with other Swati dancers represented Eswatini in Mozambique.

"This was a great milestone. We have been promoting social dance as a lifestyle in Eswatini since 2014, and thanks to the organizers of Kaya Festival, we were able to show other countries that we also have something to offer dancers from other countries.

"Social dancing is global and that is part of what the Kaya Festival wants to promote, that we are one community coming together from different places. It was an honour to be a part of it," said Esteves.



KODAK MOMENT: Eswatini's Suzan Estevee and Ncamiso Dlamini captured with dancers and teachers from countries from Africa, North America and Europe Mozambique, South Africa, Eswatini, Zambia to mention a few.

CHA CHA CHA: Eswatini's very own Ncamiso Dlamini and Suzan Esteve lead the rehearsals in Maputo.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Bieber's Instagram post attracted multiple buyers

HOLLYWOOD - Justin Bieber's personal Instagram may be more effective than the Multiple Listing Service in moving real estate, because his one post declaring he's in the market to sell his house has generated tons of interest, including from at least one billionaire.

Bieber, who boasts an insane 120 million followers on IG casually mentioned last week he's looking to sell his Beverly Hills home, "I'll sell it with all the furniture. Make an offer."

Sources with direct knowledge tell TMZ, Justin's been contacted by at least five prospective buyers, either



EFFECTIVE: Justin Bieber.

directly or through their realtors. We're told one of the prospective buyers is a billionaire from a very famous family.

TMZ

Zoe cast as Catwoman

HOLLYWOOD - The cat's outta the bag -- Zoe Kravitz is playing Catwoman in the new Batman movie, which is interesting, considering she was allegedly too "urban" for Christopher Nolan's take.

The news broke Monday, with multiple outlets reporting that Zoe had landed the role after testing out some scenes last week opposite heartthrob Robert Pattinson -- who's donning the cowl next in Matt Reeves' "The Batman", which

is hitting theaters in 2021.

The ironic thing about Zoe's casting here is that she told Nylon back in 2015 that she couldn't even get an audition for Nolan's last Batman flick, "The Dark Knight Rises," which she attributed to her race.



ACTOR: Zoe Kravitz.

That's not out of the clear blue sky either.

TMZ

Charlize Theron talks 'white privilege' in apartheid SA

CAPE TOWN - Charlize Theron admits that as a white person she benefited from the apartheid era.

"I obviously am a white person who benefited from my white privilege. I grew up during the apartheid era, I benefited from it."

These are the words of Oscar-winning actress Charlize Theron, who reflected on growing up in SA during apartheid and how as a white person she "benefited" from the system.

According to a Variety report,

Charlize was speaking about "white privilege" during a conversation with David Oyelowo at an annual fundraiser to support educational and health initiatives for Nigerian children.

"I grew up during the apartheid era, I benefited from it. These children [today] were all born post-apartheid era."

I feel like it's my duty to not let them forget and to also let them know that there

is [unity], that I am with them, that we are all standing together," she said.

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'I know what it feels like to have nothing'

PRETORIA - Actor Dingaan Mokebe believes there is great power in giving to those in need.

In the latest episode of his social media series, DSK Diary, Dingaan shared a story about giving and the benefits thereof. "There's a story I want to share with you. There's a guy who was appointed for a tender and needed about R580 000 to start the work. He only had R300 000." While the



BLESSED IS THE HAND THAT GIVES: Dingaan Mokebe.

this R200. **Sowetan Live**

DMX preemptively checks into rehab

NEW YORK - DMX decided to be proactive

in his battle with addiction before it led to another relapse -- and potentially more legal trouble -- so that's why he's back in rehab.

Sources close to the rapper tell TMZ, one of X's children is very sick -- in and out of the hospital -- and the stress of that coupled with

the pressure of performing again made him feel tempted to use.

We're told X knew he needed help trying to balance his home and work life without the use of drugs, so he preemptively checked himself into rehab -- hoping to learn how to

deal with his issues moving forward.

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PROACTIVE: DMX.

Sechrist arrested for drug possession

HOLLYWOOD - One of Captain Wild Bill's former deckhands on Cape

Caution just went overboard with the law -- getting busted for drugs, which cops believe to be heroin.

33-year-old Jerod Sechrist was arrested in Tampa, FL on drug charges -- specifically felony possession of heroin and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the police report, obtained by TMZ, cops say they arrested Jerod on an open warrant last week for a previ-

ous reckless driving case. When they took him to the station at around 3:00am, officers say they found a

small clear bag in his pocket with a white powder substance inside.

Police say they did an in-house test on the spot, and the results came back positive for heroin.

Jerod appeared in three episodes in 2016 but was memorable for

having a hard time differentiating between male and female king crabs.

TMZ



ARRESTED: Jerod Sechrist.

Bahumi to tell Lebo's 'sincere, humble, emotional side'

MIDRAND - KB Motsilanyane and Bahumi Mhlongo have been cast to play Lebo Mathosa in the long-

awaited biopic about the decorated singer's journey to stardom. Titled Dream: The Lebo Mathosa Story, the acting duo will play Mathosa in different stages of her life.

Mhlongo -- the daughter of Somizi Mhlongo and Palesa Madisakwane -- will portray younger Mathosa, while Motsilanyane will play the late singer as an adult.

"The fondest memory I have of Lebo Mathosa was from when I was five

or six and we went to the Rand Easter Show, a show where her and my father were performing," Mhlongo said.



ALL SMILES: KB Motsilanyane and Bahumi Mhlongo.

"I remember she was this amazing powerhouse on stage... and was always so maternal and protective over me and I think that is why I really want to tell her sincere, humble and emotional side."

The six-part drama will also feature a supporting cast of Khabonina Qubeka, Sello Maake Ka-Ncube, Peter Sephuma, Connie Chiume and Charmaine Mtinta.

Sowetan Live

Shona Ferguson poses with Brock Lesnar

CAPE TOWN - If you thought Shona Ferguson was a big dude, think again.

Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to introduce you to WWE wrestler Brock Lesnar.

After posting a snap of himself on social media, Shona was shocked to learn that he was not as big a dude as he said he was.

Mr Ferguson Films himself took a picture with the legendary Brock Lesnar which caused

a stir on social media as they couldn't believe how much of a difference there was between him and the wrestler.

He captioned the picture he took with Brock and said, "I used to think I was a big dude."

This didn't stop fans wondering how big Brock was, calling him a freak of nature,

seeing that Shona was also known to be a big man. **Times Live**



POSE: Shona Ferguson and Brock Lesnar.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



DIFIED: Sibongile.

Thokozani gets into trouble at school and then makes it much worse at home when she defies Sibongile.



TODAY

Nina reveals her plans. Anele makes a mysterious call. Morongwa is entrusted with a heavy secret.



REVEALS: Nina.



TODAY



REALISES: James.

Mpho seems to have sustained strange injuries from the scuffle with Senamile. When James realises that Molihi played him, his position is threatened at Qalabosha. The amount of attention that Vhangani is getting provokes Vho-Mukondleli.



TODAY



WRONG MOVE: Lefa.

Lerato tries to get back on track but derails. Lefa makes the wrong move. Pearl locks horns with Rene over her behaviour.

MEME OF THE DAY

Sometimes isn't nightmares, try washing your blankets

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Are you fed up with everyone around you now? Are you fantasising about walking out the door and not returning? Go ahead - just for today! You probably need a break from everyone. Why not get a massage and float away for a while? Your family will be happy to have you back, especially if you left them with plenty of assignments.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Today's planetary aspects may have you experiencing a little cabin fever. If you have the urge to go off by yourself for a while, do so. Try a new diversion. Drive down a country road you've never explored. Find some antique shops. You probably need a break from your daily routine. You'll feel revitalised.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

The main things you need to do today are relax and enjoy your day. You may be feeling a bit under the weather and have a trip coming up that doesn't exactly thrill you. Stay alert, because you may receive an important message today from someone far away. You may also have a visitor arriving from out of town.



Leo July 23 – August 22

OK, the party's over. Time to put away the sinful pleasures, the champagne, the chocolate truffles, and who knows what else. Take a good look at your home and get serious about putting things in order. A reality check is looming. Today would be a good day to get ready by tidying up the house and getting your brain in gear.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Cupid may have struck you unawares. Your libido could be in high gear today and you're ready for love. You look and feel great. Try your best to reach the one you love. If it isn't possible to get together this evening, see if you can plan a romantic interlude soon. If all else fails, dive into a romance novel and escape that way.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

You may be experiencing a wonderful openness to new ideas and grand plans. You're enjoying an active imagination and your intuition is sharp. Trust in your self-awareness and confidence. If a friend with a negative attitude tries to dissuade you from your plans, keep it in perspective. Consider the source. Stay in tune with your initiatives and you'll succeed.



Aries March 21 – April 19

Today you may come down from your recent high with a thud. If you feel irritable dealing with everyday chores, you're not alone. Your mood may be exacerbated by a visit from an even grumpier friend. If you're feeling cooped up with the detritus of family life, take a break and go for a long walk to clear your head and raise your spirits. Tomorrow is another day.



Libra September 23 – October 23

If you're feeling restless today, don't fight it. Use your energy to do something physical. Go for a walk or play tennis. Anything that helps you release the excess energy will feel good. It's important that you pay attention to your body's signals. Getting a good night's rest will have you feeling refreshed tomorrow. You'll be able to deal with the tasks at hand.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Today may be taken up with doing a lot of last-minute errands. You may be called on to referee a dispute among colleagues, relatives, or neighbors. Depending on the nature of the spat, you may be able to broker a temporary truce, but don't be too hard on yourself if tempers simmer despite your best efforts. Try and make relaxation a priority.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You don't want to sit still for a minute. You may make people dizzy with your energy, and you're itching to get away. You may be contemplating a long trip abroad. It's fine to fantasise about all the choices out there, but don't commit to anything today. Your imagination and spirit are a bit too high to settle on anything in particular. Just enjoy all the choices for now.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Are you experiencing a shopping hangover today? Are you worried that you outdid yourself despite your best intentions? Don't fret. You'll be back on track soon. Cash will begin flowing again and your lifestyle won't suffer. Instead of worrying about money, pay attention to your creative outlets. Follow that instinct and see where it takes you!



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

This would be a good day to pursue some new interests. Perhaps you've recently discovered a book that opens up new areas for you. If dreams recently punctuated your sleep, try to recall the general feeling you had and reflect on that for a while.



