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Emazinyane Temave, Sabusiswa and Temabheka stole the show with their splendid performance on the last day of the Shiselweni Reed Dance, which ended on a high note yesterday. SEE PAGES 2 and 4. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)



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EXPECT A WARM TO HOT WEEK AHEAD

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A warm to hot week is predicted according to data sourced from Accu Weather Services.

Temperatures are expected to increase gradually during the week.

Today, morning fog is expected in

the Highveld becoming partly cloudy predictions. to sunny during the day.

Temperatures are expected to reach a high of 31 degrees Celsius.

Predicted

Tomorrow it will be partly cloudy becoming sunny and hot in the Lowveld. Temperatures are predicted to be higher than today's



Meanwhile, the same weather patterns are expected on Wednesday but temperatures will be much higher as they will reach 36 degrees Celsius in the Lowveld.

Temperatures will slightly drop on Thursday but still it will be hot.

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Luis meets His Majesty the King

STORIES BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE
Mbangweni

AFTER placing a white feather on Lizinyane Tiyandza, Mozambican national, Luis Leite met His Majesty King Mswati III yesterday at Mbangweni Royal Residence during the Shiselweni Reed Dance.

Ingwenyama appeared pleased to meet Leite as they shook hands briefly.

His Majesty met Leite after greeting Mozambique High Commissioner Jorge Henrique da Costa Khalau and Taiwan Ambassador to Eswatini Jeremy H.S Liang. It is also worth noting that Princess Tiyandza still had the white feather on her head yesterday.

The princess also had a moment to showcase her dancing skills in front of Their Majesties.

Appreciated

She was joined by Princess Temaswati. The two danced together to songs such as 'Selingishonele' and 'Lelive lakho Nkhosi, libheke tinkhomo takho tiyabuya'.

The two princesses danced together and their skills were appreciated by Their Majesties and other members of the Royal family.

They were also joined by Princesses Sikhanyiso and Temtsimba, as they danced together for a short while.



YOUR MAJESTY: His Majesty King Mswati III meeting Luis Leite who, on Saturday, made a public declaration for his love for the King's daughter Princess Tiyandza. This was during the Shiselweni Reed Dance at Mbangweni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

They danced after their sister Princess Sakhizwe. Doing a solo dance, the princess elegantly danced for everyone and also earned appreciation from Emakhosikati, Emazinyane and other members of the Royal family.

Amongst the people who appreciated the maidens was South African actress

Gugu Gumede. Gumede is known for her role as MaMlambo on the South African soapie Uzalo.

Gumede danced and smiled throughout the event. She also went along Princess Sikhanyiso to appreciate the maidens as they danced. With her was also Mrs Africa Globe 2018/19 Lucia Ochan.

KING SPOILS IMBALI WITH GIFTS AGAIN

HIS Majesty King Mswati III again spoiled imbali with gifts.

This was announced by Indvuna yembali Nonduduzo Zubuko.

At the end of the Umhlanga ceremony, Zubuko announced to the maidens that the King had released gifts for them.

"The King had not only prepared food but he will also give Imbali clothing and meat," said Zubuko during the announcement. The maidens thanked the King by screaming and shouting 'Bayethe Wena Waphakathi' appreciating the gifts.

The King seems to know exactly how to spoil Imbali as he did

during the main Umhlanga ceremony, where he gave them food, jackets and T-shirts which they appreciated.

Screamed

Imbali seems to be the King's biggest fans as they also screamed and jumped up and down with joy when he was greeting libutfo. Some of the maidens even moved from the front line to the back just so they can see and greet him twice.

The ceremony ended whilst the sun was still up, with some maidens able to make it home early and avoid the cold weather as temperatures were dropping.



IMBALI: A section of the throngs of Imbali who attended the ceremony.



YOUNGER PRINCESSES SHOW OFF

DANCE and rhythm runs in the blood of Royalty as younger princesses showcased their dancing skills in front of Their Majesties and other maidens.

Princesses Temave, Sabusiswa and Nomabheka also had a chance to showcase what they can do in front of Their Majesties.

The three princesses received applause

from Their Majesties, while Emakhosikati, Emazinyane and other princesses also went to the arena to appreciate them.

This also proved that the future of Umhlanga was in good hands. Another youngster that put up a spectacular display was leader of the younger maidens Bongiwe 'Vivane' Hlatshwayo.

Hlatshwayo displayed some of the best skills of the day. Emakhosikati, members of the Royal family and the public could not hold back but appreciate the dancer.

Lutsango showered her with oranges, sweets and money. The young lady put on a show that made everyone dance from where they were seated.

WE LOVE OUR CULTURE: Emazinyane Temave and Sabusiswa showing off their maturing dance skills which thrilled the throngs of people present on the day.

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'SNAT SG DRIVING A POLITICAL AGENDA'

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT has accused Swaziland National Association (SNAT) Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini of pursuing a political agenda and warned him to stop misleading unsuspecting teachers.

Government's Spokesperson Percy Simelane in a strongly worded statement yesterday stated that as a matter of principle, government does not respond to illogical and populist utterances from people seeking relevance but will not shy away from stating facts on issues of national interest.

"We wish therefore to briefly put matters into perspective with regards to insults directed at the prime minister and government by the secretary general of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT).

"The statement released by the PM is a government position and we stand by it. No amount of insinuations and insults will help government afford a Cost of Living Adjustment for civil servants in the current financial year.

Constraints

"It is for this reason that government has availed herself to all social partners to bring forward their ideas on how to remedy the current fiscal constraints," the statement read.

Government states that it shall always be open to constructive criticism because it is a part of healthy engagement but shall continually advise against character assassination because it has the potency of drowning the initial message and

What open door- SNAT

SNAT ridiculed the Government spokesperson statement of government's open constructive criticism and being always open to engagement.

SNAT General Secretary Sikelela Dlamini said they appreciate the indication that government is always open to engagements.

"However, our government actions tell a different story because when they engage with us at the Joint Negotiating Forum (JNF) they seem as if they are not regarding us as social partners," he said.

Dlamini added that government negotiations are never in good faith. This is because if government offers 0.0 per cent consistently it means workers are not taken seriously in the country.

"In all our statements we have been saying that as PSAs we are open to engagement 24 hours a

day, seven days a week. Even if we can be called in the middle of the night we are always ready," he said.

Dlamini denied any political agenda in workers demanding what they deserve, which is the 7.85 per cent Cost of Living Adjustment.

Ambitions

"No political ambitions whatsoever are hidden in this honest workers' demand. It is also true that for the year 2018/2019 the CoLA was supposed to be 6.5 per cent and again civil servants were not given. In the current year the CoLA is 5.5 per cent although it has not been discussed and concluded at JNF. Government did not want the matter included in the agenda because they are saying they do not have money. It means salaries of workers are worse off by 19.9 per cent," he said.

Government states that it remains committed to implementing programmes and initiatives that will give the economy the necessary impetus to grow and afford the Cost of Living Adjustment for civil servants. "As the Prime Minister reiterated, government's doors are open to PSA's to be part of the process of monitoring the performance of the economy on a quarterly basis, with a view of awarding a Cost of Living Adjustment for the financial year 2020/2021 if the economy improves," government stated.

The PM Ambrose Mandvulo

Dlamini further stated that the allegations against him are absurd as SNAT is a trade union that is registered in terms of the laws of the land and is a worker organisation whose members are educators who ply their trade within the borders of Eswatini. SNAT is not and shall never be a political party.

Bargaining

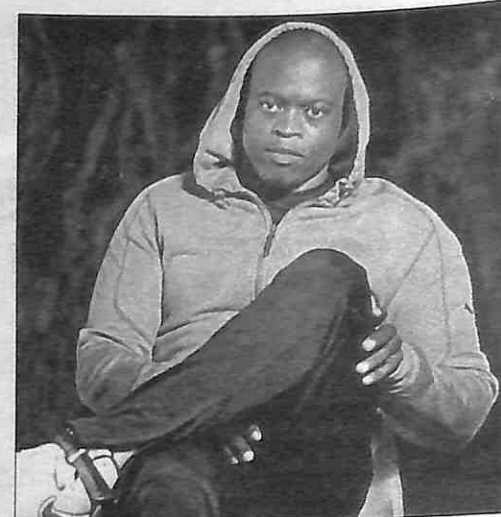
"The government spokesperson is supposed to know basics with regards to collective bargaining of trade unions," he said.

He further stated that SNAT has clearly laid down objectives that form part of the navigational system of the 91-years-old educators' organisation.

"It is never about some individuals in SNAT or about the secretary general as Simelane puts it. Perhaps his inaccurate analysis has been caused by lack of clear understanding of the jargon used in the statement that was issued by the SNAT SG," he said.

Dlamini recently briefed Parliament that signs were that they may record an economic turnaround by the fall of the current calendar year.

However, on Friday he warned that if Public Sector Associations were hell-bent to proceed with their intended strike action it may delay that target. He stated categorically and repeated in this statement that government currently is in no position to offer any CoLA but instead committed itself from getting contributions from all stakeholders including PSAs on how to quickly turn the situation around.



HARASSED: Emfuleni Lifestyle owner Sifiso 'Daladi' Dlamini.

Emfuleni's Daladi reports threats on his life

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

EMFULENI lifestyle's owner's life is in danger as it is suspected that there are people after him.

It is reported that the renowned businessman, Sifiso 'Daladi' Dlamini, is targeted by a certain group of people who are up to no good.

After the shocking cold-blooded murder of football administrator and businessman Victor Gamedze in January 14, 2018 at Galp Filling Station, no businessman or person of note can afford to keep quiet when he gets reports of threats over his life.

Similarly, Dlamini seemed to have had enough of the stalking to the extent that he went on to vent on social media about the stalking and harassment he had been experiencing for quite some time.

In an interview Dlamini said it seems as if these people are after his every move. What irked the businessman the most was the fact that these stalkers do not even respect his place of business. Dlamini said there had been random people who would come to his business and ask his staff about him and his movement.

The businessman added that it was clear that these people were hired by certain individuals as they would even ask for his pictures from his staff.

He further alleged that he thinks his skin colour plays a huge part in the constant harassment because if he were not of colour his place of business as well as and success would be respected.

Harassment

Moreover, Dlamini said he does not only fear for himself but his staff members and customers.

The latest of this harassment Dlamini said was yesterday morning whereby two gentlemen arrived at eMfuleni Lifestyle which is a popular joint owned by Dlamini.

He said the guys were driving a South African registered VW red Polo. He said they asked his staff about his whereabouts as well as his photograph. This infuriated Dlamini as he quickly expressed his anger on his facebook page, which upsetted a number of his followers after which he suspended his account.

He said ever since he got the reports from his staff, he reported the incidents at the Lobamba Police Station. He said these two men follow another gang of four men who also came for the same mission in the recent past. Dlamini said in as much as the harassment has not stopped, he has the full cooperation of the police.

"Police are constantly conducting spot checks to ensure safety," he said.

He further expressed his gratitude to the police as he said they had shown willingness in apprehending whoever is behind this harassment and stalking.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communication Supt. Phindile Vilakati confirmed that the matter was reported to the police but no arrest had been made.

JEFF RAMOKGADI'S FUNERAL ON THURSDAY

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

GEOFF Ramokgadi, the founder and Director of Kobe Ramokgadi Learning Academy will be laid to his final resting place in Rustenburg, South Africa on Thursday.

This was confirmed by the deceased's son who said he would be laid to rest at noon according to Jewish culture at Rietlvei Cemetery.

The emotional family member said that they were still finding it hard to accept the news of their father's death and it was really a hard time for the family.

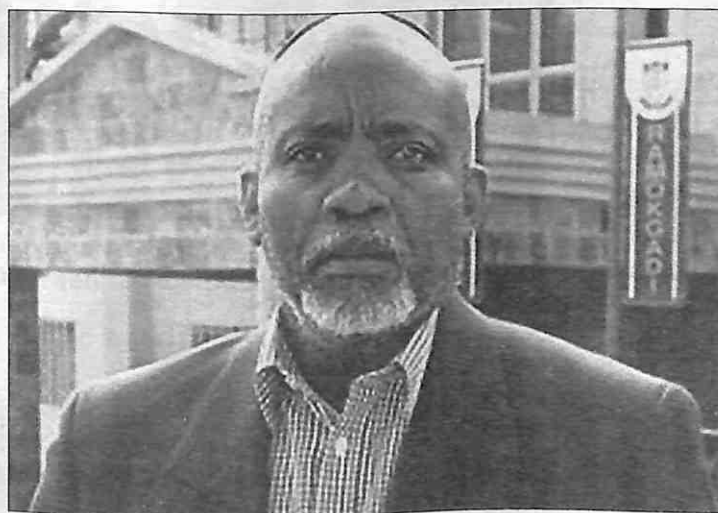
"As you can see my brother everything is not okay. We are still trying to come to terms with all of this," he said.

Dysfunctional

On the other hand, the death of Ramokgadi has left many parents with fears of the school being dysfunctional and the principal has quickly allayed those fears.

Kobe Principal Thuli Makgatho said parents should not be worried as all will continue as normal in terms of the academic part.

She mentioned that Kobe is a school and there is nothing that can stop it



REST IN PEACE: Geoff Ramokgadi, the founder and Director of Kobe Ramokgadi Learning Academy.

from carrying on with its daily business.

"There are students here and their future is still important no matter what the circumstances, so everything will continue as normal although we are all saddened by the demise of Mr Ramokgadi," said the Principal.

Mkgatho said it is not only his family who have lost but also the school, parents and the whole country has lost an icon.

She said the director was a father

and mentor to everyone at Kobe and his death has hit hard on them as the administration and the teachers as well.

Illness

"It is still hard to talk about this because he meant a lot to us and we were still banking many hopes on him. We had a meeting with the teachers today (yesterday) and the situation was not good at all," she said.

The astute businessman succumbed to death after a long illness at the age

65. The sad news of his death started spreading on Friday night as he is believed to have passed on earlier in the evening.

Close friends and associates who learnt of his passing on were touched to learn of his demise as they described him as noble man who was professional, passionate, a visionary and caring.

Condolences

Friends and relatives' employees of the astute businessman had started sending condolences to the family in the morning.

Family representatives found at Ramokgadi's residential place at Eveni stated that family was still dealing with a lot and would be ready to address the media yesterday.

His death has not only been a blow to his family but also to the Jewish community where he was the appointed Vice Chairman of the Commonwealth Jewish Council (CJC) in 2017. Ramokgadi was also the President of the Jewish Community in Eswatini.

He was reporting to the council on whatever issues related to the Jewish faith that happen in Eswatini and coordinated meetings for the Jewish community since he also doubled as a local president having assumed the position over 15 years ago.



SHISELWENI UMHLANGA COVERAGE



APPRECIATE: His Majesty King Mswati III joined by Emazinyane and Lacwebetelako as he appreciates Imbali during the last day of the Shiselweni Reed Dance which ended on a high note at Mbangweni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



IN DANCE: Emakhosikati appreciating Emazinyane Tiyandza and Temaswati.



ALL SMILES: Princesses Tiyandza and Temaswati show off their dance moves.



GOOD SHOWING: Princess Sakhizwe joined by Emazinyane as they appreciate her splendid showing.



CAPTURED: Imbali pictured in the arena thrilling the throngs of people present.



JOINED: Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini joined by Princes Sicalo and Lonkokhela as they watched the Imbali.

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SNAKE DISCOVERED IN SHOPRITE STOREROOM

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

EMPLOYEES at U Save Shoprite in Pigg's Peak were shocked to discover a one-metre long snake slithering inside the shop's locked storeroom.

The reptile was spotted by two Shoprite employees who when interviewed asked to remain anonymous after having spoken to management. After seeing the snake slithering under multiple boxes of cornflakes, the shocked employees ran to the nearby shop owned by Asian businessman and snake catcher, Sharafat Ali Shafi.

They asked Shafi to help retrieve the snake. The employees said they had no idea where the snake came from as the storeroom was always locked.

Located

"The storeroom is located in a basement behind the actual shop. It has one large door that is always locked, hence we have no idea where the snake came from. We suspect that it slithered inside while we were receiving stock on another day. However, while packing the cornflakes boxes, we saw the tail of the brown snake slithering under a box," Shafi took a broomstick before heading towards the locked storeroom.

He entered the store-room and soon located the snake in a corner under many boxes. He used the broomstick to pin the snake down and retrieved it using his bare hands.

Shafi confirmed the incident and said the snake, which he could not identify, will be released at a secluded area near Bulembu.

"The snake was about one metre long and brown in colour. I retrieved it safely



HERE: U Save Shoprite in Pigg's Peak where a snake was discovered in the storeroom on Thursday. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

TRUE: Brave Asian businessman and snake catcher, Sharafat Ali Shafi confirmed retrieving septile. (File pic).

without hurting it or myself. I will release it back into the wild in a safe area near Bulembu on Monday," he said.

When asked for comment, U Save Shoprite Pigg's Peak management said they were not permitted to speak to the media as their head offices are located in the Republic of South Africa (RSA).

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the police heard about the incident but no official report was made by the shop.



Natural resources spends E17m on review of Oil Reserve designs

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

MINISTRY of natural resources and energy spent E17 million to review the Strategic Oil Reserve project designs.

Senate Deputy President Ndumiso Mdluli enquired about the total cost for the review of the strategic oil reserve facility designs, as well as why the ministry reviewed the designs as they were previously reviewed by a previously contracted company.

This was derived from the report of the ministry of natural resources and energy portfolio committee debate of the ministry's first quarter performance report. Mdluli also enquired about the status of the previously contracted company and why the ministry was sourcing a loan for the construction of the facility because Parliament had mandated the previous contractor to source funding and gave the company a loan guarantee.

Minister Peter Bhembe said the ministry had partnered with the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the government to government cooperation on energy in the review of the designs and the cost of the review was E17 million.

He stated that the previously contracted company did not review the designs. He said government conducted a feasibility study in

2005 and came up with preliminary designs for the facility. "It became necessary, therefore to detail and update the designs before construction of the facility could commence," he said.

He added that the previously contracted company could not perform or construct the Strategic Oil Reserve facility since the signing of the first contract in 2014, hence the lapse of the contracts in 2017.

Model

He mentioned that the model of contracting private companies to build, own, operate and transfer the facility could not work and has seriously delayed commencement of the project as the companies failed to raise the funding. He stated that government was exploring the option of getting assistance through cooperation with the Republic of China (Taiwan) which was promising to deliver the results on time.

Bhembe added the Republic of China (Taiwan) would assist the ministry with securing the loan through the government to government co-operation at a discounted rate. He added that a national petroleum company was being operationalised which would operate the facility.

He said the benefit of the model, which was also implemented in other SADC countries, was that the government got to control the strategic stocks from the onset.

PM's office develops system to monitor economic recovery strategy

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

THE office of the prime minister has developed a Performance Monitoring Framework to ensure the implementation of the economic recovery strategy.

With the country moving in the direction of economic recovery, the prime minister's office has found the need to establish a performance monitoring framework to ensure all ministries were pulling in the same direction towards resuscitating the country's frail economy.

This was contained in the Senate report of the prime minister's office portfolio committee on the debate of the ministry's first quarter performance report.

This submission was raised by a question posed by Senator Sylvia Mthethwa. The senator stated the initiative of the performance monitoring framework was a good one. She enquired when it would be introduced in government ministries.

In response, Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini said the monitoring framework was developed initially by the Policy and Performance Coordination Unit (PPCU) under his



QUESTION: Senator Sylvia Mthethwa.

office prior to the arrival of a team of experts under a technical assistance support programme provided by the European Union to assist in the implementation of the Eswatini Strategic Road Map (2019-2023).

He said the terms of reference for the technical assistance team included a

review and development of existing performance management, planning, monitoring and reporting systems and tools to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the implementation of the economic recovery strategy.

Also assistance with the integration of results based monitoring and evaluation into all government annual and quarterly plans and reports.

Experts

"The team of experts have since commenced their work and one of the deliverables of the experts' assignments is a revamped performance monitoring network. This will then be fully implemented within the entire government system," said the PM.

He added the EU team had so far developed a template for the preparation of ministerial strategic plans and implementation plans which aligned with the Eswatini strategic roadmap. He added presently government ministries were refining their strategic plans in line with the new template.

He also mentioned the PPCU developed performance monitoring framework would be incorporated under the revamped performance monitoring framework and fully implemented as soon as it was ready.

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Man hangs himself near Maguga bus stop

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

...Young boys discover the dead body hanging on a tree

FOUR young boys got the shock of their lives after discovering the body of a man (22) hanging by the neck from a tree behind the Maguga bus stop.

The discovery was made yesterday morning.

Police believe that the deceased, who is a secondary school dropout, committed suicide early yesterday morning. Due to the fact that the boys who made the discovery are minors their names have been withheld for ethical reasons.

Interviewed yesterday, two of the boys (both 11-year-olds) said they were searching for a lost cow with their two friends.

Separated

"We were told by our grandfather to search for a brown cow that had separated itself from the rest of the herd on Saturday evening.

We then decided to go to the last place where we saw the animal near the local shop, behind

the Maguga bus stop. During our walk we met two of our male friends who joined our search," said one of the boys.

Hanging

"As we walked we saw a body of a local man hanging by the neck from one of three very tall trees. This sight shocked us and we ran to a nearby shop that had just opened for business to report the incident. The shop owner phoned the Pigg's Peak police and they came to remove the

body an hour later," he added.

The deceased was found with no shoes on when he was discovered, which has puzzled the police.

Worked

In an interview the deceased's mother said the boy is the last born in a family of three children. He was a farmer who worked at Nkamazi.

He usually worked for long periods and only came to visit month end. "He told me that he

was returning to work and I told him to have a safe journey.

I had no idea that he was planning to commit suicide.

He dropped out of secondary school in 2016 much to my anger," she said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident, saying so far there was no foul play suspected as it looked a case of suicide.

Stefanutti manager in court for fraud

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A site manager employed by construction giant Stefanutti Stocks, was arrested after he was found to have defrauded the company over E20 000.

Celumusa Shiba (31) was arrested and charged with fraud after he was found to have defrauded the construction company of E25 784.00.

According to his charge sheet, Shiba was found to have, on January 16, 2018 near Exams Council premises in Ezulwini, having been entrusted with responsibilities of site manager, did wrongfully and unlawfully misrepresent to the accountant of Stefanutti Stocks (Welile Vilakati), by submitting a duplicated invoice.

Induced

The invoice titled No.66 was to the amount of E25 784 and induced Stefanutti Stocks to loss and prejudice.

His charge sheet stated that when Shiba made the aforementioned misrepresentation, he knew very well that the said invoice was not authentic, and did thereby commit the offence of fraud.

During his appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu, Shiba was remanded back into custody until September 30, for the setting of his trial date.



Man attempts suicide after argument with girlfriend

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Sitiki

A man is lying in hospital after attempting to end his life by ingesting a concoction of pesticides because of an argument he had with his girlfriend.

The man whose name is deliberately withheld to prevent further emotional breakdown, was rushed to Good Shepherd Hospital after he was found lying helplessly in a company house at Tambankulu.

Information gathered was that the man, who is in his late 30s, is employed by one the sugarcane producing companies at Tambankulu.

Sources close to the matter disclosed that for the past two years, the man worked for the said company as a labourer. He has been in a relationship with a woman who resided not too far from the company quarters.

A source who happened to be a workmate of *Sabelo said the two lovers were seen together at a drinking hall last Friday evening.

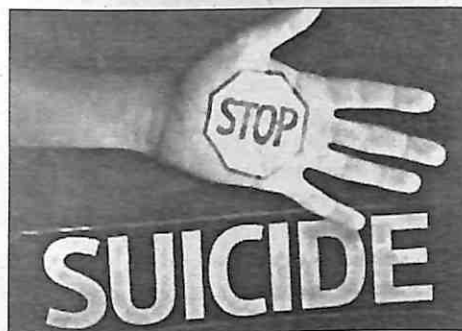
Apparently, they are said to have been a common couple in the area as they would be seen together at drinking spots during weekends.

Matter

"The couple eventually left the drinking hall just before midnight and headed to the girl's house which is also situated nearby," said a source close to the matter.

Meanwhile, a relative who was found at the hospital said they received a call on Saturday morning, informing them that Sabelo was admitted at hospital after ingesting a poisonous substance. The man was said to be under close monitoring by doctors when this publication visited the hospital.

"He is still in a critical state, hence we would



like to minimise his visitors for now," said a relative who was found at the entrance of the ward in which Sabelo was admitted.

The relative however, disclosed that they were told that Sabelo had a misunderstanding with his girlfriend before attempting to commit suicide.

He is said to have left the woman's flat in the early hours of Saturday and headed to his own flat where he subsequently ingested what is believed to have been pesticides.

An empty can of a pesticide for crawling insects is said to have been found in Sabelo's house. The man was said to be recuperating at the hospital after doctors were said to have managed to stabilise him.

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Making A Difference

Eswatini Water & Agricultural Development Enterprise

SUPPLY OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TENDER No. ESWADE/0426

The Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE) is a government company established by the Government of Eswatini in 1999 to empower communities to improve their quality of life through projects in commercial agriculture and other enterprises; providing innovative services in infrastructure development and management as well as expertise to public and private entities.

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The tender document should be hand delivered and deposited in the Tender Box at the ESWADE Head Office, 3rd Floor, Sincephetelo MVA Building, Mhlabi Street, Mbabane, no later than the Friday, 04th October, 2019 at 10:00a.m. Tender documents should be signed and completed, and accompanied by the following documents:

1. An Original and Valid Tax Compliance Certificate
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3. A Copy of Form J endorsed by Register of Companies
4. A Copy of Form C endorsed by Register of Companies
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6. A Copy of Manufacturer Authorization Letter
7. Police Clearance Certificates for Director's Listed in Form J
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9. Tender Bond of E10,000
10. Original /Copy of ESWADE Receipt of Tender Purchase
11. A fully document providing Power of Attorney
12. A fully Signed Declaration of Eligibility

A tender must remain open for a period of 120 days from the closing date of the tender submission, during which period the tender may not be amended or withdrawn.

Tenders must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked TENDER No. ESWADE/0426 and addressed to:

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Eswatini Water & Agricultural Development Enterprise
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DPM pays last respects to Mugabe...



SIGNS: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku signs the condolence book during the state funeral of Zimbabwe former President Robert Mugabe, which was postponed to allow for the construction of a special mausoleum in his honour. (Courtesy pics)



Examinations Council of Eswatini

ANNOUNCEMENT

All Heads of Schools are informed that invigilation workshops for 2019 will be held at the following Centres and dates. All meetings start at 9:00 am sharp. Each Head of School is requested to bring one invigilator with the hope that further training will be done in schools for other invigilators.

DATE	VENUES	REGION
23 rd Sept. 2019	1.Mankayane High 2.Mkhuzweni Primary 3.Christ The King Primary	Manzini Hhohho Shiselweni
24 th Sept. 2019	1.Manzini Central High 2.Mhlatane High 3. Regional Education Office	Manzini Hhohho Shiselweni
25 th Sept. 2019	1. Regional Education Office 2.Mbabane Central High 3. Sihlutse Teacher's Centre	Lubombo Hhohho Shiselweni
26 th Sept. 2019	1.Siphofaneni High 2.Kwaluseni Primary	Lubombo Manzini

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SHOT PUPIL BACK IN CLASS

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

THE 20-year-old pupil who was allegedly shot by the police during the Epic Gig returned to class for the first since she came back home from a South African hospital.

