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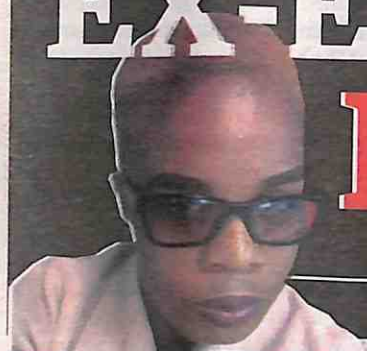
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TEEN ON ART STIGMATISED BY HER PARENTS

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Gege

A 14-year-old teenager of Gege, who is on Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART), is being stigmatised by her parents for actively taking her treatment.

*Samu Xaba's parents claim that by fetching her treatment, she is exposing them to the whole community as a family. They have physically and verbally abused her as a result.

A source close to the matter revealed that initially it was the mother who had a problem. They then realised that the father too had issues, as at some point he brought Samu to the clinic after having beaten her to an

extent that she had severe head injuries.

The parents either soak the ARVs in water or throw them away every time she comes back with them. She always goes to the clinic for a refill before the stipulated time. This is as a result of HIV/AIDS educational programmes at her school by a local non-governmental organization (NGO).

Nurses at the clinic are said to have noted that and questioned why she came back early every time. They then alerted the local police, who tried to intervene while collaborating with social workers from Nhlanguano.

Meanwhile, one of National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA) objectives is to eradicate HIV stigma by 2022 in line with Eswatini's Vision 2022 of

no HIV/AIDS cases.

NERCHA National Director Khanya Mabuza said they hope to release the Stigma Index Report in May as they release it every five years. He noted that in their 2012/2013 report, there was a high prevalence of mainly index stigma.

"If you tell me of your positive status, then people relate. In this case, the parents are the ones who are scared more than the child, as there are chances that they are positive themselves. So they are the ones who are stigmatised. This is a case of a minor who needs to be protected by all means possible by the social welfare officers. A serious intervention needs to happen as the minor also has a right to treatment," he said.

Mabuza said as NERCHA, they normally identify at least two people who are positive in a community, who become part of a community support network. He added that they also identify a closest local support organisation that can help too.

"They need to be counselled as a family. This will help the family as a whole, as it means they haven't accepted that there is a member of the family who is positive," he added.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that the police went to the *Xaba homestead with the social welfare officers after local nurses complained that *Samu came back to refill more frequently than expected.

"Our domestic violence department is currently working on the case," she said.

An anonymous source at the Nhlanguano Social Welfare offices also confirmed that they visited the Xaba homestead. What proved to be a challenge was the fact that the parents didn't want to cooperate, hence the delay in the intervention. She added that they are still to send a report to their director at the Deputy Prime Minister's office so that they try to find a way forward.

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office Principal Secretary Khangezile Mabuza got emotional when she was informed of this case. She said they will try to get all the details on this case and engage the parents.

"I really don't know what to say as this evokes anger in me. What do they expect the minor to do? If she was born with the virus, they are to blame, question would be why are they doing this? This child might even end up being bitter towards life as a whole that she was born like this," added NERCHA's Mabuza.

CTA sitting on E65m

THE Central Transport Administration (CTA) has a potential of making E65 million from fixing government vehicles that need the garage's attention.

The vehicles that belong to government are said to be having different mechanical faults and now require the attention of the CTA.

This transpired on Monday during the session of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). CTA General Transport Manager (GTM) Makhosonkhe Khumalo said that was the situation before them as CTA.

Like every other garage, the CTA is a government garage that is responsible for repairing government vehicles. The CTA then charges government for the services that it renders to its ministries and departments. The garage has earned a reputation of having employed workers who steal fuel from vehicles belonging to other government ministries.

The reputation that was earned by the garage has influenced the PAC to rope in Khumalo to be one of the government officials to attend the session of the committee. The PAC roped the GTM in so that he could shed some light on how the CTA operated because many government ministries and departments had a tendency of overspending on CTA charges.

Madlangemphisi Member of Parliament (MP) Sibusiso Nxumalo, who is one of the members of the PAC, once referred to the CTA overcharges as a national anthem among government ministries. He said so because most of the ministries, if not all, overspent on CTA charges by higher percentages. Khumalo told the PAC on Monday that the CTA had so many government vehicles that they needed to attend to, as a result of mechanical faults that they had developed. He said the CTA could rake in about E65 million from fixing the vehicles.

Vehicles belonging to the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) topped the list of government vehi-

cles that developed mechanical faults. All these things happened because the vehicles were not taken care of, according to the GTM. Last week, Khumalo said as a government garage, they have earned the stigma of being bad people who stole parts of government vehicles. Khumalo blamed it all on controlling officers of different ministries and departments. Controlling officers are head officials or the pinnacles of the government ministries and parastatals. It can be principal secretaries or directors of certain departments or parastatals. He said most of the controlling officers did not have a good track record on how their vehicles were taken care of. Some of them, according to Khumalo, did not even know how many vehicles their ministries or departments had. He said he would not get into the details of fuel consumption of each vehicle and other details.

Ever since the PAC started its sessions, some of the controlling officers admitted that they did not know how many vehicles their departments or ministries had. Khumalo said it was for that reason that they needed to start educating the government ministries on how they operated as CTA.

He asked to be given an opportunity to start educating the PAC, before going on to teach the government ministries. He further said the government ministries and departments needed to have transport officers who would keep a good track record of the government cars. That could alleviate the unnecessary costs incurred by government on CTA charges.

This comes at a time when government had been renting Toyota Fortuners for Cabinet ministers, for about E3.2 million.

However, government was to later reverse that decision, as it was felt that government would not be able to continue with such an exercise because of the current financial turmoil the country is in.

It was decided that ministers should use the cars that were at the disposal of the government.

Ex-ACC's Mngwengwe took E1.2m Merc

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

THE Mercedes Benz ML worth E1.2 million is said to have been taken away by former ACC Commissioner Advocate Thanda Mngwengwe.

This transpired on Monday this week in the House of Assembly during the appearance of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi said government had to recover the car because it belonged to government.

Buthelezi said the car could not be taken by a certain man (*umfokati*). ACC Commissioner Daniel Dlamini told the PAC that he did not know where the Mercedes Benz was. He did not find it when he assumed his role as ACC commissioner. Dlamini was appointed by His Majesty King Mswati III in October last year.

The issue of the three Golf 7s belonging to the ACC was also deliberated by the PAC. The cars were initially reported to be missing at the beginning of last year, and the issue was intensely debated in Parliament. They were reported to be worth about E450 000 each. The MPs wanted to know the status of the sedans. The problem, according to the MPs, was that they had not been seen by anyone, yet public funds were used to buy them. Buthelezi asked current ACC



TOOK: Former ACC Commissioner Advocate Thanda Mngwengwe.

Commissioner Daniel Dlamini to tell the PAC about the status of the vehicles. Dlamini said the cars were still with the ACC and the keys of the cars were personally kept by the commissioner. The commissioner, who drove the MPs to stitches with his jolly mood during the submissions, said the issue of the cars haunted him when he assumed office. The commissioner started conducting investigations to find out the status of the cars. He told the PAC on Monday that he found that the cars were there. This made him conclude that there could have been efforts to bring the name of the ACC into disrepute because the allegations were not true. Dlamini was then asked to explain where the Mercedes Benz was. He could not explain, as he stated that

he did not know where the car was. It then transpired that the authorities at Central Transport Administration (CTA) in Mbabane knew some details about the car.

CTA General Transport Manager (GTM) Makhosonkhe Khumalo was asked to explain about the whereabouts of the vehicle. Khumalo asked the PAC and the ACC to discuss this matter behind closed doors, so that he could explain what happened to the car. The media was excused for a short time.

When the open session resumed, Buthelezi stated that government had to find ways of recovering the car because it belonged to government. Taxpayers' money could not be taken away by a certain man (*umfokati*) just like that.

Seven financial cases ready for court

SEVEN financial crimes are now ready to be enrolled at the High Court.

This was said by Anti-Corruption Commissioner (ACC) Daniel Dlamini on Monday when the ACC appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). Dlamini said currently, the ACC had many cases that it needed to work on.

He said there were about 350 cases that they needed to work on as ACC. Out of the 350 cases, they were interested in prioritising the financial cases because they have realised that government was losing a lot of money in the financial crimes that were happening in the country. Dlamini made

an example of a case where government was reported to be paying E15 million to suspended civil servants. He said that worried them as ACC because it told them that something somewhere was not right and they had to ensure something was done to normalise the situation.

The commissioner said the ACC needed 33 investigators to work on the 350 cases, if his organisation was to be efficient. The ACC investigators, according to Dlamini, were supposed to work on a maximum number of 10 cases, but unfortunately, they had about half the required number of the investigators. He said that affected their efficiency as they executed their duties.

However, he said they were working around the clock to ensure that their cases were speedily concluded.

Dlamini further told the PAC that he was not aware of any person that was controlling the ACC on whom to investigate and whom not to investigate. He admitted that he heard such concerns when he had still not joined the ACC, but he was not aware of such when he joined the commission.

He said he would be disturbed if he was to be told to target certain individuals to investigate. He assured the PAC that the ACC was an independent organisation and was not in the pockets of anyone in terms of its control. He said the organisation worked according to the laws of the country that allowed it to exist.

JEFFREY TSHABALALA ACTING ARMY CHIEF

BY NOMY NYANDZENI AND
NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Mbabane

JEFFREY S. Shabalala is the new Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) Army Commander.

However, the Deputy General Lieutenant General will assume the position on acting basis.

This was disclosed by UEDF Public Relations Officer Lieutenant Tengetile Khumalo in a press statement released yesterday.

Commander

Shabalala was the Deputy Army Commander to the former UEDF

Army Commander Sobantu Dlamini. He served the army for years after having worked diligently and climbed up the ranks. Khumalo said the incumbent leadership would follow in the giant steps of the former commander of the UEDF.

Appointment

"However, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify that the appointment of the former commander to the Ludzidzini Council does not relinquish his rank as General as he will remain a General, albeit a retired one.

It should be noted that ranks in Defence Forces internationally, are only relinquished when someone has been dismissed," she said.



ACTING: Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force Acting Army Commander Jeffrey S. Shabalala.

Khumalo highlighted that the UEDF Commander-In-Chief, His Majesty King Mswati III, for the appointment

of former Army commander 4th General Sobantu Dlamini into Ludzidzini Council. "The defence force looks back with pride and dignity over the successes of the defence force under the wise leadership acumen of the former commander since the year 2000.

Through his steadfast love and guidance, the UEDF has achieved great milestones in many aspects, locally, regionally and globally," said Khumalo.

She added that the defence force was still looking forward to learning a lot from him, however due to diverse national assignments; the former Army commander has been appointed as a member of the Ludzidzini Council.

Khumalo added that the UEDF wishes the former Army commander success in his new endeavours and he would be missed for his charisma.

Lieutenant Khumalo wished the acting Commander well as he assumes this mammoth task.

EX-EBIS JOURNO HITS BACK

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

FORMER Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services (EBIS) journalist Thandiswa Ginindza has hit back at both the station's Director Martin Dlamini and Principal Secretary (PS) in the Ministry of ICT Maxwell Masuku for what she terms a vendetta against her following their appearance before the PAC on Monday.

The former radio personality, who now works for a diplomatic office at the United States Embassy, took to social media platform, Facebook, to vent her anger at the two, even disclosing that most of what they disclosed before the Public Account Committee (PAC) was far from the truth.

Ginindza wondered why the matter would be brought before the PAC without her knowledge because courtesy would dictate that she would be approached by her former bosses on the matter so that it can be hatched out before they proceed to face the PAC. This is despite that the PS told the PAC that efforts had been made to contact her, but to no avail.

Yesterday, the country woke up to screaming headlines in the local media that Ginindza owes government an amount of E757 848.27 in respect of

several anomalies that were detected by the Auditor General (AG) Timothy Matsebula, in his 2018 report.

It was stated that she owes E39 145.74 (in respect of salary non-staggering), E665 477.58 (breach of bonding agreement with government), E1 030.63 (non-settling of scholarship debts), E13 048.58 (salary overpayment), and E39 145.74 (unserved notice pay).

The EBIS Director, therefore, appeared before the PAC together with the ministry of information, communication and technology (ICT) PS to answer on the anomalies and that is where they raised a litany of allegations against Ginindza.

This is where she was described as arrogant when the PS Masuku narrated before the PAC how Ginindza left the public service. Masuku told the PAC that Ginindza exited the public service even though she had not settled the bonding agreement.

Masuku further revealed that Ginindza was able to cancel the staggering of her salary after she had boastfully told her superiors that she would show them how the cancellation was done.

The EBIS Director, Dlamini, submitted that Ginindza also did not want to move out of a house belonging to government.

Ginindza yesterday moved to express her discontentment with the above on her Facebook page, revealing that she

had expected the director to be economical with the truth, but not the PS.

"I knew this was coming considering the kind of former bosses I had," she said, before posting other comments that cannot be printed for their malicious nature.

She also jokingly posted that she needs all kinds of donations because government has said; "Pay back the money," which she felt was a joke.

Most of her friends sympathised with her on how this was reported, but she said she did not blame the media for reporting what was said in Parliament, but the two whom she felt fed the PAC wrong information. She said that is what led to the reports, adding that she knew the PAC members held no grudges against her, but were fed wrong information.

Ginindza explained that this money was said to be in respect of resigning without having worked the stipulated number of years after a study leave.

"Apparently it is for the losses that the government will incur for not getting to use my newly acquired skills," she stated.

Ginindza further alleged that the working environment in her former job was toxic by the day so she had to leave for her own sanity. She alleged there was no proper equipment to use instead they had to use archaic machines that needed an upgrade.

SHE WANTS TO PRESENT HER SIDE TO PAC

WHEN this publication reached Ginindza to verify if it was indeed her post appearing on Facebook, she said she had decided to later remove the posts as she created them to vent her anger at the time.

She said all she needed was to be given a chance by the PAC to appear before them and present her side of the story. She disclosed that this was discussed with her former employers and she was promised to be called to a meeting that never was.

She wondered why this matter

needed the public spectacle if the purpose was only to help recover government losses as the issue had less than a year under discussion.

"I deserve to present my side of the series of events. I would really love to set the record straight before the PAC. I am actually ready to respond to any query that would need my response.

Anytime, I can be called. I had to remove my initial post as I later understood that I was also using a wrong forum to vent my anger," Ginindza said.



Prince David appointed UNESWA Council Chairman

BY MBONO MDLULU
Mbabane

THE University of Eswatini has a new Council Chairman.

His Majesty King Mswati III has appointed Former Ludzidzini Council member Prince David into the UNESWA Council as its Chair.

He will take over the reins from Prince Phinda. This was communicated by Attorney General (AG) Sifiso Khumalo yesterday.

This follows that Prince Phinda was appointed to head the Land Management Board (LMB). Prince Phinda was appointed by His Majesty the King last

week Friday to chair the LMB. Prince Phinda has been serving as chairman of the UNESWA Council for more than 20 years. Prince Phinda also served as senator in the 10th Parliament. He will now be serving with Prince Mabizela, Chief Mkhumbi, Thandi Maziya, and Justice Nxumalo.

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APPOINTED: Prince David.

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Minister 'Cruiser' urges new RAs to always keep time

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

MINISTER of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala has urged the new regional administrators (RAs) to always keep time when going to work as they assume their duties.

Speaking yesterday while welcoming the RAs, the minister thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for appointing the four RAs.

These are former minister of home affairs Princess Tsandzile, who is in charge of the Hhohho region, former Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) chairman Chief Gija, who is the Manzini RA, Themba Msibi, who served as Speaker in the 10th Parliament, who is now in charge of the Lubombo region, as well as former Chief Officer in the King's Office Dr Vincent Mhlanga, who is now deployed in the Shiselweni region. The minister also wished the RAs a fruitful term in office when welcoming them at the ministry's premises in Mbabane yesterday. Ngcamphalala



WELCOME: Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala making his remarks while welcoming the recently appointed regional administrators. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)

said the RAs were expected to work with chiefs, princes, bucophos and Members of Parliament at grassroots level, as they are the ones who form government.

"As a ministry, we have trust in all of you to improve your regions and urge you to work diligently to bring positive change in each region. We will expect your plan of action in our next meeting. We request for collaboration with you as a ministry in executing our mandate, which is heavily dependent on developing the lives of the people in their various communities," he said. He said the RAs by always keeping time will lead to the ministry's full development. "From here you are going to work, if you don't keep time, you will have to explain. Time keeping is part of diligent working. Note



THANK YOU: Hhohho RA Princess Tsandzile gestures after speaking on behalf of RAs.

that I would like to meet all RAs monthly to discuss the ministry's administration issues," the minister said.

With government's strategic plan, including working with transparency, the minister said time will be created to present and unpack the strategy to the RAs, adding that the prime minister requested to meet with them at a date yet to be announced. He said the ministry has also lined-up an orientation meeting with them in each of the four regions.

The minister also appreciated the four regional secretaries for holding the fort during the absence of RAs. He praised them for working peacefully, as there were no squabbles reported. The minister added that as part of the strategic plan, they are expected to attend heads of department meetings every Monday.

On behalf of the regional administrators, Hhohho RA Princess Tsandzile echoed the minister's words that they are expected to keep time and thanked His Majesty the King for the appointments. She promised that they will implement everything that government has planned. "We appreciate the warm welcome too. We promise to work with all stakeholders as advised by the minister in line with the country's vision 2022," the princess said.



POSE: Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala flanked by the Ministry's Principal Secretary (PS) Nonhlanhla Dlamini, Manzini RA Chief Gija, Hhohho RA Princess Tsandzile, Shiselweni RA Dr. Vincent Mhlanga and Lubombo RA Themba Msibi, while the regional secretaries stand at the back after the introduction meeting yesterday.



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No border extension hrs for eight entry points

BY SABELO MAJOLA
Mbabane

DESPITE the anticipated busy period of the Easter holidays, eight border posts will have no extension of operational hours.

Only four border posts had their operational hours extended and it was only the entry points that the country shares with South Africa that had extensions.

From next week Thursday until Sunday, Ngwenya border, which is by far the busiest entry and exit port in the country, will be open for 24 hours, which is an extension of seven hours as the border normally opens at 0700 hours and closes at midnight on daily basis.

This is according to information released by the Ministry of Home Affairs Principal Secretary Anthony Masilela yesterday.

The other entry points in Mananga, Mahamba and Matsamo will all have two hour extensions but different extension dates. Ngwenya will be

Border	Current time	Extended time	Increased	Dates
Ngwenya	7am-12am	24 hours	7 hours	18-21 April
Matsamo	7am-8pm	7am-10pm	2 hours	18-19 April
Mahamba	7am-10am	7am-12am	2 hours	18 April
Mananga	7am-6pm	7am-8pm	2 hours	18-20 April
Lavumisa	No extension hours (normal working hours) 7am to 10pm			
Gege	No extension hours (normal working hours) 8am to 4pm			
Lundzi	No extension hours (normal working hours) 8am to 4pm			
Sandlane	No extension hours (normal working hours) 8am to 6pm			
Bulembu	No extension hours (normal working hours) 8am to 4pm			
Nsalitje	No extension hours (normal working hours) 8am to 6pm			
Lomahasha	No extension hours (normal working hours) 7am to 12 midnight			
Sicunusa	No extension hours (normal working hours) 8am to 6pm			

extended from April 18 to 21 while Mahamba will have a one day extension on the 18th.

Lomahasha, which is the second border-cross between Eswatini and Mozambique after the 24 hours operational Mhlumeni, will have no extension but will operate under its normal working hours which is from 7am to 12 midnight.

Other entry points which will have no extension over the Easter holidays are Lavumisa, Gege,

Lundzi, Sandlane, Bulembu, Nsalitje and Sicunusa.

Death

The holidays commence this coming weekend with Good Friday, which marks the death of Christ, celebrated on the 19 while the Easter holiday, His resurrection, is celebrated on the 22nd. The extension of operating hours was to ensure the smooth movement of people and goods at the country's ports of entry during this busy period.

Hotels fully booked for Easter holidays

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane

AS the country gears up for the festivities of the upcoming Easter holidays, the major hotels have reported that they are fully booked.

Calls to the hotels confirmed that if one is looking to book visiting friends and relatives or would like to take themselves out to a different environment, not even a bribe can get them in. With next year's rates still not yet determined, it was surprising to find that there were some local hotels already fully booked for the Easter weekend, with some people having made bookings as far as four months back. Most of the hotels, lodges and motels that were called had Easter weekend bookings ranging from a day to the whole weekend. This bears testament to the fact that hoteliers seem to strive best during international holidays. Although Lugogo Sun still has available rooms, the Royal Swazi is already fully booked for the Easter weekend. Other establishments hotels such as Esibayeni Lodge, Nkonyeni Golf Estate (limited chalets available), Royal Swazi Spa is fully booked for the Easter weekend, and Summerfield Botanical Gardens is fully booked. They have had enquiries and there are rooms available.

Eswatini Mobile to add 107 base stations around country

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

FOR maximum network coverage, Eswatini Mobile intends to add 107 new base stations in the country.

This was said by the company's Chief Executive Officer Jeff Penberton during the launch of SNAT e-Mali service yesterday. He said this would enable the service provider to significantly extend the network and also increase capacity.