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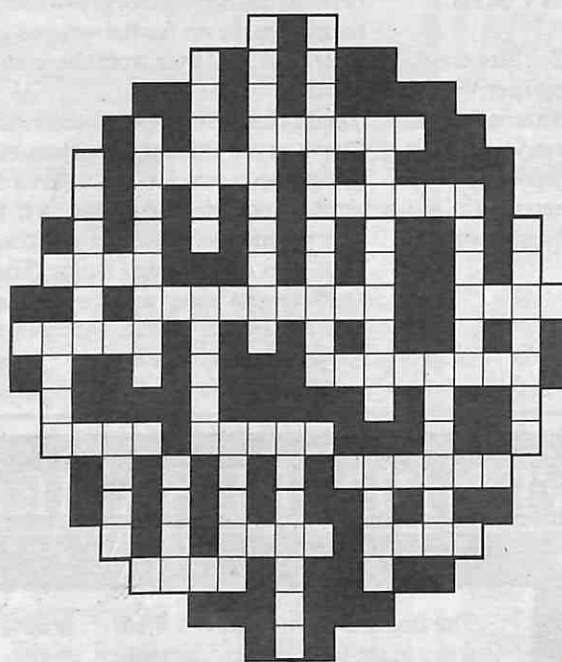
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

Global Word-Fit 02

Can you fit the words from the list correctly into the grid?



4 letters

APIA
BONN
LAOS
OHIO
OMAN
OSLO
PERU
ROME
TOGO
UTAH
5 letters
HAITI

SPAIN

SYRIA
WALES
YUKON
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ALBANY
ANGOLA
ANKARA
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MANILA
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INDIANA
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AUSTRALIA
NEW GUINEA
10 letters
MARTINIQUE
11 letters
NETHERLANDS

LOL

Laughing Out Loud

MONKEY HAS GROWN HAIR

An 11-year-old girl realised that she had started to grow hair between her legs. She got worried and asked her mummy about the hair. Her mom calmly said, "That part where hair has grown is called a mon-

key, be proud that your monkey has grown hair." Next morning at breakfast she told her sister, "My monkey has grown hair." Her sister smiled and said, "That's nothing, mine is already eating bananas."

DID YOU KNOW

- The longest wedding veil was the same length as 63.5 football fields.
- The Unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.
- Bees sometimes sting other bees.
- Kids ask 300 questions a day

MOVIE QUIZ

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's Quiz

- British comedic actor who was often cast as a moustache twirling villain or first class bouncer with a gap toothed grin?

Answer:
B. Terry Thomas

Today's Movie Quiz

- Prolific American actress whose best known films are perhaps Calamity Jane and Pillow Talk

Answers:
A. Doris Day
B. Jennifer Aniston



SOMEBODY **WARN** MOSA - THE RIVER

DID Mosa not hear what happened to his cousin, Happy?

Yoh! Mosa doesn't know when to take social cues, even when they're staring him in the face. Last night, the question on everyone's timelines was whether anyone had warned Mosa against Lindiwe? And not just any Lindiwe, we're talking about Madlabantu kay'one!

This after Mosa had the audacity to blackmail Lindiwe into giving him

half a million rand in exchange to keep his mouth shut about Andile beating him up to a pulp. You'd think that being Happy's cousin, Mosa would know better than to mess with Lindiwe, but evidently not.

If you recall, Happy's life came to an abrupt end after he too wanted to extort some money off Lindiwe – we're talking hundreds of thousands of rands. He was getting so big for his boots that he even pushed the initial

figure into the millions.

Although Happy had some incriminating information against Lindiwe that could have possibly sent her behind bars for years, everyone knows that you don't step on Lindiwe's toes repeatedly and think you'll walk away scot-free.

Mosa is slowly but surely pushing Lindiwe's buttons too, and if he's not careful he might just end up like his cousin.



Things to Know about Maleficent: Mistress of Evil

OF all Disney's live-action remakes of their animated classics, the update of 1959's Sleeping Beauty has probably diverged the most from its predecessor. Not only is true love's kiss in Maleficent inspired more by Disney's own movie Frozen, than Charles Perrault's original story, but the whole tale is told from Maleficent's point of view.

In the animated classic, the princess Aurora may have been the main character, but she was never really fully-formed. Given that she spent a significant portion of the film sleeping, that's hardly a surprise – but it also makes the shift to the POV of malevolent fairy Maleficent all the more interesting.

Adding depth and intrigue to the character is the divine casting of Angelina Jolie, piercing the screen with her intensity and her cheekbones. Now she's back for a sequel, Maleficent: Mistress of Evil, that promises more adventure for the plot and its characters.

We've got an exclusive screening lined up this month at M-Net Movies Night Out. If you won tickets for 17 October, we'll see you there. If not: don't despair! The movie is released nationwide on the 18th.

For fairytale fans far and wide, here are a few things you need to

know about the magical sequel, along with gorgeous pics of dresses and an epic, themed cake.

1. Besides Jolie as the title character, returning cast members include Elle Fanning as Aurora and Sam Riley as Diaval, as well as Imelda Staunton, Juno Temple, and Lesley Manville as Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather, known in the live-action films as Knotgrass, Thistlewit, and Flittle.

2. Elle Fanning slayed the red carpet at the movie's premiere with this incredible dress that made her look every inch the fairytale princess.

3. Her prince was played by Brenton Thwaites in the first movie, but has been replaced by Harris Dickinson in the sequel.

4. New cast members also include Deadpool's Ed Skrein, Jolie's Salt co-star Chiwetel Ejiofor, and needs-no-introduction Michelle Pfeiffer.

5. Pfeiffer plays Queen Ingrith, and boy did she look incredible on the red carpet in a classic black number.

And she's 61! Can we have what she's having?

6. The film is helmed by Norwegian director Joachim Rønning, who also co-directed Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales.

7. He celebrated his birthday on set and this was the cake he got. We want a slice too, please!

What's on DStv

TELENOVELAS

Lord of the Skies

Genre: Drama, Action

Weekdays on Telemundo

Everyone gathers in Sinaloa for Victor's burial. Rutila tries to locate Sebastian, but he is still in custody. Nifia comes face to face with Monica.

Fire & Ice

Genre: Drama, Soap

Tonight at 18:00, daily on Zee World Anita arranges for Yuvraj and Twinkle to be made unconscious and to be put in a hotel room together. Kunj finds them and so does the media. Anita disappears and now, Yuvraj makes it his mission to find her.

KIDS

Power Rangers: Beast Morphers (New Season)

Genre: Adventure, Action

Mondays at 16:45 on Cartoon Network Scientists tap into the Morphin Grid, but an evil virus corrupts the technology, so a new team of Power Rangers is formed to defend the Grid from evil.

The Sorcerer's Apprentice (Spooky Tuesdays)

Genre: Adventure, Fantasy

Tuesdays at 18:00 on Studio Universal A science student is caught in the middle of a mystical battle in the heart of New York.

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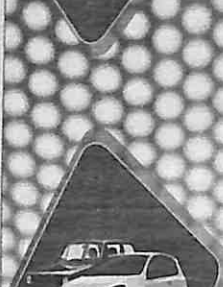
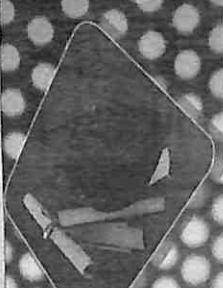
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'NO CHANGE TO HIGH TACKLE HARD-LINE'

TOKYO – World Rugby Chief Brett Gosper said there would be no change to the hard line on high tackles at the Rugby World Cup and that the number of red cards would decrease once players changed their behaviour.

There were seven red cards shown in the pool phase of this year's tournament compared to one in 2015 and two each at the 2007 and 2011 World Cups.

Most have been for tackles that made contact with an opponent's head, an offence World Rugby is determined to remove from the game because of the potential for impact-related concussion. "If there have been red cards shown, it's because there are big issues around player welfare due to foul play whether it's intentional or unintentional," Gosper told reporters on Tuesday.

"And we'll drive that hard line to protect the players and we'll see diminishing red cards because the



NO CHANGE: World Rugby Chief Brett Gosper said there would be no change to the hard line on high tackles at the Rugby World Cup.

behaviour of players and coaches will change over time.

"We're willing to risk some outcomes or debates to ensure we police that properly. That's the direction of travel," he added. The

loss of a player to a red card can have a major impact on a team's chances of winning a match, particularly if it happens early on.

Gosper said that systems like that used in Australia's National Rugby

League, where offending players are placed "on report" but remain on the pitch had been considered in various committees. "The feeling is that it's right to punish the team despite the (imbalance) that might be created in the match at that time," he said. "There are some unions have strong opinions on that both ways. The feeling is that this is one of the things that upholds the values of the game. And the team should take that punishment as well as the player."

"Certainly the red cards are there to protect the players and we think that behaviour is changing and coaching is changing to adapt to that new reality," Gosper said.

World Rugby chairman Bill Beaumont said he thought the referees had done a good job since the first weekend of the tournament, after which the governing body made a statement apologising for the standard of officiating.

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'Why Boks will beat Japan'

CAPE TOWN – Former England scrumhalf Matt Dawson says Japan will give South Africa a run for their money in the Rugby World Cup quarter-finals but won't get the better of them.

The Brave Blossoms qualified for the World Cup quarter-finals for the first time after beating Scotland 28-21 in Yokohama over the weekend.

Japan, who earlier also defeated Ireland 19-12, finished top of Pool A and now face the Springboks, runners up in Pool B, in the last eight in Tokyo on Sunday.

Via a column for BBC Sport, Dawson gave his predictions for the quarter-finals and shared his general views on the tournament.

The 2003 World Cup winner said he was impressed with the pace the Japanese employed in their game.

"Japan will give South Africa a run for their money in the quarter-finals because they play a unique style. Not even the All Blacks play at some of the speed they do," Dawson wrote.

"The way they transition from short-side to wide is phenomenal. They get the ball out wide really quickly from lots of different situations and run on to the ball at pace." *Sport24*

Scotland hit with misconduct charge

TOKYO – Rugby World Cup organisers filed misconduct charges against Scotland on Tuesday over comments made about Typhoon Hagibis, after the Scots threatened legal action if their final pool game was cancelled because of the deadly storm.

Organisers said they had 'issued misconduct charges against the Scottish Rugby Union in relation to recent comments made about Typhoon Hagibis and its potential impact' on Scotland's match against Japan. Scotland faced elimination if Sunday's Pool A game was cancelled, as happened to three other matches over the weekend as the typhoon struck. In the event, it went ahead but Scotland lost 28-21 to Japan, sending them out of the competition. Tournament Director Alan Gilpin told reporters on Tuesday that 'under our tournament rules, we are very careful that people behave appropriately'. "As a result of that, we've referred to an independent disputes committee the behaviour and comments of the Scottish Rugby Union," said Gilpin.

Hagibis slammed into Japan on Saturday night, unleashing fierce winds and unprecedented rainfall that triggered landslides and flooding, killing nearly 70 people. *AFP*

Ireland preparing for All Blacks without banned Aki

TOKYO – Ireland are preparing to face the All Blacks on Saturday without Bunde Aki, according to assistant coach Simon Easterby, after the Kiwi-born centre received a three-match ban for a high tackle.