The bullet is still lodged in her body.

Xolile Mthembu, a Form Four pupil of St Mary's High, was shot by a stray bullet during a mayhem that occurred at an event held at Mavuso Trade Centre in May.

As a result of the incident, Mthembu spent five days at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital, where doctors failed to extract the bullet from her body, claiming that it is too close to the heart, before she was transferred to the South African hospital, courtesy of Phalala Fund.

Information was to the effect that the bullet was allegedly fired by a police officer after some hooligans started engaging in barbaric behaviour by hurling bottles to the stage and vandalised property. When this happened, it is said the lights were off on stage due to the pushing and shoving that occurred when famous South African artist Mlindo the Vocalist performed.

This forced police to call for the riot squad, which came fully armed with riot gear, including tear-gas canisters and rubber bullets. The police tried to disperse the crowd using teargas and rubber bullets which ended up injuring some people.

For Mthembu it was a different story altogether as she was hit by a live bullet that is suspected to have been from a police officer's service gun.

At first, it was argued that she was only injured by a rubber bullet only for a medical report to confirm that it was a real bullet.

Before leaving for South Africa, Mthembu had informed this publication that she was standing next to one of the halls at Mavuso when she heard a loud bang as police dispersed the rowdy crowd.

Shortly thereafter, she said she felt her body becoming numb and she fell to the ground. At that moment, the scholar said her friends who were next to her thought she was merely being frightened by the gunshot and tried to get her back on her feet. To their shock, her friends saw that she was bleeding from the back.

It was then that it was discovered that she had been shot as there was a bullet wound on her shoulder. Xolile said she couldn't feel her feet and her clothes were soaked in blood.

In an interview with her mother, Futhi Motsa, yesterday, it transpired that she only returned home from South Africa in July and could not walk on her own. Although she had improved with the assistance of medication she obtained from the health centre, but her life has not been the same



BACK: Xolile Mthembu who has a bullet lodged close to her heart.

in that she no longer can walk for long distances.

When she walks for longer distances, she becomes weak so much that she has to relax before being able to walk again. The distraught mother said doctors informed her that this was caused by the fact that the bullet also affected her lungs.

"She was weak after she returned home so much that she could not even go to school until this week," Motsa said.

On the same note, the mother said her daughter missed out on several lessons last term as well as the mock examination. In a bid to assist her, the mother said she was scheduled to start physio therapy soon. Even so, Motsa said she still wanted answers as how her daughter could be assisted or even be compensated by the police service as it was alleged that an officer of the law was responsible for her daughter's injury.

She said she had engaged the Manzini Regional Commander about the matter and a response she got was that the police service had nothing to go on since the service banked on the bullet that is in Mthembu's body to provide proof that it indeed belonged to the police service.

She further stated that she was confused as to where she could go for assistance regarding the matter because she wanted justice to be served.

When sought for comment, Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Inspector Nosipho Mnguni confirmed having received reports of her return. She said after the incident, the police had an attempted murder case opened and still investigating.

When asked whether or not the police were responsible, Mnguni said the police had nothing to go on because there was no new piece of evidence that could be used to link the police to the allegation.

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HVCHP INTENSIFIES WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPMENT

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

The High Value Crop and Horticultural Project (HVCHP) of ESWADE recently hosted a High-level Woman Leadership Conference at the George Hotel in Manzini on the 4th of September 2019. Invited guest speakers included Senator Sylvia Mthethwa; Director of SWAGAA Ms. Nonhlanhla Dlamini; FESBIC CEO Ms. Dudu Nhlengetfwa; NEDBANK CEO Ms. Fikile Nkosi and Eswatini Mobile's Chief Customer Exec. Ms. Gciniwe Fakudze. The conference was themed "Being a Woman of Valor" and targeted the participation of women that are board members in the different farmer schemes under the HVCHP project. A total of 65 women from the 18 farmer schemes attended the conference enthusiastically. Their enthusiasm was equally matched by ESWADE CEO Mr. Samson Sithole in his opening remarks which clarified what it means for women to be in leadership and why this was needed for the project to succeed. The CEO mentioned that gender-mainstreaming is a principal element of the organization's different projects and that this is guided by the ESWADE Gender Policy which seeks to strengthen women participation in development. In his remarks, the CEO urged women to therefore take full advantage of such opportunities like this event for both themselves as individuals and the leadership positions they hold in their communities.

mentioned that it is important that they choose the best platform to address their issues. One thing that she mentioned as an important principle in communication is respect and the use of appropriate language when addressing people. She also held that for women to be heard and taken serious they must also dress appropriately and prepare themselves adequately when they address people.

Finding and Engaging Male Allies

In introducing her remarks she lauded ESWADE for hosting such an important conference that with empower women to stand for themselves and have their voices heard. She mentioned that women are the back bone of their households and the heart of the community. It was also revealed in her presentation that women have not been accepted in many societies to be leaders, referring to herself as the first female RA in the country setting a precedence. She said a lot of people would ask her how she would address male chiefs and handle disputes in the chiefdoms as a female figure. She said that she struggled when she assumed the RA's office but later acclimatized to the demands of the office. The senator held that what made her to be successful in the office was respect. She remarked that men want respect more than anything, she held that

you should always show respect when



ESWADE CEO addressing the audience



Nonhlanhla Dlamini presenting Communication Skills

Getting your voice heard

Different topics were accorded to the different invited guests. Ms. Nonhlanhla Dlamini was tasked with the responsibility of motivating the participants on how to get their voices heard as women in leadership in a male dominated society. When introducing herself she mentioned that she was from SWAGAA and organization that deals with all forms of abuse particularly on women and children in particularly the girl child. She mentioned that they as an organization deal with four types of abuse which are physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and financial abuse. She encouraged the participants to believe in themselves for their voices to be heard in society. In her presentation she mentioned that for women to be heard in society they must understand the principle of effective communication. Ms. Nonhlanhla held that for women to be heard they must know how to communicate with everyone they communicate with, she

leading man, show them that you recognize them.

Defining and Marketing Your Brand

Ms. Gciniwe's presentation centered on making yourself a brand, she encouraged the women leaders to make a brand out of themselves. She mentioned that making a brand out of yourself makes you to be trusted in society. She mentioned that when you are a brand your actions are trusted in society such that even big companies can trust you with their product and become their brand ambassador. She also encouraged the participants to feel free in marketing and defining themselves as a brand. In her presentation she remarked that they should pay attention to Brand Association, she was encouraging the participants to associate themselves with the best brands so that they could build their brand. She mentioned one could build their brand. She mentioned one brand Coca Cola as one brand that has worked very hard in creating a lasting legacy for itself such that it is a global brand now.



She even mentioned that networking and having connections plays an important role in creating your brand.

Senator Sylvia Mthethwa emphasizing the power of presence



Gciniwe Fakudze narrating on how a brand grows

I have learnt my lesson — intoxicated driver

IN what others may deem a scene out of a movie, a drunk motorist did the unthinkable when he drove and halted his vehicle onto oncoming traffic on Saturday.

Recording the highest alcohol content of the weekend, Mabonga Dlamini (36) of Mona Flats was arrested and charged with two counts while contravening the Road Traffic Act when he was found to have been driving while under the influence of alcohol.

As stated in his charge sheet, Dlamini was said to have been driving his Toyota Corolla sedan on Saturday evening near ECOT, while under the influence of alcohol.

When a breathalyser test was conducted on him, Dlamini was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 1.69 mg/l.

Dlamini was further slapped with an additional charge, which stated that he was found to have driven his vehicle along Somhlolo Road and stopped it on the road way, facing oncoming traffic, thus contravening the Act.

In his mitigation before Magistrate Zulu, Dlamini told the court that he was anxious about losing his job due to his arrest.

"Your Worship, I am a bread-

winner at home, who has three dependents. I am employed and I am afraid that my continued stay in custody may cost me my job. I have spent time in prison and I have surely learnt my lesson," Dlamini pleaded, much to the amusement of the court.

After hearing his mitigation, Magistrate Zulu sentenced Dlamini to serve two years in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E2 000 for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

For driving onto oncoming traffic, Dlamini was sentenced to pay a fine of E800 and in default of payment, serve eight months in prison.

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Student sustains injuries evading arrest

STORIES BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

COMICAL is the best way to describe a drunk driver's attempt evading arrest after he jumped and fell from a church wall.

Recording the second highest alcohol reading of the day, 23-year old Menzi Mohammed of Mahwalala was charged with contravening two counts under the Road Traffic Act, after he was found to have driven his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Arrested

Mohammed was also said to have resisted arrest by a police officer.

According to his charge sheet, Mohammed was said to have been driving his Subaru sedan near Zondle in the early hours of Monday morning when he was arrested. When a breathalyser test was conducted on him, he was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 1.10 mg/l.

On the second count, Mohammed was

said to have resisted arrest effected by Constable Fakudze, by fighting him and tearing his police jekings.

Mohammed was then said to have tried to evade arrest, but fell and hitting his head, sustaining injuries.

During his appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu yesterday, Mohammed sported a large bandage on his head due to the injuries sustained during his fall while trying to evade arrest.

Pleading

After pleading guilty to the charges placed before him, Mohammed pleaded with the court to be lenient in his sentence as he is still a student.

Magistrate Lenhle Zulu warned Mohammed against conducting himself in such an irresponsible manner, which may have even cost him his life.

Mohammed was then sentenced to pay a fine of E800 and in default of payment, eight months in prison for driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was further sentenced to pay a fine of E800 and in default of payment, eight months in prison for resisting arrest.



HURT: Menzi Mohammed.

DRUNK PEDESTRIAN 'WALKS' IN TRAFFIC

WALKING in traffic while under the influence of alcohol is just as dangerous as driving while under the influence, one man learnt when he was arrested.

Seluleko Mamba (22) of Mcaphozini was arrested and charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act when he was found to have jumped into a road way while under the influence of alcohol.

According to his charge sheet, Mamba was said to have committed the offence of conducting himself in a manner likely to constitute a source of

danger to himself or to other traffic.

The particulars of his charge stated that Mamba jumped onto a roadway while under the influence of alcohol.

Committed

Mamba was said to have committed the offence on August 25, near Lobamba, along Mcaphozini public road.

During his appearance before court yesterday, Mamba was sentenced to serve five months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E500.

11 appear in court for drink-driving

A total of 11 motorists charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol appeared before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu yesterday.

10 of the motorists were male, while one female

motorist was arrested for drink-driving.

The highest alcohol content reading was that of Mabonga Dlamini, who was found to have a reading of 1.69 mg/l.

HERE IS A LIST OF THE DRUNK DRIVERS:

NAME	ALCOHOL CONTENT	SENTENCE
1. Sherwin Abrahams	0.40 mg/l	E800 or 8 months
2. Ndoda Mthiyane	0.87 mg/l	E1 300 or 13 months
3. Babazile Mabuza	0.63 mg/l	E1 000 or 10 months
4. Mzwakhe Zwane	0.83 mg/l	E1 200 or 12 months
5. Lethu Ndzinisa	0.81 mg/l	E1 200 or 12 months
6. Sithembiso Hlongwane	1.00 mg/l	E1 500 or 15 months
7. Ndumiso Kubheka	0.43 mg/l	E800 or 8 months
8. Susan Mkhonta	0.49 mg/l	E1 000 or 10 months

Stress put me in this situation - grieving man

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Manzini

A grieving father landed on the wrong side of the law when he was nabbed for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Ndumiso Mabuza was arrested after he was found driving a Nissan sedan near Matsapha Trading along 7th Avenue Street yesterday. His alcohol reading was 0.94mg/l, which is above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l.

The accused appeared before Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane yesterday. He pleaded guilty to the offence of driving while intoxicated.

He informed the court that he recently lost a child and was trying to relieve the stress through drinking which led to him getting arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Accused

Magistrate Zwane advised the accused to seek professional help in dealing with stress and refrain from driving while intoxicated as it put his life as well as other road users at risk.

"Alcohol is not the answer," said Zwane. The accused pleaded for leniency informing the court that in future he would ensure he avoided driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000.



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HONESTY PAYS OFF FOR DD OFFENDER

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Manzini

HONESTY paid off big time for a drink-driving offender as Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane showed leniency while passing sentence.

Sibusiso Dlamini of Elangeni made his court appearance yesterday, where he faced two counts. In the first count, Dlamini was arrested yesterday and charged for driving a motor vehicle registered WSD 459 AL a Mazda Demio sedan at or near Matsapha Popular Motors along 7th Street public

road while under the influence of intoxicating liquor with a breath specimen reading of 0.66 mg/l.

In the second count, the accused was charged to have wrongfully and unlawfully driven the aforementioned motor vehicle upon a public road a without valid driver's licence.

He pleaded guilty to both counts.

In his mitigation, Dlamini said he was asleep and was woken by his wife who had suffered an asthma attack and had to rush her to hospital. He said he was a first time offender and pleaded with the magistrate to be lenient. He further mentioned his

wife felt bad for putting him in the situation and was still shocked by the ordeal.

When Magistrate Zwane enquired why Dlamini failed to produce a valid driver's licence, he said he was still in driving school thus did not have licence.

Licence

The magistrate applauded the offender for his honesty concerning why he did not have a valid driver's licence. "I value your honesty and for that I will exercise my discretion and be lenient in passing out your sentencing," she said.

Dlamini was sentenced to eight months imprisonment with an option of E800 fine.

I was helping out a friend - DD offender (73)

THE spirit of Ubuntu landed a 73-year-old man in jail as he was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Jerome Simelane of Emantabeni landed in jail while helping out a friend who had taken one too many and asked him to drive his car.

The accused person made his court appearance before Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane where he pleaded guilty to the charge of drink-driving and that of negligent driving.

The accused was arrested on Saturday near Eteni driving an Isuzu LDV where he wrongfully and unlawfully drove the

vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. His alcohol reading was 1.00mg/l which is above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l.

In the second count, the accused is said to have negligently reversed and knocked another motor vehicle which was a Honda sedan.

The particulars of the negligent driving were that the accused drove without due care and attention and failed to apply breaks timeously.

The accused is also said to have failed to avoid an accident which a reasonable driver could have avoided.

The accused said his friend had taken

one too many and asked him to drive his car which led to the unfortunate accident. "I was just trying to do the humane thing, my friend asked me to drive his car as he was more intoxicated than I was," he said.

Magistrate Zwane said everyone was aware that driving while under the influence of alcohol was against the law and should be avoided. She also said had the accused been sober, he would have been able to avoid the accident and due to the accident.

The accused was sentenced to two years imprisonment with a fine option for E 2 000 for drink-driving and eight months imprisonment with a fine option of E 800 for negligent driving.

Defiant Quantum driver slapped with E4 000 fine for overloading

SENIOR Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane issued a stern warning to public transport drivers for overloading passengers, saying it puts passengers' lives at risk.

Ntokozo Shongwe of Eteni, Matsapha was slapped with a fine of E4 000 for overloading and failure to adhere to police instruction when he refused to offload passengers when ordered to do so.

Shongwe was charged with the offense of contravening Section 27 (1) as read with Section 32 (1) (c) of the road traffic Act 2007 in that upon September 14, at about 1700 hours at or near Care Bears MR 27 public road in Manzini district, being the driver of a public service motor vehicle a Toyota Quantum registration Number ISD 369 BH did wrongfully and unlawfully exceed the motor vehicle capacity, which is 14 passengers, and permitted 19 passengers to board the said motor vehicle overloading with five passengers, thus contravening the Act.

In the second count, Shongwe failed to comply with police instruction by refusing to offload the overloaded passengers when told to do so by the police.

Pleaded

In his mitigation, he pleaded with the magistrate to be lenient in passing sentence. Magistrate Zwane said she would not be lenient as he showed disregard and disrespect to the police by refusing to adhere to their instructions when he refused to offload the overloaded passengers.

"You should respect the police and furthermore respect citizen's right to life," she said.

She further mentioned she discouraged overloading as it increased the risk of accidents and put innocent citizens' lives at risk. The accused was sentenced to two years imprisonment for the first count with an option of E2 000 fine as well as two years imprisonment for the second count with an option of E2 000 fine.

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You may be eligible to claim compensation if you are currently or have been a GOLD MINERWORKER in South Africa, at any time after 12 March 1965, and have been exposed to silica dust or you have contracted silicosis or tuberculosis ("TB") OR you are A DEPENDANT (for example, the wife, child or life partner) of such a gold mineworker who has since passed away, PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

THE SETTLEMENT

On 3 May 2018, six mining companies - African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American SA, AngloGold Ashanti, Gold Fields, Harmony and Sibanye-Stillwater and some of their affiliates ("the participating gold mining companies") reached a conditional settlement to pay compensation to eligible gold mineworkers and the dependants of such mineworkers who have passed away. The proposed settlement will settle the claims against the participating gold mining companies arising from the class action that was initiated before the High Court for:

- the harm and loss suffered by mineworkers who contracted silicosis and/or TB during their work on certain gold mines in South Africa, and
- the harm and loss suffered by the dependants of mineworkers who died of these diseases.

The settlement was approved by the High Court in Johannesburg on 26 July 2019.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

You are a class member, and will be included in the settlement, if you meet all the requirements of any of the four classes:

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	(ii) work in a laundry where clothing of underground mineworkers is washed;
	(iii) work on a slimes dam of a gold mine;
	(iv) work in an assay laboratory of a gold mine where the composition of gold bearing ore is analysed, and where the mass of respirable dust from personal sampling is determined;
	(v) work in a metallurgical plant of a gold mine, including crushing, milling, transporting and smelting of ore; and
	(vi) work at conveyor belt operations which are undertaken to convey broken rock from the underground operations of a gold mine to surface;
	2. who on or before the date when the settlement agreement comes into force, have contracted silicosis or have been exposed to silica dust;
	3. who undertake or have undertaken risk work on one or more of the mines listed in Annexure A of this notice after 12 March 1965; and
	4. who did not settle their claims in previously finalised settlements with Anglo American South Africa Limited and AngloGold Ashanti Limited on 14 March 2016 and Anglo American South Africa Limited on 19 September 2013, respectively.
Class 2:	The dependants of any of the persons in Class 1 above who are deceased as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force.

Class 3:	All people:
	1. who as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force have undertaken risk work;
	2. who on, before or after the date when the settlement agreement will come into force have contracted Tuberculosis; and
	3. who undertake or have undertaken risk work, after 12 March 1965, on one or more of the gold mines listed in Annexure A of this notice.
Class 4:	The dependants of any of the persons in Class 3 above who are deceased as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force.

WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THE SETTLEMENT?

The settlement is not yet in force because some of its conditions have not yet been met. If the conditions are met, the participating gold mining companies will establish a fund, called the TSHAMISO TRUST.

If the settlement agreement comes into force:

- The participating gold mining companies will pay agreed contributions to the Tshamiso Trust and the process of paying compensation can start.
- All class members can **submit a claim to the Tshamiso Trust** for monetary compensation, except for those class members who opt out of the settlement.
- Details of how to submit a claim to the Tshamiso Trust will be published in the media and on the website www.silicosissettlement.co.za.
- The Tshamiso Trust will pay compensation to **eligible claimants**. An eligible claimant is a person who is a member of any of the classes and who meets the requirements of the Tshamiso Trust to receive monetary compensation.
- Class members must submit a completed claim form to the Tshamiso Trust and may have to undergo a medical examination to determine if they are eligible claimants.

Once the settlement agreement is in force, eligible claimants will be entitled to receive a once-off payment of between R10 000 and R250 000, depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease. In certain exceptional circumstances, this amount may be increased to up to R500 000.

The full terms of the final settlement as well as the Court's decision approving the settlement are available at www.silicosissettlement.co.za or can be obtained from the Class Lawyers (contact details below).

YOU DO NOT NEED TO PAY ANYONE TO ASSIST YOU TO MAKE YOUR CLAIM

WHAT MUST I DO TO REMAIN PART OF THE SETTLEMENT?

IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER AND YOU WISH TO BE PART OF THE SETTLEMENT, NO ACTION IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

While you do not have to do anything to participate in the settlement, if you wish to send your contact details expressing your interest in participating, you may do so by completing an information form or registering your interest at this website www.silicosissettlement.co.za.

OPTING OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT

IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, THE SETTLEMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY BINDING ON YOU UNLESS YOU TAKE STEPS TO OPT OUT. If you do not want to be part of the settlement, or you want the right to pursue your claim individually in court, then you must take steps to opt out of the settlement.

To opt out of the settlement, you must **COMPLETE AND SIGN EITHER FORM A; FORM B; FORM C OR FORM D (WHICHEVER APPLIES TO YOU) AND DELIVER IT, TOGETHER WITH THE REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF "SILICOSIS SETTLEMENT")**, TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR SNG Grant Thornton before 24 November 2019.

The form must be signed before a commissioner of oaths. Every police station in South Africa has a commissioner of oaths.

TO OPT OUT, DELIVER YOUR OPT-OUT FORM AND THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS BY HAND OR BY FAX OR BY EMAIL USING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS: SNG Grant Thornton
Address for hand delivery: 20 Morris Street East, Woodmead, Johannesburg 2191
Fax number: +27 11 234 0933

Address for delivery by email: silicosissettlement@sng.gt.com

You cannot opt out by phone but you can call the numbers below for more information on opting out.

Each class member seeking to opt out must fill out and sign a separate opt out form.

If you deliver an opt-out form, the Independent Auditor may contact you for further information.

THE OPT-OUT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT www.silicosissettlement.co.za OR THEY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLASS LAWYERS OR THE CLASS LAWYERS WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE NEAREST PLACE WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE OPT-OUT FORMS (CONTACT DETAILS BELOW).

* PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU COMPLETE THE CORRECT OPT-OUT FORM. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD, USE THE INFORMATION SERVICES BELOW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CLAIMS PROCESS, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND OPTING OUT:

- Visit www.silicosissettlement.co.za;
- Call the toll-free Call Centre at 0801 000 240 or 0800 110 110. The Call Centre will operate at no cost to persons calling from within South Africa;
- Send a "please call me" to the following number 072 557 8077 or 079 835 7179.

You may also contact the Class Lawyers at:

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Annexure A: Participating mines SA Land Daggafontein East Daggafontein Elandsrand Elandsrand (also called Elandskraal) Kusasaletu Western Holdings (1,2,3,4,6,7) (ARMGold) Matlabeng (Western Holdings other 4 shafts Kudu, Nyala, Sable, Eland which were former Free State and Free State Geduld shafts) Sasipilas 2,3 Sasipilas 4,5 (Masimong) (FreeGold 3) Free State Geduld	Free State Cons FreeGold 2 and 4 Freddies 7 and 9 (to Kades Barnea cc, Pamodzi, Target mine) FreeGold 2, 4 (Tshepong, Phakisa) President Brand President Steyn Steyn 1,2 (to Kades Barnea, Pamodzi, Bambanani) Steyn 3,4 (FreeGold 1, then Bambanani) Brand 1, 2, 3, 5 (Steyn 5 to 8) HJ Joel / Joel Western Reefs (merged with Vaal Reefs) Vaal Reefs (1,3,4,5,6,7) Vaal Reefs 2 Vaal Reefs 8 (Great Nollgwa)	Vaal Reefs 9 (Kopanang) Vaal Reefs 10 (Tau Lekoa) Vaal Reefs 11 (Moab Khotsong) Western Deep Levels Mponeng South Mine WDL 1) Tau Tona (East Mine WDL 3) Savuka (West Mine WDL 2) St Helena Evander (incl Kinross, Leslie, Bracken and Winkelsaak mines) Randfontein Estates Doomkop Cooke 1, 2 and 3 (Rand Uranium) Cooke 4 (Ezulwini) Unisa Harmony mine	Merriespruit Hartebeesfontein Loraine (Shafts 1,2 and 3) Zandpan Virginia mine Village Main Reef Western Areas (to South Deep) South Deep Beatrix (including Oryx) Oryx (to Beatrix) Driefontein (including East Driefontein, West Driefontein and Driefontein Cons) Kloof (including Leeudoom from 1 Jan 1993, Libanon and Venterspoop) St Helena (Beisa section)
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Govt to ensure rights of elderly, disabled are promoted - DPM

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Ezulwini

GOVERNMENT is working towards the process of ensuring that the protocol on the rights of elderly persons are signed and ratified in support of the advancement of issues of elderly persons and persons with disability in the country.

This was revealed by Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku during the advocacy meeting on the Kingdom of Eswatini's ratification of the protocol on the rights of older persons and the protocol on the rights of persons with disability held at Lugogo Sun last Thursday.

DPM was represented by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shankantu.

Lesotho was cited as the only country in the SADC region to have signed and ratified this protocol, while Eswatini is determined to be next.

Masuku said the Constitution of the kingdom of Eswatini recognises the rights of elderly persons, and further obligates the government to make a reasonable provision for their welfare and maintenance of older persons as articulated in Article 60 (5) of the Constitution.

The Constitution also provides for disability mainstreaming issues in Section 30 subsection (1) where it articulates that persons with disabilities have a right to respect and human dignity and that the government and society shall take appropriate measures to ensure that those persons realise their full mental and physical potential. It also articulates that Parliament shall take measures to ensure that those persons realise their full mental and physical potential.

"From the majority of people, older people, old age in itself brings income insecurity, food insecurity, increased vulnerability to abuse, and psychosocial challenges. This in turn means that a significant number of elderly people are not able to meet their basic needs," Masuku said.

He said many older persons are now caring for grandchildren whose parents have died as a result of the burden of diseases, such as HIV and AIDS, non-communicable illnesses among others. He said there was therefore a need for continued support for older persons to enable them to meet their basic needs, as appropriate.

The DPM continued to say with regards to issues of persons with disabilities, the country has been able to put in place an enabling environment through a number of policies and programs such as the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Adoption of the National Disability Policy of 2013 and the Eswatini National



PANELLISTS: DPM's Office Director of Social Welfare Moses Dlamini, Stella Lukhele, National Disability Unit Programme Manager Sindisiwe Dlamini and President of the Association of Persons with Disability Philemon Gama during a panel discussion. (Pics: Bongumusa Simelane)



REPRESENTED: The Association of Traditional Healers was also represented during the workshop by Makhanya Makhanya, who is its President.

Disability Plan of Action of 2018 – 2022 with clear monitoring and evaluation framework and clearly spelt out indicators of achievements across its thematic areas, as well as its costing to advise on the levels of investments required to implement the plan appropriately.

"It is worth mentioning, that the undertaking of this important meeting on the ratification of the aforementioned protocols has come at an opportune time when the country is preparing

for the signing and ratification of these protocols to ensure that Eswatini continues supporting issues of older persons and persons with disabilities, as appropriate," he said.

In addition, Masuku said it was based on this conviction that, with all these instruments in place older persons and person with disability will be accorded their rightful place in society and they shall be empowered to contribute toward the development of the country.

Call for Eswatini to implement legislative frameworks

ASSOCIATION of Persons with Albinism President Philemon Gama said there was a great need for government to start implementing the legislative frameworks on disability issues.