With this, Penberton said, Eswatini Mobile hoped to improve the over-

all experience that customers have on the network while also allowing SNAT members from new areas to be connected. "We are extending our partnership and launching SNAT e-Mali to enable easy, convenient access to SNAT financial services any time all year round," he said. Penberton said Eswatini Mobile was fully committed to making its partnership with SNAT stronger and beneficial to members and also mutually rewarding. He said he hoped that the SNAT e-Mali service would be a good complimentary addition to the SNAT financial services products range.

Donations for Moza Cyclone Idai victims continue to pour in

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

DONATIONS for Cyclone Idai victims are still pouring in.

Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society has received clothing items and food parcels from local business entities and individuals who were touched by the situation faced by the victims of Cyclone Idai that hit Mozambique about a month ago.

The society's team collected most of these donations from the various pick-up points around the country. One of these points was at Manzini Spar situated at the New Shopping Centre.

According to Red Cross' Resource Mobilisation Officer Treasure Masilela, the outcome of the organisation's appeal to the public for donations was overwhelming. Masilela said although a price tag could not be placed on most of the donated items, but the assistance was so great and hugely appreciated as it would



DONATION: Spar Store Manager Mohammed Abd Elgelil, Tayren Roets, Eswatini Red Cross Society's Mongi Mncina and the Resource Mobilisation Officer Treasure Masilela during the donation. (Pic: Bongive Dlamini)

make life better for the victims.

In Manzini, Masilela said not only was Spar open for the society to place a booth where Good Samaritans would drop their

donations, but the store management also contributed 50kg of rice and 50kg of mealie-meal; all worth E1 200. She said these were the fruits of a partnership that the society had with the store even for other operations that the organisation conducted with the aim of getting funds to be forwarded to needy people.

The Store Manager Mohammed Abd Elgelil said they were more than pleased to assist, especially for the benefit of the less fortunate in society.

He said in addition to allowing the society to use their store as a pick point for this initiative, giving back to society was part of their corporate social investment. With the food donation, Mohammed said it also showed the public that the store was involved in helping out rather than only making profits for its benefit.

On another note, the society's Masilela extended appreciation to all businesses and individuals who assisted them in cash or otherwise. Renowned entities include Manzini Municipal Council and the Mbabane Mall, to mention but a few.



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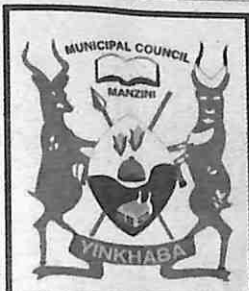
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'Borders were imposed on us by white people'

DURBAN – Julius Malema was met with an enthusiastic response from a large crowd of Durban University of Technology (DUT) students yesterday when he took his KwaZulu-Natal electioneering campaign to the institution.

The commander-in-chief of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) told students that borders were "imposed on us by colonisers, by white people." News24



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EMPLOYEE WELLNESS KEY TO MANZINI COUNCIL

...Municipality kick-starts new financial year with exciting Employee Wellness Day

It is easy for some employers to focus on production and give less priority to the good health and welfare of employees. Studies show that this often results in a demotivated and underperforming workforce; and to a greater extent, service delivery dissatisfaction on the part of stakeholders. Well, when one takes a look at the Municipal Council of Manzini's 2018-2023 organisational strategy they find that employee wellness is highlighted as a priority deliverable for the organisation. A number of employee wellness activities are planned for each particular year and all employees are encouraged to participate. Experience shows that this does not only benefit the Municipality in terms of staff motivation, a healthy and energetic workforce as well as employee performance but it also has the exciting effect of team building. Proof to the sense of priority that is accorded employee wellness is that, about two weeks ago, the local government kick-started the new financial year (which

began at the beginning of this month) with an exciting Employee Wellness Day wherein a large majority of employees, including top management, descended the Old Trade Fair and participated in various sporting activities. These were preceded with wellness talks rendered by various experts on matters including healthy eating, how to deal with depression, non-communicable diseases, HIV and AIDS, financial wellness and other employee wellness interventions. The Royal Eswatini Police Service's Crime Prevention department was also there to sensitize employees about the much talked about Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act. HIV and Aids counselling and testing services were rendered by Aids Healthcare Foundation. The objective of the Wellness Day was to encourage employees to take responsibility of themselves physically, emotionally and psychologically so that they can be more productive at work and at family level. A number of physical and mental games including athletics, aerobics,



AND THE OVERALL WINNER IS...The Corporate Services Department was pronounced overall winners during the Wellness Day.

cross-fit exercises, soccer, mlabalaba, game of cards, 30-seconds and other distressing activities were played as part of the exciting day which was attended by over 180 employees. Manzini News might add that, even though

this was an all-day event, it had been carefully planned such that there was little or no interruption regarding service delivery as essential services were still accessible to stakeholders. The Municipal Council of Manzini takes this

opportunity to extend special thanks to the Royal Eswatini Police Service, SwaziMed, Old Mutual, Ministry of Health, Aids Healthcare Foundation Eswatini, the Fitness Zone and the entire Manzini citizenry for their support for the event.

The following photos highlight some of the activities that took place during the event...



TEAM COMMUNITY SERVICES...These gentlemen from the Community Services Department gave it their all during the tug-of-war.



SHONA PHANSI...Acting Directors Zweli Maphanga, Sizwe Dlamini and Plumber Bheki Shongwe on a serious workout.



PRESSA, PANDA, PHUSHA, PLAY...Health Inspector Vincent Mhlongo and other employees engaged in the push-up exercise.



MR CHAIRMAN...Workers Union Chairman Nhlanhla Simelane making a brilliant save at the goal posts.



MKHABA PHUMA KIMI...Personnell Officer Fikile Mkhonta on a serious workout.



IT'S SO COOL TO BE HERE...Manzini CEO Lungile Dlamini enjoying funny moments with employees.



HEALTHY INSPECTOR...Health Inspector Setsabile Mamba and Wandile Mazibuko hard at work.



FAT MUST FALL...Menzie Shongwe-Dlamini, Thabile Ngwenya and other employees on a serious workout.

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DAGGA SALES AGENT ACQUITTED OF MURDER, FIREARM CHARGES

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

A dagga sales agent yesterday had all the reasons to wear a smile in court after being acquitted and discharged of the capital crime of murder, in which he was suspected to have killed a dagga dealer.

Mncedisi Dasa Thobela was yesterday found not guilty of four out of five charges, as the main charge was that of murder, in which he was alleged to have killed Mcoeleni Holy Dlamini.

• He is, however, convicted of attempting to kill man during road rage

He was, however, found guilty and convicted on the second charge of attempted murder, in which he attempted to kill Sonnyboy Mpanza by shooting him in his legs during a road rage.

Judgment

When handing down judgment, Judge Maxine LaNgwenya observed that the deceased, Masotja and Phumza Shabangu were dealing in dagga trade, and the trio was at Masotja's home-stead when the deceased informed them that there was a customer who would come and purchase the dagga

from them. It was evidence brought before court that the trio went to an abandoned house, and waited for the arrival of the dagga customer who arrived driving a Renault sedan and the deceased introduced him to them as Mduduzi.

Judge LaNgwenya, in her judgment, also noted that the customer informed the trio of Shabangu that he would load the dagga in his car and take it to one Rena, a nurse in South Africa, who would then pay for the illegal herb, as he was an agent.

A plan to fetch the said Rena was made when they found her at Ngcoseni and she (Rena) decided to call her brother to accompany her in fetching the dagga, as she felt uncomfortable in the company of the trio.

Deceased

At around 11pm, Phumza is said to have called the deceased, who in turned inform him that they were on their way to Mhlalubovu and that there was another vehicle with other people and did not understand what was going on. Phumza had informed

the court that when he called the deceased, he overheard one of the men saying they were on their way and identified the person as the accused person (Thobela), and when he called later, the deceased's cellphone was no longer available on the network, adding that he waited for the whole night for the deceased to return but in vain.

The court also observed that the following morning Phumza and the other went to Sibovu area hoping to see the Renault sedan, which had picked up the deceased but that was not to be but they only heard from a barber that there was a dead body of a male person which had been found at the Nhlanguano junction and upon their investigations they discovered it was the deceased.

Investigations

IN her judgment, Judge Maxine LaNgwenya further noted that there were a few troubling aspects of the evidence given by the investigating officer in the matter.

The investigating officer told the court that the accused's motor vehicle was searched twice, first in Nhlanguano when dagga was seized and secondly it was searched in Hlathikhulu in the accused's presence, and that dagga was found con-

cealed in the door compartments and had been fiddled with.

Further, Judge LaNgwenya said it was the evidence of the investigating officer that the accused was arrested in Hlathikhulu and his vehicle searched and that the white Renault sedan was detained in Manzini, noting, however, that as to how and when the car got to be detained in Manzini is not stated by the Crown.

"As an exhibit in this case, the police ought to have ensured that the car was not contaminated through being left in the hands of unauthorised per-

sons, whether vehicle was at all material times in the hands of the police is also unclear, the cellphones said to have been confiscated from the accused person were not handed in as exhibits before court, nor data was extracted from the phones," Judge LaNgwenya observed.

Wondered

The court wondered as to why the investigating officer thought it was no use in keeping the accused person's cellphone until the trial was finalised noting that such an act is mind-boggling, as the accused was

allowed to retain his cellphones much against the conventional practice of police investigation of criminal cases.

The court also observed that there is no explanation of what became of the many SIM cards that were allegedly found in the accused's car, as such cards would have captured essential details of every SIM card that would have been inserted in them.

"Accordingly, and for the reasons set out above, I give the accused person the benefit of the doubt and he is found not guilty and accordingly acquitted and discharged on counts

one, three, four and five and the alternative count of theft," Judge LaNgwenya pronounced.

Meanwhile, she stated that the actions of the accused in the charge of attempted murder prove that he was capable of forming and did form the intent requisite for the crime of attempted murder, and accordingly found him guilty of committing the crime of attempted murder.

Sentencing has been reserved for a later date in the matter after Thobela has mitigated and the Crown having made submissions.

Cannabis Association on verge of registering

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

It seems there is light at the end of the tunnel for Eswatini Cannabis Association, as the organisation is now on the verge of registering.

Eswatini Cannabis Association Interim Chairman Saladin Magagula said they finally met with Registrar of Companies Msebe Malinga. Magagula said they decided to go and personally meet Malinga to find out what the differences between them and him could be.

The interim chairman said they agreed with the registrar that the association had to make some amendments in their objectives. Magagula did not specify on the exact objectives that had to be amended. "We met with the registrar and we agreed on the amendments. I must say, though, that there is nothing much and the changes will not affect the association in any way," Magagula said.

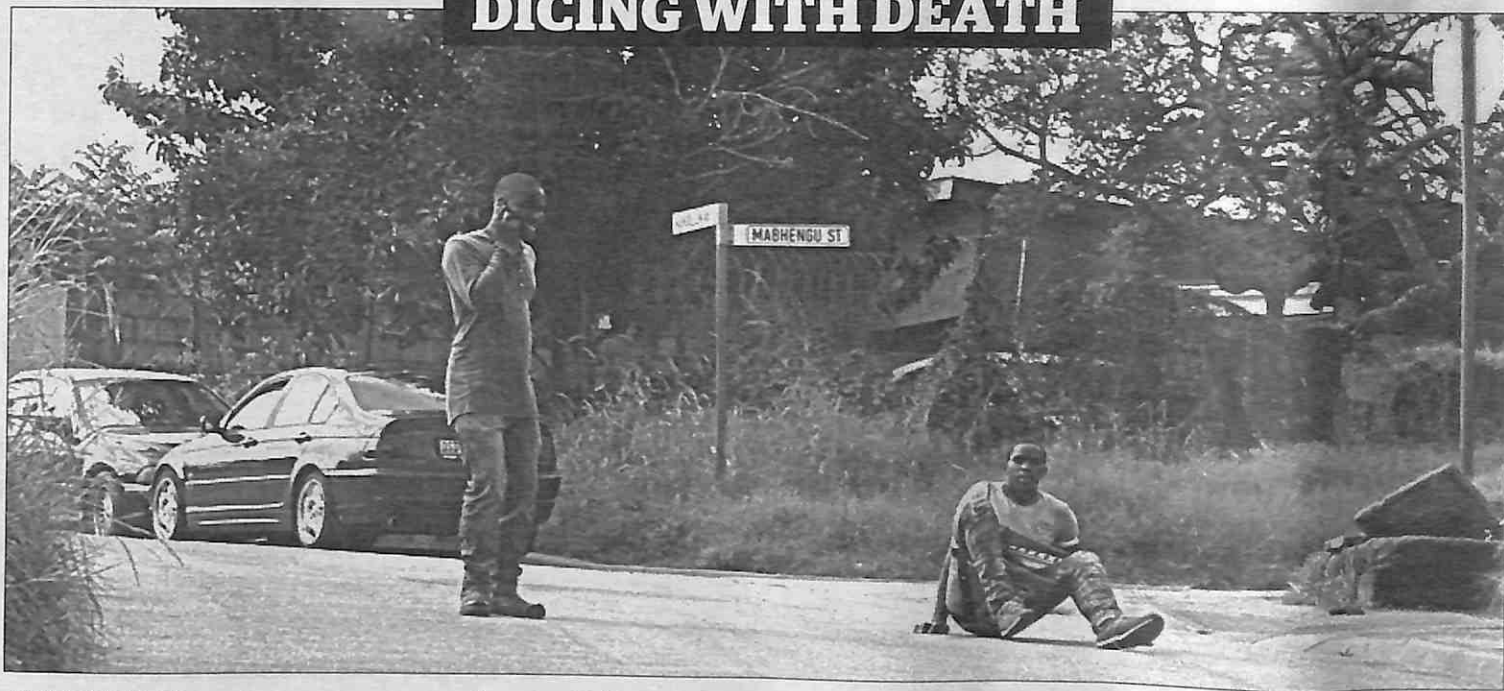
The former Hhukwini MP said they were now working on amending those objectives, and from there they would then work on registering the association. When contacted for comment on the matter. The Registrar of Companies Malinga elected not to comment on the matter. He said it was best that this publication contacts the association.

The association was conceptualised in February this year, when the cannabis activists met at Emfuleni Lifestyle in Ezulwini. It was launched at the start of this month at Mountain Inn Hotel in Mbabane. That was when members of the association declared that they wanted to protect interests of Emaswati who plied their trade in the growing of cannabis.

They also stated that they wanted to make their voice heard now that the ministry of health was coming up with regulations.

They wanted to contribute into the regulations so that they accommodated Emaswati, who already earned their living by growing the weed in the shadow economy.

DICING WITH DEATH



NAUGHTY: These two men were captured minding their own business in the middle of the road at Sidvashini in Mbabane yesterday. This should be discouraged as it is a dangerous thing to do.
(Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

GOVT TO UPGRADE 20 ROADS WITH PROBASE

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE ministry of public works and transport has pledged to give 20 roads a facelift.

The Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Works Makhosini Mndawe has issued a list of the 20 roads, which will be given a facelift by the ministry.

Construction in some of the 20 roads in the list has already started. Recently, the Minister of Public Works Chief Ndlovu Ndlovu visited some of the roads in which the first stage of the Probase is currently undertaken. Meanwhile, res-

idents of Sithobela and surrounding areas felt let down by the ministry of public works because they expected that the Siphofaneni-Sithobela road would be amongst the roads that would be given a facelift this year.

Last year, the ministry could only level the road by adding gravel to cover potholes on it.

However, even that project was not completed. It was alleged that the ministry's trucks ran out of fuel.

The beginning of the current financial year gave residents hope that their road would form part of the the list of roads that would be given a facelift.

This was one of the roads approved

D118:	LAMGABHI - GOBHOLO
D11:	MSUMPE - MASHOBENI
FR:	NKHABA - MBULUZI
FR:	SOMNJALOSE - MVUTSHINI SCHOOL
FR:	MPOLONJENI - MBABANE
D20:	BUHLENI - HEREFORDS
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D98:	NGWANE PARK - SIDVOKODVO
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	EZULWINI - ELANGENI PRIMARY SCHOOL
D44:	MALINDZA - DVOKODVWENI HIGH SCHOOL
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by the previous minister of public works and transport Lindiwe Dlamini. When she spoke during Sibaya in 2016, the minister promised that

this road would be the first to be tarred in the beginning of the 2017/18 financial year. Unfortunately, that did not come to pass until today.

SUSPECT KILLER COP 'BHUBESI' DOESN'T DESERVE BAIL - STATE

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

The Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), which is vigorously opposing suspect nurse killer police officer Sibusiso 'Bhubesi' Shongwe's bail application, says he has failed to give exceptional circumstances that may warrant for his release from jail.

The state has submitted that Shongwe has actually not complied with the provisions of Section 96 (12) of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act (CPE), in that he has failed to adduce evidence that such circumstances exist, which in the interest of justice permits his release on bail.

Section 96 (12) of the CPE provides that 'notwithstanding any provision of this Act, where an accused is charged

... State argues that Sibusiso Shongwe has not complied with provisions of Section 96 (12) of the CPE to adduce evidence that such circumstances in the interest of justice exists



KILLER COP: Sibusiso 'Bhubesi' Shongwe.

with an offence referred to on the fifth schedule, the Court shall order that the accused be detained in custody

until he or she is dealt with in accordance with the law, unless the accused having been given a reasonable opportunity to do so, adduces evidence which satisfies the Court that exceptional circumstances exist which in the interest of justice permits his or her release".

This was yesterday a submission made by Prosecuting Crown Counsel Mandla Dlamini in his heads of arguments during the hearing of Shongwe's bail application before Judge Cyril Maphanga.

Shongwe stands accused of killing his girlfriend, Lindokuhle Mlangeni, by allegedly brutally strangling her to death inside her house at Hlatikhulu in December last year. He is currently in custody as the state is vigorously

opposing his bail application.

According to Dlamini, whilst it is true that there is nothing to gainsay the applicant's (Shongwe) averment, that he is suffering from acute asthma, the Crown does not think that such a factor takes his case any further because such a malady or sickness is, at least under the circumstances of this case, not an exceptional one.

"Asthma is a sickness or ailment, but it is neither terminal nor exceptional in the relevant law, in fact it is not one of a kind as per Acting Judge of Appeal Justice Magid's notion in Senzo Motsa vs Rex appeal of 2009 unreported," Dlamini submitted.

Dressed in his rather greyish pants and a khaki jersey, Shongwe listened

with interest with his head at times buried in his lap as both counsels argued the matter.

Making further arguments, Dlamini for the Crown submitted that the applicant, (Shongwe) has also failed to satisfy the court that his medical condition amounts to an exceptional circumstance, as he has even failed to file any medical reports to that effect.

Dlamini also submitted that even if applicant is sick, it has not been shown that his sickness is terminal and cannot be taken care of at His Majesty's Correctional Services' facilities and that applicant has also failed to file a confirmatory affidavit from HMCS officers, to the effect that they cannot provide him with a special diet to contain his sickness and that the conditions and standards of the holding cells are not conducive for him.

The Crown stated that the applicant is facing a serious charge, and such a charge may induce him to flee because of the stiffer sentence that may be imposed by the court upon conviction, stressing that there is overwhelming evidence that Shongwe murdered the deceased.

'BHUBESI'S DEFENCE NOTHING BUT A FABRICATION'

AS part of its submissions in vigorously opposing the suspended police officer's bail application, the state further argued that Sibusiso Shongwe's defence will not suffice during trial, as it is a clear fabrication.

Prosecuting Crown Counsel Mandla Dlamini submitted that in light of the available evidence, there is a high possibility that the applicant (Shongwe) will be convicted, adding that the Crown has been able to bring evidence that indicates he is a flight risk.

"The higher the chances of conviction and the stiffer sentence to be imposed, the greater the chances that the applicant will evade trial, the fact that he disappeared with the deceased's property for four days without trace, and giving false information to the police shows he is capable of leaving this jurisdiction," Dlamini submitted.

Dlamini also argued that after the discovery of the deceased's body on December 27, 2018, the police started searching for Shongwe and when they called him through his mobile phone on December 28, he gave them false information to the effect that he was at the Matsapha Police Academy, yet he was not there at all.

The state further argued that the applicant failed to state in his papers

where he was on December 28, as he has also failed to dispute that the police called him on that date. The applicant, according to the state, has also failed to state why he abandoned the deceased's car in the forest and that he did not dispute that the deceased cellphone was found in her car which he (Shongwe) had abandoned in the forest.

It has also been argued that Shongwe is being economical with the truth when he alleges that he learnt with shock that the deceased was dead in the print media on December 29, adding that the fact that he absconded training at the police academy, clearly shows that nothing can stop him from leaving his place of employment, and the fact that he is gainfully employed does not automatically entitle him to be admitted to bail.

"It is also submitted that the applicant has committed an offence that has sent shocking waves and outrage, not only in the community but the entire country, hence it is our submission that his safety is also not guaranteed," Dlamini submitted. Dlamini mentioned that should Shongwe be released on bail, there is a likelihood he would interfere with state witnesses, as most of the witnesses are his blood relatives and work colleagues and he knows the nature of their evidence.