Kick-off is at 12:15 SA time. A judicial panel rejected Aki's attempt to overturn the red card he was shown after his shoulder crashed into the head of Samoa flyhalf Ulupano Seuteni during Ireland's 47-5 win.

The Irish Rugby Football Union voiced disappointment with that out-

come and will decide whether to use their 48-hour window to review after they receive the committee's written report.

Asked whether that meant the Irish side preparing for New Zealand without Aki, Easterby said: "I guess at the moment we have to, partly to do with the time it could take (to appeal).

"We like to have as much clarity early in the week as possible and we're now Tuesday... so we're a little bit limited with time on the pitch in terms of training.

"We're taking the course of action that Bunde potentially won't be available for us this

weekend." Aki, who has Samoan roots, had even received support from the Samoa team which urged the judicial panel to "see some sense" and spare him a ban. And Easterby stressed that the centre was 'nowhere near a dirty player.' Ireland already lost him for "a large chunk of the game," noted the assistant coach, who said that Aki was "pretty upset about the decision and rightfully so."

AFP

Vunipola 'very likely' to face Australia in quarters

BEPPU – England star Billy Vunipola is 'very likely' to be available for their Rugby World Cup quarter-final against Australia, according to defence coach John Mitchell.

The powerhouse number eight has been a doubt for Saturday's crunch match in Oita ever since going off with an ankle injury at half-time during England's 39-10 win over Argentina 10 days ago.

England coach Eddie Jones will name a team to play his native Australia on Saturday, with Vunipola sure to be included if fit given the Saracens back-row is the only player to have started all 12 of England's Tests this year.

"Billy is progressing really well," Mitchell told reporters at England's hotel on Tuesday. "He has trained again today and we are very confident in his progression each day. He's very likely (to be available).

"Billy is a very important player to us and a very likeable player as well. He fits well within the team. He loves the ball in his hand. He is very good at regaining and retaining momentum.

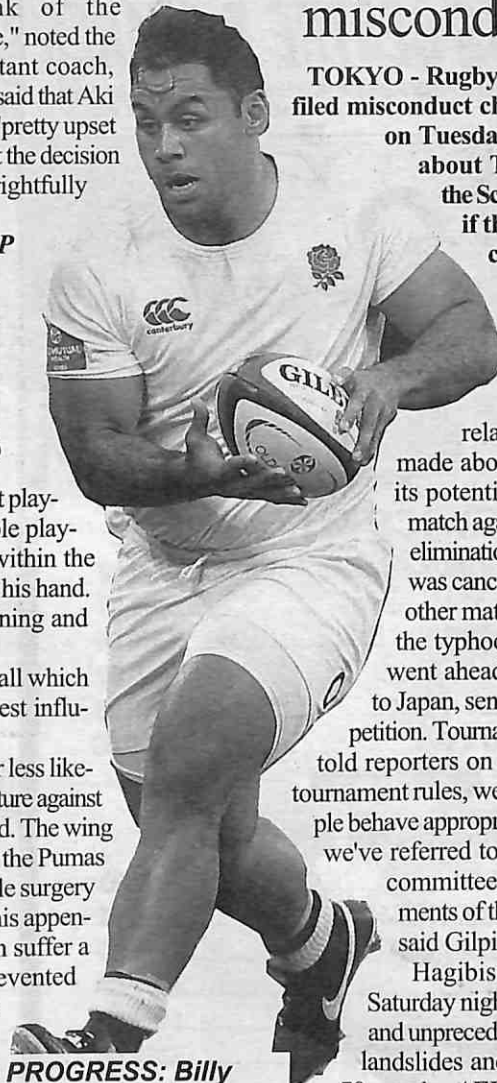
"He likes carrying the ball which is where he has his greatest influence."

However, it's looking far less likely that Jack Nowell will feature against the Wallabies this weekend. The wing made a comeback against the Pumas after recovering from ankle surgery and being forced to have his appendix removed, only to then suffer a hamstring injury that prevented him from taking a full part in training on Tuesday. *AFP*

GOOD PROGRESS: Billy Vunipola.



BANNED: Bunde Aki.





Ayhan equaliser forces France to wait for Euro 2020 spot

PARIS - France drew 1-1 with Turkey in Euro 2020 qualifying on Monday in a match played against a backdrop of diplomatic and security tensions after Paris condemned Ankara for its military offensive against Kurdish forces in Syria.

Substitute Olivier Giroud headed in from a corner to put France ahead on 76 minutes at the Stade de France but Kaan Ayhan nodded in an equaliser six minutes later - a goal celebrated by a military salute in front of the Turkish supporters.

Turkey remain top of Group H above the world champions on the head-to-head rule, although France can qualify for the finals with a win at home to Moldova next month. Turkey would clinch their place by avoiding defeat against third-placed Iceland, who are four points back after beating Andorra 2-0.

"They scored a goal from a set-piece in the first match. We could have avoided it," said France coach Didier Deschamps, whose side were

beaten 2-0 by Turkey in Konya in June.

"We did what we needed to win the match based on the play and number of chances. They didn't have many but put away a set-piece.

"We should have been more clinical even if it's still a good point," he added. "We're still on track and need to finish to job in November."

Wissam Ben Yedder replaced Giroud, Friday's goalscorer in the 1-0 win away to Iceland, while Lucas Hernandez returned at left-back at the expense of Lucas Digne.

Turkey were without injured veteran captain Emre Belozoglu, who damaged ribs during a last-gasp 1-0 victory at home to Albania last week, with Leicester defender Caglar Soyuncu starting in place of Ayhan.

Police ramped up security at the Stade de France amid fears of violence, with around 3 800 Turkish fans in the designated away section but many more seated elsewhere in the ground among the 78 000 spectators.

AFP

'I DON'T LOOK FOR RECORDS, THEY LOOK FOR ME'

PORTO - Cristiano Ronaldo has lost count of the number of records he has broken, the Portugal forward said after scoring the 700th goal of his career during a 2-1 defeat to Ukraine on Monday.

"The records come naturally, I don't look for them, the records look for me," he told reporters after scoring his 95th goal for his country.

"It's not for anyone to reach this number and I thank everyone, team mates, colleagues, coaches and everyone who helped Cristiano become the player that he is."

However, Ronaldo said that the defeat to Ukraine in a Euro 2020 qualifier took some of the shine

off the achievement.

"It's a nice moment in my career but there was a bitter taste because we didn't win," he said. "We played well, but we didn't win. We did everything we could and we had plenty of chances."

Ronaldo is the all time leading scorer in the Champions League with 127 goals, holds the record for the most goals in a single Champions League season, is Real Madrid's all time highest scorer and Portugal's most capped player and record scorer. The first five goals of Ronaldo career were scored for Portugal's Sporting in 2002-03. He then scored 118 goals in 232 appearances during six seasons with Manchester United and, remarkably, averaged over a goal a game for Real Madrid, scoring 450 in 438 appearances over the course of nine seasons.

In just over one season with his current club Juventus, he notched a further 32 goals in 51 matches.

Despite the defeat, Portugal remained second in Group G with 11 points from six games, one ahead of Serbia, and will qualify for Euro 2020 if they win their remaining matches, at home to Lithuania and away to Luxemburg. Reuters



PROUD: Cristiano Ronaldo

Deschamps urges Giroud to leave Chelsea

MANCHESTER - Striker Olivier Giroud has been warned he may have to leave Chelsea if he is to make the France squad for the European Championships.

The comments have come from France coach Didier Deschamps, who wants the striker to be playing more regular football at club level if he is to force his way into his side.

The 33-year-old again showed what he could do when he came off the bench to score what looked to be the

winner for France in their Euro 2020 qualifier against Turkey on Monday night.

Kaan Ayhan grabbed a late leveller for Turkey in a 1-1 draw but it could take nothing away from the performances of Giroud, who continues to get goals for his country.

It was his third goal in four matches for France, yet he is struggling to get a look-in at Chelsea as Tammy Abraham continues to shine.

Deschamps admits there is little that

can be done at the moment but has suggested he may have to look for a move when the January transfer window opens.

"You know, Olivier suffers his situation. Before January, nothing will move," Deschamps told reporters after the game.

"After, it will be up to him to see. I hope he will have more playing time. But we cannot take away his goals, his good performances."

TeamTalk Media

Bulgaria's PM demands country's FA president resigns

SOFIA - The prime minister of Bulgaria has demanded that the country's FA president steps down over the shocking racist treatment that England's black players were subjected to on Monday night.

Bulgarian PM Boyko Borisov says the government will freeze all relations with the Bulgarian FA - including denying them any funding - until Mihaylov steps down.

Football chief Borislav Mihaylov, who is also a member of UEFA's executive committee, spent the build-up to Monday's Euro 2020 qualifier claiming England players, including Tammy Abraham had been 'offensive' and derogatory in suggesting they could face racist abuse in Sofia. He also described branding Bulgarian fans as potential racists as 'unjust'.

There were two breaks in play in Sofia after racist chanting was reported to the match officials - with England eventually running out comfortable 6-0 winners.



Mihaylov's bizarre statements before the match were followed by Bulgaria's manager Krasimir Balakov, selected by their FA, claiming not to have heard any chanting and saying in his post-match press conference: 'the unacceptable behaviour was by England fans.' Yesterday morning, in comments reported by Bulgarian news site sportal.bg Bulgarian minister for sport Krasen Kralev said: A little while ago, the prime minister called

me urgently. You know that in the last four years, the government has done a lot for the development of Bulgarian football. But after the recent events, having in mind the whole state of football, after yesterday's incidents, the Prime Minister has ordered me from today to suspend any relations with the football union, including financial ones, until the resignation of Borislav Mihaylov.'

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No love or Xmas lunch for 'Downs

JOHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns' upcoming African Champions League campaign could see them on the road on Christmas Day and playing on Valentine's Day.

The sweethearts and families of the Mamelodi Sundowns players are not going to be too enamoured with coach Pitso Mosimane's charges this season.

Not only does their upcoming African Champions League group campaign see them on the road on Christmas, but they will also be playing on Valentine's Day.

The squad will have to forego Christmas this year as they face a trip to North Africa at the same time as Santa Claus pops down the chimney.

And the fixtures, released on Monday by the Confederation of African Football, sees Sundowns scheduled to play on February 14 when their wives and girlfriends would perhaps rather prefer an intimate date rather than having to sit in the stands supporting them. Sundowns will open their Champions League campaign with a home game against Petro Atletico of Angola in what is a good chance to build a platform for a top two finish and progress to the final knockout stages of the competition.

Last week Sundowns were drawn with the Angolans, Algeria's USM Alger and their old nemesis Wydad Casablanca of Morocco in Group C of the Champions League, but the fixtures have only just been released by CAF.