Gama said these frameworks can play a vital role in disability issues in the country as the democracy of these instruments have made it extremely difficult for the disability institutions to operate such that it is hard to realise the presence of such organisations. He said there are three legislative documents that have not been implemented for some time which include the National Disability Policy of 2013, the National

Disability Plan of Action of 2013-2022 and the Person with Disability Act of 2018. He mentioned that people with disability in the country were still subjected to the same predicament and sometimes were double disadvantaged which sparks the need to fully develop the aforementioned legal frameworks.

"These frameworks carry almost all the strategies and solutions of the problems that are facing people with disability," Gama said.

Gama went on to say that persons with disability are subjected to torture, discrimination, illiteracy, poverty, lack of access to justice and limited reasonable accommodation,

among others.

"We call upon the Government of Eswatini to act with absolute impartiality when dealing with disability issues to aid people with all types of disabilities," he said.

Treatments

Among other things, Gama urged government to ensure that the sun protection skin treatments be part of the essential drug list, assistance devices to be made relevant, appropriate and available and research into disability in order to provide evidence-based interventions.

He stated that according to the provisions of the Disability Act, they have noticed with regret that

the National Disability Unit in the advert of the persons with Disability Act is supposed to have been repealed.

He said this could pave a way for the establishment of the Disability Advisory Council, Disability Secretariat and the National Fund that will, among other things, be responsible to provide disability grants to eligible people.

Gama concluded by urging other private sector organisations, religious and faith-based organisations and other stakeholders to continue partnering with government to take decisive steps towards improving the livelihoods of people with disabilities.

Cotton Board welcomes GMOs

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

THE Cotton Board is eagerly waiting for the successful amendment of Section 32 of the Biosafety Act of 2012 which will see the introduction of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

This section of the Biosafety Act of 2012 was only implying that the producer of the GMOs seed was to be the only one liable in case anything went wrong in farming of that seed and if it is amended this will mean everyone in the value chain will be responsible for liability. According to the Chief Executive Officer of the Cotton Board Daniel Khumalo, the issue of the GMOs has been long overdue and the Biosafety Act came about as a result of cotton farmers showing interest in using the GMOs like in South Africa.

Khumalo said the GMOs cotton seeds were introduced by South Africa in 1996 and Eswatini cotton farmers were interested in it as it proved that it has lower cost than the one they were used to. He said in terms of maintenance it is very good as it is genetically made which means there is less to spend in buying chemicals to control pests. He said cotton farmers will gladly appreciate the introduction of these GMOs in the cotton industry as it will increase yields and will see them producing high quality cotton that will meet international standards.

Khumalo mentioned that this kind of seeds will mean that farmers will have to spend less in growing it as there will be less need to weed or control pests because it will be treated from the manufacturer.

"This will mean that farmers will now not spend a lot of money in hiring people who will weed their cotton fields as the seeds that they will be growing will be weed free," he said.

This is going to help cotton farmers to maximise their profits and the issue of applying pesticides will be a thing of the past because the current seeds that they use they usually spray the cotton around eight times in one season depending on the duration of that planting season. He said the profit margin for farmers will be very high and they will be able to contribute to the country's economy of the country. "Cotton farmers have always been interested in this since 1996 but the problem was the Act, which is why it need to be amended," he said.

Khumalo stated that when the local farmers shown their interest in using GMOs the producers of the technology urged them to go and come up with a legislative framework that will govern its use and that's when Eswatini came with the Biosafety Act of 2012.

"Farmers have been capacitated with handling of the GMOs since 1996 and I can assure you that if you can ask any cotton farmer about this you will find that they are all well aware of this Act and the GMOs," said Khumalo.

When reached for comment well-known cotton farmer Boy Matse said they can be very happy if the amendment of the Act can come through as this will help cotton farmers in a very positive way. Matse said the introduction of GMOs can be a solution to the cotton industry given the fact that they have talked about it for a long time. He said with the use of GMOs costs will be minimised as there will be less worry in hiring people to weed the fields.

"The GMOs will help us as farmers to produce high quality cotton in a short space of time and this will mean that we will spend less on buying pesticides," Matse said.

He made an example with the rainy days where he said cotton is usually affected by worms if it is subjected to too much rain and weed grow so fast which on the other hand deter good productivity.

ESWATINI IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

1. Business Environment and the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI)

A healthy business environment can be essential for growth and poverty reduction and a prerequisite for trade and competitiveness. The Quality Infrastructure (QI) is an important element of the business environment. Hence, business environment initiatives without considering QI reform may be incomplete.

1.1 Business Environment Initiatives and Quality Infrastructure

The business environment can be defined as the complex of policy, legal, institutional and regulatory conditions that govern business activity. It is a subset of the investment climate and includes the administration and enforcement mechanisms established to implement government policies, as well as the institutional arrangements that influence the way key actors operate, such as government agencies, regulatory authorities, and business membership organisations.

The business environment clearly has an influence on the development of the private sector, and thereby on economic growth and the generation of livelihood and jobs. Business environment reform promotes the development of markets that encourage healthy competition and enhances the effectiveness and sustainability of development interventions. Business environment reform is multifaceted, operating on many levels and involving a very wide range of stakeholders.

1.2 The Quality Infrastructure - Overview

The QI is generally understood to be the totality of the policy, legal, regulatory and administrative frameworks and the institutional arrangements (public and/or private) required to establish and implement standardisation, metrology (scientific, industrial and legal), accreditation and conformity assessment services (inspection, testing and product- and system certification) necessary to provide acceptable evidence that products and services meet defined requirements, demanded either by authorities (e.g. in the case of technical regulation) or the marketplace (e.g. contractually or inferred).

It is important to understand that the QI, consisting of a number of institutions or service providers, can only function properly as a whole; the incompetence or absence of any one of the constituents will compromise the effectiveness and ultimately the efficiency of the whole system, thereby negatively impacting the business environment. The foundational parts of a QI are the standards, technical regulations metrology, conformity assessment activities and accreditation organisations/institutions without which none of the other elements will

be able to function properly. Because of their importance, it is imperative that governments play an active and continuous role in the establishment and sustainability of these institutions. They provide services which oftentimes are not targeted at a specific beneficiary that could be made responsible for their financing.

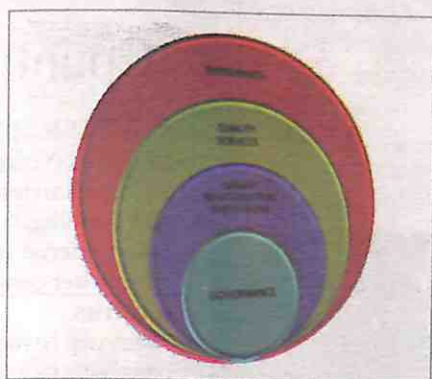


Figure 1 below illustrates how the QI cascades.

In today's world, markets are not only domestic.

Production of goods and services increasingly depend on specialisation and fragmentation into smaller tasks along global chains. As markets are becoming more globalized, products and many services flow freely across

borders; the quality of products and services is therefore a key determinant of private sector performance as it allows companies to compete, conform to market requirements and connect to markets - see Figure 2.

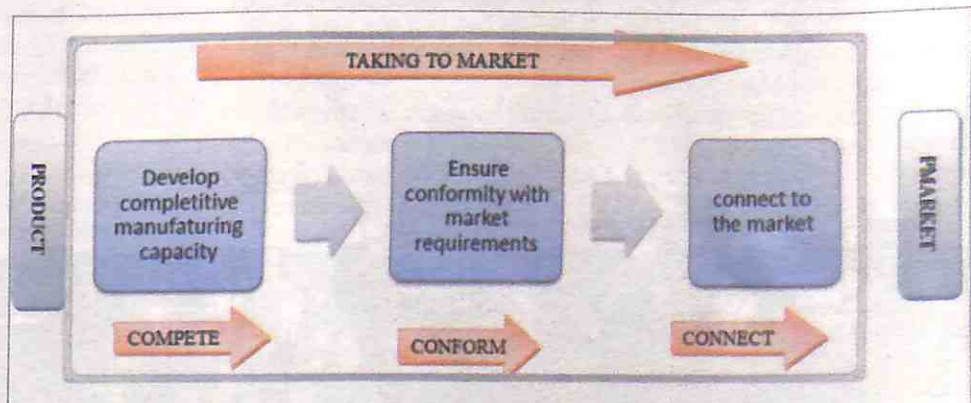


Figure 2: Flow of products or services to global markets



CALL FOR QUALITY AWARD ENTRIES - 2019

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade is proud to announce the opening of entries to the much awaited Eswatini Annual Quality Awards for 2019. This is the third year of implementation of these awards. Entries are open on **1st August 2019** and will close on **30th September 2019, at 12 noon**.

The aim of the National Annual Quality Awards (NAQA) is to foster business excellence through the sustained application of productivity and quality principles in large, small and medium scale organizations in Eswatini. Furthermore, the competition can be used as a tool to provide structured and robust criteria upon which organizations carefully assess their quality achievements and successes as well as identify areas that need improvement. Last year the awards were handed over to deserving recipients.

Please take note entries to all categories of the Eswatini Quality Awards competition will close on **30 September 2019**. Participation is free.

The winners of the Eswatini Quality Awards will qualify to submit entries into the SADC Annual Quality Awards for 2019. We look forward to your participation in the 2019 Quality Awards.

Please contact the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade - Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID) Department, Tel: **2404 7509/10**

Entry Forms may be obtained from the:

**RQID Offices in the
DPMs office Complex
Gwamile Street
Mbabane**

Or downloadable on:
Website: <http://www.gov.sz>



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His Majesty King Mswati III posing with the Ngwane Teachers Training College staff members.

Ngwane staff honoured for photo-shoot with King

"WE shivered and at the same time we were thrilled as we posed for a photo-shoot with His Majesty the King and this is a moment each one of us is to cherish forever."

These were comments made by Ngwane Teachers Training College Deputy Principal Dr Mzomba Dlodlu when describing the moment of standing just a few centimetres away from His Majesty King Mswati III.

The college academic staff, for the first time in the history of the institution, took a group photo with His Majesty during the 36th graduation ceremony on Friday. Some of the college teach-

ing staff said they still didn't believe that they had such a chance, posing next to His Majesty.

Some said they would make all efforts to get copies of the pictures printed so that they keep them to show the generations to come.

The deputy principal is among those who said it was an exciting moment and stated that they felt blessed standing at close range with the Head of State.

"We don't have better words to describe the joy and excitement that developed in us even after the picture was taken."

It was easy to tell that this was a rare occasion and the 2019 graduation cer-

emony has left a mark to us which we are going to keep remembering for many years to come.

"It was the most humbling moment," said Dr Dlodlu.

When asked if they were aware of the arrangement that they would have a chance of taking pictures with His Majesty, Dr Dlodlu told Shiselweni News that it was earlier anticipated but no one was sure about it.

"We did not believe until it happened."

"We were all excited and I am sure that all of us found the moment an important one," Dr Dlodlu, told Shiselweni News.

'Country's education the best'

MINISTER of Public Service Christian Ntshangase, who is acting Minister of Education and Training, believes the education offered in the kingdom is far better compared to other countries.

Minister Ntshangase said the country has the best education system. He said as a result, the high quality education was envied by other countries. He was making his remarks during the graduation ceremony at Ngwane Teachers Training College on Friday. The ceremony was graced by His Majesty King Mswati III.

Ntshangase, who was the programme director, said Eswatini offered the best education which has also seen several people occupying top and influential positions.

He thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for being a visionary leader and leading in all fronts to improve the lives of Emaswati and also making sure all Emaswati were educated.

"There is no doubt that we boast of the best education not just within SADC countries but also matching even the respected states in the world."

"We have seen a number of people who are occupying positions and others are captains of industry locally and abroad who are the products of the country's education. Our education, it has also an impact to the country's economy and this is also the reason even the Ministry of Education is allocated a he lion's share of the country's budget," said Ntshangase.



Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase.

MP Kunene guest speaker at teachers' farewell function

GEGE Member of Parliament (MP) Musa Kunene is expected to be a guest of honour at a farewell function of four teachers at Mashobeni South Primary, Principal Rudolph Saulos told Shiselweni News.

Saulos said all four teachers served in the school for years and had also been dedicated to their work. He said the school was proud to bid farewell to loyal and respectful professionals.

He said what was important was that some of the retiring teachers were bowing out of the profession without any blemish. He said the four teachers were leaving a legacy, which those to replace them should copy and follow.

"We feel it is important to honour anyone who served in the profession with distinction and is leaving without any black spot. They are calling it a day in the profession, but we still expect them to

contribute in the shaping of the country in a number of ways.

"Even the school is going to rely on them for guidance and advice. They are going to continue being part of us and we appreciated what they did for the school. Let me thank them for all the contributions they made while they were still in the school," said Saulos.

The retiring teachers are Sibongile Veronica Dlamini, Audrey Manana, Lizzy Manana and Kaith Dlamini.

"These four have done us proud as a school and as they are leaving the profession, we salute them. Our wish is to see them being of help in shaping the country's destiny."

They are still needed to contribute in their communities," said Saulos.

The farewell function is planned for September 26 and preparations have been progressing well, according to Saulos.

Mashumi's traditional wedding the talk of town

MANY people feel the traditional wedding of trade unionist and football administrator Mashumi Shongwe and his wife Gcinile Shongwe (La-Simelane) remained the best traditional wedding in their community.

Others feel the event was fitting to be regarded as the best among its own class and congratulated the couple for sticking to Eswatini custom in doing things.

The wedding drew a number of people and well-wishers from all walks of life, including those from abroad.

The guests were excited and congratulated the couple and wished them a happy stay together.

Mbuso Khumalo said the ceremony was the best wedding he ever attended.

He said it was important for those who may wish to also get married, to seek advice from the couple.



RECORD: Trade unionist and football administrator Mashumi Shongwe and his wife Gcinile Shongwe (La-Simelane).

"It (wedding) is still everyone's lips."

"You go to the bus rank they talk about it and you go to the market or restaurants and even in banks,

they still talk about it, as well as in churches."

"It's going to take many of us a long time to forget about this wedding," said Khumalo.

E3 500 BAIL AFTER BRUSHING AGAINST MINOR (8)

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act after he was alleged to have brushed himself against an eight-year-old girl.

Melusi Nkambule (20) of Ncandweni was alleged to have made the two second decisions, unknowingly earning himself a date with other prisoners at the correctional facility.

Nkambule was arrested and charged



with contravening the SODV Act

after he was found to have, on August 29, at Elangeni, unlawfully and indecently touched an eight-year-old girl, by grabbing her into his house, locking the door and further brushed himself against her.

During his appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu last Thursday, the prosecution applied for Nkambule to be remanded into custody until September 20, 2019, pending his trial date.

The prosecution further informed the court that bail was not opposed, prompting the court to grant Nkambule bail amounting to E3 500.

Hawkers back in business

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

...after xenophobic attacks cool down

EMASWATI hawkers have bounced back in business as the xenophobic chaos in South Africa has died down.

This was confirmed by Phandzela Umntfwana Association Chairperson Mabhawodi Dlamini in an interview. He said some of the association's members had gone to Durban last Monday and had since returned with their stock. It is said the association has members who purchase their stock from Durban and Johannesburg.

On Monday the chairperson informed this publication that the trip association members usually took to buy their stock in Johannesburg had to be cancelled due to the intensity of the chaos that happened there two weeks ago.

According to Dlamini, he had received some information from a local transport driver who had driven some hawkers to Johannesburg to replenish their stock and had returned home empty handed.

He said this was because the shops from which they bought their stock were closed as a result of the attacks.

Taking advantage of this situation, some people with ulterior motives are said to have targeted the women who had gone there for business by stealing their properties while they queued in traffic jams.

However, on Tuesday, the chair-



person said there were reports that the coast was clear in Johannesburg meaning that hawkers could conduct business as usual. He added that some of the association members were set to leave the country for Johannesburg last night.

Other independent hawkers who were contacted on the matter confirmed the latest developments regarding the green light they have received from their colleagues in South Africa.

One of the hawkers who preferred anonymity said she was supposed to go to Johannesburg last Tuesday but had since cancelled her trip after the

news that the situation had culminated to physical attacks on almost all foreigners.

"I am leaving today (Thursday) and if all goes well I will return the following day. I have decided to leave on this day because I've been advised that the situation has normalised again," she said.

Even so, the businesswoman said she was greatly affected by the South African chaos in that she could not deliver to her customers on time as some had placed orders with the hope that they would have received their items by now.

'Crime does not pay'

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man who attempted to use his poverty situation as an excuse to dabble in illegal dagga related activities was warned against it by Magistrate Lenhle Zulu last Thursday.

Sifiso Mnisi has been fined E4 000 or alternatively serve two years in a correctional facility for being in possession of eight kilogrammes of dagga.

Mnisi was arrested and charged with contravening the Pharmacy Act after he was found to have been in possession of dagga at Malanti last Wednesday.

According to investigating officer, Detective Constable Mxolisi Thole, he received a tip off that there was illegal dagga activity at Malanti, to which he proceeded to investigate.

"When we arrived at a homestead at Malanti, we found a man sitting inside his house. When we knocked on the door, he opened for us with no qualms.

However, once we proceeded to search the house, we discovered that there was dagga drying on the roof rafters.

After it was ascertained that Mnisi did not have a permit or licence to be in possession of the illegal substance, that was when we arrested Mnisi," Thole explained.

At the time of his arrest, law enforcement officers packed the dagga found, in two sacks and proceeded to the police station, where it was weighed and Mnisi formally charged.

During his appearance before Magistrate Zulu, Mnisi pleaded guilty to the charge of dagga possession. He said his motive for possessing the dagga was poverty.

"I am unemployed so I needed some money. In my desperation, I decided to sell dagga to feed my family.

My friends are the ones who convinced me that it was a lucrative trade and I did not waste time in involving myself in it," Mnisi claimed.

Magistrate Zulu warned Mnisi against using illegal practices to make money.

Sentenced

"Mnisi, crime does not pay. We are well aware that the unemployment rate is high in the Kingdom, however it does not justify committing a crime to earn a living," the magistrate emphasised.

After hearing his mitigation, presiding Magistrate Zulu sentenced Mnisi to pay a fine of E4 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in a correctional facility.

Mnisi was further informed that the eight kilogramme consignment found in his possession would be confiscated by the state for the purposes of destruction.

Widow gets 3 years for dagga possession

ON the other hand, a woman also faced the wrath of the law after she was found to have been in illegal possession of dagga and dagga seeds.

Nomcebo Dlamini was arrested and charged with contravening the Pharmacy Act on two counts, after she was found to have been in possession of 5.8 kilogrammes of dagga.

She was also found to have been in possession of two kilogrammes of dagga seeds.

Dlamini was found to have been in possession of the illegal substances on April 11, at Ekufikeni.

During her appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, Dlamini

practiced her legal right to representation and was represented by an attorney.

In mitigation, Dlamini's attorney informed the court that she was a widow who was solely responsible for the well being of her two minor children.

Default

After hearing her mitigation, Magistrate Vilakati sentenced Dlamini to pay a fine of E2 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in prison for being in possession of dagga.

She was further sentenced to one year in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E1 000.

Moza man troubled by thieves steals padlock at Shoprite

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

A Mozambican man (33) who stole a padlock at Mbabane Shoprite has been sentenced to five months in custody by the Eswatini National Court.

Rodgers Msibini did unlawfully and purposefully steal a padlock valued at E109 while at Mbabane Shoprite. The item was in the rightful custody of Zwelithini Dlamini, who then went to report the matter to the police.

The incident happened at Mbabane Shoprite on September 10.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the offence.

Leading evidence, Dlamini told the court that while he was on guard at the Mbabane Shoprite, the accused entered the shop and viewed the different store sections. He also told the court that it was not the first time the accused had tried to steal at the shop.

He then told court that the accused once tried to steal four other padlocks from the same shop but failed when he showed up. "Your honour, while doing my duties at the Mbabane Shoprite, the accused entered the shop and he scanned the different sections in the shop. He then went to the security and protection section, where he took a padlock and hid it in his underwear. When he put the padlock in his underwear, I then took cover so he could

not see me. Msibini then made his way to the exit point, where I asked that he be searched," said Dlamini.

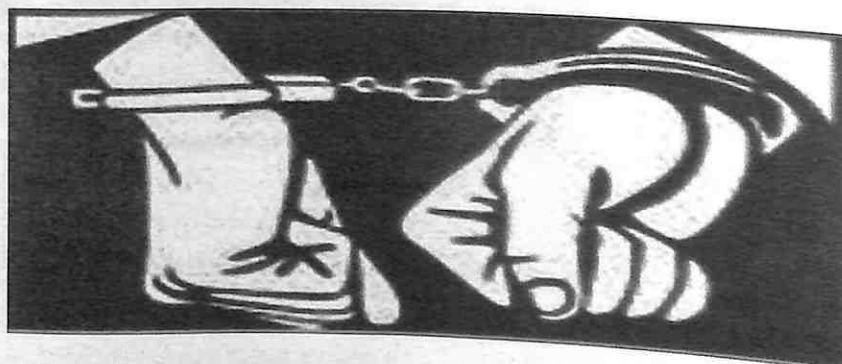
Dlamini then told the court that the accused at first refused to be searched. "Your honour, when we discovered the padlock in Msibini's underwear, I then asked him to pay for it.

However, he told me that he had no money.

I then took him to my manager, who then told me to go and report the matter," said Dlamini.

During cross examination, Msibini told the court that he had no questions for Dlamini.

Dlamini then told the court that Msibini said he wanted to use the security device to stop thieves gaining entry



at his apartment.

During mitigation Msibini told the court that his door was broken and thieves kept on stealing from him.

He told the court that he was going to use the security device to lock his door.

"Your Honour, my padlock is broken and thieves are stealing parcels at

my house. I usually go to Mbabane Shoprite to buy materials.

I plead with the court to please give a lighter sentence since I have two children who look up to me," said Msibini.

Msibini was then sentenced to five months in custody with the option fine of E500.

EMASWATI NOT APPRECIATED AS TOURISTS LOCALLY

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

EMASWATI do not feel appreciated as tourists when they visit local tourist attraction sites.

According to a Domestic Travel Survey that was conducted by Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA), Emaswati feel more appreciated when they go out of the country.

Over 2 000 locals participated in the study. ETA Research and Statistics Officer Sebendzile

Ginindza said the Domestic Tourism Survey sought to gain insight on the travel choices and preferences of Emaswati in their engagement with the local products.

Ginindza stated that the survey took only six weeks, whereby a total of 2 006 locals were asked to share their views.

"They were asked to provide information relating to factors that influence their choices of traveling through telephone interviews," she said.

The demographic groups of the research were Emaswati between the age of 21 years and earn-

ing an income of at least E32 000 per annum, and being able and willing to travel.

The research shows that 65 per cent of Emaswati travel. Most of them travel for weekends instead of one night travels. She stated that the choices of the places of travel are influenced by the activities available in that place of visit. "Events have been ruled out as one of the motivations to travel in an unusual environment," she said.

The unusual environment is 10 kilometres from where you are residing.

Ginindza said 35 per cent indicated that they do not travel yet they consider themselves as tourist largely because of their experiences.

She added that one major comment they made was that when they visit South Africa or Mozambique they are made to feel like tourists because of the treatment they experience. They said when they visit locally they are not valued in local tourist destinations.

"They consider a holiday for them to be out of the country," she said.

Therefore, she said there is a need a need to engage with product development and marketing that will

feature on how they can provide best survive and Excellency to Emaswati.

In terms of spending, Ginindza said part of the 35 per cent do not expect to spend more than E2 000, and they mostly travel when there are specials or discounts with the local industry. She highlighted that they even picked it on the figures they collected in these places of interest.

The research officer said in the survey they discovered that Emaswati travel as families or friends, thus meaning they travel in larger groups instead of individuals or couples. She mentioned that the findings of the survey are fundamental in informing development and implementation of effective Domestic Tourism marketing activities by ETA and other industry players.



CLARIFIES: ETA Research and Statistics Officer Sebendzile Ginindza.

NOTICE GENERAL PROCUREMENT



Country: Kingdom of Eswatini
Project: Eswatini Water Supply and Sanitation Access Project
Sector: Water Sector
Project ID No.: P166697

The Government of Eswatini has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) for the Construction of Eswatini Water Supply and Sanitation Access Project (ID No. 166697) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to eligible payments for goods, works, related services, and consulting services to be procured under this project. The project aims to improve access to improved water supply and sanitation services in targeted areas in Eswatini and strengthen the regulatory framework for national rural water supply and sanitation service provision.

The project will broadly support the procurement of the following categories of items under the open international approach to market:

- Works that will use the open international approach to market include water supply extension from Nhlangano to Siphambanweni and sanitation improvements in the Shiselweni region.
- Consulting Services that will use the open international approach to market including Engineering Services for water main lines and distribution networks, environmental and social studies, and sector studies.

The project has three components:

- Component 1 - Water Supply Extension - Nhlangano to Matsanjeni;
- Component 2 - Improved Sanitation Access;
- Component 3 - Project Management and Institutional Strengthening.

Procurement of contracts financed by the proceeds of the proposed IBRD loan will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016)* (*Procurement Regulations*), revised in November 2017 and August 2018, and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the *Procurement Regulations*.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in *UN Development Business* online, on the World Bank's external website, Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency website (www.sppra.co.sz), Eswatini Water Services Corporations website (www.swsc.co.sz) and national newspapers in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who wish to be considered for the provision of goods, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned projects, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower in writing at the addresses below:

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CNR MR 103 & CULTURAL VILLAGE DRIVE
EZULWINI
POSTAL ADDRESS
P.O. BOX 20, MBABANE
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ESWATINI RAILWAYS Efficiency Re-defined

Vacancy

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the above mentioned position;

MAIN FUNCTION OF THE JOB:

To effectively implement and maintain the organization's occupational health as well as environmental management initiatives and programs through conformance to standards as defined under the company's management systems requirements, national and other laws and regulations to which ESR subscribes.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum BSc Degree / B Tech in Occupational Health and/or Environmental Management

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of 3 years' experience in a similar position
- Previous experience in the development, implementation and maintenance of certified SHERQ management systems
- Knowledge of all MS Office suite

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND COMPETENCIES

- Excellent planning, organizing and communication skills are required
- Project management skills
- Knowledge of the Occupational Health & Safety Act No. 9 of 2001
- Working knowledge of ISO 45001, OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001
- Certified internal auditor to ISO 45001, OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure that all occupational health and environmental policies, procedures, rules and regulations are adhered to and are regularly reviewed, updated and communicated
- Ensure the Company meets its statutory obligations in all areas pertaining to occupational health and environmental management, including statutory training and reporting
- Ensure the completion and regular review of risk assessments for all work equipment and operational areas to meet occupational health and environmental tolerance limits
- Ensure that all occupational health and environmental occurrences are documented, investigated and recommended improvements implemented
- Ensure that occupational health and environmental inspections are carried out
- Ensure ESR is prepared and ready to respond to all emergency situations pertaining to occupational health and environmental occurrences.

APPLICATIONS:

Written applications to be submitted no later than Monday, 30th September 2019, together with a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae, proof of academic qualifications and relevant recent referees should be e-mailed to: recruitment@swazirail.co.sz or addressed to:

The Human Resource Manager
Eswatini Railways
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If you have not received any feedback within one month of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.