'Bhubesi' denies detailing girlfriend's death to half-brother

MAKING submissions during arguments on behalf of Sibusiso Shongwe was Manzini-based lawyer Machawe Dlamini, who submitted that he has been instructed that Shongwe never at any point went to Hlane to detail the death of his girlfriend to his half-brother.

Lawyer Dlamini argued that never at any stage did the applicant ask his half-brother to help him fetch his car.

It was argued on behalf of the applicant that when he left his girlfriend's house after the alleged altercation, the deceased was still alive and that he learnt with shock on December 29 through the print media, that the deceased was dead and that he was wanted in connection with her death.

It was also further submitted for the applicant that the bundle of keys that were found in the deceased's car at the Matsapha Police Station, belonged to Shongwe, supporting the allegation that these were duplication of the keys shared by the deceased and the applicant.

Lawyer Dlamini submitted that the applicant is innocent of the charge of murder, and that he shall plead not guilty to same during trial.

Dlamini (for the applicant) fur-

ther submitted that it is the interest of justice that the applicant be admitted to bail since a person's liberty should be considered as provided for by the Constitution.

He denied that the applicant is a flight risk, arguing that the applicant is a law abiding citizen, who will abide by the bail conditions the court may deem fit and that the applicant will not interfere with Crown witnesses nor jeopardise the functioning of the bail system.

Shongwe is charged with the murder of his girlfriend, as it is alleged that Lindokuhle Mlangeni, who was a nurse by profession, was strangled and killed during a domestic dispute at her rented flat, which is situated at New Town in Hlatikulu, on Boxing Day last year.

Her unresponsive body was found wrapped in a towel inside the flat, and the source of argument is said to have been a sum of E4 000, which was allegedly borrowed by Mlangeni from Shongwe.

However, Shongwe allegedly started demanding the money back and a fight ensued, which allegedly led to Mlangeni's death.

The following day, her boyfriend, constable Shongwe, was listed as

a wanted person by the police. This was after he had disappeared from the Matsapha Police Academy, where he had been attending a workshop.

At the time, police believed that Shongwe's vanishing act after the suspicious death of his lover was no coincidence.

Mlangeni was employed as a nurse at the Hlatikulu Government Hospital at the time of her death, while Shongwe was attached to the Traffic Department at the Hlatikulu Police Station.

Shongwe had allegedly been seen in the company of his girlfriend at her rented flat on the fateful day before her death.

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Woman whose shelter was demolished finally laid to rest

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Khalambazo

THE deceased woman from Khalambazo in Malkerns was finally laid to rest on Sunday morning.

The family of the deceased elderly woman, Thoko Dlamini (72), who passed away on March 26 was finally able to bury their relative this past weekend. This after they had been left in the cold, as they had no house to welcome mourners (Kufukama). This was because her house was demol-

ished by renowned Matsapha businessman Tommy Kirk.

The family is part of the residents, who were affected in the much publicised case involving the businessman and a community living in a farm he purchased and facilitated their eviction from his land.

When this reporter visited the homestead, the family of the deceased was seated outside a stick and mud flat. They said the flat was previously used as a kitchen and was later turned into a makeshift house for the deceased following the demolition of her two

roomed house in 2016.

Dlamini's relatives vowed to do all in their power to ensure the deceased got as dignified a funeral as possible. A family member stated that they were faced with a mountain to climb, as none of them were employed since their livelihood depended on social grants as they were elderly.

Mentioned

She mentioned that since the day the deceased passed away, they had been struggling to collect donations from community members, as well as distant relatives for her burial. However,

this past weekend they finally laid Dlamini to rest. She was buried at a local burial site, known as KaTwo Thousand, near her homestead around Malkerns.

Dlamini's relatives managed to collectively purchase a coffin, were able to rent a tent, as well as money for purchasing food.

Select Management Services came to their rescue, as the company volunteered to provide the family with a tent, as well as chairs for the funeral. The company also donated E2 000 towards other costs incurred during

the funeral. The deceased's brother, Fanase Dlamini (67), said the funeral, which had been postponed before was successful and they were happy to have finally accorded their relative a dignified burial.

"As a family, we would like to thank all those who contributed to the burial being a success. We hope they do not tire and continue to help others in need and God would bless them," said Dlamini. He extended the family's gratitude and said they were grateful for the help they received from the company. He further thanked all those who lent a hand during preparations as they would not have been able to do it on their own.

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

SNAT partners with Eswatini Mobile to generate extra income

WITHOUT CoLA for three years, SNAT Investments seeks to venture in other income generating projects.

This was said by Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Mbongwa Dlamini during the official launch of SNAT e-Mali which is the fruit of the union's partnership with Eswatini Mobile.

SNAT e-Mali is said to have been deemed viable for teachers who would like to generate extra income in order to sustain them and their families as it had been designed to accommodate those who need it for commercial use.

Also, teachers will be able to access financial services in the form of loans from this mobile service.

With this partnership, the teachers will now be able to use the mobile service conveniently yet at minimum costs.

According to the president, the teachers' union has realised that investment was the way to go, especially in such socio-economic and political reality that civil servants are currently faced with. He said resource mobilisation resulted to sustainable development and improved power resources for any entity.

Vital

Dlamini said these were vital in the attainment of the union's obligations. Dlamini highlighted that the national executive committee, (NEC) would soon release a strategic plan that would act as a compass for SNAT in the next three and a half years. At the top of this strategic plan, according to Dlamini, would be the resource mobilisation and economical empowerment of SNAT members. He added that with this, SNAT was following in the foot-

steps of other middle income countries.

On another note, the president informed the gathering that other investment ventures were in the pipeline and that in the very near future, SNAT would launch clothing, insurance and food business entities which were all expected to grow in leaps and bounds.

Furthermore, Dlamini expressed his appreciation for the solid corporate partnership between SNAT and Eswatini Mobile which in the past has resulted to the birth of the first product for teachers known as SNAT e-Mali. EswatiniBank is also said to be involved in the two entities' partnership.

Sharing the same sentiments regarding the importance of investment for teachers was SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini who said

this was the beginning of bigger things to come.

He said it took the union about 80 years since formation to realise the need for such a venture.

Discussions

He said it was then that the SNAT Co-operative was introduced. From there, the secretary said even after business discussions were held among the union's leadership in 2008, it took them 10 years to eventually implement it.

In 2018, Sikelela said the partnership was forged with Eswatini Mobile.

To the union's leadership, Sikelela said there was a dire need for breaking new ground and opening more of the small financial streams for teachers. "A lot of such, when added will amount to a tangible income that would sustain individuals' livelihood," he said.

Micro-projects gets E120m from govt for school projects

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

MICRO-PROJECTS has received an injection of E120 million towards the construction of several structures in 73 schools in the country.

For several months now, Micro-projects buildings around the country came to a standstill.

This was because the entity ran out of funds in the last financial year.

According to Project Manager, Dumisa Dlamini, the organisation has resumed its projects around the country, especially in schools.

Dlamini said currently, they are building 256 structures across the country's schools. These structures are expected to be fully complete in a space of six months. These structures include high school classrooms, primary school classrooms, toilets, kitchens, teachers' houses and school water supplies, mainly in the lowveld.

Other projects include fencing and tree planting, provision of basic facilities for secondary schools, vocational and training facilities. Projects by Micro-projects are normally community based small-sized, self-help development efforts.

Contribution

Community members have to take the initiative, decide their priorities and be ready to make their own contribution.

The Micro-projects programme can grant up to 75 per cent of the investment cost for the suitable projects. After the completion of these projects, Dlamini said, operation and maintenance are the responsibility of the beneficiaries.

Micro-projects programmes aim to help improve the standard of living, wealth and wellbeing of grassroots communities, through satisfaction of their basic needs to mobilise, encourage and support communities in their effort to plan development projects on self-help and self-training basis. Moreover, it is to mobilise, encourage and support local communities in their effort to plan and implement development of local communities, based on their cultural and social values, natural resources and human capacities.

After these projects are completed, the community will be trained on how to appraise, manage, implement and maintain their own projects to make them sustainable.

... Micro-projects programmes aim to help improve the standard of living, wealth and wellbeing of grassroots communities, through satisfaction of their basic needs



ESWATINI ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PRESS STATEMENT

ESERA LAUNCHES A REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR PARTIES INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POWER GENERATION PROJECTS IN ESWATINI

The Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority ("ESERA") has today launched a registration process for parties who may be interested in participating in the development of new generation capacity in Eswatini ("Registration").

A copy of the Registration document is available for download from the ESERA website or on the following link: (<http://www.sera.org.sz/administrator/files/1555333602.pdf>).

Interested parties may be aware that in July 2018, the Honourable Minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy ("MNRE") announced a new energy policy which sets out that the procurement of new generation capacity by Independent Power Producers ("IPPs") will be conducted through competitive tendering. In addition, and in support of the new policy, in October 2018, the MNRE launched its Integrated Resource Masterplan (the "MasterPlan") for the energy sector as well as the Short-term Generation Expansion Plan ("SGEP") which provide a roadmap of the new generation capacity to be developed in the country.

The procurement of new private-owned generation capacity through competitive tendering provides opportunities for meaningful local participation in the Eswatini energy sector. As a result, ESERA, together with other stakeholders, is preparing a framework to ensure Eswatini-based participation in the development of new private generation. More information on the potential areas for local participation in the projects is provided in the Registration document.

The Registration is being launched by ESERA to gather information and create a database of parties who may be interested in participating in the development of new power projects in Eswatini. This database will assist developers in identifying and selecting local partners for the projects to be developed.

Interested parties are requested to express their interest by completing the registration form provided in the Registration document. ESERA requests that the registration form is submitted no later than 5:00pm (CAT) on 26 April 2019.

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All parties should note that the Registration is not intended to be, and should not be considered to be, the start of a procurement process and does not in any way constitute any form of shortlisting, pre-qualification or any other form of selection for purposes of procurement for new generation capacity.

ESERA wishes to thank all parties in advance for expressing interest in participating in the development of new generation capacity in Eswatini.

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GUARD ALERT EMPLOYEES DELIVER PETITION TO SUPERIORS

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

IN a bid to do away with the workers' union within their workplace, Guard Alert Security Services superiors are alleged to have victimised three shop stewards.

This was said by Swaziland Amalgamated Trade Union (SATU) Secretary General Frank Mncina when throngs of Guard Alert employees delivered a petition to their superiors yesterday.

According to the secretary, the security guards were enraged by their employers' continued arrogance and the victimisation of shop stewards who were elected to represent the interest of workers at the workplace.

The supposed ill-treatment of the workers' representatives is said to have been evident when two of them were dismissed while another was in the process of being fired, allegedly without following all due process -es of the law.

Mncina said SATU was cognisant of the fact that shop stewards, like the rest of company employees, could be subjected to a disciplinary process as long as the employer followed the right procedure.

One of the shop stewards is said to have been verbally dismissed from the service's Matsapha branch on December 5, 2018. An allegation levelled against him, according to Mncina, was that he was involved in misconduct in 2016.

However, it is said there was no disciplinary hearing in this regard and the nature of the alleged misconduct is still not known.

The second shop steward to have fallen victim of the company's alleged unfair treatment is said to have been dismissed in March. Like his colleague, gross misconduct is said to have been his charge.

Another shop steward to have suffered was allegedly charged for absenting himself from duty without permission.

Hearing

This employee's disciplinary hearing, which had been scheduled for yesterday, is said to have been a result of a genuine sick note that was signed by a registered medical practitioner when he later reported for duty.

In the petition that was delivered yesterday, the Guard Alert Security Services authorities were urged to reinstate all the shop stewards unconditionally.

Charges against the employee who was to appear before the company's disciplinary committee were to be withdrawn and he should be allowed, with immediate effect, to resume his duties.

Additionally, the workers demanded that the company should make a commitment in writing assuring SATU that the victimisation of shop stewards would be stopped. Further, the company should allow shop stewards to carry out their duties as workers' representatives in the various workstations.

Guard Alert Security Services was given a seven-day ultimatum to address the workers' demands.

"Failure to do so, the union shall embark in various campaigns against the company until our demands are met," read the petition. The company's representatives who received the petition on behalf of the acting director informed the workers that they would be engaged for negotiations today.



MEETING: Guard Alert Security Services representatives and SATU leadership in a discussion facilitated by the police.

TOY-TOYING: Guard Alert Security Services employees in full swing yesterday morning.

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NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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A number of prominent security companies around Pigg's Peak are gunning for a tender to provide security services in the northern Hhohho town.

Sources at the Pigg's Peak Town Council have revealed that there is very stiff competition for the lucrative Pigg's Peak Town Council security provision tender that is renewed annually.

Currently, tender, is being serviced by First Action Security, who have managed to secure the town of Pigg's Peak since early 2018.

Speaking to this publication yesterday, First Action Security Managing Director (MD) Lindokuhle Mnyamane said they were confident of clinching the tender for the second year running.

Establish

"The history of First Action Security is from next week. The company started operating in early 2016 here in Pigg's Peak, and at the time we saw the need to establish a local security company that would provide employment for the many local young people who are desperate for employment.

"We also saw the plight of other security guards who were being mistreated by their employers. Currently, we have more than 70 employees and we are still hiring more people whenever new posts become available for us to secure. In the next 10 years, we wish to bring positive change in the security provision industry and become the leading security

Stiff competition for Pigg's Peak Town Council security tender



APPLICATION:
Pigg's Peak
Town Council
CEO
Mzwandile
Ndzinisa.

provider in the kingdom," she said.

Also interested in the tender was Top Two Security, whose officer Mbongeni Magagula said Top Two were also committed to providing employment opportunities in the Northern Hhohho.

"Top Two Security is a local security

company that was established in 2015 and we want to expand by creating employment for the local communities here in the Northern Hhohho.

"Competition for security services tenders is stiff, but we believe we will offer more quality to our clients. All our

employees are well-trained and they believe in delivering quality security. It is important to remember that Top Two security provides security services in all the mini-regional trade fairs in 2018.

The only trade fair we didn't get such a tender was in Manzini. During that time, all our clients reported that they were happy with our work because the trade fairs were all incident-free. This was a very positive feedback for us as an organisation, because it proves that we know what we are doing," he said. Also speaking to this publication was Sandile Motsa of local security company, Work Well Security, who said he was concerned about the lack of quality security guard companies in the Northern Hhohho.

"Work Well Security was established in late 2017 and we were able to secure small forestry companies like the A3 and the A5 forest company hostels.

"Currently we have 31 employees who rotate their various security posts on a weekly basis. This system, allows

each employee to improve themselves by being introduced to various work environments. We believe that we will win the town council tender due to our honest and transparent way of working. We pay our employees on time and we provide them with quality uniforms and boots. We also have experienced supervisor who patrol all our posts to interview our clients. So far we have had no complaints from our customers or from our staff," he said.

Pigg's Peak Town Council CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa said that all the aforementioned security companies had submitted applications for the tender to secure the small town of Pigg's Peak. "In line with the Urban Government Regulations, many security companies have applied to secure Pigg's Peak. However, each company must provide services that match the council's tender award criteria.

All the companies will be brought into our boardroom for interviews and then the best company will be announced to the media," he said.

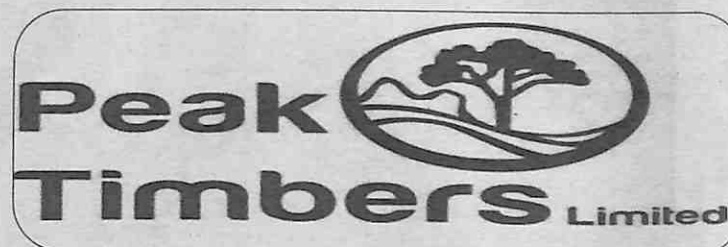
DUE to an increase in subsistence fishing in Northern Hhohho, Peak Timbers Community Liaison Officer Nhlanhla Nxumalo has revealed that the company has not given up on introducing commercial fish farming to the region.

Nxumalo was speaking to this publication during a telephonic interview yesterday. Nxumalo said Peak Timbers was committed to setting high standards of quality control before building the actual fish farms. "As an organisation, we are focused on providing the best quality products to our customers and surrounding communities. As we have said before, Peak Timbers first researches and then implements the various social projects to aid the communities here in northern Hhohho. We are determined to finding more ways to enrich the lives

Peak Timbers not giving up on commercial fish farming

of all the residents. So far, we provide a very large number of fishing licences to the communities around the Nkomazi River. "We also provide fishing licences to the communities near Maguga Dam and the Mlumati River.

"However, these fishing licences are for small subsistence fishermen who fish to feed themselves and their immediate families. None of these fishing licences permit large commercial fishing, involving boats and fishing nets. Medical practitioners say fish is an excellent source of protein, coupled with healthy amounts of omega three fats that promote a healthy body. Also fish provide fewer waste products as compared to chicken,



beef and pork," he said.

Nxumalo added that fish was much cheaper to buy, especially in communities that live around large sources of water like rivers or lakes. "Fish is cheaper to buy in certain communities, so we are promoting its multiple benefits to

members of the public. Currently, the communities we have spoken to are excited and hopeful that the fish farms will become a reality soon. As we speak, Peak Timbers is exploring ways of how to implement our fish farms. Our first option will be to set up many smaller fish tanks that are located next to a lake.

These tanks will use the lake water to breed the fish. We will feed and raise the fish in the tanks and when the fish reach a certain weight, we will sell them to the communities or to customers.

Option

"Our second option is to build fish tanks in a designated area. These tanks will contain the fish which will be bred until they are ready for sale or export. "All these plans are still being explored, that is why it is impossible to give an actual date on when the project will begin, but we hope the project takes off soon. The most important thing is the welfare of northern Hhohho," Nxumalo added.

Buhleni residents living in fear after murder, multiple robberies occur

RESIDENTS of Buhleni are living in fear of an armed syndicate which members of the police service believe is responsible for both the shooting of a truck driver as well as the robbery of local businessman Vusi Gamedze.

Both crimes happened late on Saturday evening and were reported to the Buhleni Police Post.

First, the criminals are believed to have robbed Gamedze of E75 000 in cash at gun point, while he was leaving one of his offices near Buhleni.

After the robbery, the criminals then

shot at a truck driver, who had walked into his own home only to find his wife tied up by the criminals.

The shocked truck driver then ran outside and tried to raise an alarm, only to be shot and killed next to his truck.

The syndicate further torched the truck for an unknown reason to confuse police. Due to ongoing police investigations, police have asked that this publication should withhold the name of the deceased truck driver. The police said the recent crime wave around Buhleni began in late March 2019 after unknown criminals

were involved in a shootout with Mozambique-based High Commission Counsellor Sigayoyo Magongo's home near Buhleni.

Crimes

"We believe that the two recent crimes near Buhleni are connected and were carried out by the same group of criminals. It is very important to mention that the criminals are fully-armed as they possess more than three different pistols. The crime wave began in late March. First, the criminals robbed a member of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force

(UEDF) of his vehicle. The criminals then used the same vehicle to rob five Asian businessmen at gun-point. While robbing another Asian man Magongo, who lives nearby, fired warning shots into the air to scare away the criminals.

Criminals

However, this action led to a shootout with the criminals, who eventually fled the scene," they said. The police added that after the initial crimes, the criminals dumped the stolen vehicle near Tshaneni, leading investigators to believe that the syndicate originates from the Republic

of South Africa. "After those initial crimes in March, police began a manhunt for the unknown criminals. To our shock, the truck driver was murdered while Gumedze was robbed at gun-point. These crimes all happened on the same night just like the first crimes in March. So far, we as the police have increased our visual presence to try and end this crimewave as soon as possible," added the officers. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said she could not disclose details of the investigations, but she could only confirm that all the aforementioned crimes occurred near Buhleni.

SHISELWENI FOLK SAY BAYETHE!

BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlango

SHISELWENI people, including community leaders, have expressed their delight in the appointment of the new Regional Administrator (RA) Dr Vincent Mhlanga by His Majesty King Mswati III last Friday.

Dr Mhlanga was announced as new RA together with three other RAs for the other regions. He served as Chief Officer in the King's Office. He is also former FINCORP boss.

He held the reins as Prime Minister after the dissolution of the Cabinet which was headed by the late Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini.

In the Manzini region, Chief Gija, who was the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Chairman, was appointed the RA while former Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile is now in charge of the Hhohho region. Former Senator Themba Msibi, who served as Speaker in the 10th Parliament,

...for appointment of Vincent Mhlanga as RA

is now in charge of the Lubombo region. Community leaders from Shiselweni screamed: 'Bayethe' in thanking the King for the appointment.

They also stated that they were more than ready to support Dr Mhlanga in carrying out the mandate given to him by the country's authorities.

Acting Chief of Mbangweni, Musa Matsebula said as leaders of the area, they were looking forward to working with Dr Mhlanga.

Stated

He stated that they were hopeful that he would use the experience he got while still in the King's Office to improve the region.

"It's the right choice and we are happy that His Majesty has appointed someone of Dr Mhlanga's calibre. His Majesty loves his people and, therefore, we expect Dr Mhlanga to love this region.

Dr Mhlanga should consult us for

assistance in leading the region.

Otherwise, we welcome him and we can only shout 'Bayethe!'," said Matsebula.

Reggie Lukhele, who is Indvuna of Vusweni under Maseyisini Inkhundla, said Dr Mhlanga is coming in with vast experience, which he would use in taking the region to the next level.