Sundowns will host the Luanda club on either Friday November 29 or Saturday November 30. That must still be determined by CAF in accordance with their television plans. *Times Live*

20-man shortlist for the 2019 Golden Boy revealed

LONDON - The shortlist for the 2019 European Golden Boy Award has been announced with Joao Felix and Matteo Guendouzi among the names.

To make the cut all players have to be 21-years-old and younger.

Last year's winner Matthijs de Ligt made the shortlist again while 2017 recipient Kylian Mbappe was the surprise omission.

England stars Mason Mount, Jadon Sancho and Phil Foden made the cut along with Barcelona's 16-year-old Ansu Fati and Manchester United target Erling Haland.

The winner will be announced in Turin on December 16.

AFP

GOLDEN BOY AWARD 2019 FINALISTS

Matthijs de Ligt	(Juventus, Netherlands)
Alphonso Davies	(Bayern Munich, Canada)
Gianluigi Donnarumma	(Milan, Italy)
Ansu Fati	(Barcelona, Spain)
Philip Foden	(Manchester City, England)
Matteo Guendouzi	(Arsenal, France)
Erling Haland	(RB Salzburg, Norway)
Kai Havertz	(Bayer Leverkusen, Germany)
Joao Felix	(Atletico Madrid, Portugal)
Dejan Lovren	(Eintracht Frankfurt, Serbia)
Moise Kean	(Everton, Italy)
Kang-in Lee	(Valencia, South Korea)
Andriy Oleksijovyc	(Valladolid, Ukraine)
Danyell Malen	(PSV Eindhoven, Netherlands)
Mason Mount	(Chelsea, England)
Rodrygo	(Real Madrid, Brazil)
Jadon Sancho	(Borussia Dortmund, England)
Ferran Torres	(Valencia, Spain)
Vinicius Jr	(Real Madrid, Brazil)
Nicolò Zaniolo	(Roma, Italy)

Tau cherishes life at the top

JOHANNESBURG - From his fans bombarding Club Brugge's Twitter account, to him delivering an outstanding performance at the Santiago Bernabeu, Percy Tau is truly living the dream.

The past three months have been a whirlwind of excitement for the 25-year-old from Emalahleni since arriving at the Belgian Pro League side.

He has staked his claim among the world's most elite footballers playing in the UEFA Champions League.

"It was a great moment and I will cherish it forever. It's an incredible feeling playing in the Champions League against the best players in the world," said Tau of his recent appearance in



CHERISHES: Percy Tau of Club Brugge tries to evade the tackle of Real Madrid's Raphael Varane.

Brugge's 2-2 draw against Real.

"I used to dream about the day I'd be playing in the Champions League and now I have achieved

it," he said.

His legion of supporters have caused his club's following on Twitter to spike by thousands.

Without fail, every time the club tweets, Tau's fans pester Brugge's media team to post Tau instead.

"It's good humour and good fun," he laughed. "No, it does not embarrass me. I appreciate the love and support."

"I'm grateful and it's good to know that people are behind me. It's great that people see the hard work that I put in."

The goal poacher picked up an injury while playing for his club last week against Gent that forced him to miss Bafana's 2-1 win over Mali in Port Elizabeth on Sunday.

Tau intends to do everything possible to shrug off the tendon injury in time for their Group A home match against Neymar's PSG next Tuesday.

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More on SABC's Bafana deal revealed

JOHANNESBURG - The SABC has confirmed that not every single Bafana Bafana match will be shown on the public broadcaster.

The struggling company has managed to broker a four-year deal with SAFA and showed South Africa's Nelson Mandela Challenge match against Mali over the weekend.

Speaking to the broadcaster's football presenter Thomas Mlambo on Sunday, SABC Sport Programmes Manager Ruby Kandier said the deal is not exactly like the one they had before.

"Basically what we've done, we won't be doing as much as we've done in the past," she said.

"But at least we are showing the AFCON qualifiers, some friendlies, the Nelson Mandela Challenge... we will be showing as much as we possibly can, but obviously within the constraints of the deal.

"I think it's an important master that we have achieved. It's been more than a year that we haven't been able to show any of our national teams, and I think after months and months of talking, negotiating, we've finally managed to broker a

four-year deal which will bring to South African audiences our national teams of men and women, some of our domestic leagues and most importantly, I think we'll be able to showcase development soccer.

"We've got the national women's league and for us that's a major accomplishment. So on behalf of the SABC board and EXCO, we are very privileged to have been able to do this."

Confirmed

SAFA acting CEO Russel Paul confirmed that at this stage only six games will be televised by the Auckland Park-based station.

"It's six matches per annum," Paul tells *KickOff.com*.

"So everything you see there it's per annum. Ja there's a possibility (of SABC not televising some matches) but I mean it's probably not likely. Those are the minimum games that you will see.

"It's been ongoing for a long time and we finally signed everything on Saturday. We've been working on it for a couple of months now. There's nothing to worry about, the games will be seen on TV."

Kickoff



SAME PRIZE: Cricket Australia Women team in action.

Cricket women to receive same prize money as men

SYDNEY - Cricket Australia (CA) has said it will ensure its women's team earn the same prize money as men's squads at the Twenty20 World Cup by topping up the winnings paid out by the sport's world governing body.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced an increase of US\$2.6 million in prize money for the women's tournament on Monday, with the winners and runners-up at the event in Australia set to receive US\$1 million and US\$500 000. With the West Indies earning US\$1.6 million from winning the last men's T20 title in 2016, CA would fork out an additional US\$600 000 to make up the shortfall if Australia's women defend their title next year.

Commitment

"We want to continue our commitment to equality by ensuring that any prize money earned by the Australian women's team in the T20 World Cup is the same as what is on offer in the men's side of the tournament," CA CEO Kevin Roberts said in a statement. "This will include matching the prize money for the final, semi-finals, or group stage." Australia's top sports federations - including CA, the National Rugby League and Football Federation Australia - pledged to achieve gender equality in pay for athletes and

We want to continue our commitment to equality by ensuring that any prize money earned by the Australian women's team in the T20 World Cup is the same as what is on offer in the men's side of the tournament,

KLOPP DONATES £10 000 TO SA-BASED CHILDREN'S CHARITY

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool head coach Jurgen Klopp has been hailed after donating £10 000 (R188 000) to the South African-based soccer charity for children, Joy is Round.

Klopp was hailed as 'fantastic' and 'humble' after making the generous donation to the initiative run by the Hout Bay United Football Community.

Academy

The Cape Town-based club, which runs a soccer academy for children aged seven to 18, oversees the initiative that aims to raise funds for grassroots soccer through the sale of balls and art made from old clothing and materials.

The Champions League-winning coach - who was also voted as FIFA's The Best Men's coach - is a patron of the club and visited Cape Town to meet the local community in 2017.

News of the German's generous donation and visit to Cape Town only

recently made international news after an employee from Hout Bay United contacted the Liverpool Echo.

Jeremy Elson, co-founder of Hout Bay United, said: "Jurgen is a fantastic chap to have associated with the club.

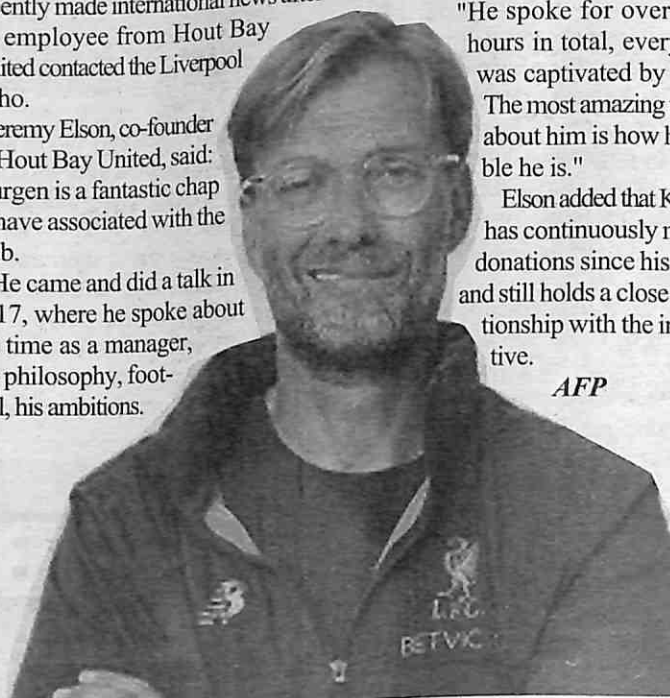
He came and did a talk in 2017, where he spoke about his time as a manager, his philosophy, football, his ambitions.

Captivated

"He spoke for over two hours in total, everyone was captivated by him. The most amazing thing about him is how humble he is."

Elson added that Klopp has continuously made donations since his visit and still holds a close relationship with the initiative.

AFP



HELPS: Liverpool head coach Jurgen Klopp.

Reality rocks Kagiso Rabada

JOHANNESBURG - You know things have changed when even the team media officer asks the tough questions, as Kagiso Rabada discovered yesterday.

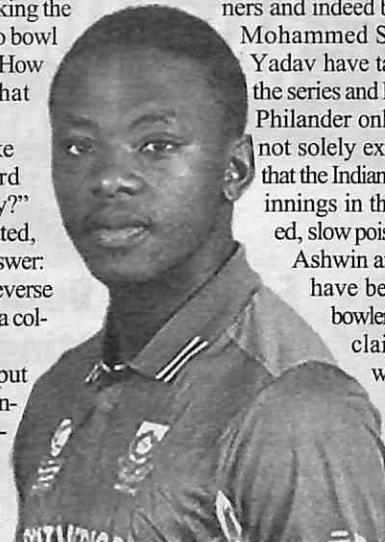
Maybe Rabada didn't hear the query clearly; there was a significant amount of audible background noise during his one-on-one interview. Or maybe the question, utterly legitimate though it was, stung: "A lot has been said about India's seam attack making the pitch look a lot easier (to bowl on) than South Africa's. How did you experience that pitch?"

Rabada seemed to take a verbal step backward before replying: "Sorry?" The question was repeated, and Rabada found an answer: "[India] got the ball to reverse and they bowled well as a collective.

"Their whole attack put pressure on us in every single aspect. "Their spinners bowled well and when the ball was reversing their seamers could

exploit that. "We didn't really get the ball to reverse and that's a major weapon of ours."

The pitch at issue was at Pune, where India won the second men's Test by an innings and 137 runs with a day to spare on Sunday - their biggest ever success over South Africa. That followed the home side winning the first Test, in Visakhapatnam, by 203 runs. Both surfaces offered a fair deal to seamers, spinners and indeed batters. But India's Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav have taken 14 wickets in the series and Rabada and Vernon Philander only six, a difference not solely explained by the fact that the Indians have had one more innings in the field. As expected, slow poisoners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja have been the most lethal bowlers on view - they've claimed 24 of the 40 wickets India have taken - but a key difference between the teams has been India's seam superiority. *Reuters*



ROCKS: Kagiso Rabada.