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STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT IMPASSE BETWEEN SUFIAW AND ESRIC

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

Background

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

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

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

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

Results of the Exercise

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

Presentation of the Report

The Deloitte Consultants presented their report to both parties including the

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

Dispute

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

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

Series of Engagements

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

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

ESRIC Position on the Matter

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

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

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

MANAGEMENT



ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 16

1400 - Owain Glyndwr was proclaimed Prince of Wales after rebelling against English rule. He was the last Welsh-born Prince of Wales.

1620 - The Mayflower departed from Plymouth, England. The ship arrived at Provincetown, MA, on November 21st and then at Plymouth, MA, on December 26th. There were 102 passengers onboard.

1630 - The village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston.

1782 - The Great Seal of the United States was impressed on document to negotiate a prisoner of war agreement with the British. It was the first official use of the impression.

1810 - The Mexicans began a revolt against Spanish rule. Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Catholic priest of Spanish descent, declared Mexico's independence from Spain in the small town of Dolores.

1893 - The "Cherokee Strip" in Oklahoma was swarmed by hundreds of thousands of settlers.

1908 - General Motors was founded by William Crapo "Billy" Durant. The company was formed by merging the Buick and Olds car companies.

1924 - Jim Bottomley knocked in 12 runs in a single game setting a major league baseball record.

1940 - US President Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up the first peacetime military draft in US history.

1940 - Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. He served for 17 years.

1941 - "The Arkansas Traveler" debuted on CBS Radio. The show was later renamed "The Bob Burns Show."

1953 - "The Robe" premiered at the Roxy Theater in New York. It was the first movie filmed in the wide screen CinemaScope process.

1953 - The St. Louis Browns of the American League were given permission to move to Baltimore, MD, where they became the Baltimore Orioles.

1963 - "The Outer Limits" premiered on ABC-TV.

1965 - "The Dean Martin Show" debuted on NBC-TV.

1968 - "The Andy Griffith Show" was seen for the final time on CBS.

1972 - "The Bob Newhart Show" premiered on CBS-TV.

1974 - US President Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for draft-evaders and deserters during the Vietnam War.

1976 - The Episcopal Church formally approved women to be ordained as priests and bishops.

1982 - In west Beirut, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children began in refugee camps of the Lebanese Christian militiamen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kyla Pratt (Movie Actress) September 16, 1986 (33 years old)



Flo Rida (Rapper) September 16, 1979 (40 years old)



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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(POCA 2018)

20. (1) The Director may, with the approval of the Minister, receive any donation, bequest or contribution, in money or otherwise, from any source for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Director shall utilise any donations, bequests or contributions contemplated in subsection (1) as prescribed and in accordance with the conditions, if any, imposed by the donor, testator or contributor concerned, in so far as such conditions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

Agreements with international bodies, institutions, organizations or foreign countries

21. (1) The Minister may enter into an agreement, either in general or on specific terms and conditions, with any international body, institution, organisation or foreign country in order to-

(a) place a person who is being protected under a witness protection programme administered by that body, institution, organisation or country, under protection in terms of this Act; or

(b) admit a protected person to a witness protection programme in terms of any law applicable to that body, institution or organisation or in that country.

Immunity from legal proceedings during exercise of functions under this Act

22. The Director or a witness protection officer shall not be liable to any action, suit or proceedings for an act done or omitted to be done by the Director or witness protection officer in good faith and without negligence in the exercise or purported exercise of a function conferred by this Act.

PART IV
GENERAL*Offences and penalties*

23. (1) Any person who-

(a) wilfully or negligently allows any unauthorised person to gain access to any protected person;

(b) wilfully or negligently discloses, in contravention of any provision of this Act-

(i) the identity of a protected person;

(ii) information that a particular protected person is under protection; the place of safety or location where any person is under protection or has been relocated to in terms of this Act;

(iii) any information which could lead to the identification of a protected person or any place of safety;

(iv) any information which undermines or compromises or could undermine or compromise the integrity of a witness protection programme in terms of this Act; or

(v) any information relating to the relocation or change of identity of a protected person; or

(c) wilfully or negligently contravenes any provision of Section 17, shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding E15 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years or to both.

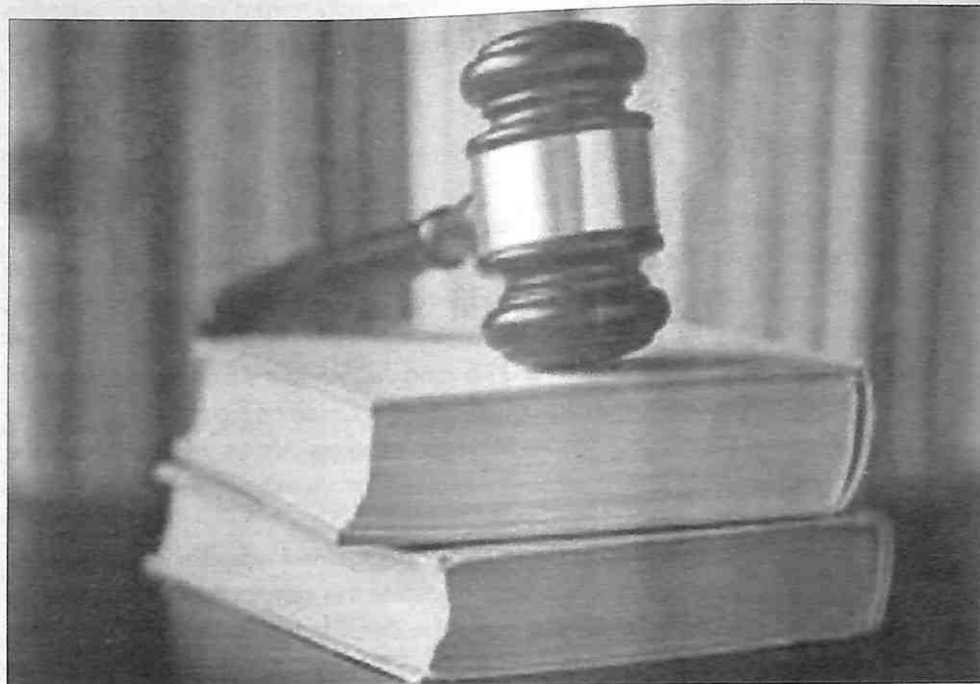
(2) (a) Any person who-

(i) wilfully interferes with, or hinders or obstructs the Director or any other member of the Office in the exercise, performance or carrying out of any of the powers, functions and duties contemplated in this Act; or

(ii) with intent to gain for himself or for any other person protection in terms of this Act, makes a false statement or furnishes information that is untrue or misleading, shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding E7 500 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or to both.

(b) Upon the conviction of any person for an offence referred to in paragraph (a)(ii), the public prosecutor shall, if the State has suffered any loss as a result of such offence, apply for an order for the payment of compensation.

Donations, bequests and contributions for witness protection

*Regulations*

(1) Subject to this Section, the Minister may, by regulations provide for all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or which, in the opinion of the Minister, are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

(2) Regulations made in terms of Subsection (1) may provide for-

(a) the placing of witnesses or related persons under protection;

(b) the protection of the identity of protected persons;

(c) the regulation of access to places of safety where persons are being kept or relocated in terms of this Act;

(d) the utilisation of security officers or private security personnel for protection services in terms of this Act;

(e) the assistance to be rendered or functions to be performed by any Department of State, person, body, institution or organisation for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act;

(f) the information to be furnished by, or any steps to be taken in respect of, a witness or related person whose application for placement under protection is being considered;

(g) the terms and conditions that should be included in protection agreements or in other agreements or arrangements entered into under this Act;

(h) the procedure for the relocation or change of identity of a protected person;

(i) the manner in which and the conditions under which any decision of or steps taken by the Director or any person acting on behalf of the Director under a provision of this Act may be subjected to review by the Minister;

(j) the powers, functions and duties of witness protection officers;

(k) the mechanisms to be put in place in order to monitor the circumstances under which a person is kept under protection;

(l) specific offences in respect of which, in addition to the offences listed in the second schedule to this Act, a witness or related person may be placed under protection; and

(m) any other matter that is required or permitted to be prescribed in terms of this Act

(2) Any regulation made under Subsection (1)

which may result in financial expenditure to the State shall be made in consultation with the Minister of Finance.

FIRST SCHEDULE

OATH
(section 17)

"I hereby declare under oath/solemnly affirm that I understand and shall honour the obligation of confidentiality imposed upon me by the provisions of the Witness Protection Act 2010 and shall not act in contravention of the Act."

SECOND SCHEDULE

OFFENCES IN RESPECT OF WHICH A WITNESS OR RELATED PERSON MAY BE PLACED UNDER PROTECTION

1. Treason
2. Sedition
3. Murder
4. Rape
5. Public Violence
6. Robbery
7. Kidnapping
8. Defeating the ends of justice
9. Perjury
10. Any sexual offence against a child or a person who is mentally disabled
11. Human trafficking
12. Any offence relating to-
 - (a) the dealing in or smuggling of ammunition, firearms, explosives or armament; or
 - (b) the possession of an automatic or semi-automatic firearm explosives or armament.
13. Any offence relating to exchange control, extortion, fraud, forgery, uttering, theft or an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act.
14. Any offence under the Opium and Habit Forming Drugs Act, 1922 and the Pharmacy Act, 1929.
14. Any other offence prescribed by the Minister by regulations.

ESWATINI INCORPORATED: 2022 & BEYOND

'MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION'

ISSUE NO. 95

GOVT MUST SORT EPTC, MTN JVA TO UNLOCK ECONOMY

TODAY I deliberately choose to look the other direction when it comes to the threat by public sector associations to engage on a strike action in order to force government to commit into paying the Cost of Living Adjustment.

I will deal with it next Monday, provided there will still be no solution to avert the strike, instead let me deal with something which I hope will quickly enhance the growth of our ailing economy.

Let me address Her Royal Highness Princess Sikhanyiso and the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini on the urgency need to fix the Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) and MTN Eswatini Joint Venture Agreement (JVA).

Both the Prime Minister and Her Royal Highness have a relationship with MTN Eswatini, as former CEO and former board member.

The five-year delay in sorting the JVA is not good for the country and we expect both of them to quickly resolve the issue because it not only affecting EPTC but the entire telecommunications space and the economy.

When Princess Sikhanyiso spoke at Sibaya last year before her appointment as Minister of Information Communications and Technology, she was not only eloquent but demonstrated to all in sundry that she was not only clear but well versed on ICT issues, hence her appointment into this portfolio did not come as a surprise.

Improve

Whilst in office she has said a lot on how we need to improve the portfolio and has interacted with a number of partners. However, it is her handling of the EPTC question which seems to be unclear up to now.

She has not yet presented a plan on how and when we should expect the unbundling of EPTC to have been completed.

EPTC being a 100 per cent government company is looking to government for guidance on how they should go about the process. This is not a matter for the regulator, the Eswatini Communications Commissions (ESCCOM) as it appears to be at this stage.

ESCCOM jumped the gun in 2016 when it granted EPTC the technology neutral licence, which now allowed it to get into the mobile space, without first ensuring that it divests its ownership in MTN Eswatini.

This has been a thorny issue even before the promulgation of the Eswatini Communications Act of 2013. EPTC has always argued that the JVA was only meant to exist for 10 years; thereafter the parties were free to go separate ways. However, government as shareholder has always been the one forcing these companies to remain in the JVA and today despite a decision by ESCCOM to demand that these parties get out of the JVA because its existence is inconsistent with the prevailing regulatory environment it seems it continues to fail, because the decision is addressed to wrong people.

EPTC and its board are ready to divest its ownership in MTN Eswatini but government continues to fail to provide leadership.

The indecision to move in this area is inconsistent with the country's vision to attain first

...the delay in solving the 20-year old agreement continues to frustrate even the new players hence the field remains uneven



OVERDUE: Minister of Information Communications and Technology, Her Royal Highness Princess Sikhanyiso.

world status by the year 2022.

This position confirms the challenges noted in the Strategic Roadmap when it comes to implementation. It states government has the following challenges;

- Lack of implementation on key national priorities
- Limited tracking of progress on implementation and outcomes
- Lack of policy coherence hampering implementation
- Disjointed programmes hampering implementation
- Lack of commitment and decision making hampering implementation

Her Royal Highness needs to move beyond from just stating her fears on what ending the JVA would mean for EPTC to stating the corporation stands to gain if it gets out. Clearly, at the moment the only beneficiary of this arrangement is MTN Eswatini to the detriment of all other players.

Government's blue print when it comes to ICT, it noted these two critical points, which are not going to be attained with this current EPTC and MTN Eswatini JVA still intact;

- ICT lagging behind other nations and our aspirational needs
- High ICT costs impacting operations in both public and private sectors as well as the population at large

As we speak, Eswatini Mobile is struggling, not because of its main doing, but because the playing field is still not level.

Despite the regulator stating that MTN Eswatini is the dominant player, hence Eswatini Mobile must have access to all

network towers and pay nominal fees for certain services including inter-connect charges, it remains not so. Further, they are prohibited from utilising EPTC service points because of the JVA which prohibits it to access such facilities.

The unbundling of EPTC alone is going to create three big independent entities, these being Eswatini Telecom which would focus on mobile networks, Infrastructure Company (which will be an independent company to work



DECISION: Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.

on the network infrastructure and serve as a wholesale company) and the revamping of the Postal and Freight company, which may also include a Post Bank.

All these are opportunities that are being frustrated by government's indecision. Currently we have a situation where EPTC pays ESCCOM for a licence it does not operate because of the existence of the JVA.

Eswatini MTN's other shareholders like MTN International, the esteemed shareholder and Eswatini Empowerment Limited would be happy with a decision on the matter to see whether they increase their shareholding or not.

EPTC on the other hand is ready to use the money from the sale of its 41 per cent shares to set up the three entities.

Issue

In closing therefore, we need Her Royal Highness and the Prime Minister and his Cabinet team to move fast on this issue. If we desire to create jobs and deliver a first world network which will be cheaper to the populace, let's be quicker in deciding this matter, it is long overdue.

The previous government made its position clear that it would not allow EPTC to divest from MTN Eswatini, but today we have moved in terms of legislation to the extent that government's actions are now illegal and frustrate the economy.

The regulator needs to be strong to ensure that the law is followed to the letter otherwise its position frustrates honest investors and the populace. We appreciate its efforts to continue to monitor the costs in the sector, but more can still be done if everyone was playing by the book.

Both the Prime Minister and Her Royal Highness have a relationship with MTN Eswatini, as former CEO and former board member.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.6%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
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 13 SEP 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.5600	14.6100
British Pound/SZL	17.9925	18.0543
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3970	7.4203
Swiss France/SZL	14.7234	14.7665
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3381	1.3529
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0056	10.0415
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.0111	11.0415
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.1223	16.1777
Gold	1,498.9000	
Oil	61.65	

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MEDSCHEME GRANTS 25% SHARES TO ENPF

...company urged to conclude ongoing matters in court so everything can go back to normal and be business as usual

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Eswatini National Pension Fund (ENPF) has been granted 25 per cent shares of Medscheme Eswatini.

This was disclosed by Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) CEO Sandile Dlamini during the launch of the company at the Happy Valley Hotel and Casino on Thursday evening.

Making his remarks during the event, Dlamini said there was another 20 percent available for a local entity. He, however, stated that the shares were only available to an organisation and not for individuals.

"I am sure we are all aware that the ENPF currently boasts of membership of about 80 000 Emaswati and we are happy that Medscheme took the decision to partner with them.

"As we witness today (Thursday) the coming into full operation of the company, we have been con-

vinced by their strategic plan for the next three to five years, as it shows they will be doing more to benefit the local population," he said.

He also mentioned the actual landscape of health care provision in the country, stating that there were less than 50 000 Emaswati covered by any form of medical scheme.

"The majority of gainful employees, about 270 000 have no provision whatsoever in terms of medical schemes, let alone the other half a million that is supported by people that are gainfully employed but not covered as well.

"That being the case, we want to challenge Medscheme to try to broaden their product offering to address this situation," he added. He noted that Medscheme met the minimum requirements, especially being fully aware of that they satisfy the FSRA on a number of issues seeing that they provide essential services to members of the public.

"The issue of health care concerns



CHEERS: Ministry of Finance Principal Secretary Sizakele Dlamini, Ntokozo Ndzabukelwako and FSRA CEO Sandile Dlamini proposing a toast during the official launch of Medscheme at the Happy Valley Hotel on Thursday evening. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

matters of life and death to human beings and as the regulatory authority that is entrusted with this responsibility, we normally up our standards when considering applications of the likes of Medscheme, hence it took us quite a while to check the background of the company in terms of where they have been operating and what they intend to do in the kingdom," he said.

He also urged the entity to conclude any ongoing matters in court so that everything would go back to normal and be business as usual.

"The major concern in such issues is the consumers of your products

and services. We worry that it should not deteriorate up to a point where lives could be lost, as you are in a very delicate industry that borders on matters of life and death," he added.

Dlamini also encouraged Medscheme to list on the stock exchange in order for more Emaswati to take ownership, adding that the reason for FSRA to emphasise the indigenisation of the companies that are operating in the kingdom is because they believe that as a small economy like Eswatini is in a position to mobilise a lot of financial resources.

Ministry piloting medical scheme bill

THE ministry of finance is in the process of finalising a medical scheme Bill.

This will govern the provision of medical schemes and healthcare provision in the kingdom.

Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) CEO Sandile Dlamini said he hoped that Medscheme, as a stakeholder would contribute towards the piloting of the bill, so that by the time it gets to Parliament, it was truly representative of the aspirations of the populations of the kingdom.

"Some of the things that concern us the most are that we have a lot of Emaswati students that are studying outside the country and are having a challenge in getting medical provision whilst there," he said.

He said this was an opportunity that Medscheme could consider exploring, as it was a tedious process for students to travel all the way from their tertiary institutions outside the country to get medical treatment in Eswatini when the medical services could be provided at



BILL: Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) CEO Sandile Dlamini delivering his speech at the launch.

their disposal with the proper medical cover.

"You need to cover people anywhere in the world to prevent any inconveniences for clients because some situations are not predictable and come at any time," he said.

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Ezulwini Reinsurance gross premiums increase by E12 million

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

ESWATINI'S first re-insurance company, Ezulwini Reinsurance has seen their gross premiums increased to E23 million as compared to E11 million in the year 2018, showing an increase of E12 million.

The company's Acting General Manager Musa Hlatshwayo said during the launch of their new offices at Sibekelo Building in Mbabane on Friday that 2018 was a good year for the company.

"Our company achieved record financial performance and we continued to invest in innovation, improve our service to customers and strengthen our competitiveness," he said.

He highlighted that the net premiums

of the company was E17.4 million in 2018 as compared to E6 million in the year of 2017 and that the reason for higher net premiums was due to the increase in business volume in 2018 and control of retrocession costs.

"We say our company is the first reinsurance in the King and the newest in Africa because compared to three years ago there was no reinsurance company in the Kingdom.

"Also our company is already writing business from as far as West Africa, East Africa and Southern Africa. I should however say that it has been very challenging to break into the reinsurance market for our company," he said.

He also expressed gratitude to the FSRA for the continued support they provided to Ezulwini Re over the years.

"We understand the responsibility of the Regulator in enforcing the 20 per cent minimum requirement to reinsure locally; however, our duty as Ezulwini Reinsurance is to ensure that we win business on merit and we put in place systems and processes to ensure competitive edge. This will do by providing new products and writing business on highly prudential standards.

"We can only grow by offering our customers total solutions but most importantly we have to ensure our customers are satisfied with our service," he added.

Hlatshwayo further mentioned that the company had numerous policies and systems in place to help ensure that their business practices and operations were consistently effective, responsive and highly principled.

ABOUT REINSURANCE COMPANIES

Reinsurance is a way for insurance companies to transfer risk and smooth out their income. When an insurance company decides they need a reinsurer, they choose between one of two reinsurance contract types - proportional or non-proportional.

A reinsurer provides financial protection to insurance companies. Reinsurers handle risks that are too large for insurance companies to handle on their own

and make it possible for insurers to obtain more business (that is, underwrite more policies) than they would otherwise be able to. Insurance companies write policies covering their customers from potential losses. Insurers pay part of the premiums that they collect from their policyholders to a reinsurance company, and in exchange, the reinsurance company agrees to cover losses above certain high limits.

"We are committed to achieving this through integrity and sound corporate governance. We continuously strive to maximize the value we bring to our customers, Business Partners and Stakeholders alike," he said.

Some of the local insurance companies listed under the Ezulwini Reinsurance Company include Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC), Lidwala Insurance, Old Mutual, Liberty Life, United Holdings, Orchard and Phoenix.

Unauthorised dealers selling MTN smart phones without free data

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

FOLLOWING a public outcry that the recently launched smart feature phone cannot be pre-loaded with 200 megabytes (MB) of data, MTN Eswatini has come out to clarify that it is only phones acquired from its service centres and authorised dealers that come with free data.

Interviewed on the matter, MTN Corporate and Communications Manager Mandla Lufhondvo said MTN service centres were in Mbabane and Matsapha while authorised dealers were spread across the country and all MTN branded to make it easier for customers to identify them.

MTN launched the Smart T 3G device in July this year with a view to enable its customers who, for different reasons, did not have a smartphone but could be happy to benefit from access to the internet and social media platforms through an affordable gadget. This is aligned with MTN's belief that everybody deserves the benefits of a modern connected life.

"MTN acknowledges that this is a free market and that customers are at liberty to purchase gadgets where they prefer, however, it is equally important for the company to advise those who are looking for this particular phone that comes with more value.

"It is only phones from this mentioned places that come with the data and hence customers should be aware of that," he said.

While a feature phone is a "text-and-call-only" mobile phone, the recently launched smart feature phone does not only come pre-loaded with 200MB of data but with free Twitter.

The smart feature phone additionally comes loaded with WhatsApp, Facebook, YouTube, and Google maps.

MTN's smart feature phone is affordable, something that made it a hit in the recently concluded International Trade Fair.

Since its launch, the public has embraced MTN Eswatini's Smart T 3G device as a primary phone, as well as a secondary.

For some, it works well as a back-up

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MTN authorised dealers excluding service centres

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| 2. E-Top Up-Bhunu Mall | 8. E-Top Up-Big Bend |
| 3. E-Top Up-Manzini | 9. E-Top Up-Matata |
| 4. E-Top Up-Mbabane (1&2) | 10. E-Top Up-Sidvokodvo |
| 5. E-Top Up-Nhlangano (1&2) | 11. E-Top Up-Sikhuphe |
| 6. E-Top Up-Pigg's Peak | 12. E-Top Up-Woodlands |



phone useful in keeping in touch with business partners, friends and loved ones even when the main phone runs out of battery.

This is because the battery life can, at times go for slightly over two days, depending on use. For others, it has worked well as the main phone as it has social media capability and allows subscribers to exchange different forms of content, including pictures.

The introduction of the smart feature phone is MTN's contribution towards improving smartphone penetration as the country moves towards First World Status.

It is only phones from this mentioned places that come with the data and hence customers should be aware of that

MCM awards tender to G.S. Chiyanda Property Consultants

BY BAHLE GAMA

MUNICIPAL Council of Mbabane has awarded G.S. Chiyanda Property Consultants a tender worth E144 900.

The company has been tasked with the preparation of the 2019/20 supplementary evaluation roll.

This is according to the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESSPPRA) in terms of Section 45 of the Public Procurement

Act No. 7 of 2011, following a competitive bidding process. G.S. Chiyanda Property Consultants is a Swati company based in Manzini and they were in the bidding for the tender with Swaziland Realty Consultants, a Swati company.

G.S. Chiyanda Property Consultants won with an evaluation score of 70 per cent whilst Swaziland Realty Consultants had an evaluation score of 84 per cent but did not qualify for the tender due to non-competitive pricing.

Details for best evaluated responsive tenderer

Nationality	Swazi
Bid Price As Read Out	E144 900
Total Evaluated Score	70 per cent

Govt revives plan to take free stake in energy projects

JOHANNESBURG - The government is drafting a new law that aims at securing it a free stake in all new oil and gas ventures, revising the terms of a proposal shelved four years ago.

Under the legislation, which the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy outlined to lawmakers in Cape Town this week the state would secure 10 per cent ownership of energy projects at the exploration phase and the rights to 10 per cent of their production at no cost. The law, which is still being refined, will be submitted to parliament in the final quarter of this year, said Ntokozo Ngcwabe, a deputy director-general in the department. Oil and gas companies that have secured exploration rights have held back on costly drilling while they await clarity from the government on the commercial terms. Plans to give the state a 20 per cent free stake in all new ventures and the right to a buy an unspecified additional share were put on hold in 2015, leaving the energy industry in limbo. In 2017, Royal Dutch Shell relinquished a license to search for oil in the Orange Basin off the northwest coast.

The finalising of energy legislation has become more urgent since Total SA announced the first significant deep-water oil find off the coast of South Africa in February. Since the discovery, Shell has bought a stake in exploration blocks in the same area from Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

Other key aspects of the proposed law:

- The contract terms offered to companies will be informed by the location of their exploration block and whether they plan to tap a conventional or unconventional resource.
- The national interest and the bearing projects will have on the security of the nation's energy supply will also be taken into account.
- Contracts should include a provision for black investors to be granted a 10 per cent stake in new ventures.

- The energy minister should have the right to reserve some exploration blocks for companies that are wholly owned by black investors.

There was no mention of the state being allowed to buy additional stakes in energy ventures.

Bloomberg

CONSUMERS KEEN TO BUY SUBSTANDARD GOODS AT CHEAPER PRICES - MCIT

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE ministry of commerce, industry and trade says that consumers are always keen to purchase substandard goods because they are cheaper and readily available.

Chief Quality Systems Administrator in the Regulator and Quality Infrastructure department Priscilla Dlamini said this during a workshop on the inclusion of quality issues in the secondary school curriculum held at Royal Villas.

Stakeholders from government, the public and private sectors were in attendance and the purpose of the workshop was to try to include the curriculum who stakeholders had gathered to lobby and sell out the idea.

She said they had analysed the situation on the ground and noted the reasons they were seeing a lot of substandard goods in the country and the way of practicing them.

"People do not mind to buy substandard goods as long as they are cheap. A situation analysis has been conducted and they understood that



HERE: Some of the attendees of the quality workshop.

the problem cannot be solved at high level but need to inculcate a culture within young people of Eswatini to be quality conscience when shopping and when starting their own businesses," she said.

She added that most people lack information and are ignorant when it comes to purchasing these sub-

standard good because most of them did not grow in a culture that discourages the purchasing of substandard goods at cheaper prices.

She also mentioned that they want Emaswati to also be able to say that their products are of high quality even at that

This is also meeting the govern-

ment halfway on its initiative to transform the economy to an export driven economy for export goods one needs to conform to quality standards that are specified to wherever area that the products are exported to.

"From this workshop we believe we are going to come up with the



REMARKS: The Chief Quality Systems Administrator Phindile Priscilla Dlamini making her remarks. (Pics: Bahle Gama)

issues that maybe included in the curriculum and a way forward. The way forwards would be for the ministry of commerce, industry and trade to form a proposal through cabinet to the ministry of education to include these issues," she said. She added that from then they will have to build capacity amongst secondary school teachers of how best they would deliver the message to pupils.