I hope he will assist in addressing the chieftaincy disputes.

We have had challenges in this area for some time now as a region," said Lukhele.

Lukhele said it was his wish that Dr Mhlanga



NEW BROOM: Shiselweni Regional Administrator Dr Vincent Mhlanga.

adjudicates on disputes fairly. He said as the leadership of Vusweni, they wish him all the best.

Nhlango Mayor Deon Anderson said Dr Mhlanga's appointment as RA should be appreciated by everyone.

He said Dr Mhlanga is also business oriented and that should work to the advantage of Nhlango and the region in general.

"Our many thanks to His Majesty for appointing Dr Mhlanga as overseer of this region. We welcome and assure him of our full support," Anderson said.

Hlatikulu Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bongani Dlamini said Dr Mhlanga must be supported

in order to excel in his new role. He said as a town, they were looking forward to working with him.

MAN FINED E700 FOR THEFT OF TRACKSUIT, UNDERWEAR

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

A 19-year-old man from Moyeni in the Hhohho region has been fined E700 for theft.

Thandukukhanya Msibi is accused of stealing items valued at E169.90 while at Pep Stores in Mbabane.

The stolen items were in the lawful possession of shop assistant, Nonkululeko Thwala.

The incident occurred on April 14.

Msibi pleaded guilty to the offence. Among the items stolen were a navy blue tracksuit and underwear.

Thwala told the Eswatini National Court that the Sunday she was on duty at Pep Stores along Bethusile Street, Mbabane.

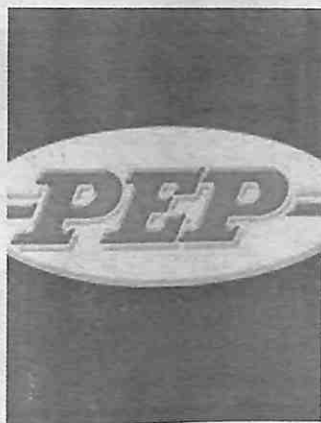
Thwala told the court that while she was carrying out her duties she noticed the accused gazing at her from the other side of the shop.

"Your Honour, I suspected he might have stolen some items from the shop," said Thwala.

Thwala told the court that the accused was carrying a navy blue tracksuit together with green and grey items which Thwala could not tell what they were.

Thwala told the court that she then approached Thwala and asked him if he was being assisted while shopping and Msibi then asked her if the tracksuit was available for lay-buy.

"Your Honour, I told the accused that the tracksuit was available only for cash no lay-buys," said Thwala. "Your Honour the accused



was wearing a red tracksuit when he entered the shop, but by the time he was arrested he was wearing a navy blue one."

Thwala told the ENC that she then went to another shop assistant at the Pep Stores, and asked for the accused to be searched when making his exit.

"When we searched him we discovered nothing in his body and were not convinced. We then took him to the fitting rooms to further search him," said Thwala.

Fitting

"Our fitting rooms have mirrors and I saw the accused pulling out a tag from the tracksuit. In his pockets, we also discovered a price tag for the underwears."

Thwala told the court that the accused was wearing the stolen underwear.

In his plea to the ENC, Msibi apologised to the Pep Stores for the offence he had committed. "I am sorry and I promise that I will never repeat the offence again," said Msibi. Msibi was then sentenced to seven months at a correctional facility with an option to pay E600 fine.

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

A 41-year-old man of Jubukweni in the Hhohho region has been fined E600 for assault after he took the law into his hands.

Jabulani Simelane, a security guard at Mbabane Shoprite, unlawfully assaulted Hlobisile Kunene with an open hand three times on the face and further assaulted her with a cane three times on the buttocks with an intention to cause her grievous bodily harm. Kunene then took offence and reported the matter to the police. The incident happened on March 22.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge.

Kunene told the Eswatini National Court that on the fateful day she was at Mbabane Shoprite doing her shopping.

"Your Honour, I was in the company of my sister doing my shopping at the store. I had gone to Shoprite to buy milk for my baby and all of a sudden I heard someone calling my name.

However, I ignored him as I was wearing a T-shirt with my name written on the back," Said Kunene.

Kunene told the court that Simelane then pulled her by her T-shirt and asked her where the money to pay for the milk was. Kunene told the court that she then looked for her sister inside the shop, but she could not find her. Kunene told the court that the money was with her sister.

"Simelane then pulled me by my T-shirt and pushed me into the shop's storeroom. At the storeroom, Simelane made me lie on the floor and then assaulted me with a cane on my buttocks three times. He also assaulted me with open hands. After he was done he then took me to the police," narrated Kunene.

Simelane, on the other hand, told the court that Kunene had stolen a tin of milk at the shop. "Your Honour, while I was doing my regular shop patrol on Friday, three ladies entered the shop including the complainant. She then approached the milk section with the two ladies covering her by standing next to her. I then saw her hiding the

milk in her private parts and she pulled her skirt back," explained Simelane.

Simelane told the court that one lady returned the stolen milk, but Kunene ran for cover while inside the store.

He further told the court that other colleagues of his in the security department managed to apprehend Kunene and that was when she was taken to the storeroom.

"The reason we took the complainant to the storeroom was because we wanted to search her further as we suspected that she might have stolen more items other than just the milk," he said.

He further stated that the reason he assaulted Kunene was because she smeared him with human waste on his jacket.

"While I was questioning her, she soiled herself and smeared my favourite jacket with human waste. I then assaulted her. I had to discard the jacket," explained Simelane.

Simelane was then warned against taking the law into his hands and further sentenced into seven months in a correctional facility. He was also given an option of a fine of E600.

MAN FINED E400 FOR SLAPPING DJ

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

A 26-year-old man from Sidvashini in the Hhohho region has been fined E500 after being convicted for assault.

Jamie Mordaunt unlawfully assaulted Ntokozo Shongwe by slapping him on the face while at KaSony Bar in Sidvashini.

The incident happened on April 5.

Shongwe told the court that on Saturday while at KaSony Bar on duty as a Disc Jockey, he saw the accused speaking

to his girlfriend.

"It was about 12 midnight and I wanted to ask my girlfriend to buy me drinks. That is because I was still rendering my set," he explained.

Assaulted

Shongwe told the court that while he was waiting for his girlfriend, Mordaunt then assaulted him.

"The mother of my child had asked me to wait for her as she was in a conversation with another man. The accused then slapped me across the face. I then called the police and reported the matter," he said.

On another note, Mordaunt told the court that the lady the complainant was referring to was also the mother of his child.

"Your Honour, I was having a word with the mother of my child, who also happened to be the complainant's girlfriend.

The complainant appeared from nowhere with the intention of stealing my girlfriend and I then assaulted him," said Mordaunt.

Mordaunt was then fined E400. He will serve five months in jail in the event he fails to pay the fine.

Taiwan Medical Outreach Team attends to 360 patients

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

ABOUT 360 patients were attended to by the Taiwan Medical Outreach Team at Nkwene Inkhundla over the past weekend.

The outreach took place at Mandulu Primary School, Nkwene Inkhundla, on Saturday and about 360 patients, including 145 under-18, 167 females and 48 males got medical attention.

The medical outreach programme, included seven specialists in paediatrician, orthopedic, five general medicine practitioners from Taiwan Medical Mission and volunteers from Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU) and nurses from Amitofo Care Centre.

The outreach programme provides medical service with physical check-up, disease consultation and free medication.

Dr Chen from the mission mentioned that quite a number of patients complained about numbness over extremities, which could result from deficiency of vitamins, and all of whom were prescribed with vitamin supplementation for a month.

Dr Yu, on the other hand, stated that chronic diseases, such as hypertension and diabetes, are emerging in the country.



OUTREACH: Dr Yu attending to an elderly patient.

"We have seen several patients already knowing their chronic problems, yet they are not controlling them well. It is important to monitor blood pressure and blood sugar at a local health centre once you are diagnosed of the disease," he said.

Philemon Vulimpompi Nhleko, the area's Member of Parliament, showed his appreciation to the health service and also suggested that the Taiwan

Medical Mission should also help other communities because many other communities need the same help that they received.

The Taiwan Medical Mission remains with four upcoming outreach service for the year and they welcome the Members of Parliament from various constituencies to approach them for services in their communities via email: deseoso.fear@gmail.com.

Epilepsy organisation donates to epileptic man living with disability

BY NOMY NYANDZENI
Mbabane

EPILEPSY Eswatini has donated five bags of maize and groceries worth E2 000 to a man living with a disability and epilepsy at Zikhotheni area.

Epilepsy Corporate Strategy Officer Stanely Sangweni when making the donation noted that they made the donation after having visited Sibongiseni Gumbi (31), who lives with his mother Khawu Ngwenya.

Sangweni noted that they were shown to the area by a police officer identified as LaNdlovu, who had come across the man's situation while doing a community visit and patrol.

The police officer found that Gumbi is in a very critical condition and his health card pointed that he was treated for epilepsy and that is when they decided to visit him.

Sangweni said during their visit they found that Gumbi is in a very bad situation due to being bedridden and inability to walk on his own. As a result of his disability, Gumbi uses diapers.

However, it is said that Gumbi and his whole family do not have birth certificates, hence they do not receive grants and that makes things difficult for them to be assisted.

When Make Khawu Ngwenya was asked why her son ended up without the birth certificates, she said she cannot afford getting one for him since every cent she gets she has to maintain her son.

Meanwhile, at Zikhotheni, the epilepsy officials were also told about a young man, Thabani Sibiya (20), who suffers from stunted growth and epilepsy.

Sibiya stays with his aunt, who is unemployed. They were told of a sad situation that Sibiya does not wear clothes due to his condition and that as a result, he is always naked.

However, the Epilepsy National Director, Mbusomuni Mahlalela, stated that the reason for donating the food is not to sustain these people, but they are just giving out of a good heart.

Mahlalela noted that there is a strong need for building a care centre for people living with epilepsy and disability where they will receive specialised care from trained personnel.

He added that he will do anything to make sure that the Gumbi family gets birth certificates so that they can have access to grants.

The Zikhotheni community also appreciated the visit by the Epilepsy Organisation and also noted that disability and epilepsy are quite common in their area.



CARING: Sibongiseni Gumbi and his mother Khawu Ngwenya and a neighbour at Zikhotheni posing with groceries donated by the Epilepsy Eswatini.



FREE SERVICE: About 360 patients were attended to by the Taiwan Medical Outreach Programme at Nkwene Inkhundla.

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BUSINESS UPDATE

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ESE contributes to regional financial stability - Senate president

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA AND SANDZASIVE NXUMALO

THE Eswatini Stock Exchange (ESE) will contribute to regional financial stability by fostering market discipline, resulting in sound and safe markets.

Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini made the observation during the ESE operations and latest developments for senators at Sibane Hotel, Ezulwini, yesterday.

She stated that the ESE hosted the Committee of SADC Stock Exchanges (CoSSE) a month ago and they hoped that CoSSE would work creatively, pro-actively and effectively in assessing and addressing risk to the securities markets, the public and other market participants.

She said the older and more mature markets would share their experiences and resources with the emerging partners in a spirit of equality and common destiny.

"As Parliament, we are committed to ensuring that enabling laws and regulations are promulgated or reviewed to enhance economic growth and spur vibrancy in the economy.

"The 11th Parliament comes at a time when the country has a mammoth task to revive our economy and ensure that the country realises vision 2022," she said.



SIHLALO: Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini with Senators Tony Sibandze and Isaac Magagula during the ESE operations and latest developments for senators at Sibane Hotel yesterday.

She added that as senators, they were utilising the digital framework which was the future and also using this platform as a way of formulating ideas and also a capacity development opportunity.

"We have learnt a lot and in our capacity as representatives of the people, we are ready to take the baton from ESE as ambassadors to encourage politicians, companies and the nation as a whole to effectively participate in the local stock exchange," she added.



PRESENTING: Thuli Nkwanyana presenting during the ESE operations forum.

Minister praises companies for not delisting on ESE

THE Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg has praised local companies listed under the ESE for not delisting from the Eswatini Stock Exchange despite the economic challenges faced by the country.

This he said through Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati during the ESE operations and latest developments for senators at Sibane Hotel.

"To all our listed companies, eight equity and three debt issuers including our government, through their CEOs, may I extend government's profound gratitude for sailing through the storms we have been through over the past 29 years with your companies listed on the ESE, regardless of the challenges it has faced.

Global

"Even through the global financial crisis, none of you decided to delist; you really stood the test of time. For that I really thank you very much. In that same vein, may I implore other companies operating in Eswatini to consider listing on the ESE because depth and breadth on the Exchange is what spurs liquidity," he said.

He further stated that progress toward integration of capital markets on a regional basis would help spur accelerated economic integration goals in other areas.

"The harmonisation of stock market regulations and trading practices that would accompany any regionalisation of exchanges could deepen regional integration more broadly in policy areas such as foreign exchange, taxation, accounting standards, corporate gover-

nance and legal practices. That is why the ESE has seen it prudent to automate its trading platform so as to not only provide a fair, efficient and transparent trading system, but also to tap into other SADC securities markets, and thus expand the exposure of listed securities and investing public," he added.

He further disclosed that they had included all the dealing members and direct participants on the ESE such as auditors, transfer secretaries, financial advisors and members of the market committee, who will share with the senators about their experience working with the ESE so they know whom to approach when they want to list on the ESE.

He also mentioned that many regulatory efforts are viewed through the lens of investor protection and it is through this that they evaluate the duties of securities issuers to disclose meaningful information to potential investors so that they can make informed investment decisions.

"Through the investor protection lens, we also determine the appropriate risk-based methods to monitor compliance

Progress toward integration of capital markets on a regional basis will help spur accelerated economic integration goals in other areas

with those duties and to enforce them.

But, our core mission goes beyond protecting investors and maintaining fair, orderly, and efficient markets. The third part of our statutory mission is to promote capital formation and always seek to balance the needs of businesses with the needs of investors," he said.

He added that an effective regulation promotes capital market development and that in the capital markets sphere, a jurisdiction's institutional and regulatory policy framework can strongly influence capital market development and give confidence and trust to the listed companies and the investing public.

Framework

Thus, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority specifically advocates a regulatory framework for the economy's financial markets that conforms to international best practices. "Progress toward integration of capital markets on a regional basis will help spur accelerated economic integration goals in other areas.

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"That is why the ESE has seen it prudent to automate its trading platform so as to not only provide a fair, efficient and transparent trading system, but also to tap into other SADC securities markets, and thus expand the exposure of listed securities and investing public," he concluded.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 16 APRIL 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.0400	14.0900
British Pound/SZL	18.3791	18.4445
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.9761	7.9922
Swiss Franc/SZL	13.9855	13.0339
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3198	1.3343
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0372	10.0744
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.4917	10.5283
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TUBERCULOSIS IN THE MINING SECTOR PHASE 2 (TIMS 2) SOUTHERN AFRICA PROGRAMME

Call for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to partner with the ECF Consortium for the TB in the Mining Sector Programme Implementation

The Enhancing Care Foundation Consortium, which includes SAFAIDS and Baines Occupational Health Services, is charged with identifying suitable CSOs to implement key interventions to reduce the burden of TB. This grant is supported by the Global Fund, with Wits Health Consortium as Principal Recipient, and will implement a regional TB programme in the following countries: Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa. Through a transparent and competitive process, three CSOs will be selected from each country in the following operational districts:

Country	District
Lesotho	• Mafeteng • Maseru • Mahales Hoek
Mozambique	• Gulya • Mandlakazi • Xai-Xai • Chibuto • Chokwe
Namibia	• Omaruru • Swakopmund • Usakos • Walvis Bay • Tsumeb • Aranos • Otjiwarongo
South Africa	• Dr Kenneth Kaunda • OR Tambo • John Taolo Gaetsewe • Francis Baard • ZF Mgcawu
Swaziland	• Lumbombo • Manzini • Shiselweni

Objectives:

To increase: TB case finding • TB treatment completion • HIV diagnosis and treatment initiation among TB-infected patients • Access to information and education on TB prevention, care and treatment • Accountability of key institutions addressing TB, silicosis and HIV by 2020. Partners will be trained as agents of TB/HIV prevention and mobilisers of key populations and their communities in order to promote uptake of TB/HIV services. Please see www.safaid.net for further information.

Who can Apply:

CSOs are invited to submit an Expression of Interest and a completed Partnership Selection Form

(link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1t58JfFE000tK3l0-PSqW9kUwUwQHB>).

NB: Key populations mean current miners, ex-miners, their families and communities, demonstrating their competencies in TB and HIV programmes within the mining sector based on the following criteria: • Legally registered Civil Society Organisations, including Trade Unions and Miners Associations, with a minimum of 5 years' experience implementing TB and HIV programmes and specific experience in working with key populations, particularly miners and ex-miners, on TB- and HIV-related issues • Ability to demonstrate a shared vision, mission, values and core business in line with the TIMS project goals • Clear and functional programme management, implementation, monitoring and reporting structures, including clear organisational and governance structures • Clear organisational policies, procedures and systems that promote transparency and demonstrate accountability, such as: Basic financial control procedures that demonstrate the financial management capacity of the organisation; clear logistic systems; administration and human resource policies and stakeholder management plans.

Partnership Duration/Timeframe:

1 May 2019 to 31 December 2020

Application Procedure:

Interested CSOs should send an Expression of Interest showing how they meet the selection criterion, including examples of completed work, and a completed Partnership Selection Form to recruitment@safaid.net on or before 19 April 2019.

Selection Process:

An Independent Selection Committee will evaluate the submissions based on the following evaluation procedure:

Technical Area	Maximum Points
Institutional arrangements and organisational credibility, including understanding of the assignment	20
Relevant experience in TB and HIV programming	30
Partnership management and M&E capacity	30
Financial and Human resources management systems, including procurement system	20
Total	100

Selected CSOs will undergo an organisational capacity assessment, institutional capacity building, planning and leadership development. Please direct your requests for information and questions/queries in writing to ngoni@safaid.net before 5 April 2019. Detailed responses will be made publicly available at www.safaid.net





ESWATINI HOSTS AFRICA

WE ARE EQUAL TO THE TASK!

AS the countdown towards the arrival of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat Technical Evaluation Team draws closer, the tension is, as expected, very high.

If the last communication from the AU Commission is anything to go by, the date for the evaluation team's visit could be upon us much sooner than we think. Therefore, as a country, we cannot afford to be caught ill-prepared. We need to collectively work together as a nation to prove to all and sundry that indeed Eswatini is ready to host Africa.

A little over a week ago, the official list of countries competing against Eswatini in the race to host the AfCFTA was released. It turns out Eswatini is competing against six other countries. These are Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, Ethiopia and Madagascar. Ordinarily, this is the point where Eswatini should be feeling concerned. But, no! Not this ambitious kingdom from Southern Africa. Instead, we are more determined than ever to prove to the world that the AfCFTA headquarters shouldn't be anywhere but the Kingdom of Eswatini.

In the words of AfCFTA National Steering Committee Chairperson, E. Nathi Dlamini, it would not be appropriate for us to embark on a public



comparison of the attributes and drawbacks of the competing Member States at this point; but rather simply focus on what we, as a country, can offer. And unique we are. We are not competing by chance nor favour, but because we meet all the criteria the African Union gave Member States.

For one, we have the perfect office accommodation for the Secretariat – not only secure and strategically posi-

tioned in close proximity to the city centre, but it also has the capacity to accommodate 200 professional and another 200 support staff. In terms of accessibility, the office accommodation earmarked for the AfCFTA Secretariat is a mere 10 minutes' walk from the city centre and only two minutes' walk from a five-star hotel.

When it comes to reliable utilities; Eswatini predominantly has clean

potable water, dependable electricity supply and our mobile telecommunications services cover almost the entire country. Our good roads as well as easy access by air and rail to our coastal neighbours, Mozambique and South Africa, strategically position the country as one of the most accessible.

In the field of education and health, Eswatini offers high quality education from pre-schooling to tertiary with a syllabus that enables students to integrate globally; while in terms of access to health, we have fully available and efficient public and private hospital facilities which are supported by emergency and home care services.

We also pride ourselves as a country in our active participation in the African trade agenda; through signing and ratifying various trade agreements. We are not only the founder members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) but also members of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU).

We have also ratified the three requisite OAU & Vienna Conventions on Privileges and Immunities, Diplomatic Relations and Consular Relations. Further, we have signed

SACU Agreements as Third Parties. These are the SACU EFTA Free Trade Area (FTA) and the SACU MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Area (PTA). Currently, Eswatini is in the process of implementing the SADC EPA with the European Union and we are signatories of the Tripartite Free Trade Area.

But that's not all. In terms of political stability, Eswatini is regarded as one of the most stable and peaceful nations in Africa. Moreover, we boast a low crime rate which is acknowledged in international indices.

With the above achievements, there is no doubt that Eswatini is indeed a powerful competitor.

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HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY HAPPY SUCCESSFUL WTM

STORIES BY SIMON SHABANGU

HOSPITALITY and tourism sector industry players are elated about the success of the World Travel Market (WTM) Africa which was held in Cape Town last week.

They noted that it was a worthwhile investment that would bring them new business in the near future.