Former Pirates striker begins repair job

JOHANNESBURG - The 25-year-old was once seen as a future Bafana star but perhaps his move away from Stars was a little hurried and it didn't do his career any favours.

Former Orlando Pirates midfielder, Sello Japhta is focusing on rebuilding his career at Free State Stars, where it all started for him.

Unsuccessful

Japhta had an unsuccessful stay at the Buccaneers and was then shipped off to Chippa United where things didn't go well.

"He is now back at Stars and is doing well. He has to adjust to the pace of the National First Division (GladAfrica Championship). But he looks sharp and he has put everything behind him and is looking to the future," said a source.

The 25-year-old was once seen as a future Bafana star but perhaps his move away from Stars was a little hurried and it didn't do his career any favours. *Phakathi*

Alisson poised for comeback at Old Trafford

LIVERPOOL - Alisson is primed to make his return in Liverpool's biggest game of the season at Manchester United on Sunday after recovering from a serious calf injury.

The Brazil goalkeeper has been absent since he tore a muscle in the 37th minute of the opening Premier League game against Norwich, leaving him

on crutches for a short period.

Manager Jurgen Klopp toyed with starting Alisson against Leicester in the final league game before the international break, but erred on the side of caution because he had only just returned to full training.

Provided he comes through this week without any reaction, Alisson will be

in goal for the league leaders against their struggling rivals. Anthony Martial has returned to first-team training with United and has a chance of playing a part in the game against Liverpool.

The France striker has been out since August with a thigh injury and United have struggled to score in his absence. *Daily Mail*

REGIONAL

STANDINGS

COLISILE SACOLO

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Young Buffaloes	8	6	2	0	17	2	15	20
Young Leopards	7	6	0	0	17	2	15	18
Green Mamba	8	4	2	2	13	8	5	14
Black Swallows	8	3	3	2	12	5	7	12
Black Swallows	8	3	2	3	12	5	7	11
Black Swallows	8	3	1	4	11	15	-4	10
Black Swallows	8	2	2	4	9	16	-7	10
Black Swallows	8	2	2	4	9	16	-7	10
Black Swallows	8	2	1	5	9	13	-4	7
Black Swallows	8	1	2	5	8	16	-8	5
Black Swallows	8	0	3	5	3	13	-10	3
Black Swallows	8	1	0	7	3	15	-12	3

MTN National First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Callies	8	6	1	1	16	4	12	19
Madibanya	7	4	2	1	11	4	7	14
Tinyosi	7	4	2	1	11	4	7	14
Typoons	8	5	1	2	14	11	3	16
Illovo	8	4	3	1	17	3	14	15
Citizens	7	2	3	2	12	8	4	9
Seven Dreams	8	2	2	4	15	17	-2	8
Vovovo	7	2	2	3	5	9	-4	8
Movers	7	2	2	3	12	17	-5	8
Killers	8	1	3	4	5	11	-6	6
Rangers	8	0	3	5	7	15	-8	3
Umbebebe	7	1	2	4	4	12	-8	3

Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League E77 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 H. Shooting Stars	6	5	0	1	13	6	7	15
2 Billy Ocean	6	5	0	1	10	4	6	15
3 Community	6	4	1	1	10	7	3	13
4 Sidwashini Utd	6	4	1	1	10	6	4	13
5 Swazi Sun	6	4	0	2	11	8	3	12
6 Emajukulu	6	2	2	2	6	5	1	8
7 Junior Stars	6	2	1	3	8	11	-3	7
8 Burning Spear	6	2	1	3	7	7	0	6
9 Imbumba	5	2	0	3	6	9	-3	6
10 L. Sunrise	6	1	1	4	5	10	-5	4
11 Corporation	6	0	1	5	3	11	-8	1
12 Mbabane City	5	0	0	5	3	11	-8	0

Northern Zone

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Manchester	6	4	1	1	18	9	9	13
2 Mvuma Hotspurs	6	4	0	2	14	9	5	12
3 Kappa Kappa	6	3	1	2	8	6	2	10
4 Seven Stars	6	2	3	1	9	9	0	9
5 Stone Breakers	6	3	0	3	6	7	-1	9
6 Horo Spinners	6	3	0	3	4	8	-4	9
7 Msahweni	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
8 Khazana Rovers	6	2	1	3	7	7	0	7
9 Vultures	6	2	1	3	9	10	-1	7
10 Pigg's Peak Rangers	6	2	0	4	11	15	-4	6
11 Mchibini Rovers	5	1	1	3	4	7	-3	4
12 Sigodlo	5	1	1	3	4	8	-4	4

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League E70 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Pot O Gold	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
2 PG Dribbling Stars	8	5	1	2	20	11	9	16
3 Sandia	8	5	1	2	13	9	4	16
4 Amawele	8	5	0	3	22	10	12	15
5 Interstars	8	4	3	1	11	6	5	15
6 White City	8	4	2	2	15	11	4	14
7 Freestyle	8	4	2	2	12	11	1	14
8 Multi Classic	8	4	1	3	19	13	6	13
9 Mbabane Celtics	8	3	4	1	14	8	6	13
10 Mvukweli	8	4	0	4	9	11	-2	12
11 Double Action	8	2	2	4	14	24	-10	8
12 Real Tec	8	1	3	4	10	14	-4	6
13 Moo Young Stars	8	1	3	4	8	12	-4	6
14 Mb Dribbling Wizards	8	1	3	4	9	16	-7	6
15 FC Vaal Stars	8	2	0	6	13	28	-15	6
16 Village Stars	8	0	1	7	7	22	-15	1

B. Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Royal Dynamos	6	5	1	0	29	5	24	16
2 Hurricane	6	5	1	0	21	5	16	16
3 Dangerous Darkies	6	5	0	1	16	9	7	15
4 Mangwenani	8	4	2	2	24	18	6	14
5 Real Stars United	8	3	5	0	13	7	6	14
6 Mbabane United	8	4	1	1	10	8	2	13
7 Junction Stars	8	3	2	3	15	16	-1	11
8 Red Stars	7	3	1	3	14	15	-1	10
9 Lusoli	7	2	2	3	16	15	1	8
10 National Rangers	8	2	1	5	14	21	-7	7
11 Mantsholo FC	8	1	4	3	7	14	-7	7
12 Veni Cosmos	6	2	0	4	11	10	1	6
13 Mphahlati	5	2	0	3	4	13	-9	6
14 Mantsholo United	8	1	2	5	15	25	-10	5
15 Mbabane Movers	7	1	1	5	13	23	-10	4
16 Mpo Young Fighters	6	0	1	5	6	24	-18	1

Futis Nkhaba Regional League E30 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Ngwenya Utd	8	7	1	0	20	2	18	22
2 Majoloti Rebels	8	6	1	1	21	8	13	19
3 Lubheze	8	5	1	2	26	12	14	16
4 Majoloti	7	5	1	1	17	5	12	16
5 White Rhinos	8	4	1	3	22	6	16	13
6 Crocodiles	8	4	1	3	15	12	3	13
7 Mhosheni Celtics	7	3	3	1	11	7	4	11
8 Nkoyoyo Utd	6	3	2	1	14	14	0	11
9 Molshane Very Good	7	3	2	2	19	20	-1	10
10 Bafana	8	3	1	4	13	14	-1	9
11 Fast Movers	7	3	0	4	8	9	-1	9
12 Manyisa Utd	7	3	0	4	12	24	-12	9
13 Dribbling Stars	7	3	0	4	12	13	-1	9
14 Atletico	8	2	2	4	9	18	-9	8
15 Hawane Arsenal	8	2	2	4	14	15	-1	8
16 Super Stars	7	1	4	2	14	15	-1	7
17 Nkoyoyo Jnr	5	2	1	2	6	9	-3	7
18 Barcelona	8	2	0	6	11	21	-10	6
20 Real Rovers	5	1	1	3	8	8	0	4
21 Mahangeni Cosmos	7	1	1	5	9	22	-13	4
22 Sivutsa	7	0	0	7	2	38	-36	0

Pots Construction Sigangeni League E30 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bhunya Black Aces	6	5	0	0	17	3	14	18
2 Real United	6	4	1	1	10	4	6	13
3 Ntsele Flyers	6	2	4	0	9	6	3	10
4 Sigangeni	6	2	3	1	10	4	6	9
5 Kupheleni	5	2	2	1	9	7	2	8
6 Sibovini	6	2	2	2	10	9	1	8
7 Kangaroo	6	2	2	2	8	7	1	8
8 Real Touch	6	2	1	3	6	8	-2	7
9 Lusushwana Nationals	6	2	1	3	7	10	-3	7
10 Mighty Chiefs	6	1	3	2	5	8	-3	6
11 Mhane United	6	1	2	3	4	7	-3	5
12 Ushushwana Eagles	6	1	1	4	4	7	-3	5

Bakhyisele & Gongz Maphalaleni League E50 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 SuperSport	22	19	2	1	58	20	38	59
2 Ebuks stars	22	17	1	4	60	19	41	52
3 Dark City	22	15	4	3	48	16	32	49
4 White City	21	12	2	7	36	22	14	38
5 The Walters	21	12	0	9	50	26	24	36
6 Hurricane	22	10	2	10	45	35	10	32

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Young Lovers	7	5	2	0	18	6	12	17
2 Professionals	7	4	1	2	18	8	10	13
3 Blue Birds	7	4	1	2	11	7	4	13
4 Manchester United	7	4	1	2	9	6	3	13
5 Young Stars	8	3	3	2	12	11	1	12
6 XI Experience	7	3	2	2	15	10	5	11
7 Stone Breakers	7	3	2	2	13	10	3	11
8 Rangers	8	3	2	3	11	11	0	11
9 Khulungwane	7	3	1	3	13	14	-1	10
10 Thuluzobona	7	2	3	2	9	10	-1	9
11 Umkhokha	7	3	0	4	17	21	-4	9
12 Hot Spurs	8	2	2	4	9	11	-2	8
13 Barcelona	8	1	4	3	6	11	-5	7
14 Killers	7	1	1	5	3	11	-8	4
15 Leselesele	8	1	1	6	10	27	-17	4

Western Stream

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Academy	6	4	2	0	23	4	19	14
2 Happy Tigers	6	3	3	0	12	3	9	12
3 Sunrise	5	3	2	0	14	6	8	11
4 Happy Fighters	5	3	1	1	12	4	8	10
5 Mighty Birds	5	3	0	2	15	11	4	9
6 Jubukweni	6	2	3	1	7	5	2	9
7 Lunkwazi	6	2	2	2	9	8	1	8
8 Love & Peace	4	1	2	1	6	3	3	5
9 Hill Stars	5	0	3	2	2	6	-4	3
10 Rollers	4	1	0	3	2	12	-10	3
11 Top Classic	5	0	0	5	1	11	-10	0
12 Young Aces	6	0	0	6	4	27	-23	0

South Star Mzimba Regional League E65 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Kasilo	5	3	2	0	9	4	5	11
2 N Cosmos	4	3	1	0	6	1	5	10
3 Sibuyeni	5	3	1	1	7	3	4	10
4 Mzimba Arsenal	5	3	1	1	10	9	1	10
5 Timbushulu	5	3	0	2	7	8	-1	9
6 Mzimba Achievers	5	2	2	1	5	3	2	8
7 Vusweni Killers	5	2	1	2	8	8	0	7
8 Nsimba Rebels	4	1	3	0	8	6	2	6
9 Mzimba Rhinos	4	1	2	1	8	5	3	5
10 Real Monaco	5	1	2	2	6	6	0	5
11 Young Chiefs	5	1	2	2	6	8	-2	5
12 Amacabane	5	1	1	3	5	8	-3	4
13 Young Swallows	4	0	3	1	2	4	-2	3
14 Green Sea	4	1	0	3	3	6	-3	3
15 Rumba Stars	5	0	2	3	5	12	-7	2
16 Rangers	4	0	1	3	3	7	-4	1

B. Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bush Bucks	6	5	1	0	17	4	13	16
2 All Stars	5	4	1	0	19	7	12	13

MY GAME

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ALLEN MABUZA CASE:

JUST AN EGG ON THE FACE!