Lack of consequence against financial mismanagement 'very costly'

CAPE TOWN - Auditor-General Kimi Makwetu said the lack of action and consequences against financial mismanagement in government was costing his office a lot of money.

On Friday, Makwetu briefed the standing committee on the Auditor-General during a workshop on the work of the institution and the Public Audit Act which came into effect in April.

He said this year, irregular expenditure decreased from R29.7 billion to R25 billion after record highs in previous years.

Makwetu said irregular expenditure was still a big problem, but auditing departments and entities had become a costly and useless exercise as nothing was being done about the audit outcomes.



COSTLY: Auditor-General Kimi Makwetu.

"So, there was clear evidence that these audits were starting to become a useless exercise that says the same thing all the time without changing and the reason being that there really was no consequence."

Makwetu said the AG's office raised and invested a lot of money into auditing government.

He said they raised about R3 billion in revenue to be able to fund their audits but achieved very little because there were no consequences.

"With expenditure that is close to that figure, now that's a huge investment. If you have that investment and you are not able to make a difference in protecting and in ensuring that there are no stages of a significant nature, then you've got a huge investment achievement."

He said the Public Audit Act, which gave him more powers, would help address the issue.

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'Board's decision to sack Moyo was unanimous'

JOHANNESBURG - Old Mutual Board Chair Trevor Manuel said chances of Peter Moyo winning against 14 other Board members are near nil.

Manuel addressed the media on Friday for the first time since Moyo was suspended and subsequently dismissed.

He said the board is unanimous that Moyo must go and the Johannesburg High Court ruling that reinstated him will be challenged.

Fired

The former CEO was fired for chairing a meeting that decided to pay R109 million in dividends to ordinary shareholders of his company NMT capital, while old mutual that holds preference shares in the same company, was not paid. Board Chair Trevor Manuel said, "The employment contract says

we recognise that there will dual loyalties but when you put money in your pocket and leave the needs of Old Mutual aside, there is an unmanageable conflict of interest, and that is what this issue is about."

Moyo alleged in court that he was victimised for objecting to Manuel's triple conflict of interest.

But Manuel said Moyo never objected to this, and the other 14 Board members are unanimous he must go.

"It almost seems easier to deal with one person than to deal with 14 - but I'm not suggesting anything. You can't transcend the impact of corporate governance as set out in the Companies Act that shareholders elect directors to represent their interests."

Manuel says Moyo has already been paid R4million.

EWN



NIL: Old Mutual Board Chair Trevor Manuel.

SA must act fast, coherently on economy - Minerals Council SA

JOHANNESBURG - With international ratings agency Moody's suggesting it is unlikely to downgrade SA's sovereign risk rating in November, the Minerals Council South Africa yesterday said Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's medium-term budget policy statement next month would be 'a critical review point'.

While welcoming Moody's stance, council Chief Executive Roger Baxter said he had noted the rating agency's 'close scrutiny of the way in which the government will actively deal with

its growing debt burden, as well as how and when the promised institutional changes in state-owned enterprises will be effected'.

Baxter said a key focus should shift to 'government implementing a number of serious structural reforms to get the economy back on track'.

Mboweni's plan - the Economic Transformation, Inclusive Growth and Competitiveness: Towards an Economic Strategy for South Africa document - reflected 'a serious effort to construct a practical long-term economic strat-

egy based on the national development plan'. Baxter said the document reflected 'a holistic strategy with sequencing of interventions, timelines, sectoral implications and underpinned by economic modelling'.

He continued: "Importantly, this strategy reflects a coherent exposition of the far-reaching policy trade-offs ... to get the South African economy back on a growth trajectory."

"It recognises that growth and competitiveness are interdependent, requiring substantial modernisation of network industries: electricity, telecommunications, transport and water. Preferably, private sector competition." Policy certainty was critical, 'in particular ... in the mining sector'.

The Citizen

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Global News

HONG KONG PROTESTERS MARCH AFTER PLEA TO COLONIAL POWER UK

HONG KONG - Thousands of Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters marched under a sea of umbrellas yesterday after hundreds had sung "God Save the Queen" outside the British Consulate demanding that the former colonial power ensures China honours the city's freedoms.

Top-brand department stores in the Causeway Bay shopping district and the Central business area to the west closed their shutters in case of a return to the mob violence of last weekend.

The Chinese-ruled territory has been rocked by more than three months of sometimes violent protests, with demonstrators angry about what they see as creeping interference by Beijing in their city's affairs despite a promise of autonomy.

The Sino-British Joint Declaration, signed in 1984, lays out Hong Kong's future after its return to China in 1997, a "one country, two systems" formula that ensures freedoms not enjoyed on the mainland.

"Sino-British Joint Declaration is VOID," one placard read in the protest outside the British Consulate.

"SOS Hong Kong," read another.



HONOUR: Protesters accused Britain of failing to hold Beijing to account over its treatment of Hong Kong.

"One country, two systems is dead," protesters shouted in English under umbrellas shielding them from the sub-tropical sun, some carrying the colonial flag also bearing the Union Jack. "Free Hong Kong."

Some broke into a refrain of "Rule Britannia".

The protesters handed in a petition and drifted away as thousands were heading in their direction along the artery of Hennessy Road where the "ding ding" trams have run for more

than 100 years. Gas masks were being handed out under the cover of umbrellas in case of tear gas, but many protesters showed their faces and most only wore surgical masks.

Major shops in Central and Causeway Bay closed their shutters in case of the violence that has broken out on previous weekends when protesters trashed metro stations and set street fires, with the police responding with tear gas, rubber bullets and water canon.

Reuters

ZIM SEES THAW IN CHILLY TIES WITH WEST

HARARE - Zimbabwe's frosty relations with Western powers are thawing, despite tensions caused by a brutal repression of protests, the country's foreign minister says.

Since the military-backed ouster of late ruler Robert Mugabe in November 2017, President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government has campaigned to re-engage internationally.

The European Union and the US had imposed sanctions - including travel bans on Mugabe and his inner circle - for violence, electoral fraud and undermining democracy.

Foreign Minister Sibusiso Moyo said the new government was making progress in mending ties damaged under Mugabe, who died a

week ago.

"Zimbabwe has been isolated for the past 20 years... and we cannot survive that way," Moyo told AFP at his offices in Harare on Friday.

"This government took over an economy which was sliding for the past 20 years, and there had not been any investment activity within the state enterprises and even in the private sector."

During his nearly four-decade rule, Mugabe had become one of the world's most bitter critics of Western "imperialism" and an international pariah.

Mugabe's mismanagement helped push Zimbabwe's economy into crisis, and the country desperately needs investment and struggles with soaring inflation and shortages. *AFP*



World Bank, approves \$450 million loan for Tanzania

WASHINGTON - The World Bank has approved a \$450 million loan to Tanzania, the bank said on Friday, signalling the release of the first tranche of funds to the East African nation that were frozen last year because of concern over government policies.

Those concerns included passing a law that made it illegal to question official statistics and expelling pregnant girls from public schools.

The government amended the statistics law in June to remove the threat of jail. But has yet to announce changes to the rules on teenage pregnancy.

The World Bank has been engaging with the government of Tanzania on a range of policy issues that led to a hold-up of financing since 2018.

The financing comes from the

bank's International Development Assistance (IDA), which gives grants or low-interest loans to the world's poorest countries. It covers a poverty-reduction programme that will help around five million Tanzanians, the bank said in a statement.

"The World Bank has been engaging with the government of Tanzania on a range of policy issues that led to a hold-up of financing since 2018", the World Bank said in a statement.

"Approval of this project acknowledges efforts by the government of Tanzania to address the policy issues by amending the statistics law (2018) in line with international practice, as well as the government's commitment to facilitate all girls to complete their education."

Reuters

Egypt's el-Sissi dismisses corruption allegations

CAIRO - Egypt's president on Saturday angrily dismissed corruption allegations made by a businessman-in-exile against the country's military as "sheer lies and defamation."

In viral social media videos posted over the past week, the entrepreneur alleged large-scale misuse of public funds in the building of luxurious hotels, presidential palaces and a tomb for President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's mother, who died in 2014.

"I've built presidential palaces and I will continue to do so," el-Sissi, a general-turned-president, said in televised comments. "I am building a new country... All of this is not mine. It's Egypt's."

El-Sissi was responding to claims by contractor Mohammed Ali, who said he had worked for the military for 15 years.

The president said

his government has

been building some

of the biggest art

and culture projects

in the world in the

country's \$45 billion

new administrative

capital — el-Sissi's

brainchild located in the

desert east of the capital

Cairo. He denied corruption

allegations as "sheer

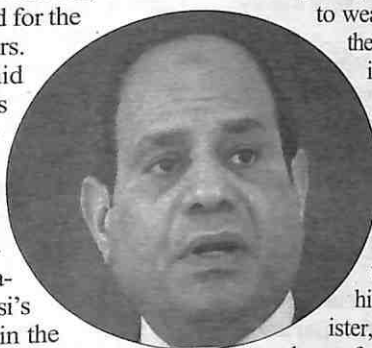
lies and defamation," without

elaborating.

He portrayed Ali's videos as an attempt to weaken Egypt and undermine the public's trust and confidence in the military and its leader.

"The military is a patriotic, honest and firm military. Its firmness stems from its honour," he said angrily.

Appearing to fight back tears, el-Sissi said he risked his life when, as defense minister, he led the military's overthrow of an elected but divisive Islamist president in 2013 amid mass protests against his brief rule. *AP*



BRIEFS

Trump floats possible defense treaty

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump said on Saturday he had spoken with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about a possible mutual defense treaty between the two nations, a move that could bolster Netanyahu's re-election bid just days before Israelis go to the polls.

"I had a call today with Prime Minister Netanyahu to discuss the possibility of moving forward with a Mutual Defense Treaty, between the United States and Israel, that would further anchor the tremendous alliance between our two countries," Trump said on Twitter. He added that he looked forward to continuing those discussions later this month on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly session in New York. *Reuters*

Apology not enough, Zimb

HARARE - Zimbabweans say President Cyril Ramaphosa's apology for the recent spate of Xenophobic attacks in South Africa must be accompanied by action.

Ramaphosa was booed on Saturday as he addressed mourners at Robert Mugabe's state funeral service at the National Sports Stadium in the capital Harare.

The president experienced firsthand the ire of Zimbabweans, as a result of the attacks by South Africans on foreign nationals.

Eyewitness News spoke to some of them who explained why they booed the president.

EWN

African leaders agree on billion-dollar plan

OUAGADOUGOU - West African leaders on Saturday announced a billion-dollar plan to fight the rising problem of jihadist violence in the region, at a summit in Burkina Faso. The plan, to be funded from 2020 to 2024, was announced at end of the Economic Community Summit of West African States in Ouagadougou, where the ECOWAS nations were joined by Mauritania and Chad.

ECOWAS had decided to mobilise "the financial resources of up to a billion dollars for the fight against terrorism", said Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou. The money, paid into a common fund, would help reinforce the military operations of the nations involved - and those of the joint military operations in the region. *AFP*

Ex-PM Cameron slams Johnson over Brexit

LONDON - Former British prime minister David Cameron launched a blistering attack on the UK's current leader Boris Johnson in extracts of his memoirs published yesterday, accusing him of only backing Brexit to further his own career. He said Johnson, who took office in July, believed that campaigning for Britain to leave the European Union during the 2016 referendum would make him the "darling" of their Conservative party. Damningly, he also said that Johnson privately believed there should be a second referendum to confirm the terms of Brexit — something the premier has strongly resisted since. *AFP*

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AFTER BEING BOOED, RAMAPHOSA INSISTS SOUTH AFRICANS NOT XENOPHOBIC

HARARE - President Cyril Ramaphosa on Saturday promised Zimbabweans that his government would get to the root of violent attacks against foreign nationals.

Ramaphosa addressed mourners at the state funeral service of former President Robert Mugabe at the National Sports Stadium in the capital, Harare.

He was heckled when he got on stage, prompting the programme director to intervene and calm tensions.

The president insisted that despite recent events, South Africans are not xenophobic, and they welcomed people from all countries.

When Ramaphosa took to the stage, his voice was drowned out by the anger of the crowds.

He then used his speech to address the recent outbreak of violence targeted at foreign nationals in South Africa. "What happened in South Africa goes against the principles of unity of the people of Africa."

Ramaphosa has promised Zimbabweans that his government would get to the root



INSISTS: President Cyril Ramaphosa pictured at the state funeral of Robert Mugabe on Saturday.

of violent attacks.

"We're working very hard to encourage all our people in South Africa to embrace people from all African countries." Mugabe died in a clinic in Singapore a week ago. His family said he would be buried after 30

days at the National Heroes Acre after government concludes constructing a monument in his honour. His state funeral service concluded with heads of state hailing the former statesman as a visionary leader, a Pan Africanist and a unifier. *EWN*

Special Presidential Envoys to deliver messages of solidarity across Africa

JOHANNESBURG - On the same day that President Cyril Ramaphosa was booed at he addressed mourners at Robert Mugabe's state funeral in Harare, a team of Special Envoys appointed by him embarked on their assignment and departed South Africa to deliver messages of solidarity to several heads of state and government across Africa.

According to a statement issued by the presidency, the team comprises Jeff Radebe, Ambassador Kingsley Mmabolo and Dr. Khulu Mbatha and they will visit countries such as Nigeria, Niger, Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia.

"The Special Envoys will deliver a message from President Ramaphosa regarding the incidents of violence that recently erupted in some parts South Africa, which have manifested in attacks on foreign nationals and destruction of property," said the presidency. "The Special Envoys are tasked with reassuring fellow African countries that South Africa is committed to the ideals of pan-African unity and solidarity. The Special Envoys will also reaffirm South Africa's commitment to the rule of law."

The team will also brief governments in the identified African countries about the steps that the South African government is taking to bring a stop to the attacks and to hold the perpetrators to account as Ramaphosa promised in his address at the funeral service. *The Citizen*

Bob Hewitt will be released on parole later this month

JOHANNESBURG - Despite reports that convicted rapist and former tennis player and coach Bob Hewitt will not yet be released on parole, the Citizen can confirm that he will indeed be released on parole on September 23.

This is according to lawyer Tania Koen who represents one of his victims, Olivia Jasriel.

"Written confirmation was sent to one of the victims on Friday (letter dated 12 (September) that Hewitt is being released on 23 September," said Koen.

While there was a parole hearing, Koen said her client was not informed. Her interpretation of the Correctional Services Act is that the hearing should not have taken place without the knowledge of the victims.

She also believes that Hewitt's release, especially given the country's current mood regarding sexual assault and gender-based violence, will 'send the wrong message to society.'

According to National Department of Correctional Services (DCS) Spokesperson Singabakho Nxumalo, the proper processes were not adhered to with regards to the parole hearing and as such the outcome of the parole process was not yet meant to be public knowledge.

In a follow-up official response, Nxumalo included confirmation that Hewitt was indeed eligible for



CONFIRMED: Australian-born former tennis Grand Slam champion Bob Hewitt.

parole but Nxumalo apparently denied that a final decision had been made.

"DCS will be guided by the recommendations of correctional supervision and parole Board on either to grant or deny Mr Hewitt parole at this stage.

"The offender has indeed served the minimum required time to be considered for parole by the Board. "Once the decision has been made, it will (be) communicated to the parties involved, which includes the offender, victims of crime and their families."

The Citizen

ANC NEC MEETS WITH JOBURG STRUCTURES

JOHANNESBURG - The African National Congress (ANC) National Executive Committee (NEC) was expected to meet with its structures in the greater Johannesburg area in Turfontein later on Sunday.

The meeting is part of the party's unity and renewal program.

Amongst issues on the table include the state of the party in Gauteng.

The ANC began its programme on Friday when it paid a visit to the family of the Pretoria taxi driver, Jabu Baloyi

who was allegedly shot by drug dealers.

Officials were also in the EastRand in Natalspruit where public violence erupted recently. On Saturday, officials were in the Vaal and the West Rand.

Later in the day NEC members will meet structures at the Turfontein racecourse to engage them on various matters including the recent spate of attacks on foreign nationals and their businesses.

Twelve people were killed during the violence, while hundreds were displaced.

Meanwhile, Zimbabweans attending the funeral service of Robert Mugabe told Eyewitness News President Cyril Ramaphosa's apology must be accompanied by action from his government.

President Ramaphosa was booed while addressing mourners at Mugabe's official state funeral which took place at the National Sports Grounds in Harare on Saturday.

Ramaphosa apologised for the recent violence in which foreign nationals were attacked. *EWN*

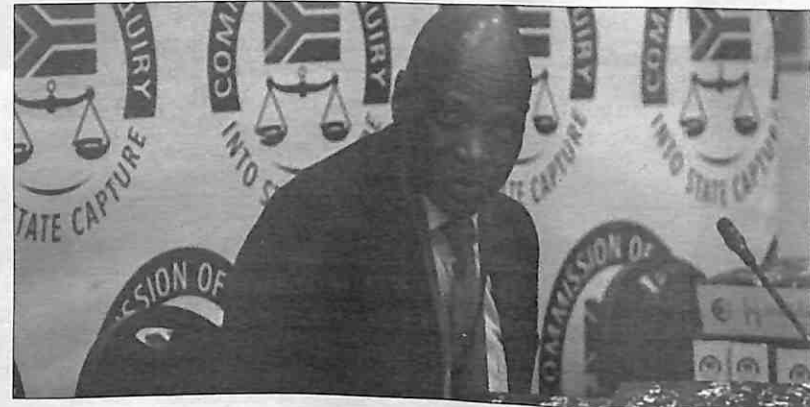
Motsoeneng takes issue with public protector's report on him

JOHANNESBURG - Former South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng is expected to wrap up his testimony at the state capture commission of inquiry on Thursday after spending days defending his tenure at the broadcaster.

On Wednesday, Motsoeneng dug into former Public Protector Advocate Thuli Madonsela and accused her of destroying people's lives.

Among her findings in her report titled When Governance and Ethics Fail, released in February 2014, Madonsela said that Motsoeneng lied about having a Matric qualification, which he did not have.

He said he would take all the time required by Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo because the state capture commission of inquiry was the first platform that was not reaching conclusions about him before hearing his side of the story. "When the Public Protector comes



ISSUE: Former SABC COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng at the state capture commission last Tuesday.

with such decisions and we are punished because she is the Public Protector and her views stand - chairperson it should be allowed.

"Why did the Public Protector come up with such remedial action to destroy our life and children's lives?" Motsoeneng asked. Motsoeneng was also confident the Special Investigating Unit would

not find anything on him.

"Even the SIU chairperson, I'm in court today with them, and I'm saying they have tarnished and tainted my name (without) doing any investigations (by) using the Public Protector's report, which is wrong. The money that they are claiming (from me), they are not going to win that chairperson," he said. *EWN*

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MYSTERY AROUND MAIMANE, 'HIS' R3.85M CLAREMONT HOUSE

CAPE TOWN - DA leader Mmusi Maimane listed a house worth almost R4m as one of his assets on the parliamentary registry - but it turns out he does not own the home in Claremont, Cape Town, according to Rapport newspaper.

After the Afrikaans Sunday newspaper confronted him about this, Maimane made an about-turn, saying he was actually renting the home from an old friend.

The newspaper said it came across several inconsistencies when it started investigating Maimane's home ownership.

In September 2018, Maimane declared to Parliament that a home in Claremont and a home in Roodepoort both belong to him. But, according to records at the deeds office, only the Roodepoort home is registered in his and his wife's names.

The real owner of the Claremont home is a shelf company, of which Durban businessman Wessel Jacobs is the only director and shareholder. Jacobs confirmed this to Rapport. He bought the house in September 2017 for R3.85m.

Maimane told Rapport he was paying "market-related rent" but would not say how much. Asked the same question, Jacobs said although he believed in transparent, fact-based and fair



R4m: DA leader Mmusi Maimane.

journalism, he could not divulge confidential information.

Jacobs is the owner of Jacobs Capital, a private investment company in Durban.

DA spokesperson Solly Malatsi told TimesLive that Maimane declared the house in the 2017/2018 financial year and again in the 2018/2019 financial year because, "at the time, he was under the impression that he had to declare the rented property. *Timeslive*

EFF DEFENDS DECISION ON BANNING OF 'AMABHUNGANE' AND 'SCORPIO'

CAPE TOWN - The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) on Saturday said it was unfazed by a statement from the South African National Editors' Forum (SANEF) condemning the party's boycott of amaBhungane and the Daily Maverick's Scorpio.

In a statement released on Saturday, the party said it had the right to freedom of association.

"We will never be able to stop anyone from writing anything they want about the EFF, but we have the right to decide who we associate with at our own events and platforms," a statement read.

On Friday, SANEF said it was appalled after EFF leader Julius Malema called for the "banning" of investigative journalism units amaBhungane and

the Daily Maverick's investigative unit, Scorpio, from attending their party events, including press conferences.

"SANEF believes these actions mimic the apartheid state's censorious responses to investigative reports that exposed its brutal and corrupt activities."

It's understood Malema made the comments while addressing mourners at a memorial event for late Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe.

Banning

"Malema called for this banning on Thursday during the EFF's memorial service for former Zimbabwean president, Robert Mugabe. Speaking to party supporters, Malema said the publications, should be treated as the enemy, much like the EFF did when it banned Gupta-owned, The New Age news-

paper and broadcaster, ANN7," SANEF said in a statement.

The move by the EFF comes after Scorpio published an exposé on Malema, Party Deputy President Floyd Shivambu, Shivambu's brother Brian, as well as a cousin of Malema's, making allegations that they were involved in the illicit flow of funds from the plundered VBS.

On Monday, however, Malema denied any links to the funds stolen from VBS Mutual Bank. He rejected claims that his lifestyle was funded by stolen money.

"That has got nothing to do with me," he told Eyewitness News.

EWN



The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) has adopted a Vision and Mission statement and a new Work Programme for promoting sustainable development and deeper integration within the SACU region. The SACU Secretariat hereby invites suitably qualified and experienced citizens of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia and South Africa to submit their applications for the following positions.

The Position: Director: Trade Facilitation and Revenue Management (Ref: D-TFRM)

Main Purpose of the Job:

To implement the SACU Agreement objectives regarding trade facilitation, trade liberalisation, revenue sharing, economic integration, enhanced economic development, diversification, industrialization and competitiveness; and promotion of the integration of Member States into the global economy through enhanced trade and investment.

Key Areas of Responsibility:

- Implements the SACU Revenue Sharing Formula in accordance with the 2002 SACU Agreement.
- Manages trade data and maintains records of payments into and out of the Common Revenue Pool.
- Develops policy proposals, technical and administrative procedures related to the management of the SACU Revenue pool.
- Coordinates the preparation of economic policy briefs as well as reports on the performance of the SACU economies.
- Undertakes macro-economic analysis to facilitate the application of the SACU Revenue Sharing Formula.
- Develops technical and administrative procedures in the key areas related to the management of the SACU Revenue Sharing Formula.
- Maintains records to ensure that the SACU trade and revenue agreements are correctly applied and Member States disputes are avoided.
- Develops policy proposals and regional programmes on trade facilitation including those related to the implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation.
- Facilitates work towards harmonisation of customs and excise legislation and implements the SACU Council of Minister's decisions in this regard.
- Supports and monitors the implementation of SACU Tariff Policy and agreements.
- Develops policy proposals to address and prevent unfair trading practices in SACU member states
- Plans, prepares, submits and manages approved budget for the Directorate: Trade Facilitation and Management

Educational Qualifications Required:

Master's degree in Economics or Public Finance or equivalent with strong emphasis on trade and finance or equivalent post graduate qualification.

Relevant Work Experience and Competencies Required:

- Minimum 10 years relevant experience mostly in revenue management with at least 5 years at senior management level
- Strong quantitative/statistical, analytical and data management skills.
- Computer literate in MS Office.
- Experience from revenue management organizations such as central banks and revenue services highly desirable
- Knowledge of regional and multilateral trading systems and rules will be an added advantage
- Experience in
- Understanding of the SACU trade policy environment including the economies of the individual Member States. Proven track record in working on trade facilitation, transport and macroeconomic policy issues will be an added advantage.
- Experience in engaging with regional and international organizations with a view to further technical cooperation.
- Strong leadership and people management skills.
- Must have strategic awareness.
- Must have diplomatic skills and appreciation of protocol and etiquette
- Excellent conceptual, research and communication skills
- Good presentation skills.
- Performance driven.

The Position: Finance Manager (Ref: FM)

Main Purpose of the Job:

To manage and control all financial functions and services of the SACU Secretariat to ensure that the current and future effectiveness of the Secretariat's services, programmes and operations are ensured. To manage the implementation of financial policies and procedures with regard to budgets, corporate governance, annual reports and audits to ensure value for money.

Key Areas of Responsibilities:

- Developing, revising, advising, guiding and coordinating the financial and management accounting policies, practices and internal controls within the Secretariat.
- Providing Financial and Management Information service to the Secretariat.
- Coordinating & managing the preparation of the Secretariat's budget.
- Maintaining & managing the Secretariat's accounts.
- Maintaining a record of transactions into and out of the Common Revenue Pool.
- Managing Payroll payments.
- Reconciliation of the Secretariat's bank account
- Coordinating & maintaining the Secretariat's Fixed Assets Register
- Compilation of annual financial statements.
- Cash Flow Management
- Preparing for audits and providing auditors with the required assistance and follow-up on identified problems and take the necessary action

Educational Qualifications Required:

- A degree in Accounting or equivalent professional qualification

Relevant Work Experience and competencies Required:

- Minimum 8 years relevant experience with strong quantitative skills.
- Practical experience in Programme-based Budgeting
- Have a proven track record in a senior financial management and experience in financial management in a multilateral organization will be an added advantage
- Computer literacy in MS Office and relevant financial accounting packages
- Excellent report writing skills, Communication & presentation skills
- Excellent Project Management skills
- Good interpersonal skills with ability to work successfully in a multinational environment.

Applications must be accompanied by a detailed CV, e-mail and telephone contact details, certified copies of ID, educational qualifications and at least 3 contactable references. Quote the reference number and job title. Applications must be submitted to Human Resources Department, SACU Secretariat, Private Bag 13285, Windhoek, Namibia. Fax +26461 245644 / Email: applications@sacu.int

The closing date for applications is 04th October 2019.

For further information, please visit our website at www.sacu.int.

Should you have received no response within 4 weeks of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful in this instance, as correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only.



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THANK YOU: Standard Bank CE Mvuselelo Fakudze and House on Fire Director Jiggs Thorne pose with Standard Bank and House on Fire staff during the Luju Festival After Buzz which was held on Friday night at House on Fire. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

Luju Fest generates over E1m revenue

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

THE Standard Bank Luju Food and Lifestyle Festival has played an important role in the country's economy as over E1million revenue was generated by 20 traders at the second edition of the fest which was held last month.

This was revealed by House on Fire Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini during the Standard Bank Luju Food and Lifestyle Festival After Buzz on Friday at the home of entertainment; House on Fire. Dlamini revealed that there were 13

- 13 artists participated
- Over 6 000 attendees
- E35m in publicity value

artists who participated in this year's edition and over 6 000 people attended the much-loved food festival.