The different exhibitors hosted by the Eswatini Tourism Authority shared similar sentiments in appreciating ETA for facilitating this annual trip to Cape Town as well as putting up an attractive stand which they feel contributed to the success of their business in Cape Town. The local industry was for the first time led by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati, who is also new in the ministry following the appointment of a new Cabinet in November. The minister is upbeat about changing the environment in the tourism sector and come up with more innovations that will attract tourists into the kingdom as mandated by the King. The industry players applauded the minister's attendance, adding that this gave them a good selling point since it was a sign of political commitment from the part of government which is often the missing link in such events. Snap interviews conducted with the different exhibitors on the last day of the show proved



DID WELL: Royal Villas GM Karol and Marketing Officer Thandeka Dlamini at the Eswatini stand during the WTM Africa trade show in Cape Town. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



VISIT ESWATINI: Mantenga Lodge Directors Robert and Paloma Jupp with one of their clients.

that they were all positive of new opportunities that were created from the three-day trade show which started on Wednesday and ended on Friday. They also commended the speed mar-

keting session arranged by the organisers with international tour operators as an icing on the cake which gave them access to as many operators as possible.

WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY...

THANDEKA DLAMINI,
MARKETING OFFICER AT
ROYAL VILLAS HOTEL

SHE said on their part as a hotel they were extremely happy about the success of the show.

She said they were able to secure deals with new giant international tour operators which are set to bring tourists from as far as Poland.

She said they had quality meetings which she believes would bring them business, especially for next year. She said they also managed to revive existing relations with tour operators they have been working with over the years. They were also able to plan their working schedule for next year. "We were happy about the new concept of speed marketing which paid off because we were able to meet even those we would not have seen were it not for this platform. We met a lot of new ones who were equally excited to meet the people of Eswatini.

We had a good time of creating new contacts which we anticipate will bring us new business for next year," she said.

On another note, Thandeka appreciated the presence of the minister and CEO at WTM, saying this was a first and is very inspiring to note that government is supporting them.

"I would also like to commend ETA for the good stand; it really made us look good and brought more traffic our way because it was attractive and the little goodies they had also added value," she said.

ANNA MCGINN,
MARKETING CONSULTANT
AT MAGUGA LODGE

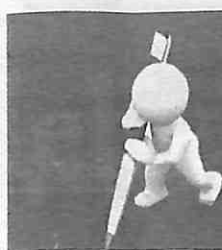
She said on their part it was a successful show as they created a lot of new business contacts.

"We definitely did well and we will be bringing in new business to Maguga Lodge and new tourists into the country. As a country, we are unique in our way, especially because we have a beautiful and diverse country. Eswatini has a lot to offer in a short space of time since it is a small country. We can do better when it comes to attracting tourists," she said.

MANTENGA LODGE GM
ROBERT PALOMA JUPP

He said they were happy about the success of the trade show as they were able to make new contacts with new businesses.

He said most of their meetings were positive and were hopeful that they will get more new business, especially next year. He said in his experience having attended the WTM for the past four years, there has been a slight decline in terms of numbers owing to the fact that the tourism sector in general is undergoing a rough patch. He said, however, WTM is growing each passing year and attracting more quality when it comes to buyers and the number of international tour operators attending the show.



What's in Your Mind

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Features & Opinions

Refresh What You Think

HEALTH and wellness management has emerged as a priority due to increasing recognition that the health, safety and wellness of staff directly impact on the productivity of the entire organisation.

As staff is the life-blood of the organisation it is vital to help them produce at their optimum levels.

Both personal and workplace factors influence overall wellness and staff performance.

Employees and employers should be concerned about healthy lifestyles that can minimise chronic diseases, hence assisting companies to realise their organisational goal and objectives.

It is our understanding that institutions are committed to the development of policies and the implementation of programmes on integrated HIV/AIDS & TB awareness, prevention and health support for employees to optimise productivity.

Hence, The Family Life Association of Eswatini (FLAS) developed a wellness programme tailored to suit the needs of corporate companies. FLAS's workplace service offerings, although customised to each organisation's needs, are based on the premise that the organisation's primary objectives are to prevent HIV & TB infections, provide care and psychosocial support for employees and manage the impact of emerging conditions within the organisation.

The importance and purpose of the wellness policy includes, among other things:

- The wellness programme describes the company's wellness initiatives that promote employee health and wellness. Every organisation wants their employees to have access to wellness resources.
- It enables employees to become more productive. It is a vital aspect of building a happier workplace.
- It is also aimed at reducing absen-

FLAS' HEAL AND WELLNESS PROGRAMME FOR COMPANIES



teeism and various sickness related expenses and accidents.

- Improve organisational effectiveness and to provide pro-active ways for teams and individuals to improve their well-being through medical, psychological and physical interventions.
- Identify infected and affected staff timeously and refer them for appropriate assessment and treatment.
- Manage the risk of HIV/AIDS on the organisation by placing HIV/AIDS on the strategic, agenda, as a priority and implementing health risk management strategies including education and awareness.

KEY ELEMENTS OF FLAS KWELLNESS PROGRAMME

1. Screening and monitoring of lifestyle related diseases:

Screening and monitoring of the following lifestyle related diseases to be done based on the client need. This includes activities that promote healthy lifestyles among employees.

- Body Mass Index (BMI) assessments and monitoring.
- Blood sugar level screening and monitoring.
- Blood pressure screening and monitoring.
- Routine screening for reproductive health cancers (breast exams, cervical cancer screening, prostate cancer screen-

ing etc.)

- Routine TB screening

2. Provision of psychosocial support services:

Stress, depression and mental health issues are most associated with work burn outs leading to poor performances and loss of productivity at work. FLAS wellness programme assists companies by providing psychosocial support through counselling and referrals. FLAS provide a social worker or counsellor to conduct periodic sessions with staff as per their needs. In an event where further management is required, the social worker or counsellor will refer the employee to the relevant services and ensures that the staff is contacted for follow-up.

3. Peer education program

peer education is underpinned by the principle that workers are the experts on their own lives and are therefore the best starting point in any learning process. Peer education provides a non-formal learning process that gives empowerment, confidence and independence to workers for behavioural change. FLAS recognises that HIV and AIDS is a major threat to the workforce and the peer education programme embarks on addressing sexual and reproductive health, HIV and TB at the world of

work while promoting positive attitudes towards life. The objective of the programme to understand and respond to the effects of SRH/HIV/TB in the world of work and support action by employers and workers to mitigate its effects.

4. Provision of comprehensive integrated SRH/ HIV/AIDS/TB service:

FLAS enables the provision of comprehensive and integrated SRH/HIV/AIDS/TB services through mobile clinic without disturbing and disrupting work. These are some of the services that are provided by FLAS;

- HIV testing and counselling services (HTS)
- Condom distribution
- Screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI)
- Pregnancy Screening
- Family planning and contraceptives
- Maternal and child health services (Antenatal care)
- Counselling on various sexual and reproductive health conditions such as fertility and gender based violence
- Appropriate referral into care.

KEY ACTIVITIES OF FLAS WELLNESS PROGRAMME

1. Situational Analysis – FLAS conducts a situational and needs assessment on knowledge, attitudes and behavioural survey before the wellness programme resumes to understand the needs, issues and gaps that exist in the company.

2. Develop or Review the Workplace Wellness/HIV policy – Develop

workplace wellness policy where there is none. Periodic review of available workplace wellness /HIV policy for companies.

3. **Setting up and monitoring of internal programme implementation structures:** This includes capacity strengthening sessions for internal structures for ownership, effectiveness and sustainability of the wellness programme.

4. **Provision of integrated sexual and reproductive health services including HIV:** This includes sensitisation and mobilisation of employees for service uptake and provision mobile services on site.

5. **Screening and management of health lifestyle conditions:** Provide health lifestyle services and develop individual health plans of employees as per the need.

6. **Provision of male SRH package:** Provide SRH services to male employees.

7. **Conduct health team building exercises/campaigns/initiatives:** Develop team building package. Raise awareness to employees on various topics based on the international calendar days.

8. **Peer education programme -** Develop or review peer education manual and Conduct

Training on peer education.

FLAS strives to provide a comprehensive and integrated Wellness program for companies using the knowledge and expertise accumulated over years of working in the SRH/HIV/TB field. The packages are always customised to suits the needs and wants of companies. Happy and healthy employees are productive employees.

How Google images helped us pin down diet of Africa's largest eagle

MARTIAL eagles are in rapid decline throughout South Africa and many other parts of their range in sub-Saharan Africa.

These declines have been so steep, that this species is now considered vulnerable to extinction.

But conservationists still don't have a very good handle on what could be driving these declines across Africa. Suggestions include: habitat loss, deliberate and incidental poisoning, hunting in response to the fear of livestock loss, collisions with power lines and pollution. A recent concern is a reduction in available prey. Unfortunately, our knowledge of what this species preys on is relatively poor. We only really have two South African studies from the 1980s.

Our research sought to overcome some of these limitations. We explored some alternative options for identifying important prey eaten by this species.



As martial eagles are beautiful, people love to take photographs of them and post these online. We realised that hundreds of photographers, amateurs to professionals, have been collecting data. To help answer some conservation questions we tapped into this resource of photographs taken at multiple locations across the continent over many

years.

WHAT THEY EAT

Scientists use a range of methods to understand what raptors – birds that feed on smaller animals – eat. These include collecting and identifying prey remains from nest sites, inspecting pellets, which are regurgitated balls of indigestible prey parts, watching from hides

set up at nests, or using remote technology such as placing camera traps at nests. Scientists can now even analyse the chemical properties, like stable isotopes in feathers to describe the types of prey eaten.

These approaches are incredibly valuable in assessing diet. Unfortunately, they present some limitations. Almost all are nest based. This limits them to the breeding season and prey that is brought to – and remains at – the nest. Martial Eagles also nest at really low densities. To get diet data from nests, researchers visit multiple sites in remote places and many times per season. This makes these studies challenging and expensive.

THE RESEARCH

Our study used the free web app MORPHIC, developed at the University of Cape Town to search Google Images and catalogue photographs of martial eagles with prey. Our sources includ-

ed websites, social media and photography platforms.

We trawled through 4,872 photos and found 254 images of the species with prey, and recorded data on eagle location, age, feeding position and type of prey. The photos came from many different countries across southern and eastern Africa, including South Africa, Kenya, Namibia, Botswana and Tanzania.

These images revealed that reptiles, birds and mammals each made up about a third of Martial Eagle diet. Prey type proportions varied broadly between different regions. Mammals dominated in eastern Africa but reptiles were more important prey across southern Africa. This was the first research to explore Martial Eagle diet in any detail beyond the borders of South Africa.

Another limitation of previous approaches, was their inability to explore the prey of non-breeding individuals in the population. Unlike adults, non-breeding sub-adults don't have a central place, like a nest, where prey remains accumulate. *The Conversation*



Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

MAGASHULE SLAMS ANC VETERANS OVER 'RACIST' REMARKS

CAPE TOWN - Embattled ANC Secretary General Ace Magashule has hit back at party veterans over allegedly racist remarks attributed to him, saying other party leaders, including the president, had made similar comments in the past.

This comes after party elders on Monday slammed Magashule over what they deemed racist comments made by the leader during his Western Cape campaign over the past weekend.

Magashule told Philippi residents in the Western Cape that they must not vote for "umlungu", or a white person.

The elders released a statement yesterday condemning Magashule, and further demanding that President Cyril Ramaphosa take action against him.

Speaking through his spokesperson Mbali Hlophe, Magashule denied any wrongdoing, and said his comments were taken out of context.

"Why is the 101 Veterans coming out now when these terms have been used before? President Cyril Ramaphosa has made a similar comment. There is nothing



HITSBACK: Embattled ANC Secretary General Ace Magashule.

wrong with what Mr Magashule said, there is context which needs to be understood," said Hlophe.

Magashule referred to statements that were made by Ramaphosa in 2014 and said his comments were about speaking against whiteness, not necessarily advocating hate for white people.

"When we were in the Western Cape, the people were saying white people are causing them to suffer. Simply put, they were speak-

ing about the ill-treatment that they are receiving from the DA.

"That was the context, and when he was addressing the community, there is no terminology in any vernacular language on whiteness, except for distinguishing 'abelungu' and 'amabhunu'," said Hlophe.

The statement by the elders was signed by party veterans Mavuso Msimang, Barbara Masekela, Murphy Morobe, Popo Molefe,

Ilse Fischer, Ata Mkhwanazi, Trish Hanekom, Omry Makgoale, Ivan Pillay, Laurentia Richer, Cas Coovadia, Sagie Pillay, Peter Richer, Mary Metcalfe, Sheila Sisulu, Tim Wilson, Catherine Hunter Shubane, Aslam Dasoo and Lentswe Mokgatle.

The elders said the comments made by Magashule were not in accordance with the Constitution or their party, which they believed to be a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic liberation movement.

"The utterances by someone occupying the office of secretary-general, exhorting masses of poor black people not to vote for 'umlungu', are utterly alien to the core principles and character of the ANC and its mission to build a nation free of prejudice, poverty and exploitation," they said.

The veterans called on Ramaphosa and the ANC integrity commission to urgently act against Magashule.

ANC spokesperson Dakota Legoete said the party would discuss the matter at its next meeting. The Presidency declined to comment on the matter.

Political Bureau

If you want to call me racist for telling the truth, do it - Malema

DURBAN - Julius Malema told northern KwaZulu-Natal tertiary education students on Monday evening that if people wanted to call him racist for telling the truth, they should label him that.

"In Northern Cape and Western Cape, there are still people who are paid with a bottle of wine during harvesting season. When you say this they call you racist. If telling the truth is racism, then I am proud to be a racist because I am telling the truth," said the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) commander-in-chief.

Malema was speaking to a capacity crowd at the Esikhawini campus of the Umfolozi TVET College, near Richards Bay, as part of his provincial election campaign, which started in the morning.

The EFF wanted people to be proud of being black and African, he said, but in South Africa, whites were still treated as if they were special, while blacks had little confidence.

"There is nothing special about white people - we are all equal, we are all human beings," he said.

"The EFF is the only party in South Africa not scared of Indians or whites, we tell them right to their faces - if they *tjank* (Afrikaans for bleat) or whatever they do, they will end up relaxing."

But whites weren't scared of the EFF, he said, "because they know we won't kill them or drive them to the sea. They know we are bringing equality. They don't want equality".

Equality, said Malema, meant that in the future, the students would wake up to white domestic workers and labourers. "You are going to be farm owners and employ white people to drive tractors," he said, to loud applause.

"That is my dream. My dream is to have a situation where black people employ white people. Then we will be equal," he said, later adding, "The boss must be anyone who can create a job. It's possible African child, don't be scared to dream." Malema also used the opportunity to swipe at African National Congress (ANC) and state President, Cyril Ramaphosa, and former president Jacob Zuma, who was campaigning in the same region throughout the day.

Using the same analogy he did at a community meeting earlier, Malema said Ramaphosa and Zuma were like "meat cooked in the same pot".

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It's a crisis, Helen Zille about SA's electricity situation

JOHANNESBURG - Western Cape Premier Helen Zille did not mince her words while speaking about the national electricity situation at the Electricity Summit in Cape Town.

"We have a crisis," Zille said. "It is anything but under control, and the most important thing that we have to do is convey honest information to people about where we stand."

Industry experts discussed ways to address the electricity crisis in South Africa that worsened between March 14 and March 23 when stage 4 load-shedding was put in place. The event brought together mem-

bers of the Western Cape provincial government, the public and the industry, notably Eskom.

"The summit [was] about understanding the range of problems and finding solutions rather than apportioning blame," said Geoff Jacobs, President of the Cape Chamber of Commerce which organised the summit.

Among those who spoke was Eskom's General Manager of the Western Cape, Alwie Lester.

"The thing about load-shedding is it really doesn't help anyone," Lester said. "Our systems were never meant to be switched on and off at the rate in which they do."

Eskom was not let off the hook, as multiple speakers recommended it be privatised or dissolved altogether.

"The entity is too big, too complex, too staid in its own way," said Lauren Hermanus, representing Power Futures South Africa.

"My advisers tell me that Eskom is unsavable," Zille added. "I'm sorry Mr Lester, that's what they tell me."

South Africa ranked second to last of 115 countries in the Effective Energy Transitions Index of 2018, which evaluates energy affordability and sustainability. The summit focused on the need to adopt and

invest in renewable energy, described as more affordable and sustainable.

"We are not asking businesses to take account of these [renewable] energy trends because there's the reason of load-shedding," said Hildegard Fast, Head of the Energy Security Game Changer in the Western Cape government.

Times Live



Zondo dismisses Moyane's application to cross-examine Gordhan

JOHANNESBURG - The Chairperson of the commission of inquiry into state capture, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, has dismissed sacked SA Revenue Service (SARS) commissioner Tom Moyane's application to cross-examine Public Enterprises Minister

Pravin Gordhan.

However, Zondo reserved his judgment on one wish, which he said in the next few days he would give direction for the two parties to give clarity.

Moyane applied for leave to cross-examine Gordhan at the commission

after the latter implicated him in his testimony last year.

Gordhan is opposing the application on the grounds, among others, that Moyane was advancing the Economic Freedom Fighters' (EFF's) political campaign against him. Zondo cited rule 3.3, which requires the

commission's legal team to notify persons within a reasonable time before the witness gives evidence who may be implicated by the witness and that, in accordance with rule 3.3.6.3 the implicated party may, if they wish, within two weeks from the date of notice, apply in writing

to the commission for leave to cross-examine the witness. The commission's chair further said an applicant seeking to cross-examine a witness should meet the requirements of rules 3.4, 3.6 and 3.7 of the commission's rules.

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BASHIR ICC EXTRADITION UP TO CIVILIAN GOVT, SAYS SUDAN JUNTA

ADDIS ABABA - A member of Sudan's governing military council said the country's next civilian government would decide whether to hand veteran President Omar al-Bashir to the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Bashir was first indicted by the Hague-based ICC in 2009 on war crimes charges over a long-running conflict in Darfur in western Sudan, but has escaped arrest.

Bashir's 30 years in power ended last week when the military ousted him after months-long protests that left dozens of demonstrators dead in clashes with security forces.

"The decision whether to extradite (Bashir) to ICC will be made by a popularly elected government and not the transitional military council," military council member Jalaluddin Sheikh told journalists during a visit to the Ethiopian capital.

The council has pledged a two-year transition period and also said it would not send Bashir or any other Sudanese



HAS TO ANSWER FOR HIS CRIMES: Omar al-Bashir.

citizen to the ICC.

The ICC charges against Bashir, which include a genocide allegation added in 2010, stem from a rebellion launched in Darfur in 2003.

His government's decision to unleash the armed forces and allied militia against

the rebels brought him further international criticism. The UN says more than 300 000 people have been killed in the Darfur conflict, and more than two million displaced. Bashir was the first sitting president of a country to be wanted by the ICC, and the first person to be charged with genocide.

Without a police force, the ICC relies on member states to carry out arrest warrants against suspects.

Despite two warrants against Bashir, he continued to travel with impunity to various countries in Africa and the rest of the world.

This included ICC member states South Africa and Jordan, which under the court's founding Rome Statute had an obligation to arrest him.

In the Sudanese capital Khartoum on Monday, thousands of demonstrators remained camped outside the army headquarters, calling for a return to civilian government.

AFP

Pressure mounts on Sudan military to transfer to civilian rule

KHARTOUM - Sudan's military rulers faced pressure from demonstrators and Western governments to hand power to a new civilian government on Monday as activists warned of an attempt to disperse a 10-day-old mass protest outside army headquarters.

Thousands remained camped outside the complex in Khartoum overnight after protest leaders issued demands to the military council set up following the ouster of veteran president Omar al-Bashir.

The organisation that spearheaded the months of protests leading to Bashir's fall, the Sudanese Professionals Association, called on their supporters to boost the numbers at the complex.

"There is an attempt to disperse the sit-in from the army headquarters area, they are trying to remove the barricades,"



WANT'S CHANGE NOW: Sudan's military rulers faced pressure from demonstrators and Western governments to hand power to a new civilian government.

the SPA said in a statement, without saying who was responsible.

"We call on our people to come immediately to the sit-in area to protect our revolution."

Witnesses said several army vehicles had surrounded the area and that troops

were seen removing the barricades which demonstrators had put up as a security measure.

The SPA has urged the military council "to immediately transfer power to a civilian government".

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Seychelles president calls for ocean protection in historic underwater speech

VICTORIA - Seychelles President Danny Faure dived deep into the Indian Ocean to call for protection of "the beating blue heart of our planet."

"This issue is bigger than all of us, and we cannot wait for the next generation to solve it. We are running out of excuses to not take action, and running out of time," a statement released by the president's office quoted him as saying.

Faure, who has made environmental protection a top priority, was taken down more than 120 metres (400 feet) in the submersible vehicle Ocean Zephyr which is being used for a mission dubbed 'Nekton Deep Ocean Exploration' and which is rated for depths of

more than 500 metres.

"I can see not only the incredible beauty of our ocean, but the care that it urgently needs to stay this way. This is a historical moment for my country," the president said of the 115-island archipelago.

The Nekton mission is to spend seven weeks studying underwater life, mapping the sea bed and placing captors at depths of up to 2 000 metres in the nation's waters.

From next year, Seychelles plans to designate 30 per cent of its marine surface as a protected zone.

The nation is particularly vulnerable to the destruction of coral reefs that comprise many of its smallest atolls.