THE protracted 'tug of war' between Black Swallows and Mbabane Highlanders over the ownership of striker Allen Mabuza is proving to be an egg on the face for the football authorities.

I have been keenly following the case from the early stages and it never crossed my mind that it will drag for such a prolonged period. Lest I am charged with contempt since the case is still deliberated in the relevant forums let me hasten to state that my concerns stems from the fact that the matter is dragging, which is obviously detrimental to the career of the player, and of course the image of local football. Before we forget, we live to tell the tale how issues emanating from the movement of players from one team to another have brought disrepute in domestic football.

One will recall the dispute of Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze between Mbabane Swallows and Manzini Wanderers, an issue which almost brought a strained relationship between the two sides. Back in years, it was the same case in the transfer of legend Bright 'Maradona' Zondo, who crossed the Rubicon from

Mbabane Highlanders to Mbabane Swallows when the matter had to drag for a long period, frustrating the player in the process.

Another classic example of a player's dispute is the one that involved Bheki 'Maponyane' Mazibuko, who was transferred from Sikhalo seAfrica to Mbabane Swallows, which was also marred by controversies which seemed to compromise the career of the then talented footballer. It is now history that such issues were finally resolved but we will never forget how our football was turned into a circus by irregularities from either parties involved. It has been some time since such occurred and I have been there, seeing it all.

Pity during those times we did not have any effective Players Status Committee put in place, that would tackle the issues head-on and bring justice. It seemed no one followed the rules to the letter.

Fast forward to 2019, Leon Manyisa, one of the country's lavishly talented footballers, almost faced the same predicament during his move from Vovovo FC to Manzini Wanderers, with capital city giants Swallows also

reportedly interested on the services of the youngster. Sanity prevailed and the matter was swiftly resolved for the sake of the player's future. However, it was not to be for Allen Mabuza, the man from Malindza in the Lubombo region who shot to stardom while playing for promotion league side Promising Stars before he was recruited by Highlanders back in years, and then joining Black Swallows.

Instrumental

I might not be privy on the facts of the player's movement from Highlanders to Black Swallows, but what I know is that Mabuza was instrumental in the latter's MTN National First Division triumph and also scooped the top goals scorer award. His form also earned him a call up to Kostadin Papic's Sihlangu seMnikati.

A blossoming career for the player indeed! As the battle for the player's ownership intensifies, he was put on ice, a suspension which was later lifted and the player is back in action doing duty for Black Swallows pending finalization of the matter.

The player continues with his form, scoring crucial goals that gives the Pigg's Peak side promising life in

their maiden premier league campaign.

But I am a worried man, very worried. Not because I am an interested party for I have nothing to do with either of the parties involved, but I am concerned about the frustration the player has to endure as time passes without finalization of the matter.

We are now almost approaching the end first round but the issue is still on. This is frustration to both teams.

This is frustration to the player. This is frustration to the supporters, who are also waiting with bated breath for the outcome of the matter. I wouldn't love to compare this issue with the now controversial derby mayhem case which remain unresolved, albeit after five years now.

Is it not about time we speed up the process and put this matter to bed, for the sake of the player? 'Justice delayed is justice denied,' need I say more?



SPORTS MEDICINE SOLUTIONS

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EXERCISE-ASSOCIATED MUSCLE CRAMPS

LET'S not allow pressure to affect our training programme as that can expose players' injuries.

Today we are looking at muscle cramps. Muscle cramps is painful, spasmodic and involuntary contraction of skeletal muscle that occurs during or immediately after exercise. Skeletal muscle cramps that occur during or shortly following exercise in healthy individuals with no underlying disease is known as exercise-associated muscle cramps (EAMC).

Skeletal muscle cramping is one of the most common conditions that require medical attention during or immediately after sports events. Muscle cramping is particularly common in endurance events, such as marathon. However, muscle cramping is also well documented in many other sports, including football, basketball, rugby, tennis, cricket, and cycling.

This problem typically happens only during extreme exertion and is far more common during games than during training sessions. Some players frequently experience cramps while others do not. As a result, it seems likely that there is a genetic component to cramp a predisposing gene has also been identified. The fact that



many players describe a family history of cramp also supports this hypothesis. Older players also seem to be at an increased risk of cramping. There is very little evidence to support the widely held belief that cramp is caused by either dehydration or electrolyte abnormalities. It appears to be a direct consequence of muscle fatigue.

RISK FACTORS FOR MUSCLE CRAMPS

1. History of EAMC
2. Increased exercise intensity
3. Shorter daily stretching time
4. Irregular stretching habits
5. Positive family history of cramping

SIGN AND SYMPTOMS

recognised by acute pain, stiffness, visible bulging or knotting of the muscle, and possible soreness that can last for several days

HOW TO DIAGNOSE?

Muscle cramping in athletes has a typical clinical presentation and the

diagnosis is made based on a typical history together with findings on clinical examination. Rarely, special investigations are required to exclude other possible causes.

TREATMENT

The acute, on-field management of muscle cramps involves stretching the involved muscle with contraction of the antagonist. Once the player has developed cramp, however, it is very likely that they will be substituted.

How can athletes prevent muscle cramps?

A. Make sure that they are well trained and prepared for their match

B. Keep to a similar match intensity, and duration, during training sessions

C. Do regular passive stretching during a match as this can be helpful – for example when the ball is out of play at a corner or during a substitution

D. Remain well hydrated and fueled and ensure adequate carbohydrate intake this will help to prevent fatigue.

Physically fit team does not have many injuries thus fitness coaches needs to work hand in hand with team medics to optimize performance and avoid unnecessary injuries. Team coaches, dietician and medics should work collective to optimize athlete performance. Till next week God bless you all.

CHAN QUALIFIERS PREPARATIONS



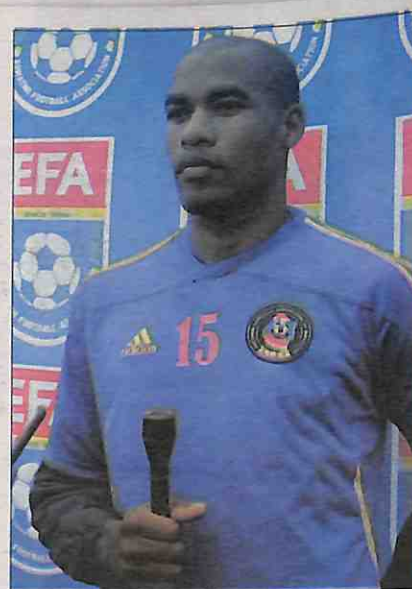
Q&A: Sihlangu coach Kostadin Papic responding to questions from journalists during the media day at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. (Pics: Melusi Mlotso)



GOAL-MINDERS: Sihlangu goalkeepers Mlamuli Makhanya, Phephisani Msibi and Sandanezwe Mathabela.



SPEAKS: The coach addresses the players after yesterday's training session.



ASSURES: Defender Phumlani Dlamini assuring the nation that they are ready for the match against Zambia on Saturday.



MY THOUGHTS: Striker Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze being interviewed.



LEADS: Trainer Dennis Fakudze leading the players during the training session.

Milky Max Under-13 League Grand closing

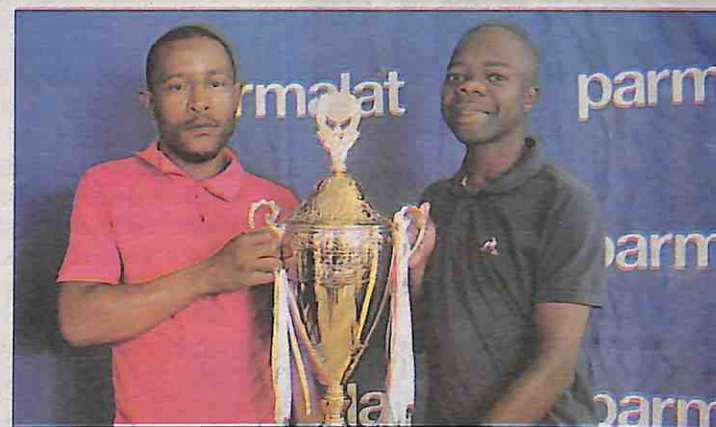


STILL GOING STRONG: Team representatives and delegates captured during the Milky Max Under-13 League Grand closing media briefing at Sigwaca House yesterday. It was announced that Parmalat would continue to sponsor the competition next season. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

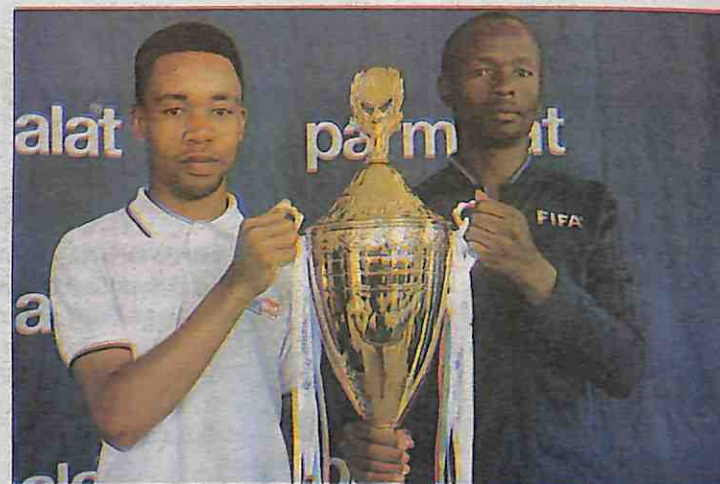
SIYABONGA: Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) Executive Member Oscar Mlotshwa speaks on behalf of the association.