This year's edition saw seven culinary programme showcases, including that of Siba Mtongana from the internationally acclaimed TV show; 'Cooking with Siba'. Proving that the Luju Food fest has developed from the first edition which was held last year, guests at this year's edition were able to stay on site with Rush

Glamping who provided a state of the art glamping experience on the fest grounds that included en suite hot showers and toilets, providing a home away from home for local and international guests.

The 2019 edition delivered a sensory experience unlike any other under the theme: A return to the African future. The theme was also brought to life in the Design Café; a space that takes you a long journey of celebration through sculptural art and design works. All elements were designed and infused with simple materials that preserve Eswatini culture and embrace the environment.



REMARKS: House on Fire Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini delivers the Luju Food Festival report.



ATTENTION: Standard Bank CE Mvuselelo Fakudze pays attention to the Luju Festival video playing on the big screen.

MTN Bushfire 2020 phase 1 tickets now on sale

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

THE journey to the MTN Bushfire 2020 festival is on, as phase one tickets to the much-loved international festival are available via the MTN Bushfire website.

This was confirmed by House on Fire Communications Officer Phiwokuhle Dhlamini yesterday. Taking place from May 29 to 31, 2020, MTN Bushfire is more than simply a music festival. As one of Africa's largest and most inclusive festival of music and the arts, MTN Bushfire has earned its global reputation as a distinctly African, yet globally-infused festival experience. "MTN Bushfire annually welcomes close to 30 000 admissions hailing from 60 different countries, who make the journey from near and far to the peaceful Malkerns Valley of Eswatini.

"For the past five years the festival has completely sold out so guests are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets early,"

	Early-Bird	Phase 1	Phase 2
Full Festival Golden Lounge	SOLD OUT	1 950	2 350
Full Festival Main Arena	SOLD OUT	950	1 150
Full Festival Children	SOLD OUT	250	300



said Dlamini. Early-bird Full Festival Golden Lounge and Main Arena tickets sold out in just over a day after their release last week. MTN Bushfire 2020, according to Dhlamini, will offer an upgraded Golden Lounge, improved and expanded camping options, as well as the diverse and eclectic mix of music, arts, and culture that makes it such a unique and memorable experience. "A beacon of hope that proudly and positively celebrates cultural diversity, the MTN Bushfire experience manifests within a unique atmosphere of tolerance and inclusion.

"These positive vibrations start as ripples within the local community and become waves that grow as they carry festival-

goers home, and ultimately inspire a global movement," Dlamini added.

Winner of the Best Responsible Event Award at the African Responsible Tourism Awards in 2017, MTN Bushfire was also hailed in 2016 by CNN as one of the '7 African music festivals you really have to see' and listed by BBC as a 'Top African festival.' A living, breathing ecosystem, MTN Bushfire invites all fans of music, the arts, cultural exploration and environmental sustainability to become part of the thriving community that is MTN Bushfire.

All ticketing and accommodation information can be found on the website: <https://www.bush-fire.com/>.

Denzel, Qibho collaborate on new song

BY DELISA THWALA

VOCALIST Denzel is brewing a hit song with Qibho in the studio.

This was confirmed by the singer on Friday.

The Singer Denzel confirmed to this affirmative during an interview with the Entertainment Desk.

"It was really not planned, we just got into the studio and started working on something and this song came out," said the singer.

The song is titled 'Lomunye' and will be dropping soon.

"As always, a lot of good ideas come to you when you hang out with your producer all the time. I'm blessed enough to be able to imagine scenarios in my head and write songs based on them.

"That's what happened with this

song," explained the singer.

Having a poet and singer work together is something interesting and can need a lot of adjusting and working together. With Denzel, it was not awkward at all.

"Qibho is art personified, being a wordsmith is just one of the things he can do. He was awesome to work with and an inspiration. We definitely will be doing more work, in my books he is a living legend," shared the singer. The singer is currently promoting his debut single 'Number One' which he launched after he was signed under Platinum Concepts.

He is also nominated in this year's SWAMA awards under the 'Newcomer' category.

"Shout out to MTN SWAMA Awards for the epic recognition for me it means a lot and I'm also humbled to be nominated amongst other great artist," closed the singer.



SMILING : Prosper's wife Nelisa Lawton dancing while Itallo Dlamini plays during the celebration of the life of her husband Prosper Mpofu at the Theatre Club on Friday evening. With her are Mozaik, KrTC and Shaka Makhanya who were watching performances. (Pics: Setsabile Nkambule)

'The music industry has lost a legend'

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

...Artists celebrate well-lived life of Prosper Takawira

IT was a bitter-sweet moment for family and friends of the father of arts Prosper Takawira on Friday night at the Theatre Club as they gathered in celebration of his life and the legacy he left behind.

The MC of the day was Sidney Simelane, who is also an uncle to Takawira's wife Nelisa Lawton.

To open the show was Zwile playing his saxophone and his band which was later joined by Itallo and his band, who together kept the crowd dancing to the songs Takawira would normally dance to.

Artists like the Invisible Man and Nkosisiyabonga also played their songs and kept the crowd dancing.

Simelane then gave an opportunity to Prosper's friend and colleague Theminkosi Mavimbela, who shared with the audience memories they had with his friend.

He stated that Prosper was a humble, selfless man who had so much wisdom and was willing to share it with anyone who cared to listen.

"When Nelisa called me and shared the news of Prosper's passing, I was at loss for words. May his good soul rest in perfect peace and may God give his family the strength they need to deal with this. Nelisa know that you are loved, we will always be with you, we are your family and if ever you are in need do not hesitate to call,"

Respected

The MC then asked the wife Nelisa Lawton to share a few words about her husband. Lawton stated that Takawira was a man who loved and respected his woman. She said she had never anticipated that her husband would leave her so soon.

According to Nelisa, her husband was a man who loved music, loved his family and friends and was also a man who made sure people around him didn't need anything.

"This is the way my husband would have wanted us to remember him. That man was a loving family man, who supported me in everything I did. He loved everything I loved and hated everything I hate. I have lost my best

friend," she said

She further thanked the support she was receiving from her family.

In an interview with the Entertainment Desk, Takawira's eldest daughter Thandoluhle thanked everyone who came to enjoy the day with them.

She stated that her father was a man loved by many and one who was selfless. She said they have suffered a great deal in losing him, but they were happy he was now at a better place.

"My father was a very simple person. He left us with a legacy that I wish I will also pass to my children. He had a great personality that taught me humility," he said.

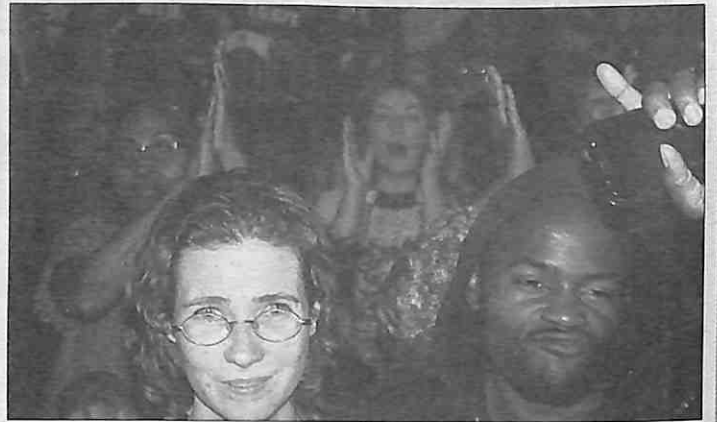
Itallo Dlamini mentioned that the music industry had lost a legend.

He said instead of wiping tears, they wanted to celebrate his life the way he would. He said he provided a platform to many musicians.

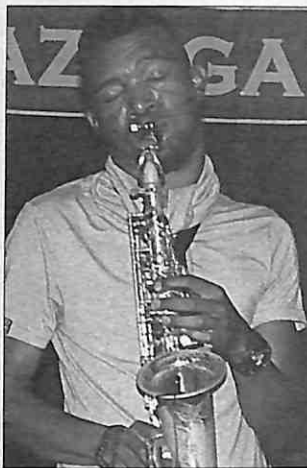
"Prosper was committed to his family, his music and friends. I am so happy that I lived my life with such a legend. He taught us to give selflessly and love unconditionally," he said.



JAZZ : Jazz legends performing together for the audience.



CLAP: The audience giving a round of applause after Zwile's performance.



SAXOPHONE: Zwile giving a splendid performance.



SOULFUL : Nkosisiyabonga rendering a soulful music to the crowd.



MC: Sidney Simelane welcoming the attendees.

BITTER-SWEET MOMENT FOR NELISA



IN SONG: Khole renders a tune.



JAZZ FEEL: Itallo playing his trumpet during the night.



JAZZ GALLERY: The attendees enjoying jazz music during the show.

ELEGANCE AT BAHAI SCHOOL

The cold weather on Saturday night did not deter the mood of well-dressed Baha'i High School (also known as Setsembiso Sebunye High School) pupils from

having a blast at their glamorous prom night.

The glitzy affair was held at the Royal Villas Hotel, Ezulwini where long, short and body hugging dress-

es and stylish suits were the order of the night.

The pupils came dressed to the nines. Girls' outfits were out of this world, evening gowns dominated

most for the ladies wear and they went all out with their stunning hairdos and proper face beats.

The gents were well suited-up and their loafers matched so well with

their stunning and stylish suits.

The event saw outstanding pupils being awarded certificates in what they are good at, while some were awarded for hard working.



KING AND QUEEN: Bahle and Temahlubi Dlamini were crowned Prom King and Queen for Baha'i High School during their Prom Night held at the Royal Villas on Saturday evening. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



THE LADIES: Baha'i High School ladies dressed to the nines.



BARBIE: Simphiwe Simelane went for a princess look with her pink gown worth E1 200.



PAIR: Sisekelo Mavuso arrives with his partner Mbali Vanaardt in her royal blue dress worth E1 300.



GUEST: FNB Digital Marketing Specialist Anale Tshabalala gestures as she receives a token of appreciation from the school as she was the guest speaker on the night.



BEST: Bethu Tiva turned heads in her E7 000 stylish garb designed by Kayise.

RIGHT - SUIT: Thando Tsabedze went for this three-piece suit.

FAR RIGHT - MONOCHROME: Junior Mamba well styled up in his three piece black slim suit, which is worth E3 800.



SEXY: Thowela Magagula went for a short and simple number looking sexy.



CLASSIC: Mzwakhe Nkambule well suited up in his white tuxedo.



NAILS: The girls' nails were on fleek.



PROM NIGHT



AFRICAN QUEEN: Kupokwashe Machinda looks gorgeous in her African-inspired garb.



SWAG: Ayanda Dlamini swagged up in this three-piece suit worth E5 000.



THEM GENTS: The boys were not left out, as they came to play well suited up.



BEAUTY: Nokwanda Dlamini looks all classy and elegant in her bare-back blue dress.



ANGELIC: Sebenele Maphalala looking gorgeous in her affordable but fine dress worth E500.



ARRIVING: Sephulelo Dlamini and Simcha Jarkova upon arrival.

LEFT - GODESS: Minenhle looks classy and sassy at the same time with her angelic dress worth E2 000.
RIGHT - GENT: Sifiso Sethu Magagula looks good in his slim fit three-piece suit worth E2 500.



PRETTY: Lomkhosi Tsabedze looks radiant in her red gown.



ELEGANT: Siphesihle Mabuza looks unique on arrival.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Mbatha feels at home in Atlanta

CAPE TOWN - Even though actress Nomzamo Mbatha is a million miles away from Mzansi, she is super glad she has TV icon Felicia Mabuza-Suttle by her side during her stay in the US. Nomzamo seems to be settling in just fine in the US after news broke that she will feature in the *Coming to America* sequel. The star moved to Los Angeles several months ago and said the decision was made in faith that projects



FEELS AT HOME: Nomzamo Mbatha.

such as these would be available. Living it up in the US is not the only thing Nomzamo is enjoying, as she also finds joy in mentor Felicia's love and spoils. She and her mentor took to Twitter to express how they were enjoying one another's company and how much fun they were having together.

"I'm so blessed to have you on this side of the pond. (SOWETAN LIVE)

Ndamase blesses mom with new set of wheels

MIDRAND - While haters were bashing her, Mhlahli was collecting thousands of rands to surprise her mom with a brand new car. How's that for drinking water and minding your own business?



BLESSED: Mhlahli and her family.

The influencer spoilt her mom with a Jaguar F-Pace as a token of appreciation recently and posted a video of it on Instagram.

In the heartwarming video, Mhlahli's mom is seen shedding tears of joy as

she received her new set of wheels at a Sandton, Johannesburg, dealership.

"My biggest blessing in life is to make you proud and I pray I can continue to do so," Mhlahli wrote in the loving caption to the video.

It comes only weeks after she told fans that she wanted to buy her mom a house. It's a good feeling to see our parents shedding tears of joy rather than pain and sorrow. (Times Live)

'Don't get mad Felicity Huffman got light sentence'

NEW YORK - John Legend had an interesting take on Felicity Huffman's 14-day sentence in her college bribery scandal case, people are angry at the wrong thing.

John just said, "I get why everyone gets mad when rich person X gets a short sentence and poor person of colour Y gets a long one. The answer isn't for X to get more; it's for both of them to get less (or even none!!!). We should level down not up." Okay, time for a few opinions. First, John's right, especially



MY TAKE: John Legend.

when you're talking about equivalent crimes. But, in some cases, long sentences are appropriate. They need to be handed down fairly, with equality for all.

Now the bigger issue, a lot of people think prosecutors won the Felicity case. That's just ridiculous. Prosecutors suffered a blistering loss. When they announced they were filing 50 cases, they talked about how other prospective

students were being denied admission because of bribery by rich parents. (TMZ)

MTV 'Siesta Key' Paul arrested

NEW YORK - MTV reality star Pauly Paul was arrested Friday, because he just loved music a little too much. The "Siesta Key" star was busted for allegedly violating his probation in his weed case by leaving the county where he lives to attend the VMAs. It appears Pauly went from Sarasota, FL to Newark, NJ August 26 to attend the MTV VMAs. Doesn't sound like a problem, except he's required to get permission from his probation officer to travel out of state, and he didn't. Pauly also went to New



ARRESTED: Pauly Paul.

York City during the trip, which made things all the worse. He decided -- belatedly -- to report what he did to his probation officer August 29. That triggered the probation violation and Pauly surrendered Friday. He was released the same day, but faces jail time if the judge is out for blood. As reported, Pauly was arrested in June of last year after cops pulled him over and smelled weed. (TMZ)

Unathi Nkanyi revels in nurturing new talent

PRETORIA - Reality TV show *Idols SA* is staging its best season yet, mainly because it's finally letting the unmatched singing talent shine over gimmicks. The siren, kinder and magical chemistry of the three judges - Unathi Nkanyi, Randall Abrahams and Somizi Mhlongo - has made the show more bearable and reflective of a woke era.

The hallmark for past seasons with Marah Louw and Gareth Cliff on the judging panel was marred by on-screen banter and snide commentary. As a result, the raw talent and teen spirit of the show got lost and overshadowed by the judges' own insufferable theatrics. (Sowetan Live)



REVELS: Unathi Nkanyi.

Rouge wants to get over her crush on Jidenna

DURBAN - You have celeb crushes, like the one we have on Minnie Dlamini, and then you have what Rouge is feeling for Nigerian-US rapper Jidenna. Rouge has been crushing on the *Classic Man* star and told fans this week it's him or nobody. Asked if she would date a rapper, she said she wouldn't, joking that Jidenna had ruined it for everyone else. "Lol Jidenna done traumatised me. No longer crushing on celebs until further notice," she wrote in the caption, before saying he's "still fine though". She then appealed to her army



CRUSH: Rouge.

to help her get over dude like. (Sowetan Live)

Wayne bails on Blink-182 show

NEW YORK - Lil Wayne says he can't perform with Blink-182 in St. Louis because he was kicked out of his hotel and cops came swarming but we've learned there's two sides to this story. Wayne tweeted out the crappy news Saturday morning, saying he wouldn't be able to do the show at the Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre -- where he was set to take the stage with B-182 and Neck Deep -- due to some BS at the Ritz Carlton.



BAILS: Lil Wayne.

He said, "Sorry not doing the show tonight in St Lou kuz I was just kicked out the ritz and cops got involved so I gotta slide.

While Wayne claims to have been booted from the facility, the Clayton Police Department's interim Police Chief, Mark Smith, tells TMZ that Weezy and his crew were not asked to leave, and that they left voluntarily after a verbal dispute with the hotel staff. (TMZ)

Offset on joining FaZe Clan Esports team

NEW YORK - Think Offset is stoked to be part of the FaZe Clan, one of the biggest teams in gaming???

The Migos rapper, who's a huge gamer, recently became an investor in FaZe Clan -- and when we spotted him out in NYC, he couldn't contain his excitement!

Offset says gaming is becoming the "biggest s***t in the world", and he's right -- predicting it'll be a \$30 billion industry by 2022. "Big money," Offset says, "but

the thing is I do it for the children, for the culture. It's a way to get your mind away from things." Offset says he believes gaming "is a good thing for mental health" because it can help alleviate stress.

In fact, Offset says he wants to launch a project to help spread his message but warns our TMZ photog, "Don't steal my idea motherf***er!" And, if Offset wasn't cool enough already, watch him light up some random guy's cigarette as he walks into his building smooooooooth. (TMZ)



FIRED UP: Think Offset.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



PLANS: S'Khaleni.

When things don't go quite to plan Mabuyi and Slindile get in way over their heads with no rescue in sight. S'Khaleni plans to cut corners again, but it's not as easy as he thinks. Leo splashes money on Thokozani and Melusi worries what his real interest is in his sister.



TODAY



FORCED TO HELP: Lalage.

Lalage is forced to help and take action in spite of her feelings. Morongwa makes a disturbing discovery. Anja takes out her frustration on an old friend.



TODAY

Senamile's secret obsession over Azwindini prompts devious behaviour. Gugu's betrayal of Imani has far more implications than meets the eye. Warona and Shaz have sleepless nights thanks to their entrepreneur woes.



SLEEPLESS NIGHTS: Warona.



TODAY



FINDS OUT: Sindiswa.

Jamaica nurses a broken hand and a broken heart. Pearl is given the deposit by the Swedes. Sindiswa finds out who really owns her cash.

Bonang bought her cousin pinky girl a BMW, my cousin can't even buy me data. Some cousins need to be canceled Shame

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

It may seem like people are trying to pick fights with you today, Capricorn. Any opposition you encounter may have a loud roar, but in reality, there's very little bite to fear. Keep in mind that arguments may be unsubstantiated. Don't work yourself into frenzy over an issue that has no solid foundation to back it up. Don't be intimidated by fast talkers.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Kick up your heels and get moving, Aquarius. The fast-paced energy of the day is just what you need to get things done. You're ready to take action. You have power and strength behind you, so feel free to expand and explore this desire to conquer. New adventures are on the horizon now and you have a great opportunity to take advantage of situations that resonate with your true self.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

It may seem like everyone else has a purpose and project except you, Pisces. While everyone is charging out of the gate, you may still be unsure that this is the race you want to run. Don't push yourself into something you don't want to do. The energy of the day is fast and adventurous, but if you aren't feeling up for a fight, don't force it.



Aries March 21 – April 19

This is a great day for you, Aries. You'll find that long-term trends are coming together harmoniously. Connections are being made when you share good times and laughter with close friends and other people. Stick with the things that feel right. You have love and bravery to share with the world, so don't be afraid to go out and conquer. Take action and be strong.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Don't let others push you around today, Taurus. People may talk themselves up, but there's little behind the words. Be careful that you don't misfire. This is a day to care about you and your needs. Take steps toward making sure you're getting what you want. Connect with people you've met recently. There's significance in these serendipitous meetings.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Stay positive and radiant today, Gemini. This is a great day for you to take control. Connect with others on group projects and feel free to offer creative input. Let the artist within take the spotlight, and cultivate this talent in any way you can. Take the time to engage in long conversations with people regarding recent events. You have a great deal to



share.

Cancer June 22 – July 22

People may be tired of your harsh attitude, Cancer. This doesn't mean you should necessarily change your ways or who you are. Just be more aware of how your words affect others. Be prepared to take the heat when people defend themselves. Don't kick people around and expect them to never kick back. There's a frenzy of warlike energy in store for you today.



Leo July 23 – August 22

You may feel the need to act aggressively regarding this climactic period in your life, thanks to long-term trends. There's expansive energy today encouraging you to take action, Leo. There may be opposition, but keep in mind that you have a great deal of strength on your side. The warrior inside you is ready to fight, and you have a fire burning within.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Try not to be harsh and judgmental today, Virgo. You don't understand others' perspectives and the codes they live by. Differences are no reason to find fault with people. You have a powerful personality that's perceptive and creative. Use these gifts in a positive, healthy manner instead of using them to get down on others and their behaviour.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Long-term trends are coming to a favourable point for you, Libra. This is a good day to examine them and make some moves forward in pursuit of your goals. There's a great deal of energy working in your favour today and asking you to take charge and lead the fight toward a better reality. Get out of bed early and get moving.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

This isn't a day to sit around and wait for good fortune to come to you, Scorpio. It's time to make it happen. Get off the couch and get moving. Now that you've internalised, contemplated, and received information, it's time to direct that energy and wisdom outward. Express your creative, artistic self in any way you can.

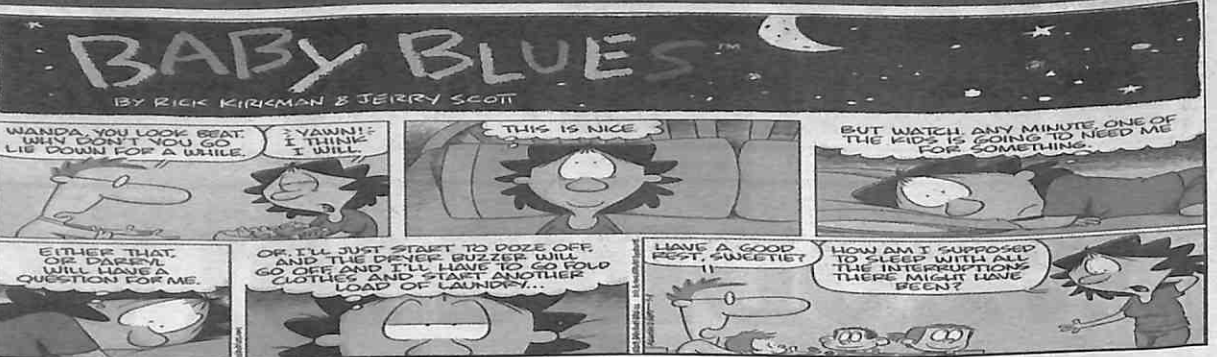


Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Get ready for action, Sagittarius, because today could be a fast-paced adventure sure to keep you on your toes. Your desire to fight and conquer is probably much stronger than usual, and communication with others is the very thing that will fuel this fire.



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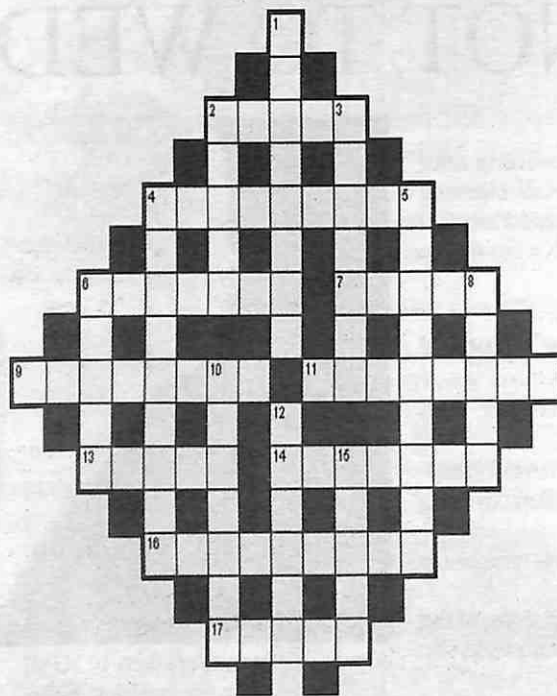


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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- Crown-like headdress (5)

Across

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- Unwilling (9)
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LOL

Laughing Out Loud

A drunk climbs on a bar stool

A drunk climbs on a bar stool in a bar and screams, "All lawyers are sneaky thieves." A man stands up and says, "Hey, I resent that

remark." The drunk shouts back, "Why, are you a lawyer?" "No," says the man, "I'm a sneaky thief."

DID YOU KNOW

- In the 19th century, experts warned women about a disease called bicycle face, which meant getting stuck with the awkward faces they made while biking.
- Until the 1980s, it was illegal for a woman to drive a car down Main Street in Waynesboro, Virginia, unless her hus-

- band was walking in front of the car waving a red flag.
- The voice of Mickey Mouse and the voice of Minnie Mouse got married IRL.
- For a short time, the planet Uranus was named...George

MOVIE QUIZ

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Movie Quiz

Friday's Quiz

- Which artist sang the song "Oh, Pretty Woman" from the film Pretty Woman?

Answer:
B. Roy Orbison

- Which 90's movie featured the Looney Tunes on its soundtrack?

Answer:
A. Space Jam

Today's Movie Quiz

- Which 90's movie featured the Looney Tunes on its soundtrack?

Answers:
A. Space Jam
B. Spaceship



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NEWS



WEDDING 101 WITH SOMHALE! - LTDWSOMIZI

WORKING on walking down the aisle soon? Here are some key things to remember when planning your big day!

Mzansi's favourite couple is well on their way to getting hitched! Every Thursday night we join Somizi and Mohale as the navigate friends, family and wild wedding plans leading up to their glorious big day!

So to celebrate the love birds we decided to take a look at some of the key things you need to consider and work on if you're planning to tie the knot sometime soon! Here's our Wedding 101 with SomHale:

Location is key

First things first. *Sishadisa kupi?* Location is crucial for not just the couple but the guests too! Thankfully though the options are endless. While traditional weddings are generally held at a homestead, the subsequent 'white wedding' can be held in the lap of luxury at a decadent hotel or be a beautiful intimate affair in a small setting.

If you truly want to go ultra-luxe (and eliminate a few unwanted guests) a destination wedding might be exactly what you want and need.

Guestlist

Perhaps the toughest part of working on a wedding is deciding who gets to come. Community is part and parcel of our DNA so it truly is hard leaving people out.

But with bottles of bubbles and salmon tartare not coming cheap, you have to ask yourself if



that aunt you last saw when we had M-Net Open Time is worth adding to list. Be careful though. Enemies greater than Cersei Lannister have been made through guest list elimination. Choose wisely!

Budget!

It goes without saying weddings can quickly

become insanely expensive! Work out the numbers carefully.

Re-think that chapel entrance that involves a helicopter and 100 white doves. Sometimes keeping it simple doesn't mean it has to look and feel cheap. So work within your budgets and make sure you don't over extend yourself. Remember, after the wedding *nizoba niyi-two*

endlini. Don't break the bank!

Work on that wardrobe

Trust the camera phones are going to be out and clicking away!