AP

Kids traumatised as parent gunned down outside school in suspected hit

JOHANNESBURG - Children at a Joburg primary school were left traumatised when they witnessed a parent being gunned down in a suspected hit at the end of classes.

The man was picking up a child after school at Bernard Isaacs Primary in Coronationville when he was shot. According to police spokesperson Captain Kay Makhubele, the man, driving a VW Golf, was about to pick up a child from school. As he stopped outside the school, he was approached by two men who fired several shots, killing him.

The incident happened just after 2pm when school closed for the day. Makhubele asked anyone with information that might lead to the arrest of the perpetrators to contact the police. Gauteng Department of Education spokesperson Steve Mabona said that while the incident happened outside the school premises, they were worried. The department was to send a team of counsellors to the school today to

help the traumatised children.

Mabona said: "We are concerned about the shooting and we call on members of the public not to harm our children. We call on them to exercise caution around our children, no matter what your issues are." This is the second shooting this year at a Gauteng school.

In February, four people were arrested after a brazen midday robbery at Edenvale High School. Two other people were arrested, while their two accomplices were killed and another one was injured during the attempted robbery.

Five other men hijacked an Uber taxi on its way to pick up a child from school and fled the scene with it. **The Star**

...We call on them to exercise caution around our children, no matter what your issues are

BRIEFS

US confirms killing ISIS leader

SOMALIA - The US military confirmed on Monday that it had killed the second-ranking Islamic State leader in Somalia in an air strike. US Africa Command said that Abdulhakim Dhuqub was killed on Sunday in the strike vicinity of Xiriir in the Bari region. In the current assessment, the US military said the strike killed only Dhuqub and destroyed one vehicle. "Dhuqub was responsible for the daily operations of the extremist group, attack planning and resource procurement," AFRICOM said in a statement. The Islamic State group has a relatively small presence in Somalia, where Al-Shabaab fighters are more powerful and aligned with Al-Qaeda.

AFP

US slaps sanctions on IS financiers

INTERNATIONAL - The United States imposed sanctions on financiers with bases in Belgium, Kenya and Turkey on charges they funnelled money internationally for the Islamic State extremist group. The Treasury Department said it had pinpointed successors to Fawaz Muhammad Jubayr al-Rawi, who was killed in a US-led coalition air strike in Syria in 2017 after allegedly sending millions of dollars earmarked for the jihadists. The United States imposed sanctions on seven people including Mushtaq Talib Zughayr al-Rawi, who as of late 2018 was living with his family in Belgium, according to the Treasury Department.

AFP

Extend president's term - Lawmakers

CAIRO - Egypt's Parliament is holding the last debate on proposed amendments to the Constitution that could see President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi remain in power until 2030. Yesterday's session comes ahead of a final vote by lawmakers on the changes to the 2014 charter, before the amendments are put on a national referendum, likely before early May when the Muslim holy month of Ramadan starts. The proposals would only extend a president's term in office from four to six years. But they include a special article to extend el-Sissi's current, second term to six years and allow him to run for another six-year term in 2024.

AFP

Kenya wants intersex identity recognised

NAIROBI - A task force formed by the Kenyan government has recommended recognition of intersex people as a 'third sex'. The taskforce suggested the introduction of an Intersex (I) marker on official documentation and that intersex people are counted in the census. Intersex people are born with both male and female sex characteristics, which can appear at birth or later in life. The UN estimates that intersex people make up 0.05-1.7 per cent of global births. Based on Kenya's population of about 48 million, this means between 24 000 and 800 000 people would be intersex in the country.

AFP

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UP IN SMOKE: Notre Dame Cathedral went up in flames on Monday in a roaring blaze that devastated the Parisian landmark, with shocked onlookers watching. (Daily Mail)

PARIS IS DISFIGURED: TEARS AND SHOCK AS NOTRE-DAME BURNS

PARIS - Crowds of stunned Parisians and tourists - some crying, others offering prayers - watched on in horror in central Paris on Monday evening as flames engulfed the Notre-Dame Cathedral.

Gasps and cries of 'Oh my God' erupted at 7.50pm when the top portion of the church's spire came crashing down into an inferno that has spread to the entire roof.

More gasps came a few seconds later when the rest of the spire collapsed, caught on the cameras of thousands of mobile phones.

"Paris is disfigured. The city will never be like it was before," said Philippe, a communications worker in his mid-30s, who had biked over after being alerted of the fire by a friend.

"It's a tragedy," he added. "If you pray, now is the time to pray."

Police were attempting to clear pedestrians away from the two

islands in the river Seine, including the Ile de la Cite which houses the soaring Gothic church, one of Europe's best known landmarks.

But throngs of onlookers kept trying to approach, snarling traffic as they massed on the stone bridges leading to the islands.

Another woman passed by, tears running from behind her glasses, too overwhelmed to speak to reporters. "It's finished, we'll never be able to see it again," said Jerome Fautrey, a 37-year-old who had come to watch. "Now we need to know how this happened -- with everything that's going on in the world, why Notre-Dame? Maybe it's a message from on high," he said. One police officer, arriving on one of the bridges, turned up to gape, saying "Oh my god."

"It's incredible, our history is going up in smoke," said Benoit, 42, who arrived on the scene by bike.

AFP



PRAYER TIME: People kneel on the pavement as they pray for the Parisian landmark, which has been ruined by flames on Monday evening.



OH NO: Parisians kneel on the pavement as they pray outside, while watching the roaring flames engulf Notre Dame Cathedral.

Redacted Mueller report to be released tomorrow

WASHINGTON - A redacted version of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's final report on the probe into the Russia links of US President Donald Trump's campaign team will be released tomorrow, the Department of Justice announced on Monday.

The release of the 400-page report will come more than three weeks after Attorney General Bill Barr's controversial summary allowed Trump to declare it 'a complete and total exoneration' of him after nearly two years of investigation.

Barr said Mueller found no evidence that Trump's 2016 campaign team conspired to collude with Moscow to influence the election. The attorney general also said there was not enough evidence to charge Trump with obstruction of justice.

But Mueller himself took no stance on the weight of the evidence of obstruction, Barr noted, raising doubts over whether Trump had truly been exonerated by the report.

Barr has been under pressure since his March 24 summary to release the entire report, which wrapped up a 22-month investigation that saw 34 people charged, including six former Trump aides. *Daily Mail*

UK's Theresa May seeks respite from Brexit walking in Wales

LONDON - British Prime Minister Theresa May is getting a respite from Brexit with a walking holiday in Wales.

The prime minister's Downing Street office says May and her husband, Philip, started a short vacation on Saturday.

Parliament is on an Easter break until April 23. Division in the House of Commons over Brexit brought months of bruising battles that didn't stop lawmakers from rejecting May's European Union divorce deal three times.

May enjoys hiking in the Welsh countryside. During a visit there in 2017, she famously decided to call a snap election to strengthen her hand in Brexit negotiations. Instead, she lost her parliamentary majority and has struggled ever since to push through her EU withdrawal plans. Asked on Monday whether May is considering another election, spokesman James Slack said: "No."

AFP

BRIEFS

UK proposes banning social media 'likes'

LONDON - Britain's privacy regulator wants to stop children from being able to 'like' posts on Facebook and other social media sites as part of tough new rules it's proposing to protect children's online privacy.

Under the draft rules, which were released for consultation on Monday, tech companies would not be allowed to use 'nudge techniques' that encourage children to keep using a site. The Information Commissioner's Office said examples of 'reward loops' that keep people using a site so that more of their personal data can be harvested include 'likes' on Facebook and Instagram or 'streaks' on Snapchat.

AP

China seizes nearly 2 750 elephant tusks

CHINA - Chinese authorities have seized 7.5 tonnes of ivory — 2 748 elephant tusks — in one of the biggest busts in recent years, as the country cracks down on the sale of illegal wildlife products. The country banned ivory sales at the end of 2017 in an attempt to rein in what used to be the product's largest market in the world. Imports were banned in 2015. The smuggled tusks were confiscated last month in an operation by customs officers and police across six provinces, according to the General Administration of Customs. "This case represents the largest amount of elephant tusks seized in a single case investigated independently by the General Administration of Customs' anti-smuggling bureau in recent years," said Sun.

YouTube accidentally links attacks

PARIS - A YouTube fact-check feature, which is meant to tackle misinformation accidentally, tagged live broadcasts of a fire engulfing Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris with details about the 9/11 terror attacks.

The blaze erupted in the Unesco world heritage landmark in the French capital on Monday, sending its spire and roof crashing to the ground as flames and clouds of smoke billowed into the sky.

The fire, which at one point threatened the entire edifice, was brought under control early yesterday about nine hours after it broke out.

AP

13 climate change activists arrested

LONDON - British police have arrested 113 people after climate change activists blocked some of London's most famous roads, including Oxford Circus, Marble Arch and Waterloo Bridge in an attempt to force the government to do more to tackle climate change. The protests, led by British climate group Extinction Rebellion, brought parts of central London to a standstill on Monday and some stayed overnight for a second day of protest on Tuesday. Extinction Rebellion, which generated headlines with a semi-nude protest in the House of Commons earlier this month, is demanding the government declare a climate and ecological emergency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025. *Reuters*

Observer Entertainment

New Reviews Star Signs Celebrity Watch Cartoons



FESTIVAL XPLOSION: Eswatini Festival Xplosion team alongside sponsors' representatives posing for a group photo at the launch which was held at Dwaleni Farm Lodge on Monday night. (Pics: Courtesy of Ekhaya Kusekhaya and Setsabile Nkambule)

Eswatini Mobile Festival Xplosion successfully launched

BY: SETSABILE NKAMBULE

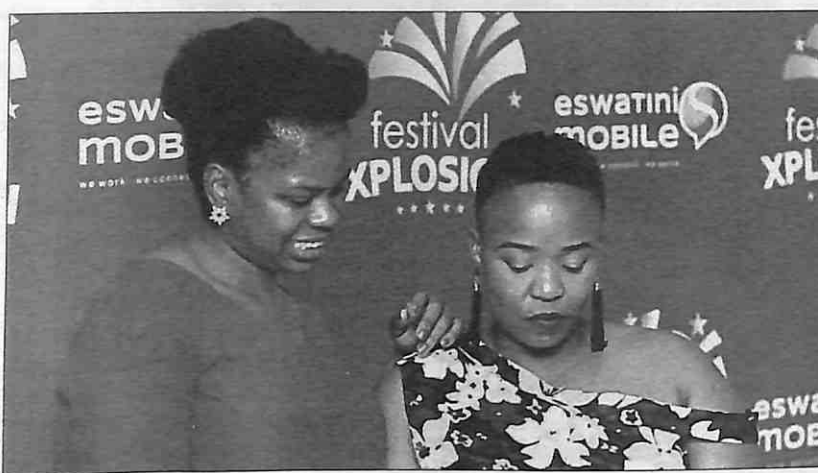
... Eswatini Mobile, ENCAC give nod to the festival

ANOTHER festival has been born. Dubbed 'Eswatini Mobile Festival Xplosion,' it will focus on fireworks, food, music and children's activities—fireworks being the main attraction.

To be held on July 27 at Dwaleni Farm Lodge, the festival will host the best artists; both locally and international.

According to the brains behind this new born fest, Msimisi Dlamini, the line-up will be revealed next month, and is tailored around creating a family feel for everyone attending the event; both the young and old.

"Festival Xplosion is an event which will raise the bar and set new standards for our country. It is designed to attract families to our country and also consumers across the SADC region. We have a dream of growing this event to become Eswatini's big event and also



DISCUSSIONS: Eswatini Mobile Sponsorship and Brand Manager Fisiwe Vilane having a light moment with Thembeke during the event.

Africa's top list of events.

"This dream is a possibility if we can unite as a country and work together to give Eswatini the spotlight it deserves," said Dlamini during the official launch of the festival which was held at Dwaleni Farm Lodge on Monday night.

The launch was graced by renowned personalities, Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini, Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe, African Alliance Chairman Sthofeni Ginindza, SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini, artists and executives from corporate

entities. According to the Eswatini Mobile Festival Xplosion team, the fireworks to

be displayed would be provided by Fireworks For Africa; a professional company that has been in operation for over 20 years which prides itself on high quality fireworks and boasts of being a nationwide leader in the fireworks display industry in South Africa.

Accommodate

Food would consist of a menu that is culturally diverse, focusing on five different cuisines: Swazi, Chinese, Portuguese, Indian and game meat.

The event would commence at 2pm till late.

There would be an interval for the fireworks display at 8pm to accommodate all target audiences then proceed with the programme's line-up.

Businesses would have the opportuni-



GUESTS: Apostle Robert Kasaro with his wife Princess Lindiwe and Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini.



THE BRAINS: Eswatini Mobile Festival Xplosion Director Msimisi Dlamini delivering his speech.



MARKETING GURU: Eswatini Mobile Chief Marketing Officer Khulile Dlamini speaking on behalf of the sponsors.



CHAIRMAN: African Alliance Chairman S'thofeni Ginindza taken by the speaker's presentations.



ART AND CULTURE: ENCAC Stanley Dlamini expressing words of gratitude to the organisers of the event.

ty to set up stalls to market their products and services to the public, at a fee. The wide audience of the event will offer businesses a wide target market for product/service exposure and consumption.

Eswatini Mobile has partnered with Xplosion, hence dubbed 'Eswatini Mobile Festival Xplosion.'

Eswatini Mobile Chief Marketing Officer Khulile Dlamini said it was an honour for them to have been included in such an initiative.

He stated that as a company that supports arts in Eswatini, when asked to help, they took the offer with both hands.

Dlamini said they were eagerly looking forward to the event and were hopeful it would go according to plan.

Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini stated that they were in full support of the event as it originates from the kingdom. "We want to congratulate the brains behind this great idea.

We hope that this event will have an identity as in most cases, a lot of these festivals collapse because they do not have any identity. This festival must be amongst the world's best," he said.

In an interview with the Entertainment Desk, SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini said it was exciting to see young people coming up with such new concepts.

He said the kingdom need such ideas to create more work for local artists and for people within the entertainment industry.

"They need to put a strong team together and get this done as there is no time to slack. In order for this event to work, they need to be trained and tested and also they should know that first impressions last forever and that is why they should make this first function perfect.

This being a new one needs to have strong artists with huge audiences, huge talents and experienced performers," he added.



YEBO GOGO: Bhloja performing during the event.

MINISTER OFFICIATES CULTURAL, CREATIVE INDUSTRIES WORKSHOP

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

DELEGATES from 16 countries, which are members of the African Union gathered for a workshop to review the African Union Plan of Action on Culture and Creative Industries.

Held at Bethel Court, Ezulwini, this workshop was officially launched yesterday by AU Head of Culture Division Department of Social Affairs Angela Martins and Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

Speaking on behalf of government, Minister Bulunga thanked the AU for choosing Eswatini as hosts of the review workshop.

"This review is hugely important for our country, because it will help us align our efforts with those of the rest of the continent in terms of developing the cultural and creative industries in order to maximise all benefits we can extract from them, particularly by offering our people opportunities to living better and fulfilling



AFRICAN UNION MEMBERS: The African Union country representatives posing for a group photo with the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga at the Bethel Court during the Cultural Division workshop. (Pic: Setsabile Nkambule)

lives," Bulunga said.

The minister stated that the kingdom was a country that was dominated by young people, with about 70 per cent of the population below the age of 35, but facing challenges like the high unemployment rate, especially among that key section of the population.

He said it was for this reasons that they were inspired to pay more attention to issues affecting young people. "Studies have shown that these industries significantly boost national economics worldwide and having seen the massive talent that our people have in these sectors, our intention as Eswatini is to tap into that

potential.

"This review, therefore, becomes hugely important for our country because it will help us align our efforts with those of the rest of the continent in terms of developing the cultural and creative industries in order to maximise all benefits we can extract from them, particularly by offering

our people opportunities to living better and fulfilling lives," he said.

The AU Head of Culture Division Department of Social Affairs Angela Martins expressed her gratitude towards the kingdom for accepting to host the workshop.

She said the choice of the venue was informed by the rich thriving culture and heritage, which dated back to centuries.

"Eswatini has a remarkably impressive range of traditional art and crafts, with many of its products now found around the world," she said.

Purpose

Martins said the purpose of the workshop was to consider the draft proposal on the review of the AU plan of action on culture and creative industries. According to Martins, they also had to strategise on how to include data collection and research, cultural and creative policies, using the digital revolution for the synergies with other industry sectors and branding of Africa through performance and cultural festivals and capacity building.

The workshop was attended by some experts from the African cultural and creative industries, with some coming from countries including Eswatini, Mozambique, Tanzania, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Also in attendance during the opening ceremony were the Director of Arts and Culture in the ministry of sports culture and youth affairs Phinda Nkosi and Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENCAC) CEO Stanley Dlamini.

Zox on the importance of SWAMA registration

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

SWAMA President Melusi Zox Dlamini has reminded artists an the importance of subscribing under the Eswatini Arts and Music Association (SWAMA).

He stated that the association is all about empowering both the public and artists intellectually.

He said SWAMA's primary role is to understudy and preserve the copyrights of artists and musical works created and arranged by all artists in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

"Through entertainment (music and arts), we are mandated amongst other purposes to: promote our culture through arts and music, find the solution to the high unemployment rate amongst the youth through arts and music.

"We are mandated to voice concerns of creative (musicians and artists) to government authorities, participate in formulating national cultural and arts policies and participate in international arts and music exchange programmes.

"In a nutshell, the core objective of SWAMA is to establish, regulate, promote and advance the arts and music industry in Eswatini. We are an enabler for local entertainment businesses and musicians to thrive," he said.

Dlamini mentioned that they had a number of projects planned to assist unknown artists and young artists break into the industry and make a living off their craft.

Important

It included an arts workshop on copyrights, patents, trademarks, and royalties; an artist's international exchange programme; standards formulation; artists' social welfare and funeral policy formulation; introduction of new media platforms for local artists in partnership with some leading ICT companies and international service providers, among many others.

Dlamini said these were going to be communicated to their registered membership through the regional chairpersons, thus it was important for upcoming artists to sign under them.

Furthermore, the president said they had never been a better time to do music than now as artists today were very fortunate to be living in the digital age, where they did not have to rely on extensive and costly public relations campaigns and interviews to have their brands known, music heard and distributed across the world.

He advised artists to take advantage of social media and new world media platforms to promote themselves. He said artists should position themselves for greatness on the digital space.

He stated that as previously artists used to pay to be signed under SWAMA, but now they decided to make it free.

"The executive made a resolution to suspend the E400 subscriptions. We are mindful of the current economic challenges and we feel artists should rather invest that amount into their businesses- for E400 you can get a professional photo-shoot done, you can pay for studio time at a really good studio, you can even purchase data to promote your music," Dlamini concluded.

Supa CDQ secures Jelele FM deal

BY DELISA THWALA

SUPA CDQ is now the resident DJ of Jelele FM.

The slot given to the DJ is dubbed 'The Vibe Dash Board'.

This is where the DJ will be dishing out his fine tunes fused with hip hop, RnB and a dash of House music. The show will be aired every Wednesday at 3pm on the online radio station.

Commenting on the slot, Supa CDQ said this was a dream come true for him, as he had always wanted to play on radio and have his set reach a much larger crowd.

"This came at the right time and

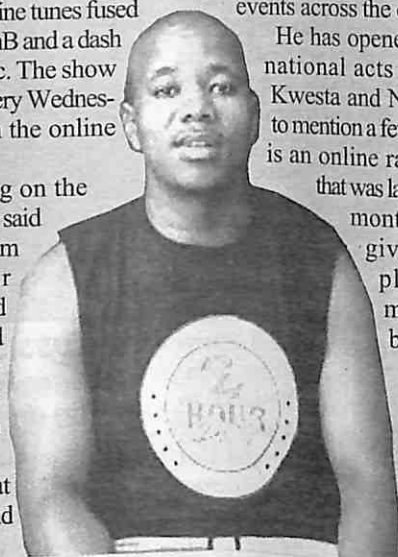
this is a right opportunity for people who want to listen to my set or have not seen nor heard me play, this is their chance to hear my set and vibe to it," said the DJ.

Real name Lindani Dlamini, Supa CDQ is a well-known hip hop DJ and has played at several events across the country.

He has opened for international acts like AKA, Kwesta and Nadia Nakai to mention a few. Jelele FM is an online radio station

that was launched three months ago and gives a larger platform to musicians and bloggers.

DREAM COME TRUE: DJ Supa CDQ



Kwaito star's birthday celebration now in Siphofaneni

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

THE birthday celebration and Emcimbinini single launch by SA kwaito star Dasoh will now be held at Spolly Hood Spin City in Siphofaneni.

Initially slated for Cloud 9 (former White House), the event will be held on April 27.

Eswatini Arts Super United (ESWA-

SU) Director Immortal 7, host of the show, said they changed the venue after experiencing challenges in staging the all night event there.

"We discovered that the licence of the establishment does not allow them to host six to six events. Rather than feel pity for ourselves, we opted for the Siphofaneni spot because it is spacious and classy. Spolly Hood City has hosted gigs before and the support of the rural people was amazing.

We're taking this double launch and birthday celebration there because we know our fans won't let us down," Immortal 7 said.