GLAD: Parmalat marketing officer Qinisile Maphanga making her remarks during the briefing.



NO LOVE LOST: Zulwini Aces Director Siphelele Hlophe and Lobamba Cosmos Director Mayibongwe Fakudze.



ALL SET: Real Tec assistant coach Sandile Ndwandwe and Dark City coach Thulani Tsela.

FOOTBALL TALK

All your latest WORLD FOOTBALL news

● Former Juventus manager Massimiliano Allegri would want ex-Manchester United defender Patrice Evra - who he coached in Turin - to join his backroom staff at Old Trafford if he is appointed manager. (*Daily Mail*)



● Manchester United co-owner Kevin Glazer, one of the six Glazer siblings who run the club, is set to sell his 13 per cent stake in the Red Devils. (*The Sun*)

● Former Chelsea boss Maurizio Sarri wants Italy defender Emerson Palmieri, 25, and France midfielder N'Golo Kante, 28, to leave Stamford Bridge for Juventus. (*Daily Express*)

● Sarri also wants to bring Tottenham midfielder Christian Eriksen, and Juventus could offer Spurs their French midfielder Adrien Rabiot, 24, in exchange for the Dutchman. (*Le 10 Sport via Mirror*)

● AC Milan are considering a January move for Arsenal's out-of-favour Egypt midfielder Mohamed Elneny, 27, currently on loan at Besiktas. (*Gazzetta - in Italian*)

● Arsenal boss Unai Emery does not have a break clause at the end of the season in the contract he signed in 2018. (*The Athletic, via Express*)

● Former Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp says Mauricio Pochettino would be "silly" to quit the club for Manchester United, who he believes 'could take years' to rebuild. (*Mirror*)



● Manchester United are hopeful Juventus will accept £9m for 33-year-old Croatia striker Mario Mandzukic. (*Goal.com*)

● Chelsea are one of a host of Premier League clubs chasing 15-year-old attacking midfielder Charlie Allen, who has broken into the first team at Northern Irish champions Linfield. (*Daily Express*)

● Victor Lindelof, 25, claims to have paid no attention to the transfer talk which linked him with Barcelona over the summer, with the Sweden defender "loyal" to Manchester United's pursuit of silverware. (*Goal.com*)

● Manchester United are prepared to back manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in the January transfer window but are warning that they will not overpay for players just to save their season. (*ESPN*)

● Paris St-Germain have confirmed that Brazil forward Neymar, 27, will be ruled out for four weeks with a hamstring injury. (*Mirror*)



UNESWA CHESS CLUB STRETCH ECL LEAD

BY JONGILE XUBA

CHESS - UNIVERSITY of Eswatini (UNESWA) Chess Club remain top of the Eswatini Chess League (ECL) after winning the last round of games played at Ngwane Teachers College over the past weekend.

Playing in round seven and eight of the competition, UNESWA did not rest on their laurels as they won both rounds to consolidate their lead.

They hammered Manzini B 5.5-1.5 followed by another 5.5-1.5 win over Lovefield Chess Club. A rejuvenated Mbabane Club beat Manzini A 4-2 followed by a 5.5-1.5 win over Manzini B.

Saw

Other results saw Ngwane College and Lubombo draw three all, whilst Nhlanguano beat Lovefield 5-1.

The results mean UNESWA are top of the standings with 15 points followed by Manzini A on 11 points. Nhlanguano and Mbabane are third and fourth respectively with 11 points each.



CONCENTRATING: Players in full concentration during the Eswatini Chess League matches which were played recently. (Courtesy pic)

Manzini B is fifth with six points followed by Ngwane College on five points in sixth place.

Lubombo Chess Club is bottom of the pile on two points with Lovefield above them with three points.

Round nine will be hosted by UNESWA on October 26 at Kwaluseni Campus.

This will pit log leaders UNESWA against Mbabane Chess Club while second place Manzini A will face off Nhlanguano Chess Club in third.

Eswatini Chess League results:

Round 7		
Mbabane Club	4:2	Manzini A
Manzini B	1.5: 5.5	UNESWA Chess Club
Ngwane Club	3:3	Lubombo Club
Nhlanguano	5:1	Lovefield Club
Round 8		
UNESWA Club	5.5: 1.5	Lovefield Club
Nhlanguano Club	5: 1	Lubombo Club
Ngwane Club	3: 3	Manzini A
Mbabane Club	5.5: 1.5	Manzini B

ECL standings:

Team	Points	Rank
UNESWA Club	15	1
Manzini A	11	2
Nhlanguano	11	3
Mbabane	11	4
Manzini B	6	5
Ngwane	5	6
Lovefield	3	7
Lubombo	2	8

Chase winless run continues

BY COLISILE SACOLO

BASKETBALL - CHASE are still searching for their first win in the season after losing their MTN Elite Men's League against Titans at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

It was a huge defeat for Chase as they were beaten 48-95 in a one-sided encounter.

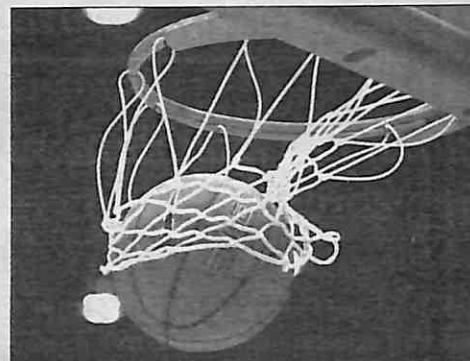
Titans were in high spirit during their match on the day.

Meanwhile, Steels got the better of Langalami Dunky Laine (LDK), winning 80-58. Steels were determined not to let go of the game as they fought hard even after two of their players were fouled out but did not stop them from getting the results at the end.

Sopek were on fire as they went on to beat Raptors 87-44 in their second match.

Jazz also had a good day in office, after they were able to beat Imbumbi 54-18 with Imiqhele humiliated 18-54 by L. Jazz in another one-sided affair.

Eswatini Basketball Association official who is also a member of the Management Committee Mandisa Zwane said as an association they were very happy with the way the second round started as a lot of teams had traded a few of their



stars to other teams.

Zwane said the games were competitive.

He also highlighted the movement of Wandile Masuku and Siboniso Gina from Imbumbi to Dunky Laine and Thandokuhle Mkhatswa, who joined Manzini Steels from Imbumbi.

"Steel handed Dunky Laine their third loss for the season it what was one of the exciting encounter of the day."

MTN Elite Men's League results:

Chase	48-95	Titans
Raptors	44-87	Sopek
L. Jazz	54-18	Imiqhele
LDK	58-80	steels
Imbumbi	58-75	Jazz

Taekwondo's Mchunu off to SA

BY COLISILE SACOLO

TAEKWONDO - ESWATINI Taekwondo official Sandile Mchunu is in South Africa attending a master course.

Mchunu is one of a few World Taekwondo Federation recognised local officials together with Zakhele Dlamini, Bongani Manyatsi, Sizwe Mabuza and Mbongeni Sibandze among others.

After completing the course, Mchunu will be eligible to officiate during international and local competitions.

The official is expected back in the country next weekend.

Sought for comment, Mchunu said he was happy to get the opportunity.

"It is not every day that one gets to attend such courses and I am really happy with the opportunity."

I will grab it with both hands," he said.

He said he would use the knowledge gained at the course to develop the standard of taekwondo in the country.

"This is such a great opportunity I promise I will do my best for the development of the sport in the county."

EDDIE KING OF POOL

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

POOL - GIFTED pool youngster Eddie Mkhonta is the 'king of pool' after beating Siyabonga Dlamini in the Floating Trophy Challenge.

Mkhonta took home a trophy and E1 000 after he was crowned the champion on Saturday at the Express Car Wash. Mkhonta previously beat veteran Dodge Matsebula and Elvis Vanaardt.

On Sunday, the match started on a high note as both players gave a good account of themselves. The players were locked in a stalemate in the first half. Mkhonta took the lead in the second stanza to make it 8-4. However, moments later, Mkhonta stretched his lead to 8-6. Mkhonta's experience towards the dying minutes of the match and wrapped up the match, winning 9-6, much to the joy of his supporters. Interviewed after the match, Mkhonta said hard work paid off and thanked all his supporters for cheering him on.

"I am over the moon with the victory. It was not easy but I am happy I was crowned the trophy challenge champion. It's all about hard work. I want to thank everyone who supported me," he said.

Express Car Wash coordinator Sicelo Mndzebele thanked all those who attended the tournament and also congratulated Mkhonta.

"The attendance was impressive and congratulations to Eddie. He is a young lion and deserves the trophy. In the same breath, I applaud Siyabonga, who also tried his best on the day. There is always next time," he said. The main aim of the trophy challenge is to identify the best pool player in the country.

RSSC intensifies free swimming lessons for children

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SWIMMING - RSSC has stepped up by providing free swimming lessons for all, but mostly focusing on children from 4 years of age upwards within the RSSC estate and neighbouring communities.

This was confirmed by RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe. He said drowning was the third leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide, accounting for seven per cent of

all injury-related deaths.

The sugar company introduced the free swimming lessons in December 2016, but this summer, the lessons are mostly focusing on children as they have been identified to be the most at risk of drowning.

Nyembe said children, males and individuals with increased access to water were the most at risk of drowning. We see this more and more with the rising temperatures.

"As an agricultural company, we operate a number of water sources, from dams, ponds, swamps to

canals.

Conducted

We saw the need of intensifying our water safety strategy and educating the society not only verbally, but also through swimming lessons which are conducted by an expert and experienced swimming coach from Eswatini National Swimming Council.

We don't want to lose a single life due to drowning," he said.

Nyembe added that children from schools within the company's operational area are the key focus and they are thrilled by the response

from the head teachers and parents from the schools.

The RSSC estate has a total of seven government schools which are commonly referred to as RSSC aided government schools, namely; Mhlume Primary/High School, Ngomane Primary/High School, Lusoti Primary/High School and Tshaneni Primary School.

The Global report on drowning (2014) shows that age is one of the major risk factors for drowning.

This relationship is often associated with a lapse in supervision. Globally, the highest drowning rates are among children 1-4 years,

followed by children 5-9 years. In the WHO Western Pacific region children aged 5-14 years die more frequently from drowning than any other cause.

The report also elaborates that males are especially at risk of drowning, with twice the overall mortality rate of females.

They are more likely to be hospitalised than females for non-fatal drowning.

Studies suggest that the higher drowning rates among males are due to increased exposure to water and riskier behaviour such as swimming alone, drinking alcohol before swimming alone and boating.

MONENI PIRATES SHARE TOP SCORE GOODIES WITH FANS

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - MONENI Pirates took their social responsibility initiative to another level when they shared packages from their sponsor Top Score, with persons living with disabilities at Mavuso Trade Centre last Saturday.