So it's imperative that you slay for the gods! Your wedding outfits form the cornerstone of the big day and will be immortalised forever in your big day's photo album. Don't cut corners and make sure you pick a tailor who delivers nothing but excellence, on time!

Food, glorious food!

This just might be our favourite part! Nothing gets people talking about a wedding like the food they had.

Thankfully most people are quite simple to please. As long as the food is well prepared, served on time and packed with flavour, you're guaranteed to have some happy attendees who'll be super grateful they made it to the guest list. If budget allows though we won't say no to some butter and herb baked oysters and seared rosemary ostrich medallions served with garlic rustic potatoes and French bordeaux. Who are we to say no to free food?

Relax!

Lastly, weddings can be a stressful affair. Last minute hiccups, small issues and unexpected changes can derail the special day and have you more focused on problem solving that celebrating love.

Don't let the memories of your nuptials be tainted by dark memories. Should problems arise, keep it going, keep it flowing.

You ultimately can't control everything. It's your big day and you deserve to enjoy every second of it! Catch *Living The Dream* with Somizi every Thursday at 20:00 on Mzansi Magic, DSTV 161.

TO WED OR NOT TO WED? – THE THRONE

AN unexpected guest arrives and causes a stir.

You know what they say about skeletons in the closet. They always have a way of coming out!

King Sello Morule learnt this the hard way, when an unexpected guest showed up at the royal event, celebration his union with Odirile, as husband and wife.

I mean, the celebration was announced on Monday and an invite was extended to all the villagers so anyone and everyone could attend, but who is this stranger though?

We don't know much about Sello, nor do we know how their relationship started but here's what we know:

They're Kweneng's royal cou-

ple:

Odirile returned to Kweneng after being banished by Mosadi, claiming she and Sello were married and further challenged the BaKwena for the throne.

They're Kweneng's Bonnie and Clyde:

Listen! These two have done it all together.

From faking DNA results to kidnapping and torture, as well as covering a murder!

Mosadi had just two days to organize everything.

From the wedding invitations, to the décor and catering. We must say, she did an amazing job!

Everything was set, the couple looked



lovely in their outfits, then BOOM! It all seemed to come crashing, as the unexpected guest walked down the

aisle towards the couple, demanding an explanation from Sello. Is Sello and Odirile's marriage legit?

What's going to happen now? Stay tuned to #TheThroneMzansi every Monday – Thursday at 7pm.

WHAT TO WATCH ON DSTV THIS WEEK

Man of steel

Genre: Fantasy, Sci-fi

Friday on 1 Magic

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Billionaire Boys Club

Genre: Drama, Thriller,

Saturday at 21:00 on M-Net

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Peppermint

Genre: Drama, Thriller

Sunday at 20:05 on M-Net

Jennifer Garner is dangerous and deadly in this action thriller. After her family is murdered, a woman seeks revenge against all those involved: from the cartel to the police.

Along Came A Spider

Genre: Thriller

Tonight 21:00 on BET

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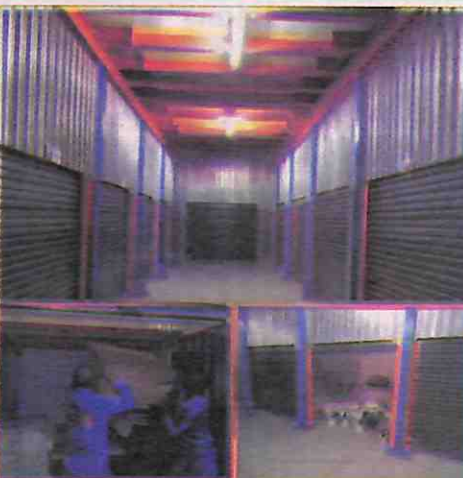
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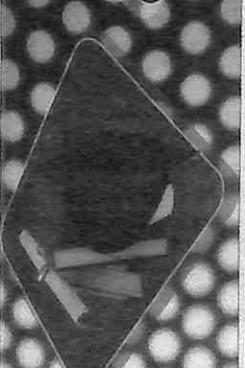
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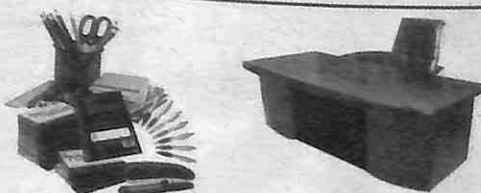


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The City boss joked that Jurgen Klopp's side have won the league after Norwich overcame Man City 3-2, with Liverpool defeating Newcastle 3-1 to go five points clear at the top.

Speaking to reporters after the shock defeat to the newly-promoted Canaries, Guardiola joked that the Reds have already clinched the league title.

"We're in September... we're going to do that? Okay: congratulations, Liverpool, you are the champions."

"We're in September! We'll recover, go to Ukraine, then we come back."

"Of course, we've dropped five points. Tottenham was a pity because we played very well."

"Against Norwich, it was in the important parts, in set pieces for example, that the players have to know exactly what to do."

Liverpool moved five points clear of City at the top of the table after securing their fifth victory in as many games, where they became the first team in top-flight history to win 14 consecutive matches

while scoring more than once each time.

The Citizens, meanwhile, sit second after suffering their first loss of the campaign, having also dropped points earlier in the season as they drew 2-2 with Spurs back in August.

Guardiola did, however, play down any concerns this early in the season, expressing his delight at working with the current group of players.

"It's a joy as a trainer to be with these guys," said the City manager. "I don't know what's going to happen this season until the last part of my period here."

"But not even one second am I going to doubt what the players have done for me, for the club, for everybody. I am a guy who says the truth all the time," he added. "In the changing room, I speak with them and at the same time I know the commitment in every single training session and in all they do."

Goal



CONGRATS: Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp.

Manchester City's defence comes under the spotlight

MANCHESTER - It was fitting that Manchester City chose this week to honour one of their greatest defenders.

Fitting, too, that Pep Guardiola's current crop chose on Saturday night to illustrate the hole Vincent Kompany has left at the heart of their back four. If only this trip to Norwich was a testimonial, too. After five games, it would be foolish to suggest this brilliant side are out of the title race. But as Liverpool march on, City are giving themselves plenty of ground to make up.

Five points is now the gap after Norwich stunned Guardiola's side at Carrow Road. No one in City

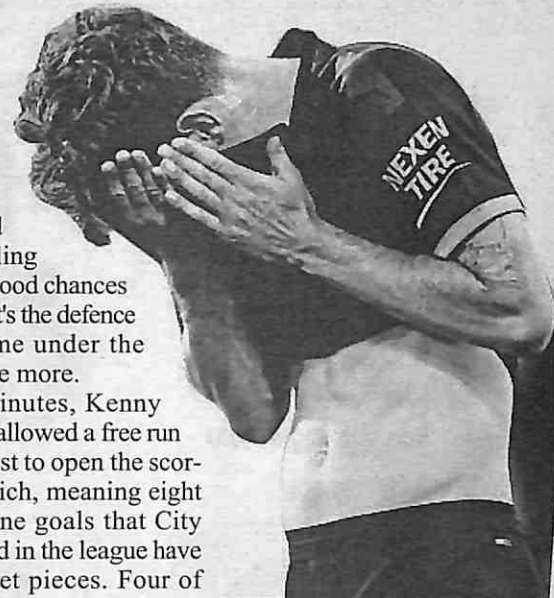
colours did much to enhance their reputation in the 3-2 defeat - Sergio Aguero and Raheem Sterling both missed good chances to score - but it's the defence that will come under the spotlight once more.

After 18 minutes, Kenny McLean was allowed a free run to the near post to open the scoring for Norwich, meaning eight of the last nine goals that City have conceded in the league have come from set pieces. Four of

those have come from corners.

On Saturday their issues extended to open play, too. Kyle Walker played Todd Cantwell inside in the build up to the second and, after the break, Nicolas Otamendi's unforgivable decision to dawdle on the ball inside his own area allowed Emi Buendia to nick the ball and set up Norwich's third.

The Argentine has now made five errors leading to goals in the Premier League since Pep Guardiola took over. John Stones - who gave his centre back partner the fateful pass - has made three. The rest of City's outfield stars have made two between them. *Daily Mail*



Rashford has 13 goals in his last 38 Premier League

MANCHESTER - Marcus Rashford finally got what he always wanted this summer: the keys to the Manchester United attack.

Since he burst onto the scene under Louis van Gaal in 2016, Rashford had not been a regular starter. He was playing second fiddle to Romelu Lukaku, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and anyone else considered superior to the clearly talented, but still very raw, England youngster.

Rashford's status at the club changed this summer when Lukaku left for Inter Milan and he finally got the chance to be United's main man. But after just five games of the new season, doubts have already arisen over whether he can lead them back to the summit of English football.

United have had an underwhelming start to the season, winning just two of their opening five matches. Rashford has played all but five

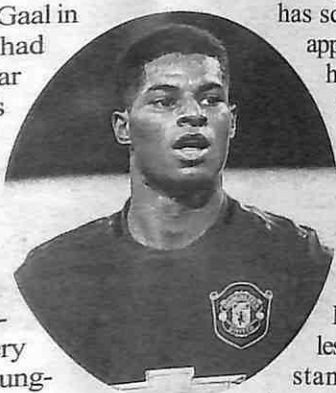
minutes of those games, managing three goals and one assist and it is that inconsistency that leaves doubts over his ability.

Since the start of the 2018/19 Premier League campaign, Rashford has scored 13 goals in 38 appearances, which gives him a minutes per goal ratio of 214. When comparing that to the rest of the top flight's leading strikers, it is worryingly high.

To make things worse, just across Manchester, the ruthless Sergio Aguero is the standard-bearer. The

Argentine has made the same number of appearances in the top flight as Rashford since August 2018 but has managed a goal every 101 minutes.

Liverpool ace Mohamed Salah has one every 142, despite playing five more times. Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (124), Harry Kane (143) and Chelsea starlet Tammy Abraham (114) have all proven to be more reliable in front of goal than Rashford. *Daily Mail*



'Sometimes you have to say things face to face'

LONDON - Sadio Mane has revealed he spoke to Mohamed Salah 'face to face' after his angry outburst during Liverpool's victory over Burnley.

Mane scored in the 3-0 win at Turf Moor two weeks ago but reacted angrily after Salah chose to shoot rather than pass to him during a promising attack late in the game.

The Senegal international was substituted in the closing stages and proceeded to shout and throw his training jacket to the floor as he took his place on the bench. Initially, it appeared that Mane was unhappy with being replaced but it transpired he was in fact furious at Salah's perceived selfishness. The 27-year-old was quizzed about the incident after Liverpool con-

tinued their fine start to the season with a 3-1 win over Newcastle on Saturday and revealed the pair have now buried the hatchet. "With Salah? It's forgotten," Mane said to Canal+. "These are things that happen in football. Sometimes you have to say things face to face. Sometimes it happens that I am not given the pass."

Daily Mail

Pochettino challenges Serge Aurier

LONDON - Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino has challenged Serge Aurier to make the right-back spot his own after his impressive display in the 4-0 win over Crystal Palace.

The Ivory Coast international was playing his first game of the season - and making his first Premier League start since February - and provided two assists in Spurs' joint biggest win at their new stadium.

Aurier, who has recovered from a hand injury picked up at the Africa Cup of Nations, has said he wanted

to leave the club over the summer but appears to have a second chance - providing he can be consistent.

"I think he was very happy," Pochettino said of the right-back. "We were very happy too. I think the performance was great. "First half was fantastic, his concentration and focus. "Now he needs to show and be consistent. It's not only one game and the second game the focus and intensity start to drop."

"That is the key in our team, not only him but all the players."

Daily Mail



Decide who makes it to the

Voting lines for The Spotlight have officially opened after the Top 30 contestants rendered their debut performances on The Spotlight show on Eswatini TV last night. The judges allowed each contestant an opportunity to perform for your vote to continue to the next round of the competition. It is now your turn to decide who stays on the show as the performers battle their way to become Eswatini's superstar.

So, if you want your favorite acts to stay in the running of The Spotlight, make sure that you vote as many times as possible. Voting opens every Sunday at 6pm and closes every Friday at 3pm.



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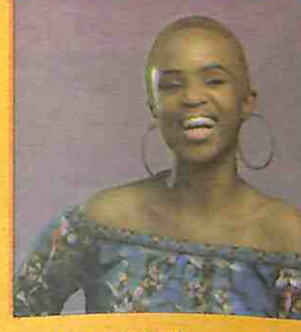
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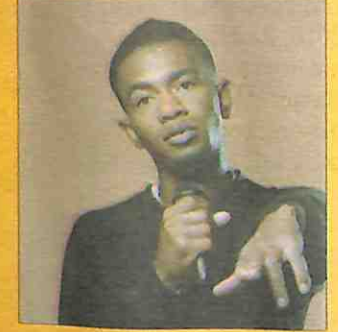
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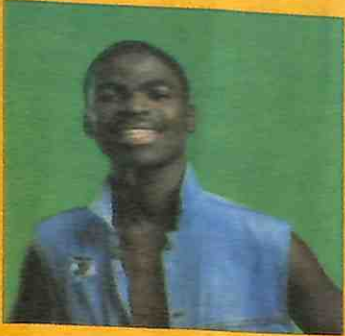


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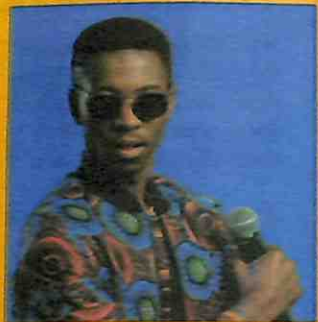
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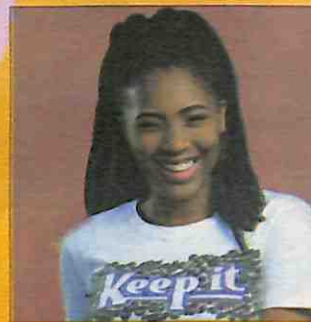
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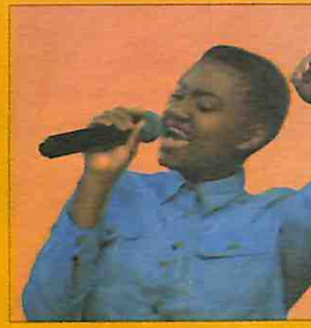
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HOW HUNT BROKE NXUMALO'S HEART

JOHANNESBURG - Clubless free agent Prince Nxumalo says his heart is still recovering from what happened to him at Bidvest Wits recently.

The 29-year-old striker was recently released from his contract by the former Absa Premiership champions even though he only joined two months ago, after signing a pre-contract last season.

This means the Durban-born centre-forward was released without even kicking a ball.

"I think the coach didn't want to waste time by keeping someone he

was not going to use, you see. He told me he was not going to use me this season," Nxumalo tells *KickOff.com*.

"To be honest this surprised me, and it also surprised many people at Wits [sighing]... it's like only two months you see... I don't know how can I explain this to you.

He didn't say anything more... I also don't understand what happened [sighing].

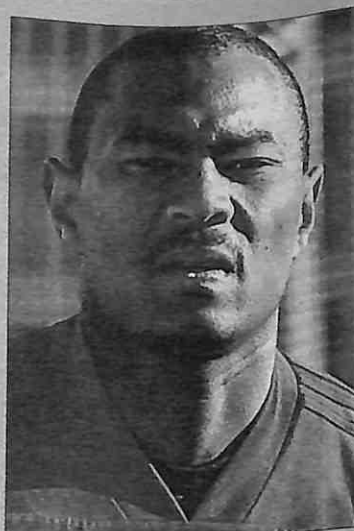
"It did hurt me obviously, even now my heart is still broken. But maybe it's part of football, I'm not the first one to experience this. It's something I have to live with and continue with

life. "You can call coach [Gavin] Hunt, he will tell you since I've been there I have never had a problem with him and he has never had a problem with me.

I don't think it's about discipline, in fact I'm sure it's not about discipline, maybe it's something else."

Does he regret leaving Ajax Cape Town? "I don't want to talk about the Ajax people anymore... Ajax gave me a chance to play but... ja I don't want to talk about it anymore."

Nxumalo has had his fair share of challenges in his career, among them suffering from epilepsy, but insists



HURT: Prince Nxumalo.

what happened to him at the Clever Boys had nothing to do with his illness. "No it's been maybe three years now without experiencing anything. I can't even remember when was the last time I got sick but it was at Ajax, but I left Ajax in a healthy condition. This is the third year for me without experiencing anything of that sort," he reveals.

"At the moment I'm at home in Umlazi. It's quiet at the moment. I was looking at playing in the PSL as I'm from the NFD last season at Ajax Cape Town you see. My plan was to play PSL football this season. At the moment I gym at Virgin Active as I've got a membership there."

Kick-Off



NEYMAR IGNORES BOOS, RESCUES PSG

PARIS - Neymar marked his controversial return to the Paris Saint Germain team on Saturday by scoring a sensational last-minute goal to beat Strasbourg, but was booed throughout by home fans.

The Parc des Princes faithful showed the Brazilian that they were unimpressed with his attempts to force a transfer back to his former club Barcelona during the summer.

Banners and jeers greeted the Brazilian as Thomas Tuchel included him in the starting line-up for the champions for the first time this season, but the mode changed drastically when fired in a stun-

ning overhead kick in the final moments to win the game.

He had the ball in the net for the second time moments later but it was disallowed by the video assistant referee for offside.

There were chants and banners using vulgar language about Neymar throughout, including a reference to the €20m he had reportedly said he would pay in order to join Barcelona.

A statement before the game from the club's supporters group warned Neymar that his actions "cannot be without consequence" after he missed the team's first five games of the season due to the

transfer saga.

Collectif Ultras Paris wrote in a statement published on Saturday: "The Virage Auteuil, in which the most loyal supporters of the club are grouped, has the duty to show him that all his actions cannot be without consequence.

"Therefore, we invite all the Parisian supporters who have felt hurt at one point or another to show him that he no longer has the right to make mistakes and the path of redemption will be long... very long. "It's out of the question that we will penalise the team due to a single player."

Goal

Black coaches undermined - Ace

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs legend Donald Ace Khuse has expressed his unhappiness with the way he believes South African football treats black coaches.

Khuse has been one of those coaches in the country who has not been given many opportunities in either club first teams or national junior sides, despite his experience as a footballer and coach.

'Ace' expressed his disappointment at how he believes black coaches are treated in the country.

"I feel not only me but black coaches are being undermined in South African football, they are not taken seriously. They probably think we cannot do what they want us to do,"

Khuse lamented. "If they can give us fair chances, like two or three-years contract and see what can you do, if you fail then take you out. We usually get a few games then you're out, they then hire white coaches and give them different treatment. It will take time for black coaches to be respected in this country."

However, Khuse is comforted by the appointment of Molefi Ntseki as Bafana Bafana coach and is hoping SAFA and the football community give him the same respect as white coaches. "It's good to see Molefi Ntseki at Bafana Bafana, he's been in the national setup for years, he understands what is needed."

Kick-Off

PLAYTIME IS OVER! BARCA MEAN BUSINESS

BARCELONA - Playtime is over.

Barcelona proved that as they routed Valencia on Saturday in La Liga, even if it was a 16-year-old kid running the show.

Ansu Fati, on his first start for the Spanish champions, scored the first goal and set up the second for Frenkie de Jong in a 5-2 victory

at Camp Nou. After the international break there are often cobwebs to be blown away, but with a string of big matches impending - this the first of seven games in under a month, with the Champions League back - there was no time to fool around.

Luis Suarez returned from injury, on as a substitute, to net a second half brace which helped Barcelona rack up a scoreline announcing they mean business.

The first three matches (lost, won, drawn) had their ups and downs, giving August a 'settling in' feel - but now the Catalans are hitting their stride. The propelling force was Ansu Fati, this remarkable 16-year-old showing killer instinct to float into the right position and drill home the opener inside two minutes. The Guinean forward then created



ON FIRE: Ansu Fati celebrates Barcelona's first goal against Valencia.

the second with a fine dribble and measured cut-back for De Jong to smash home. The pass oozed maturity and patience, because from the byline it would have been tempting to smash the ball wildly across the face of goal, hoping for a runner to make contact. *Goal*

Tyson Fury maintains unbeaten record against Otto Wallin

LAS VEGAS - Tyson Fury went to hell and back again.

This time physically through a curtain of blood in Sin City, not from the depths of mental illness back home.

Two gaping cuts at Fury's right eye threatened to rob him of his lineal world heavyweight title and of the multi-millions awaiting him in that mega-rematch with WBC champion Deontay Wilder. Those mighty incentives kept him going

all the way from the third round as the blood poured from cuts above the right eye and in that eyelid, the first inflicted by a punch but the second by a clash of heads with Sweden's unexpectedly skilled and demonstrably valiant Otto Wallin.

The Gypsy King had to plumb his own depths of his courage to stave off a second massive upset in a year of a champion British heavyweight, following Anthony Joshua's crash against Andy

Ruiz Jr.

The scorecards were overwhelmingly unanimous in his favour at the end but Fury fought for nine rough-house rounds on the precipice of referee Tony Weeks or the doctors calling it off.

The more the blood poured down, turning his white shorts red, the more gallantly Fury went for the finish which would take those judgements out of the hands of the officials. *Daily Mail*

Impressive Watford deny Arsenal victory

LONDON - Arsenal threw away a two-goal lead as they drew 2-2 with Watford in the Premier League last night at Vicarage Road.

Mesut Ozil earned his first start of the season alongside Dani Ceballos and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang in the attacking third for the Gunners.

Tom Cleverley launched the first big chance with a powerful shot from range on ten minutes after the defence back-peddled, but Bernd Leno palmed for a corner. Arsenal continued living dangerously thereafter, as Gerard Deulofeu played in Jose Holebas who failed to take aim with a poor effort from a gaping scenario.

Watford were made to pay for

their missed chances inside 21 minutes when Aubameyang turned in the area to fire in the bottom corner from Sead Kolasinac's pass.

Aubameyang doubled his and his side's tally on 32 minutes as he got on the end of Ainsley Maitland-Niles cross to tap into an empty net.

The Hornets showed renewed energy following the restart, but the Gunners guided their defensive lines effectively to keep their counterparts at bay. From absolute nothing, Cleverley hit home a first time shot on 52 minutes following Sokratis Papastathopoulos's miscalculated pass inside the area to halve the deficit.

Daily Mail



CELEBRATES: Roberto Pereyra scores Watford's equaliser in the 2-2 draw with Arsenal.

'After that performance there's no way he beats me'

LAS VEGAS - Andy Ruiz Jr has dismissed thoughts of Tyson Fury beating him in the future after the Brit overcame a nasty cut to beat Otto Wallin in Las Vegas.

Ruiz, who fights Anthony Joshua in a Saudi Arabian rematch in December, was seemingly unimpressed by Fury's unanimous points victory.

Posting a tweet straight after the fight, Ruiz said 'after that performance there's no way he beats me with a hand tied behind his back.'

It was a tough evening in Vegas for Fury, who was a heavy favourite with the bookies before the fight. However, a cut above the right eye sustained in the third round resulted in a hectic bout, and numerous medical check ups by doctors ringside. Nonetheless, despite blood gushing out, Fury overcame a fatigued opponent, and won as all three judges scored in his favour.

It was a unanimous victory, with totals of 116-112, 117-111 and 118-110.

But Ruiz, whose victory in June against Joshua was one of the all-time heavyweight shocks, clearly backs himself against Fury, particularly after witnessing what was a strenuous evening for the linear heavyweight champion.

Daily Mail

Baroka reign victorious in Limpopo derby

THOHOYANDOU - Baroka FC claimed the bragging rights in the Limpopo derby after defeating Black Leopards 2-0 at the Thohoyandou Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Lidoda Duvha made three changes from their first win of the season against Maritzburg United before the FIFA break, with Donashano Malama getting a start alongside two veterans, Robert Ng'ambi and Cuthbert Malajila. Meanwhile, Bakgaga also had three changes and were boosted by the return of captain Mduduzi Mdantsane.

Leopards were lively in the opening exchanges, with Lesedi Kapinga their main threat going forward, providing the spark and creativity but they could not yet create clear openings.

Wedson Nyirenda's charges were growing in the game after that and they eventually broke the deadlock in the 33rd minute thanks to Mfanafuthi Shoji, who squeezed

a close range shot at the near post after Gerald Phiri Junior's free-kick from an acute angle slipped between the legs of goalkeeper Jonas Mendes.

Lionel Soccoia's men were spirited to stage a comeback and Mwape Musonda had their best chance four minutes before the break after going through on goal inside the box but he rushed his move and struck a volley that was saved by shot-stopper Elvis Chipezeze and the visitors escaped with a 1-0 lead going to the break.

Lidoda Duvha were pressurising the visitors searching for the equaliser early in the second stanza but they were leaving themselves exposed at the back on counter-attacks and Bakgaga caught them on a break in the 67th minute, as Tshidiso Patjie made it 0-2 with a spectacular curling strike from the edge of the box, that hit the far top post and ricocheted to the other post before crossing the line.

Soccer Laduma

Wilson's double helps Bournemouth defeat Everton

LONDON - Callum Wilson scored twice for Bournemouth as they enjoyed a 3-1 home victory over a defensively fragile Everton side to move into mid-table in the Premier League yesterday.

Everton began strongly in the south-coast sunshine with Richarlison thumping the woodwork with a dipping drive.

Wilson nodded the hosts into the lead from a corner in the 23rd minute only for Dominic Calvert-Lewin to level it up with a header just before the break - Everton's first away goal in the league this season.

Ryan Fraser's dangerous ball into the area flicked off Everton's Fabian Delph in the 67th minute to restore Bournemouth's

lead before Wilson exploited some dreadful defending five minutes later.

It was Bournemouth's first home win of the season.

Everton, who could have gone third with a win, are now 11th, below Bournemouth on goal difference with both clubs having seven points from five games *Daily Mail*



HELPS: Callum Wilson scored twice for Bournemouth as they enjoyed a 3-1 home victory over Everton.

Celtic add to Stellenbosch's misery

Bloemfontein - Stellenbosch FC extended their winless run in the ABSA Premiership to five matches after suffering defeat to Bloemfontein Celtic on Sunday afternoon.

New signing Robyn Johannes was drafted straight into the the Stellies lineup while last season's top scorer Iqraam Rayners dropped to the bench in favour of Waseem Isaacs.

After a quiet opening to the game, the visitors went close to breaking the deadlock after 19 minutes when the returning Jackson Mabokgwane tipped Morgan Gould's header over the crossbar.

Stellies were gifted the opening goal in the 34th minute as Mabokgwane

failed to hold onto Isaacs' tame strike from the edge of the box, which rolled through the Celtic shot-stopper's legs.

Celtic looked for an immediate response and went close five minutes before the halftime break as Johannes cleared Given Mashikinya's effort off the line while Isaacs rattled the woodwork at the other end from a free-kick.

The second half started in similar fashion to the first, but Celtic were eventually level on the hour mark as Ramasimong Maloisane caught Marc van Heerden

to nod home at the far post.

The turnaround was complete two minutes later when Siphelele Luthuli found the bottom corner with a superb first-time effort from the edge of the box after Stellies failed to clear.