Revellers will now part with E30 to attend the birthday celebration and double launch. The event now starts at 4pm next Saturday until the next day. Dasoh, real name Linda Simelane, is the Managing Director of Africano Music stable. The Emcimbinini single Dasoh will be launching next Saturday

features DJ Kayzotic. Immortal 7 will also launch his own single titled 'Ziph' Ingane' on the evening.

"Eight Mzansi celebrities and four local stars will grace the launch. Siphofaneni is ready to host our guests with arrangements having already been made with the police, whilst we also have bouncers to deal with rabble-rousers on the day," Immortal 7 further stated.

Dasoh has been nominated for Best

Kwaito Artist of the Year in the 011 Awards for the hit single Emcimbinini. The 011 Awards, hosted by the City of Johannesburg, celebrate the accomplishments of individuals in their respective entertainment fields and this year, there are 20 nominations with the awards date being June 1.

The line-up includes Mongols, King Ginger (Isibaya actor), Mdabu, Immortal 7, Olivava, Badelicious, Mfana Webhejisa, DJ Kayzotic, DJ Delela, DJ Maizer, DJ Blue, DJ Snowboy, DJ Deboneng, Coolest Da DJ, DJ Bisto, DJ Q3 and DJ Motoyemali.

Aya City leaves Jozi yearning for some more

BY DELISA THWALA

SOLANI'S Shisanyama resident DJ Ayanda Motsa, popularly known as Aya City, left Johannesburg's funlovers yearning for more after his set at the Jorburg Fresher show.

This was during the much anticipated event that took place on Saturday in Johannesburg.

Aya City took to the stage just after Riky Rick's performance.

When the DJ took to the stage, the crowd went wild and he delivered a 20-minute set.

During the DJ's set, he was captured on a live video shared on Instagram and the people went crazy over his set, which consisted of deep house, and hip hop jams. The show is an annual event that is hosted in South Africa and consists of a different range of revellers during the day. The 'Joburg Fresher' saw performances from AKA, Kwesta, Riky Rick and OKmalumekoolkat. Speaking to the spinner, he said he honestly had a good time at the show and loved the crowd. "The crowd was amazing. I enjoyed myself. This was a great opportunity for my growth and popularity," he said.



BALLET DANCERS TO COMPETE IN USA

...Kids In Motion sends plea for air tickets

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

KIDS In Motion dance studio is seeking for funds for its 15 ballerinas who have qualified for the Talent America International.

This was revealed by Kids In Motion Founder Velile Dube.

She said they needed a sum of E90 000 for all 15 dancers to go and compete.

"We are asking corporates, individuals and many other entities to help us. We have even requested people to pledge from E500

upwards," said Dube.

She said the ballerinas managed to win gold medals at the South Africa Nationals Talent Africa and Talent America Internationals Qualifiers, which were held last week in Johannesburg, South Africa.

These include Siphosethu Mlota, Ndoniyamanzi Luhlanga, Lwandle Mdluli, Yethu Mkhombe, Senele Mkhwanazi, Wethu Dlamini, Abigail Mwakio, Asemanhle Dlamini, Sukulwethu Simelane, Sewandile Simelane, Nikiwe Ntombini, Melokuhle Mhlanga, Masimbonge Mtshali, Basebahle

Mabuza and Ngcebo Nyoni.

The dancers are set to compete in the United States of America from June 22 to July 1.

They are expected to depart on June 19 and return on July 3.

Discovering

With over 46 years of experience, Talent America is the nation's longest running talent competition and showcase.

With its proven track record for discovering talent, Talent America is an extraordinary event. It is where many of today's hottest actors, models, singers, dancers and entertainers got their big break.

At the 2018 National Finals, there were over 400 trophies awarded and hundreds of call-backs, as a result of incredible competition performances.

Dube said the world needs confident youngsters; ballet dancers amongst other sports and arts is the number one catalyst to assisting children with their self-confidence. "Dance also teaches children discipline, focus, how to work hard, stay away from the streets, amongst a lot of other benefits."

"By supporting this initiative and getting our girls to New York, USA you will be helping us reach our goal in creating a healthier, happier and open-minded future generation."

"These girls will also be representing Eswatini on world stages. If Eswatini can be known for something positive, then let it be Ballet dance," she said.

POPZIN FOR IMPISI RALLY

BY DELISA THWALA

LIYANDA, popularly known as Popzin, is going to be the headlining act during the Impisi Rally set to take place on May 3 to 5 at Tum's Water World.

This was confirmed by the artist's PRO Nokwanda Mkhonta on Monday.

Mkhonta said the artist is looking forward to the event, as this will be a boost to his career and garner him more fans.

"The organisers of the rally felt that since Popzin is the current most talked about artist they wanted to also expose him to more bikers outside the country."

"Popzin is a brand and being linked to the bikers' community will be an advantage to the promotion and marketing of the Popzin brand," said Mkhonta.

Impisi Rally is a bikers rally that is held annually by local bikers and also sees bikers from South Africa.

The gig from Impisi Rally comes after the singer had successfully released his Mozambique inspired song, where he

sends a message of hope to the Cyclone Idai survivors.



Don Laka to launch album in the country

BY DELISA THWALA

LEGENDARY Jazz singer Don Laka will be in the country to launch his album.

He is scheduled to perform on April 26 at The George Hotel.

This was revealed by the Co-Founder of Indibano Jazz Club Themba Sukati. Through the organisers of the event,

Don Laka has promised fun and jazz lovers a good time and a show like no other, since he has not performed in the country for a long time.

Speaking to Sukati, he said this would be a small intimate event, that aims to bring jazz lovers in space and marvel at the talent that is Don.

"We are calling out all jazz lovers to come and witness this beautiful intimate event by Don Laka" said

Sukati. Donald Mahwetsa Laka was born December 15, 1958 in Mamelodi, Pretoria professionally known as Don Laka, the artist is a South African jazz musician, songwriter and music producer.

He is a co-founder of Kalawa Jazzmee and owner of Bokone Music.

He has four albums that have sold more than 100 000 copies, winning gold and platinum awards.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

R Kelly is broke

NEW YORK-With US \$13 in his account, most of you have more money than R. Kelly right now!

Daily Mail reported that R. Kelly has US \$13 in his bank account after US \$150 000 was seized when his former Chicago landlord filed a lawsuit accusing him of owing back rent.

While having - US \$13 is sad news for anybody, and especially for R. Kelly who probably hasn't seen such an amount on his statement since he was a teen, the internet was in full rejoice mode.

R Kelly's ouchea wishing that Jesus would save him, again, as everything



BROKE: R Kelly.

seems to be crumbling down around him. Like, literally, karma is chilling on his doorstep sippin' on some hot tea! *Sowetan Live*

Nipsey's family rejects crowd funding

NEW YORK-Nipsey Hussle's family is politely shutting down any fundraising efforts to support his children -even from celebs -because it turns out their father made sure they'd be financially secure!

Sources close to Nip's family tell TMZ, Nipsey made sure his two children, Emani and Kross Asghedom, would never have to rely on other people for money. While there have been multiple crowdfunding pages popping up for them - including the one retired NFL star Reggie Bush started - we're told the family wants everyone to know the children are more than alright. Nipsey was remembered as a savvy businessman during his celebration of life, and for



REST IN PEACE: Nipsey.

good reason. We're told he owned all of his master recordings, his Marathon Clothing store, and he also set up multiple trust funds to make sure his children and family would never need a handout. *TMZ*

Shashi Naidoo goes naked

CAPE TOWN-Model Shashi Naidoo has slammed conservative views on nudity after posting a snap of herself lying naked by the pool.

She got tongues wagging recently with the snap, which shows her outstretched with her eyes closed. The snap got loads of praise from fans, including media mogul Bonang Matheba. And lest anyone got touched by the snap, Shashi told her followers straight that this is art and nothing else. "Nudity is not sex, not pornography. It is the human form, reduced visually to its purest state. Uncensored and untainted," she said. But not everyone was impressed, with some claiming she should keep such things off social



NAKED: Shashi Naidoo.

media, where children may be scrolling. Shashi took the criticism head on and told the follower: "Honey, there is a lot worse on the internet. And why are we teaching our children that the human form is something to be ashamed of?"

Times Live

AKA tops the bill for first Africa Connect Music Festival

PRETORIA-Award-winning rapper AKA will headline the inaugural Africa Connect Music Festival on May 4 in Randfontein on the West Rand. According to festival organisers, the purpose of hosting the festival is to encourage African unity and tolerance among people following the recent string of xenophobic attacks. The inaugural event will be held at Plot 176 Lazar Avenue and is staged as part of Africa Month celebrations. Festival Publicist Zakhele Shiba said the event will be a celebration of African cultural exchange through music, food and lifestyle. "Randfontein is a perfect venue



SUPER MEGA: AKA.

because it has many mines, where the labour consists of people who come from countries such as Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and Mozambique, among others." *Times Live*

'They said I would only last 11 years, yet here I am'

BRITISH-British supermodel Naomi Campbell took to Instagram on Monday to share with her 6.8million followers that she was celebrating 33 years in the fashion industry. Naomi, who was in Cape Town recently, said she had defied the odds as she had been told that she would only last 11 years in the business.

She said although she boasts 33 years of success as a model, she has her mother, family and her friends to thank for their support. "To my mom, thank you for believing in the dreams of a three-year-



NOT YET: Naomi Campbell.

old and letting me be. To my family and friends who have stuck with me through thick and thin, you know who you are - and I thank you." *Times Live*

Georgia Engel dead at 70

HOLLYWOOD-Georgia Engel, who rose to fame playing Georgette Franklin on 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show,' has died.

The actress died on Friday in Princeton, NJ, according to the New York Times, and the cause of death has not been determined. Georgia was a Christian Scientist and reportedly did not see a doctor.

Georgia joined 'Mary Tyler Moore' in 1972 during the show's third season, and she was nominated for two Emmy Awards for supporting actress in a comedy. As the innocent girlfriend of Ted Knight's news anchor character, Ted Baxter, Georgia's breakout character Georgette was



DEAD: Georgia Engel.

soft-spoken and ditz on the outside, but tough as nails inside. *TMZ*

Mshoza 'still in love' with her estranged hubby

SOWETO-After everything that Mshoza went through when her last marriage went up in flames, the musician has revealed that not only has she forgiven her estranged hubby, Thuthukani Mvula, she's also still in love with him. Speaking to TshisaLIVE, Mshoza explained that she and Thuthukani were not back together but that she had recently realised that she was not over him.

"We are not back together but I did realise that I am still in love with him. Feelings don't just go away. That's just the nature of love. However, right now it's a complicated situation," Mshoza said, before adding that she wasn't willing to share more on the matter.



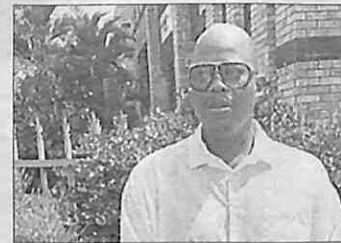
IN LOVE: Mshoza.

This after Sunday Sun reported that the Kortes hitmaker had called it quits with the Mamelodi Sundowns player Anele Ngcongca to "protect" him after she realised that her heart still yearned for Thuthukani Mvula. *Times Live*

Mampintsha 'keeping his head down' amidst debt accusations

DURBAN-Mampintsha's Manager Lindo Buthelezi says the star is keeping his head down and waiting for his court case that will take place later next month - this amidst reports that he owes actress-turned-gqom artist Ntando Duma.

"Mampintsha is doing fine and keeping his head down. (He's has been) attending his appointments (with a psychologist) and just waiting for his day in court," Mampintsha's manager said. Mampintsha is due in court on May 15, for the charge of assault raised against him by his signee and former lover Babes Wodumo. As he waits for that fateful day,



KEEPING IT COOL: Mampintsha.

Sunday Sun reported that Ntando was allegedly threatening to 'expose' Mampintsha if he failed to pay her a share of the moolah from Babes Wodumo's song, *Jiva Phez'kombede*, which she and Mampintsha feature in. *Times Live*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



HAUNTED: Iris and Jabu.

Iris and Jabu finally have to face facts about their past and present before they can agree what their future will be. When Judas confronts Qaphela about his behaviour, he is challenged by an entirely unexpected person.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



CATCHING FEELINGS: Lungi.

Lalage learns the painful truth about Hendrik. It appears Lungi may be catching feelings for Lincoln. Phindi reveals the reason behind her reluctance to sleep with Sechaba.

Muvhango

TODAY



SOMETHING IN STORE: Vho-Masindi.

Vho-Masindi has something in store for young Lindelani. Moliehi hits Skhu with news he never saw coming. Mpfaren's feeling were right, Seani is back.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



CLOSES THE DOOR: Mampho.

Puleng embarrasses herself in front of Suffo's new friends. Lefa and Keabetswe try to figure out the pregnancy. Mampho closes a door on Siya's new friend.

When you have a PhD in Gossip Sciences and Lies Studies



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

You may need reassurance today, Capricorn. Trouble with friends or a romantic partner may have you feeling unloved, insecure, and emotionally blocked. You may see the situation as more serious than others do. Perhaps a misunderstanding has caused the dilemma. Take the time to reach out to those you're concerned about and get some reassurance. If you owe an apology, give it freely and move on.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You may feel a little under the weather today, Aquarius. You may even develop sniffles or a sore throat. If so, consider going to the doctor. This can be an especially unwelcome development, as it keeps you from certain activities. If you act quickly, your ailment may not worsen. Take the time you need to feel healthy again before returning to your routine.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

You might feel lonely and insecure due to lack of contact with a close friend or romantic partner, Pisces. You might wonder if the person has forgotten you or simply doesn't care anymore. Take the time to try to connect with this person. You may discover that no neglect was intended and that the relationship is solid. It's better for you to tackle this directly rather than speculate.



Aries March 21 – April 19

Juggling work and home may seem difficult today, Aries. Work responsibilities may weigh on your mind to the point where they interfere with the harmony of your home life. This can cause some inner conflict. It might be wise to prioritise work tasks on paper and schedule duties and deadlines. Then you can spend time with your family without worrying that work will be forgotten.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

If you have to deal with some disappointment today, try not to let it get you down, Taurus. You may receive a letter or phone call that brings less than favourable news. Perhaps someone you were hoping to see won't be able to make it, or a friend has to turn down an invitation to a party you're having. Try not to let this spoil your mood. These things happen. Keep yourself busy.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

You may be worried about your financial situation today, Gemini. You might feel a tug at your purse strings. If you've experienced a delay in receiving some funds you were expecting, this may add to your concern. You might want to tackle this directly by examining your situation.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

An unexpected event might cause you to be temporarily separated from your partner today, Cancer. Confusion about the incident and your mate's role in it might plague you. You might doubt his or her motives. If so, it may be best to talk and clear up any suspicions. Letting such thoughts sit for even a short time can create challenges for a relationship. Deal with the situation now.



Leo July 23 – August 22

You might have a sore throat and mild cold symptoms today, Leo. It may affect your ability to work. Chances are that you're an active person. Having to slow down to tend to your health may frustrate you. Consider going to the doctor's office now rather than ignore your health. This could make all the difference in how long you stay under the weather and are kept from things you want to do.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Spend some quality time with your partner today, Virgo. Perhaps he or she is a little jealous of your friends or feeling left out. Perhaps you've received invitations lately that are just for you. It might be a good idea to turn one down in favour of being with your partner. Plan a romantic interlude. A little quality time can help get things back on track.



Libra September 23 – October 23

You may want to take a day off from your obligations, Libra, perhaps to take care of unfinished creative projects. Chances are this may not be possible. Concerns about work issues might keep your mind occupied and distract you from the task at hand. This and possible family disagreements may have you upset. Try to remain centred and focused despite it all. It's the only way to get anything done.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You may reminisce today, Scorpio. Perhaps you're thinking about friends and family who live far away. You could feel a bit nostalgic, not to mention blue, thinking about times long past. Consider making some phone calls to counteract these feelings. If you can't connect with a particular person, spend a little time looking through a photo album to bring him or her closer to you.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Money matters might be a bit tangled today, Sagittarius. There may be an unexpected delay in receiving funds due to you. Your bank statement may have you confused. Getting to the bottom of things may prove a bit frustrating but not necessarily impossible. If you find that you're uncertain about your financial situation, consider talking with those involved to get a better understanding.



BABY BLUES



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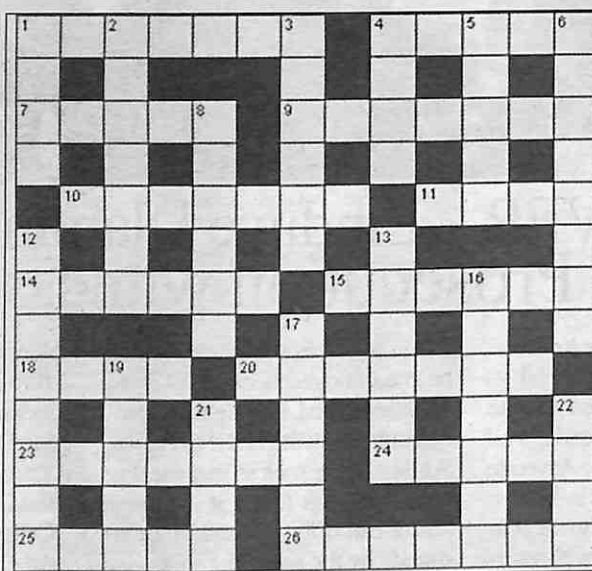
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

True or False Crossword

In this crossword there are two clues for each word. Can you work out which is true and which is false?



Down

1. Profit / Loss (4)
2. Slanting / Parallel (7)
3. Once a year / Twice a year (6)
4. Reptile / Amphibian (4)
5. Florida city / Boston city (5)
6. Overlooked / Noticed (8)
8. Fruit / Vegetable (6)
12. Restrained / Unrestrained (8)
13. Small cows / Small horses (6)
16. Precious gem / Precious metal (7)
17. Author / Carpenter (6)
19. Beginning / End (5)
21. Rip / Sew (4)
22. Accept / Refuse to believe (4)

Across

1. Study of living things / Study of rocks (7)
4. Shy / Brash (5)
7. Log cabin / Ice hut (5)
9. Inexorable / Unsure (7)
10. Evenly / Unevenly (7)
11. Metallic element / Gaseous element (4)
14. Languor / Vitality (6)
15. Breed of cat / Breed of dog (6)
18. Health club / Golf club (4)
20. Skilled worker / Unskilled worker (7)
23. Most difficult / Least difficult (7)
24. Push / Pull (5)
25. Teacher / Pupil (5)
26. Slowly / Quickly (7)

LOL A talking frog

A 92-year-old man is walking through a park and sees a talking frog. He picks up the frog and the frog says, "If you kiss me, I will turn into a beautiful princess and be yours for a week." The old man puts the frog in his pocket.

et. The frog screams, "Hey if you kiss me, I will turn into a beautiful princess and make love to you for a whole month." The old man looks at the frog and says, "At my age I'd rather have a talking frog."

DID YOU KNOW

1. Banging your head against a wall burns 150 calories an hour.
2. 95 per cent of people text things they could never say in person.
3. A crocodile can't poke its tongue out.
4. It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

MOVIE QUIZ
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

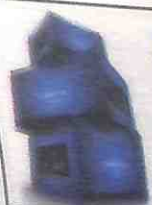
The MOVIE QUIZ

Yesterday's Quiz

1. Which Johnny starred as Edward Scissorhands? A. Depp.

Today's Movie Quiz

1. Why is Bill Murray's character (Bob) in Tokyo in the movie Lost in Translation (2003)? A. He is an actor shooting an advert for beer. B. He is an actor shooting an advert for whiskey.



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NEWS



NATASHA, NTHATI JOIN LOCKDOWN!

AND just like the previous season, the fourth season introduces new cast.

The new cast includes; Nthathi Moshesh as Nobantu and Natasha Thahane as Katlego.

Thahane will play Katlego who is Monde's (Zola Nombona) younger sister. She is nothing different from her sister, with being naive and chasing after fame.

The fourth season taps on three months since the riot and Deborah (Pamela Nomvete) has clawed herself back to the top as Governor of the prison.

She has placed a pissed-off-with-the-world Tyson (Lorcia Cooper) in power, allowing her access to more contraband than the prison has ever seen.

Set in a women's prison where power and survival mean everything, the terse and fast-paced drama will take you into the lives of the inmates as they battle demons that hold them prisoner in every sense of the word.

Renowned TV producer, Mandla Ngcongwane is at it again with 'Lockdown'.

The musician who starred on



Natasha Thahane and Nthathi Moshesh.

SABC 1 sitcom 'City Ses'la' recently revealed about his future plans for his Mzansi Magic hit drama.

In the last season of the prison drama, he brought in Hollywood star, Tichina Arnold to guest star in the show but for the next season he says he is bringing out the big guns.

"I am bringing Charlize Theron for season 4.

She started shooting in February. We've also released a soundtrack, we are doing amazing things," he said in one of the South African publications.

Academy Award winning actress, Charlize Theron is an American actress and film producer born in Benoni, Johannesburg.

Last year, it was reported that Theron was considering taking her first South African movie role, Susan Nell in the adaptation of the South African novel, 'The Boer Whore.'

According to Mandla, he has beat them to it.