This was during the team's MTN Premier League encounter against Green Mamba on Saturday where the Buccaneers won 1-0.

Top Score is one of the team's kit sponsors and their items were on display at the stadium as the team opened their replica sale programme for the first time this season.

The kind gesture by the Buccaneers

was the first of its kind in a stadium. The sponsor's marketing committee secretary Terence Matse distributed the packages immediately after Pirates beat defending champions Green Mamba. The packages included Top Score mealie meal and their much loved product Instant Meal.

One of the recipients was a fan known as Scarface Mdluli, who was obviously happy to receive this from the Buccaneers.

The team's Corporate Affairs Manager Mhlonishwa Motsa said the team had an obligation to positively

influence the society.

"This is a part of our social responsibility and we are very happy to be associated with a brand such as Top Score and Feedmaster.

What happened today tells our supporters that they must buy Top Score products because they care about the communities," he said.

Pirates are not new to philanthropic acts as they gave over 300 elderly from Manzini South some goodies early this year together with Philani Maswati.

Motsa further mentioned that they would be having a community drive this Saturday with Inyatsi Construction and Nercha, starting at Moneni.

"We would like to invite all our fans at Moneni and surrounding areas to come spend time with the players, sponsors, Inyatsi Construction and Nercha. This will be a very eventful day. We will provide more details as the week goes by," he added.

The Inyatsi Construction and Nercha initiative will start at the shops at Moneni with a walk to the Free Evangelical Church where there will be a road show. Moneni Pirates players will be part of the march that will start at 7:30am.



'Saviola' vying for first round carrot

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes attacking midfielder Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze is now the leading top goal scorers chart in the MTN Premier league.

The first round top goal scorer stands to receive E6 000 and with six matches remaining before the end of the first round, 'Saviola' is leading with eight goals.

The former Madlenya player has dislodged Green Mamba Mcolisi Mkhontfo at the summit of the charts.

This was after he scored a brace against Mhlume Peacemakers mid-week at Mayaluka Stadium before scoring four goals against Denver Sundowns on Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Mcolisi Mkhontfo is now placed on second spot with seven goals while Mbabane Swallows lanky striker Sandile Hlatshwako and Pigg's Peak Black Swallows' Allen Mabuza have five goals each. The duo is closely followed by Tony 'TT' Tsabedze and Lizwe Zwane, who have four goals each.

Green Mamba top striker Musa Dlamini is the defending champion after he scored 15 goals last

The 2019/20 top goal scorers chart:

1. Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze - 8 goals
2. Mcolisi Mkhontfo - 7 goals
3. Sandile Hlatshwako - 5 goals
4. Allen Mabuza - 5 goals
5. Tony 'TT' Tsabedze - 4 goals
6. Lizwe Zwane - 4 goals
7. Reagan Kungumpu - 3 goals
8. Fanelo 'Order' Mamba - 3 goals
9. Allie Matse - 3 goals
10. Bongani Dlamini - 3 goals
11. Mbuso Mabuza - 3 goals
12. Ugochukwu - 2 goals
13. Fabrice Mopina - 2 goals
14. Darren Christie - 2 goals
15. Sibiri Yunusu - 2 goals
16. Melusi Mkhwanazi - 2 goals
17. Junior Magagula - 2 goals

season.

The former Mbabane Swallows striker was also crowned the player of the year during the MTN awards that were held at Royal Swazi Sun.

'FIFA week break will benefit us'

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers assistant coach Mthunzi Ginindza says the FIFA week break will work to their advantage as they prepare to face rivals Mbabane Highlanders and former coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

The coach made the comments following their 1-0 victory over Royal Leopard in their MTN Premier League encounter played at Mavuso Sports Centre last Saturday.

Ginindza said the break came at the right time for the team as they would be up against a familiar foe in their match.

"We understand the task ahead of us as we prepare to play Mbabane Highlanders.

They are a team coached by our former coach, who picked most of the players we have. He knows the team really well, so the break will help us work out a proper strategy to

beat Highlanders," he said.

Ginindza said as much as they were grateful to Vilakati for all his service to the club, they would be all out for a win and promised that they would get the maximum points.

"The players will be ready for the match against our rivals and the good thing is that they do not need any extra motivation.

Crucial

We promise to give our fans a reason to celebrate on the day," he said.

Meanwhile, captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya said they would take it a game at a time and would be all out for revenge after losing 1-3 to Highlanders in the Charity Cup finals.

"Our coaches will be working with us during the week-long break as we prepare for the crucial match.

We know Highlanders are a good side but we have a score to settle with them.

We also know that our fans are expecting a win," he said.

Parmalat to continue supporting milky max U-13 league

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - PARMALAT has pledged to continue sponsoring the Milky Max Under-13 League next season after the completion of this year's edition.

This was announced by Parmalat Marketing Officer Qinisile Maphanga during the competition's press briefing at Sigwaca House yesterday.

She said the company was happy with their partnership with the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) so far and would continue supporting the initiative.

"We have been in partnership with HRFA since 2014 when we launched the competition. It has been a good journey and I am happy to announce that it is not over as we will be back even next year," she said. HRFA executive member Oscar Mlotshwa, who was representing youth league Chairman Ntokozo Tsela, thanked Parmalat for their continued support, urging the teams to keep up the good work.

"We are grateful to the sponsor for the



STILL GOING STRONG: Team representatives and delegates take a group picture during the Milky Max Under-13 League Grand closing media briefing at Sigwaca House. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

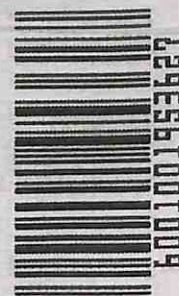
pledging to continue supporting this great league. Teams have been well behaved and we urge them to keep up the spirit," he said.

He further invited parents and the public to join them during the final fixtures of the competition to be played at Msunduzi

Sports Ground this Saturday.

The games will see Dark City face-off with Real Tec to determine the Mbabane League champion at 10:30am followed by Lobamba Cosmos versus Ezulwini Aces at 11:30am to determine Lobamba League winner.

Finland	3-0	Armenia
Faroe Islands	1-0	Malta
Sweden	1-1	Spain
Gibraltar	2-3	Georgia
Romania	1-1	Norway
Greece	2-1	Bosnia
Liechtenstein	0-5	Italy
Switzerland	2-0	Ireland
Israel	3-1	Latvia



Could there be cracks in the squad as mentor says...

'PLAYERS ATTITUDE SHAMEFUL'

- Mentor looks unhappy with certain things in the team
- Promises to talk about it when they return from Zambia
- Says they will be all out for a win

STORIES BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Semnikati team coach Paptic has described the behaviour of some of the national team players as shameful ahead of their 2020 CHAN qualifier last stage, second leg match against Zambia on Saturday.

Speaking yesterday at Mavuso Sports Centre, the Serbia-born coach said what is happening in the team was just shameful.

He, however, said he would talk more about this when the team returns from Zambia.

"Get it from me what's happening here is very shameful for the country. Anyway, I will talk about this when we come back home. This is not the right time to tell you

what I mean about this but I will definitely do so when we return from Zambia," he said. Paptic said despite all this the spirit was high in camp and they were ready to face the Zambians on Saturday.

"We know Zambia are a strong team and they will be difficult to beat in Lusaka. Zambia have a good record of not losing at home in the past years but we are also ready to break that record. We are not afraid of anyone and we will go out for a win. We will do everything in our power to make the nation happy," he said.

Meanwhile, Sihlangu striker Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze said the CHAN match against Zambia was important to them as players and they would be all out for a win.

"The spirit is high in our camp. This is an important match to us and we will be

all out for a win. It will not be easy but we are ready to die with our boots on inside the field of play," he said.

Gamedze added that they have what it takes to score more goals and advance to the next stage of the tournament.

"We just have to focus and not lose concentration throughout the match. We have a good team that is capable of scoring goals in Zambia." Defender Phumlani Dlamini said they were doing everything to win the match on Saturday.

"We are doing all the necessary preparations to represent the country well in Zambia. It is a very important match and we are aware of that as players. The good thing is that we are all looking forward to the match with the hope of getting a positive result." He said as players they were ready for the encounter.

Paptic ready for offers

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Semnikati head coach Kostadin Paptic says he will not reject any offers, should they come.

The former Orlando Pirates mentor said this after he was asked if he had renewed his contract with the mother body.

"I haven't renewed my contract and I won't reject any offers should they come," he said.

Paptic said he was happy the team had made tremendous improvement under his guidance. He said the national team managed to go through to the next round of the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers.

The coach's contract is ending in less than two months (December).

It is alleged that the coach wants an improved offer, as he is allegedly getting E70 000 as net pay per month.

It was said that the Eswatini Football Association felt that the new demands were high while the other party stressed on the need to improve it in order to get closer to what other national team coaches are getting in the region.

With reports already suggesting that the coach had already turned down offers from countries that include Namibia, it remains to be seen if he will continue to coach Sihlangu after his contract expires in December.

Paptic is attracting a lot of interest from other national football associations.

Reports have surfaced that three national football associations namely, Botswana, Ghana and Malawi have shortlisted the Serbian gaffer to lead their teams.

It is believed that the Ghanaian FA is willing to offer the coach a US\$25 000 (E350 000) contract whilst Botswana are willing to give him US\$15 000 (E210 000). Malawi come in with the lowest bid, which is rumoured to be around US\$10 000 (E140 000).

Sandile still missing in camp

SOCCER - Mbabane Swallows lanky striker Sandile Hlathwako is still missing in the Sihlangu camp despite that he is part of the players announced by head coach Kostadin Paptic in his 24-men squad.

The former Malanti Chiefs striker was not part of the 24 players, who were undergoing training yesterday at Mavuso Sports Centre under the watchful eye of Paptic.

As reported by this publication on Tuesday, Royal Leopard defender Machawe Dlamini and Young Buffaloes Siboniso 'Sithobela' Mamba joined the camp on Monday while the other players reported for camp on Sunday. A source close to the matter revealed that it was only Sandile Hlathwako, who was missing of all the players, who were announced by the coach. "No one knows where Hlathwako is as he is expected to be at camp with the rest of the players. The sad part is that no one

has reported anything about the player's unavailability." The source said what's more confusing is that the player was also not training with his team Mbabane Swallows.

"This is not the first time for the player to snub Sihlangu as he did so after he was asked to join the team for the second leg against Djibouti in the 2022 World Cup qualifiers where Sihlangu was eventually booted out." Coach Paptic expressed his disappointment about the player yesterday.

He said action would be taken against the player for showing lack of respect to the country.

Mbabane Swallows defender, Siboniso Ndzabandzaba has replaced his teammate in the national team.

The player and his coach at Swallows Honour Janza could not be drawn for comment as their cellphones rang unanswered when tried several times yesterday.