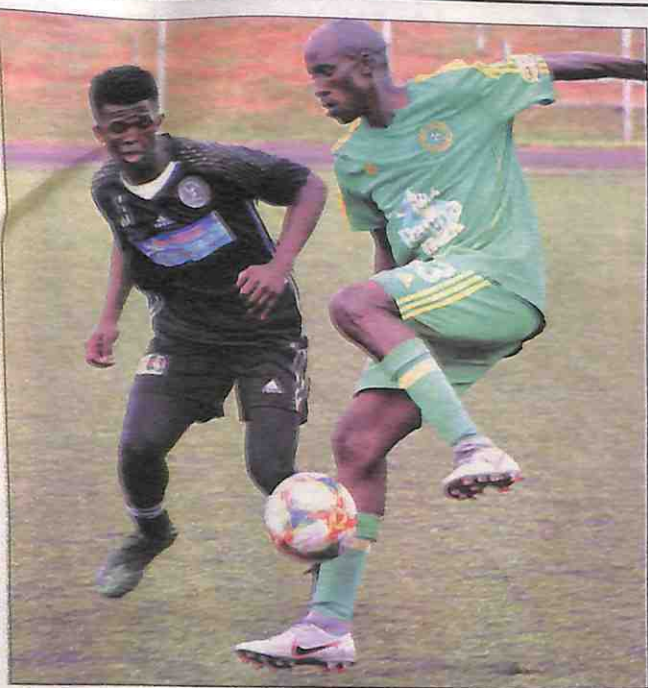
With Stellenbosch desperate for an equaliser, coach Steve Barker threw on Dickson Afoakwa for Jarrod Moroole in the final 15 minutes of the second half.

However, the change did not change the outcome for the visitors as Celtic walked away with the spoils while Stellies remain winless. *Kick-Off*





MTN Premier League 2019/20



CHALLENGE: Mbabane Highlanders' Lindani Matsenjwa challenging Milling Hot Spurs' Futhi Gama during the MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Highlanders won 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

MBA. HIGHLANDERS 1-0 MILLING



TUSSE: Lungelo Nyoni and Peter Dlamini in a tussle for the ball.



EISH: Milling Hot Spurs substitutes react after their side missed a scoring chance.



LOOK: Highlanders fan Elijah Mavimbela mocking Milling Hot Spurs.

TSANI CABU: Silevu sharing a can of beer with an elderly fan.



BEHIND: Hot Spurs' Linda Mbuli tries to mark Highlanders' Menzi Sithole.



Ndimiso Mabuza and Futhi Gama vying for the ball.



ASIJAYIVE GOGO: Highlanders fans celebrating their victory with this elderly woman.



MY BALL: Highlanders' Josep Lekata wins the ball from Hot Spurs players.



NET: Highlanders goal scored by Siboniso Lukhele (not in the picture)



THANK YOU: Highlanders players wave to the supporters after the game.



MTN Premier League 2019/20

SWALLOWS 2-1 MHLUME PEACEMAKERS



BALL CONTROL: Mbabane Swallows' Vusumuzi Zungu controls the ball while Mhlume Peacemakers' Mancoba Zwane pushes him during the MTN Premier League game at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Swallows won 2-1. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



HHA! Peacemakers goalkeeper Innocent Obodai Adja reacts after Swallows captain Tony Tsabedze scores (not in the picture) scores the first goal.



ANOTHER GOAL: Swallows winning goal scored by Sandile Hlatjwako.



MOVE: Peacemakers' Gcina Mkhabela challenges Swallows' Mncedisi Dlamini.



SCORING MACHINE: Swallows first goal scorer Tony 'TT' Tsabedze outpacing Peacemakers' Dino Hlatjwako.



IN PAIN: Injured Swallows' Mncedisi Dlamini being attended.



ON AIR: Peacemakers' Emmanuel Nsiah sandwiched by Swallows' Tony Tsabedze and Thabiso Mkonkoane.



AND THEN: Mhlume Peacemakers coach Chiragwi Takesure on the touchline.



IT'S TOUGH: Mhlume Peacemakers' Sihawu Dlamini and Mbabane Swallows' Sandile Hlatjwako dashing for the ball.



JOB WELL DONE: Sandile Hlatjwako being congratulated by his captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze after scoring the winning goal.



UP THE BIRDS: Mbabane Swallows supporters celebrating their first goal.

RASHEED MOHAMMED WINS MTN MASTERS

BY COLISILE SACOLO

GOLF - THE September MTN Monthly Masters hosted by the Mbabane Golf Club produced a long list of surprise winners, which saw the top prize snatched by one of the longest serving golfers Rasheed Mohammed.

Mohammed, a popular figure at the club who has been in the game for the last 20 years, is not a regular winner but a highly committed, consistent and competitive golfer. This explains why his surprise victory with a record 40 points was on Saturday met with loud cheers and ululations from the 54 golfers who participated in this popular monthly competition.

Mohammed noted that it has been close to two years since he last won the prestigious MTN Monthly Masters and attributed the excellent performance to his renewed short game, particularly chipping around the green. "Admittedly, it's been a while since I last won it and feels very good. I've always come close but the difference this time is that I birdied all the par fives and got a couple of pars," he said.

He further stated that he was motivated by his fourball, which com-



WELL DONE: Rasheed Mohammed receives his award from MTN's Meshack Maseko. (Courtesy pic)

prised senior players in the likes of Gideon Mhlango, Evert Madlopha and Dumsani Msibi, who all unfortunately did not make it to the podium this time around.

"Credit should go to the Mbabane Golf Club committee and the sponsor MTN for such a well organised event. Every player always looks forward to participating in the Monthly

Masters because it's well run and the prizes are good," Mohammed said.

The second place with 39 points went to Tamie Selbea, who is another surprise package and a rare figure on the winners' podium. The most interesting bombshell was third place winner Siphehile Mhlanga, who carded 38 points. The 14-year-old was placed a point ahead of profes-

THE WINNERS:

1. Rasheed Mohammed -40 points
2. Tamie Selbea -39 points
3. Siphehile Mhlanga -38 points
4. Peter Dlamini -36 points
5. Leon Bashasha -35 points
6. Mzamo Dlamini -35 points
7. Senzo Bartjes -35 points
8. Kenneth Nkambule -35 points
9. Albert Mhlanga -35 points
10. Stephen Mavuso -35 points
11. Teboho Mohapelo -34 points
12. Sifiso Zubuko -33 points
13. Sandile Chonco -33 points
14. Cosmo Mthethwa -33 points
15. Sifiso Dlamini -33 points
16. Valentine Maziya -33 points
17. Sam Richards -33 points
18. Nomvuyo Dladu -30 points

Novelties

2/11 Mzamo Dlamini
8/17 Mduduzi Mtsetfwa
8/17 Nkosingiphile Mabuza

Longest Drive: Siboniso Mkhwanazi

sional golfer Peter 'Mkata' Dlamini, who finished fourth. A list of six players carded 35 points, and most of them can be classified in the surprise package category. They comprised Leon Bashasha, Mzamo Dlamini, Senzo Bartjes, Kenneth Nkambule, Albert Mhlanga and Stephen Mavuso respectively. Meanwhile, the best lady golfer prize was scooped by Nomvuyo Dladu with 30 points.

■ Former England captain David Beckham has stepped up his bid to bring Barcelona forward Lionel Messi to his new Major League Soccer franchise Inter Miami by sending representatives to speak to the 32-year-old Argentina international's father. (*Sun on Sunday*)

■ Inter Miami are also interested in signing 30-year-old Wales forward Gareth Bale from Real Madrid. (*Maxifoot - in French*)

■ Manchester United are interested in signing Real Madrid's Germany midfielder Toni Kroos, 29, in January in a swap deal involving 26-year-old France midfielder Paul Pogba. (*Bild - in German*)



■ Spain goalkeeper David de Gea, 28, has signed a new four-year deal with United worth about £250 000 a week, rising to £350 000 a week with performance-related clauses. (*Sunday Mirror*)

■ England forward Callum Hudson-Odoi, 18, will seal a new five-year deal at Chelsea after returning from injury. (*Sun on Sunday*)

■ Liverpool have opened contract talks with 27-year-old Senegal forward Sadio Mane. (*SoccerLink, via Sport Witness*)

■ Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen, 27, is holding out for a January move from Tottenham to Real Madrid. (*Marca - in Spanish*)

■ AC Milan and Inter Milan are interested in signing Serbia midfielder Nemanja Matic, 31, from Manchester United in January. (*Corriere Dello Sport - in Italian*)

■ Manchester United sent scouts to watch Fenerbahce striker Vedat Muriqi, 25, in action for Kosovo against England last week. (*Sunday Express*)

■ Eighteen-year-old Argentine midfielder Thiago Almada, who was interesting Manchester City, has signed a new four-year contract with Velez Sarsfield. (*Manchester Evening News*)

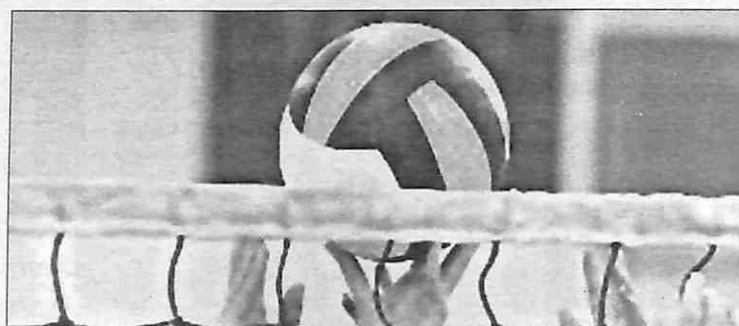


■ Wolves owners Fosun are understood to be looking for fresh investment to help the club challenge at the top of the Premier League and are willing to sell a 20 per cent stake in the club. (*Express and Star*)

■ Newcastle manager Steve Bruce has been given the go-ahead to bring in new players in January, with a particular focus on wingers. (*Chronicle*)

■ Juventus' 33-year-old Croatia forward Mario Mandzukic, who was linked with Manchester United over the summer, is close to a move to MLS side LAFC. (*Calciomercato*)

■ English defender Tyrone Mings, 26, says he was surprised when Aston Villa decided to pay £20m to sign him from Bournemouth in the summer. (*Express and Star*)



Correctional beat Bob Cats as VB League returns

BY JONGILE XUBA

VOLLEYBALL - CORRECTIONAL maintained their perfect start in the Nedbank Volleyball League after defeating Bob Cats 3-1.

The Correctional Services are on course for their title defence as Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) beat Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) 3-0 in a forces derby.

Other results saw REPS beat Ludzeldudze 3-0 with Bob Cats winning 3-0 against Mahlanya in their second match.

In the ladies league, Correctional defeated Siteki Ladies 3-0, while REPS also won 3-0 against Bob Ladies. Chilly Babes had a good day out with a 3-0 win against Zakhele, while UEDF Ladies brushed aside Zakhele 3-0.

Eswatini National Netball Association (ENNA) Vice Secretary Eric Zwane said teams were looking good in the second round after

RESULTS:			
MEN			
Bob Cats	3-0	Mahlanya	
REPS	3-0	UEDF	
REPS	3-0	Ludzeldudze	
Bob Cats	1-3	Correctional	
LADIES			
Correctional	3-0	Siteki	
REPS	3-0	Bob Ladies	
Chilly	3-0	Zakhele	
Zakhele	3-0	UEDF	

bolstering their squads.

"The game of the day was between Bob Cats and Correctional with the two sides showing competitiveness. We also saw a lot of improvement in the other teams after they signed new players.

He added they expected the league to be open this year compared to the previous season and thanked the sponsors for funding the league.

"We are very grateful to Nedbank for giving us such an opportunity to play the league. This year will not be a one horse as the other teams are also showing signs of improvement."

Over 100 athletes at taekwondo juniors grading

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

TAEKWONDO - OVER 100 athletes attended the last Taekwondo grading of year held at the Zakhele Hall on Saturday.

The juniors came from over five local clubs to showcase their skills under the various categories lined-up for the day.

The yellow belt had the most number of athletes as 42 of them were elevated from the white belt.

The second most category was the yellow belt, which had 34 athletes while 14 were elevated from the green belt.

The two most outstanding teams were Next Generation and RSSC.

Eswatini Taekwondo Federation Secretary Mbongeni Sibandze said they were happy with the proceedings of the grading.

"We are quite excited the competition went well as we had an impressive attendance on the day. We encourage teams to working hard and we further thank them for attending the grading in their numbers. We will announce the next competition in due course," he said



GRADING: Some of the juniors athletes who competed in the Eswatini Taekwondo Federation Grading pose during the competition that was held on Saturday at Zakhele Hall. (Courtesy pic)

BLACK SWALLOWS JUMP TO FOURTH SPOT AFTER DENVER WIN

BY JONGILE XUBA

Black Swallows..... 1(1)
Denver Sundowns..... 0(0)

SOCCER - BLACK Swallows jumped to the fourth spot in the MTN Premier League after beating Denver Sundowns 1-0 at Killarney Stadium yesterday.

An early first half penalty converted by Mbuso Dladla was enough to give the Pigg's Peak based side the much needed three points.

With home ground advantage, Black Swallows started the match like a house on fire as they were all over the opposition.

Rewarded

Their intention and pressing was rewarded in the 10th minute when a penalty was awarded by referee Mbongiseni Shongwe. Mbuso Dladla calmly put it away to register the first goal of the match. Sundowns stepped up their resolve, getting more chances as the half dragged on but none of them were converted. Denver Sundowns coach Christopher Ennin then made a 35th minute substitution, bringing on Siginiseko Dhlamandla for Siyabonga



ALL SMILES: Black Swallows players celebrate their goal during their MTN match against Denver Sundowns at Killarney Stadium yesterday. Black Swallows won the match 1 - 0. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

Ginindza. No further chances fell to either side as they went to break with Black Swallows leading 1-0. The second half had more action with Sundowns getting more chances, testing Black Swallows' resolve. Denver had a penalty appeal denied in the 60th minute by the referee after the ball was handled in the box by the Swallows defence. A

couple more chances fell to Denver with the best going to Mxolisi Bhembe whose shot was high and wide two minutes from full time.

Black Swallows held out for the all-important win to put them on seven points and into the top four, moving up four places to continue their maiden Premier League campaign stay.

WE DESERVED A BETTER RESULT - PELEMBE

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - BIDVEST Wits star Elias Pelembe believes his side deserved a better result after losing 0-1 to Young Buffaloes in the CAF Confederation Cup Qualifiers played at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

Interviewed after the match, the Mozambique-born maestro said his team played well and should have at least scored a goal. "We played well but we were unable to get the right positive result. We didn't deserve to lose the game, especially after playing better in the second half," he said. He said he expected his team to turn things around in the second leg.

Confident

"I am confident we will be ready for our home game. We have enough time to prepare and I am confident we can win and qualify," he said.

Meanwhile, his team mate Sifiso Hlanti shared the same sentiments as Pelembe mentioning that they could have done better. "I am disappointed with the result but I guess it's just one of those days. We played well but we did not get the positive result," he said.

"We took a lot from this match because prior to it we didn't know how our opponents played. We will be ready in the second leg and we hope to win," he said. Buffaloes will travel to Johannesburg to honour the return match scheduled for September 28, possibly at the Bidvest Stadium.

Sea Birds edge Malanti for first league win

BY JONGILE XUBA

Manzini Sea Birds..... 0(1)
Malanti Chiefs..... 0(0)

SOCCER - MANZINI Sea Birds recorded their first win of the season after defeating Malanti Chiefs 1-0 during an MTN Premier League match played at Killarney Stadium yesterday.

A second half strike from Sea Birds substitute Darren 'Dazza' Christie and an added time missed penalty by Malanti's Charles Molopo gave Sea Birds the victory.

In what was a slow start, both teams approached the match with caution as they created little scoring chances.

Sea Birds' Sandumuzi Zwane had the first real chance of the match but he shot straight to the goalkeepers' arms in the 21st minute. Malanti's Mcolisi Lukhele was next to have a pop at goal and he too had his chance to go wide. Sea Birds looked the most threatening heading into the break but were unable to

find a goal as halftime came with both teams level.

The second stanza started pretty much in the same manner as the first with no significant chances created in the opening minutes.

It was only after Sea Birds coach Anthony Mdluli made his first changes in the match, bringing in Darren Christie for Sandumuzi Zwane in the hour mark.

Sea Birds pushed numbers forward and eventually broke the deadlock in the 76th minute. It was Darren Christie, who lobbed the ball over the advancing charging keeper to give his side the lead after a quick counter attack. Malanti did not sit back as they pushed for the equaliser soon after conceding. Referee Wandile Magagula gave Malanti Chiefs hope in added time after he awarded them a penalty for ball handling by Mfundo Zwane. Malanti's returning striker Charles Molopo stepped up to the plate but was denied by a brilliant save from Lindani Mtsetfwa. Sea Birds' victory now eases the pressure as they recorded the first points of the campaign.



APPLAUDS: Manzini Sea Birds bench applauds after the referee blew the final whistle which saw them win their MTN Premier League match against Malanti Chiefs 1 - 0 at Killarney Stadium yesterday. (Jongile Xuba)

Janza proud of his players

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows head coach Honour Janza has congratulated his players for showing character during their 2-1 win victory over Mhlume Peacemakers at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The former Zambia national team coach hailed his troops for showing tenacity after coming from a goal down to record their fourth straight league victory at the expense of the Lubombo based side.

"I would like to commend my players for showing character by coming from a point down to winning the match. I am happy with the level of their commitment. Peacemakers really gave us a run for our money and they nearly punished us for failing to utilise our chances during the first half. "I am positive we will continue doing well in the league but we just need to organise ourselves defensively as a team," he said.

Swallows captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze said he was happy with the hard-fought

victory over the sugar belt side.

"This was a tough match for us as Peacemakers were a hard nut to crack and we had to dig deep into our reserve of courage to win the match. I am also happy with the quality of players in the team and we will continue working hard and take it a game at a time," he said. Meanwhile, Peacemakers head coach Takesure Chiyangwi lauded his troops for showing commitment during the match.

Happy

"I am happy with the performance of my team as we gave it our all against an experienced team. We were forced to change our game plan after one of our players' cards was left behind in one of the cars belonging to the officials. We did try to apply ourselves in the match but couldn't match the experience of the opposition team. We will try and correct our mistakes in preparation of the next match," he said. Peacemakers captain Mancoba Zwane said they played well despite the loss.

"Swallows are a strong team but we matched them on the day. We were unlucky to lose the match."

Highlanders punished us - Sigudla

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - MILLING Hotspurs assistant coach Xolani Sigudla said they were punished by Mbabane Highlanders during their MTN Premier League match where they lost 0-1.

The match was played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

He said they created a lot of scoring chances in the match but failed to convert them.

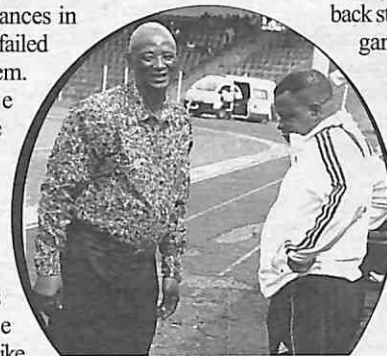
"This is one match we should have easily won, judging by the chances we created." He said it was painful to lose an easy match like this one.

"We will continue working hard and not lose

hope. It's the early matches of the season and we only have to start collecting three points. We will definitely rectify the mistakes were committed in this match," he said. Team captain Linda Mbuli said they were unlucky not to win the match as they created a number of clear cut scoring opportunities. "We were supposed to win this match and I can safely say that it was not our day."

He said they would come back strong in the coming games.

"We have to work as a team and support each other. We are yet to get a point since the start of the league and that means we have to work very hard."



BIG GUNS: Mbabane Highlanders head coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini and Milling Hotspurs assistant coach Xolani Sigudla.

Players were frustrated - 'Ace'

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders head coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini says his players were frustrated by Milling's games plan.

He said the game looked easy yet it was very tough.

"I was expecting to win the game and get the three points and I am happy we did just that even though it was not easy. I am impressed with the fighting spirit of my players."

Dlamini said he had to make substitutes in the match as some of his players were playing for the first time hence they felt the pressure. "Otherwise, the players did well and am very proud of them. We needed the three points from this match," he said.

Mbabane Highlanders captain

Menzi Sithole said it was a tough match and was happy with the three points. Sithole said it was difficult to play with unknown opponents. "It was always going to be tough for us since we did not know the opposition. They gave us a tough time throughout the match and the good thing is that we got the three points."

Working

He said they would continue working hard.

"Milling Hotspurs are a good side despite the fact that they are yet to record the first point. Honestly, they are a tough team to play against and they will soon turn the corner." He said winning this match boosted their confidence.

"We have to keep level-headed and continue collecting three points."

RESULTS

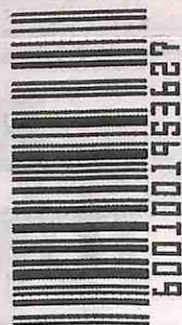
MTN Premier League		
Green Mamba	0-1	Tambuti
Manzini Wanderers	1-1	MPirates
Black Swallows	1-0	Denver Sundowns
Malanti Chiefs	0-1	Sea Birds
Highlanders	1-0	Milling Hotspurs
Swallows	2-1	Peacemakers
MTN National First Division		
Illovo	0-0	Mbmb Citizens FC
Madlenya	1-0	Seven Dreams FC
Rangers	1-3	Tinyosi FC
Umbelbele	0-4	Callies FC
Vovovo	2-1	Young Movers FC
Ludzeludze Killers	1-2	Tycoons FC

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Birds welcome Janza with...

DRAMATIC COMEBACK

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

Mbabane Swallows..... (0)2
Mhlume Peacemakers..... (0)1

SOCCER - CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Swallows handed their head coach Honour Janza a bright start at the helm of the team after coming from a goal down to overcome a stubborn Mhlume Peacemakers 2-1 at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The red and white glamour side looked revitalised in what was Janza's first official match in charge of the team, as they recorded their fourth straight victory in the current MTN Premier League campaign.

Tenacity and determination helped Swallows win the match where it looked like they were destined for their first loss. They outsmarted the stubborn sugar belt side in front of over 2 000 football lovers.

Swallows had a better start in the match as they nearly took the lead in the 17th minute through striker Sandile Hlatshwako, who saw his goal being offside by referee Thokozani Dlamini.

The two teams could not unlock each other's defence for prolonged stages of the opening half despite the fast flow-

ing football.

Swallows continued to be a threat upfront as Sandile Hlatshwako saw his header hitting the crossbar just before halftime after connecting a Tony 'TT' Tsabedze cross.

There were no goals from either side as the match went to break.

Swallows continued to be a threat offensively in the second half as striker Sandile Hlatshwako forced a fine save from the opposition goalkeeper Innocent Adja in the hour mark.

Swallows were punished for their numerous missed chances in the 72nd minute when Peacemakers took the lead in the 72nd minute through substitute Sibongiseni Ndzimandze's close range shot.

This was after a break attack orchestrated by Emmanuel Nsiah, who delivered a telling cross into the box from the left flank.

Swallows did not despair as they levelled matters seven minutes later through a well taken Tony 'TT' Tsabedze 25yards curler shot that left Peacemakers' Innocent Adja stunned.

Swallows then walked away with the contest three minutes from fulltime through a clinical strike from Sandile Hlatshwako.

The marauding lanky forward connected a second half substitute and debutant frontman Thabiso Mokenkoane's



MTN Premier League log:

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Mbabane Swallows	4	4	0	0	12	1	11	12
Royal Leopard	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
Mbabane Highlanders	4	2	2	0	4	2	2	8
Black Swallows	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
Moneni Pirates	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
Tambuti	4	1	2	1	5	9	-4	5
Manzini Wanderers	4	1	2	1	6	8	-2	5
Mhlume Peacemakers	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
Green Mamba	4	1	1	2	5	4	1	4
Young Buffaloes	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Malanti Chiefs	4	1	0	3	2	6	-4	3
Sea Birds	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
Denver Sundowns	4	0	1	3	2	8	-6	1
Milling Hotspurs	4	0	0	4	0	7	-7	0

flick on header from a Mncedisi Dlamini cross to provoke wild celebrations from the Swallows faithfuls present at the stadium. A minute later the referee ended the match.

Teams:

Swallows - Sandanezwe, Xolani

Mncedisi, Kingu, Sifiso, Ndimiso, Wonder (Thabiso), McCreesh (Bonginkhosi), Sandile, Zungu Tony

Peacemakers - Adja, Sihawu, Neliswa, Dino, Mancoba, Blandja, Bandile (Siboniso), Banele (Shaka),



Bull edge Milling Hotspurs

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

Mbabane Highlanders (0)1
Milling Hotspurs (0)0

SOCCER - CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders beat winless Milling Hotspurs 1-0 during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

It was a frustrating afternoon for the home side as the new kids on the block; Milling Hotspurs matched them pound for pound throughout the match.

The Manzini based outfit created goal scoring opportunities in the early stages of the match, but failed to convert them. Lungelo Nyoni should have placed his

team ahead in the 6th minute but his shot went straight into the hands of goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe Shabalala.

Mbabane Highlanders' utility player Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze failed to connect a Menzi Sithole pass inside the box in the 17th minute.

Moments later, Milling Hotspurs' Gcinumuzi Ndzimandze shot wide when scoring looked easy.

It was a frustrating first for Highlanders as they failed to combine well. South Africa-born striker Josef Lekata lacked support upfront as there was no supply from his teammates.

The match went to break at 0-0. Hotspurs introduced Xolani Mdluli for Lungelo Nyoni in the second half, which saw the Manzini based side attacking in numbers in search for a goal. Bandile



GWAZA NKUNZI: Highlanders supporters in jubilation after Highlanders won yesterday (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

Shongwe shot wide in 50 minutes after Mbabane Highlanders defender mis-cued the ball inside the box.

Sensing danger, Mbabane Highlanders head coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini introduced Siboniso Lukhele for 'Rio' Matsenjwa.

The changes did not yield any positive results as 'King Clay's boys piled more pressure on the opposition.

'Ace' brought in Mphucuko 'Smoothies' Dlamini for captain Menzi Sithole in the 60th minute and the 'Black Bull' eventually scored in the 69th minute

through Siboniso Lukhele, who dribbled past two defenders before beating Sifiso Maseko between the goal-posts. Towards the dying minutes of the match, Milling Hotspurs introduced Machawe Thwala for Gcinumuzi Ndzimandze.

A goal for the visitors was elusive until referee Mciniseli Sithole blew the final whistle. It's getting tougher with each passing game for Milling Hotspurs, as they will be facing hub giants Manzini Wanderers in their next match.

The teams:

Mbabane Highlanders - Khanyakwezwe, Ndimiso Mabuza, Vukile Khumalo, Peter Dlamini, Moses Jimoh, Menzi Mamba, Menzi Sithole, 'Rio' Matsenjwa, Josef Lekata, Mlamuli Nkambule, 'Sawa' **Milling Hotspurs** - Sifiso Maseko, Mlamuli Hlophe, Sandile Mhlana, Linda Mbuli, Ncamiso Thwala, Bandile Shongwe, Lungelo Nyoni, Futhi Gama, Lwazi Bhembe, Sikhumbuzo Ndwandwe