Although it is still not clear which role the Oscar Award winning actress will take on, it has been confirmed that she will be join-

ing the amazing cast of Zola Nombona, Pamela Nomvete and Thembi Nyandeni. Lockdown Season four is not to be missed. If missed, do catch up.

Charlize has appeared in several American movies, including 'The Devil's Advocate' alongside Keanu Reeves and Al Pacino, 'The Astronaut's Wife' with Johnny Depp in 1999 and won the Academy Award for her role as Aileen Wuornos in the crime drama 'Monster' in 2003. Lockdown airs on Mzansi Magic, Channel 161 on every Monday at 8pm.

Watch The Fix on M-net

ATTORNEY and author Marcia Clark co-writes and executive produces a new legal drama about Maya Travis, a Los Angeles district attorney who suffers a devastating defeat when prosecuting an A-list actor for double murder.

With her high-profile career derailed, she decides she needs a change and flees for a quieter life in Washington. Eight years later, when this same celebrity comes under suspicion for another murder, Maya Travis finds herself lured back to the DA's office for another chance at justice.



THE RIVER - Lindiwe Dlamini-Dikana's trial: Prosecution witness recap

HERE's everything we know so far regarding Lindiwe's trial.

Lindiwe Dlamini-Dikana's future isn't looking too bright and it's all because of the witnesses the Advocate Akhona Mayisela (played by Masasa Mbangeni) has brought to the witness stand during Lindiwe's murder trial.

Lindiwe, who's been charged with the murder of Thato Mokoena, has left the public rattled as facts, details and motives for Mokoena's death were laid out during court proceedings.

The findings have also left news reporters and the public questioning Lindiwe's innocence.

Here's the top evidence the prosecution presented:

Where the diamond was found

We all knew that as soon as Andile Dikana took to the stand, he was

going to tell the court everything he knew and recalled the day Thato Mokoena died. Giving his expert opinion about the Heart of Africa, Andile made it clear that the diamond was not found at the mine. "You can only find alluvial diamonds by the river," he said.

The Medical Report

Peters, the forensic scientist who gave a detailed analysis of Thato Mokoena's exhumed body, also shared damning evidence. According to her, the initial post-mortem conducted on Mokoena was a flimsy travesty. The second report indicated that Thato Mokoena was hit over the head and died from drowning.

The Flood at the Mine

Andile really went in deep with his testimony. When questioned about the "flood at the mine," he

made it clear that there was never a flood at the mine. He further shocked the court when he suggested that the only way Lindiwe's dress would be soaked and muddy would be from the river.

Cellphone Tower Evidence

Another forensic expert came forward and provided evidence of Lindiwe and Zolani's whereabouts the day Thato Mokoena was killed. Cellphone tower evidence suggested that Lindiwe and Zolani's cell phone signals were near the river that day.

Given such strong evidence, and the defence's dismal attempt at attacking the facts, can Lindiwe and the defence team fight and win her trial?

Watch the rest of the trial on 'The River' Monday to Friday at 20:00 on 1 Magic, DStv Channel 103.

WHAT'S ON DStv TONIGHT...

PAPA PENNY AHEE S3
20:00 CAT ON MZANSI MAGIC

Papa Penny Ahee season 3 returns with Gaza Palace upgrades. On the downside, Mama Nomi is mourning a loss of a family member and Papa Penny does his best to comfort her.



AJOCHÉ
21:30 WAT ON AFRICA
MAGIC SHOWCASE

Revenge, war, duty, honour, love, lust and destiny are the order of the day, as the people of Ocholuje learn to survive after uncovering some bitter truths once buried in the past.

TINSEL
19:30 WAT ON AFRICAN
SHOWCASE

Don't miss Nigeria's most successful soap opera, 'Tinsel'. Set in the glamorous and fast-paced world of film making, this tale is a combination of drama, intrigue, romance, deception, betrayal as well as triumph. With a stellar cast that will have you love to hate them.



JECHILI
16:00 EAT ON PEARL MAGIC

Focusing on the Ugandan music industry, the two hour sizzling hot music show features the hottest jams from the Uganda music scene, and titbit conversations around Ugandan culture, social scene, and celebrity interviews and the gossip. Hosted fashion and beauty influencer Judithiana Namazzi, the show is nothing but lit!

THIS IS FATE
19:00 CAT ON ZEE WORLD
This month on 'This is Fate', The Luthra family are celebrating the wedding anniversary between Rakhi and Mahesh while Karan, Shristi and Preeta are planning an investigation at Sherlin's house.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL
18:30 CAT ON EVA

Set in Los Angeles, this popular soap opera captures the story of the Forrester household, one that is all fashion and glamour. Eric Forrester and Stephanie Douglas combine their fashion creativity and business acumen to establish their empire, Forrester Creations, and gain worldwide recognition for their upscale men and women's fashion. But their wealth and fame can only hide betrayals in the family for so long.



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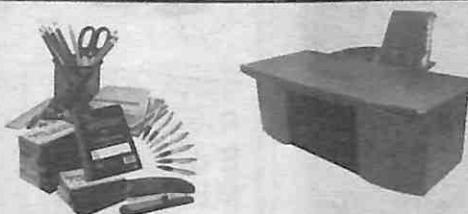
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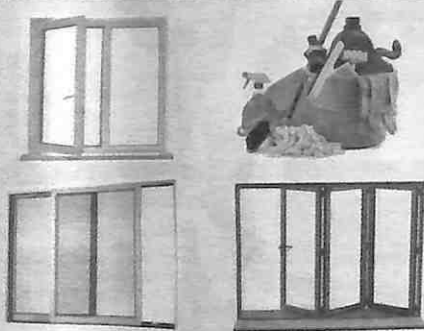


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'Emotional' Nadal inspired by Woods' Masters triumph

MONTE CARLO - An 'emotional' Rafael Nadal said he watched spellbound as Tiger Woods rolled back the clock to win a fifth Masters title and cap his comeback from back surgery.

Spain's world number two, a keen golfer himself, expressed nothing but admiration for Woods, who has fought through at least as many physical challenges as he has himself.

"It was amazing," Nadal said as he prepared for his today's start at the Monte Carlo Masters, his first event in a month since withdrawing with knee issues at Indian Wells before a semi-final against Roger Federer.

"I'm a big fan of him. Like I've said hundreds of times, that he's probably my favourite sportsman in the world since a long time ago."

Nadal could not help but compare his own years of fitness problems to those of Woods, who has faced multiple back surgeries and other roadblocks when it looked like his career might be close to ending.

"There have been tough years for him," 17-time Grand Slam winner Nadal said. "I cannot be happier about the victory of yesterday."

"If you imagine all the process and all the hard work that he had to do to be back on a golf course -- all the things that he did..."

"And, finally, to win a Grand Slam again, especially in Augusta, proba-



bly his favourite one, means everything for him.

"I really know a little bit how hard he worked to be back. I was very emotional yesterday."

Woods claimed a one-shot victory at Augusta on Sunday to win his 15th major title, but first since 2008.

Nadal, a 17-time Grand Slam champion, attended Woods' Hero World Challenge event in the Bahamas in 2017, while the golfing great has watched Nadal play at the US Open on multiple occasions.

Nadal seemed particularly struck by the fact that Woods celebrated his victory with his family on the 18th green.

"The celebration of yesterday when he was walking with the family, was

one of the moments that I won't forget."

The 11-time Monte Carlo champion added that his own drive to succeed on court has not diminished despite his history of injuries.

"I never needed an inspiration. I've always been able to come back, it's nothing new for me."

"I've been in comeback situations many times; I've always done well."

"One day it won't be the same, but what happened during the last year for Tiger is an inspiration for everyone."

"He's a good example of passion for sport... discipline, in terms of hard work... and love for the game."

AFP

Bayern won't exceed €100m mark for a player

BERLIN - Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness ruled out breaking the €100 million mark this summer and said he would buy French striker Kylian Mbappe "immediately" if he had the money.

Bayern are planning a major squad overhaul this summer, and have already confirmed the signings of French World Cup winners Benjamin Pavard and Lucas Hernandez.

In an interview with German news agency DPA yesterday, Hoeness admitted that, in an ideal world, he would love to sign another French World Cup winner, Paris Saint-Germain's 20-year-old star.

"I would sign Mbappe straight away, he is a top player. But we don't have the money for him," said Hoeness.

The Bayern president ruled out spending €100 million on a single player in the summer transfer window, but suggested that Bayern may break that figure in the future.

"There definitely won't be a €100

million transfer this year, but I have to admit that 10 years ago, I couldn't have imagined spending €80 million," he said.

The sum of €80 million was what Bayern paid to sign Hernandez from Atletico Madrid, a figure nearly double that of their previous record transfer -- fellow Frenchman Corentin Tolisso.

In 22-year-old Kingsley Coman, Bayern have yet another Gallic talent in their emerging generation.

Yesterday, club legend Lothar Matthaeus backed Coman and Serge Gnabry, 23, to follow in the footsteps of departing veterans Arjen Robben and Franck Ribery, who are both out of contract at the end of June.

"Coman and Gnabry are both quick, good dribblers and dangerous in front of goal," Matthaeus wrote in his column for Sky Sports, adding that "legendary" veterans Robben and Ribery would not be missed.

AFP

We can beat 'favourites' City without Kane, vows Pochettino

LONDON - Mauricio Pochettino has labelled Manchester City as Champions League favourites, but the Tottenham manager insists his side can end their challenge even without Harry Kane.

Pochettino's team will defend a slender 1-0 advantage at the Etihad Stadium tonight.

City are chasing an unprecedented quadruple and many have tipped them to win the Champions League for the first time this season.

Although Tottenham have the lead in the tie, the absence of star striker Kane with his latest ankle ligament injury could tip the scales in City's favour. Pochettino agrees that Pep Guardiola's formidable squad are worthy of the favourites' tag.

But he is convinced Tottenham are capable of upsetting the odds.

"Of course it is going to be tough, Manchester City is one of the best

teams in the world and a clear favourite to win the Premier League and Champions League," Pochettino told reporters yesterday.

"It is difficult when Manchester City plays a final like they will play tomorrow."

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"For us to beat them in the first leg was an amazing result, but the tie is still open. What we have is the belief."

"We are going to fight and hope for a very good performance. You need a bit of luck in important moments in the game."

"It will be an amazing challenge. I'm so motivated and excited to play the game. At 8 o'clock tomorrow it will be a battle."

Tottenham's chances of completing a famous victory would be improved if England midfielder Dele Alli can start after suffering a fractured hand in the first leg. AFP

Kahn to take on role at Bayern in 2020 - Hoeness

BERLIN - Former Germany goalkeeper Oliver Kahn is expected to take on a boardroom role at Bayern Munich as early as January 2020, club President Uli Hoeness confirmed yesterday.

Bayern CEO Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, whose contract expires in 2021, confirmed last week that former club captain Kahn is in line to be his successor.

Hoeness said that Kahn would return to Bayern at the beginning of next year, in order to ease him into the job ahead of Rummenigge's departure.

"We are in very concrete discussions with Oliver, and the current plan is that he will get going on January 1, 2020," Hoeness said in an interview with German agency DPA.

"We are not under any time pressure because Karl-Heinz's contract runs until the end of 2021."

Hoeness said that Kahn, who won a joint record eight Bundesliga titles and made 632 appearances for Bayern before retiring in 2008, would be well-suited to the role of CEO.

"I like the way Oliver has developed since his playing career. He has become a fantastic TV pundit, has founded a company and completed a course in business administration."

"We have someone here who has played football at the highest level, but is also able to hold his own in business terms."

AFP

It's crunch time for City, admits Guardiola

MANCHESTER - Pep Guardiola admits Manchester City's bid for an unprecedented quadruple will be defined by tonight's Champions League showdown with Tottenham and their following two Premier League games.

Guardiola's side are in contention to win all four major trophies after lifting the League Cup, reaching the FA Cup final and staying in touch with Premier League leaders Liverpool.

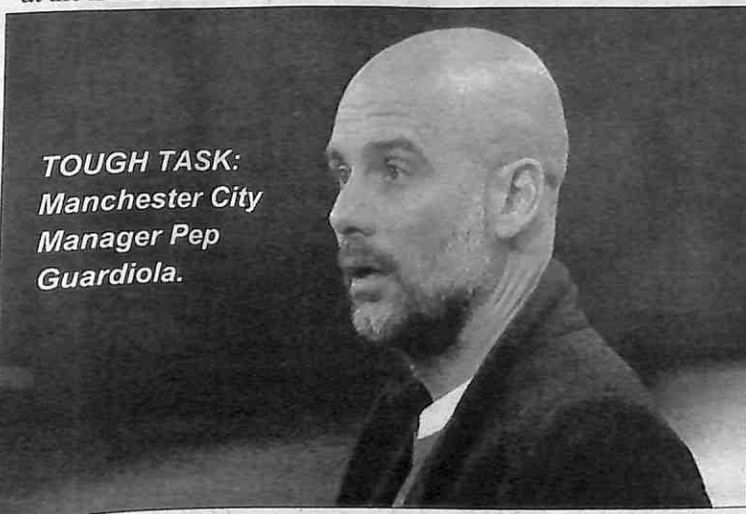
City's next obstacle on the road to football immortality comes in the Champions League quarter-final second leg against Tottenham as they bid to overturn a 1-0 deficit at the Etihad Stadium.

Even if they beat Tottenham to make the semi-finals, there will be no time for City to rest on their laurels as they face Spurs again in the Premier League on Saturday before heading to Manchester United the following Wednesday.

With Liverpool two points clear of City, who have a game in hand, Guardiola acknowledged the next seven days will decide whether his team take their quadruple chase into the final days of the season.

"Definitely. If we don't win these games we will be out of two competitions. I've had this feeling for weeks," Guardiola told reporters yesterday.

AFP



TOUGH TASK: Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola.

PSG TOP GUNS MISSING FOR THIRD TILT AT TITLE

PARIS - After stumbling as they reached for the French title not once but twice, runaway Ligue 1 leaders Paris Saint-Germain can clinch the trophy by beating Nantes tonight despite an overcrowded sickbay.

Despite two consecutive defeats, the defending champions are 17 points clear of second placed Lille and can still wrap up the title with six league games to spare. But PSG are reinforcing a reputation for choking. They went out of the Champions League with a horror show against Manchester United, then missed their first chance to wrap up Ligue 1 when they drew at home to Strasbourg before Sunday's

thumping 5-1 defeat at Lille.

In their defence, the Qatari backed club can point at an astonishingly crowded sickbay, a problem exacerbated by the suspension of Juan Bernat.

Beleagured coach Thomas Tuchel joked yesterday that the list of injured resembled what might be mistaken for his first-team line up.

"We'll be playing without Marquinhos, Neymar, (Edinson) Cavani, (Marco) Verratti, Bernat, (Thiago) Silva, (Thomas) Meunier and by the looks of it (Angel) Di Maria too," Tuchel said. "That's not our squad for a Champions League match, it's our injury list," he said smiling. AFP

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Dejan Lovren misses training

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool defender Dejan Lovren missed training ahead of the Reds' Champions League quarter-final second leg against Porto tonight.

Jurgen Klopp's side got down to work at their Melwood training base yesterday before flying out to Portugal later in the day. Mohamed Salah, Virgil van Dijk and Co were put through their paces as Liverpool look to build on their 2-0 first-leg lead.

Midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain was also absent from Liverpool's training session but captain Jordan Henderson

...as Jurgen Klopp puts Liverpool stars through their paces at Melwood before they jet out to Porto for Champions League quarter-final second leg

- forced off in Sunday's 2-0 win over Chelsea with an ankle problem - was able to join his team-mates at training. In addition Joe Gomez, who started his first game since December for Liverpool Under-23s at the weekend, also took part in the session. Lovren, who played in last week's first-leg victory, would have been in contention for another start at the Estadio do Dragao, although he may yet travel with the squad when they fly

out to Portugal. Oxlade-Chamberlain has been training with the first team regularly now since coming back from serious knee injury sustained a year ago but, although he played for the U-23s at the weekend, he is not expected to be involved against Porto. Liverpool returned to the top of the Premier League on Sunday following their victory over the Blues. *Daily Mail*

Porto pinning hopes of famous comeback on Marega

PORTUGAL - Moussa Marega's path to the top in football bears little resemblance to the career enjoyed by Thierry Henry, but the FC Porto striker does share something in common with the France legend.

"We are from the same town. We were both born in Les Ulis in the Paris suburbs," Marega told UEFA.com. "He was my first idol. He is also a striker, and I always dreamed of being a striker and scoring as many goals as him." As a late arrival at the elite level, the 28-year-old Malian international centre-forward may never match Henry's statistics.

However, his goals have played a big part in his club's success over the last 18 months and he is set to again lead the Porto attack in tonight's Champions League quarter-final, second leg against Liverpool at the Estadio do Dragao.

Last week, Marega was a menace to the Liverpool defence at Anfield but could not prevent his side slumping to a 2-0 defeat that means their hopes of progressing to a first semi-final since they won the trophy in 2004 appear slim. "Marega spent practically the whole day throwing up," said his coach, Sergio Conceicao. Porto have won all four home games in the Champions League this season, but memories of Liverpool's last visit remain fresh -- the Premier League side romped to a 5-0 win in northern Portugal in the last 16 first leg a year ago. *AFP*

Son in the spotlight as Spurs eye glory

LONDON - Son Heung-min insists he has already proved he can shoulder the burden of replacing Harry Kane in Tottenham's Champions League showdown with Manchester City tonight.

Mauricio Pochettino's side head to the Etihad Stadium for the quarter-final second leg looking to protect a slender 1-0 lead. But Tottenham's task has been made harder by injuries to Kane and Dele Alli.

Kane is likely to miss the rest of the season after the striker suffered yet another ankle ligament injury in the first leg against City, while England midfielder Alli is a doubt after fracturing his hand in the same match. Losing two such influential players ahead of a do-or-die clash with the Premier League champions would be a hammer blow to most teams. *Sport24*



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Sundowns now shift focus to domestic duties



PRETORIA - Coach Pitso Mosimane's well-oiled Mamelodi Sundowns machine now shifts focus to the domestic front just days after their impressive showing against Egyptian powerhouses Al Ahly in the quarter-finals of the Champions League in Egypt a few days ago.

Mosimane's second-placed Brazilians resume their pursuit of domestic premiership leaders Orlando Pirates when they welcome Tshwane rivals SuperSport United in an eagerly-anticipated derby at Loftus tonight. Sundowns returned from Egypt on Monday morning with a Champions League semi-final place secured after a 5-1 aggregate win over Al Ahly.

But domestic leaders Pirates opened up a six point gap in the league, while Sundowns were distracted by their continental duties, even though the Bucs have played three more matches than their rivals.



ON FORM: Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane, Hlompho Kekana and Tebogo Langerman celebrate a goal during an Absa Premiership match.

Mosimane gave his players time off on Monday and they only did light training yesterday morning. Sundowns captain Hlompho Kekana told TimesLIVE they have taken the heavy schedule in their stride. "At this stage of the season, it is more about resting than training because we

have a busy travelling schedule," said Kekana. Sundowns' catch-up programme is made up of three games in a space of seven days against SuperSport United today, a trip to Polokwane to Baroka FC on Saturday and a visit by Chippa United next week. *Timeslive*

'Give Jele a three-year contract extension'

STILL PERFORMS: Orlando Pirates captain Happy Jele.



JOHANNESBURG - Former Orlando Pirates left-back Lizo Mjempu believes captain Happy Jele deserves a three-year contract extension.

Mjempu, who played with Jele in 2011/12 for Pirates, takes the view that age isn't a factor as the 32-year-old is still physically capable of producing top performances. The right back has been converted

ed into a central defender by coach Milutin Sredojevic in 2018/19, where he has enjoyed some measure of success for the Sea Robbers.

Currently, Bucs lead the Premiership standings where they enjoy a six-point advantage over Mamelodi Sundowns in second spot. Nonetheless, the player's deal concludes at the end of the season and Mjempu think he deserves another three seasons with the Soweto giants. He told Soccer Laduma: "Happy is an easy-going kind of a person and he is also a great leader on the field. He is still a good listener despite his achievements and experience." *Sport24*

'Lebese has no point to prove'

PRETORIA - SuperSport United coach Kaitano Tembo believes George Lebese must not play like he has a point to prove against Mamelodi Sundowns today.

The left-winger is still contracted to Sundowns but moved to SuperSport on loan during the January transfer window. The 30-year-old was completely out of favour under coach Pitso Mosimane and he was forced to move to United in order to resurrect his career. *Sport24*

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Asante Kotoko striker reportedly agrees to join Pirates

JOHANNESBURG - Songne Yacouba has reportedly reached an agreement with Orlando Pirates to join the Soweto giants in the new season.

According to reports from Ghana, Yacouba came to South Africa to have talks with Pirates and the parties agreed on personal terms, and what is left now is for Pirates and Kotoko to agree on transfer fee.

"The Buccaneers inquired about the striker's availability last week and it looks like they have taken one step ahead," read a report on Ghanasoccernet.

Yacouba is said to be on the radar of a number of clubs in Africa, including Zesco United and Zamalek.

The striker, who joined Kotoko in January last year, has expressed his desire to leave the club at the end of the season.

Citizen

What Baxter told Percy Tau's Premier League club

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter has revealed he told Brighton Manager Chris Hughton that Percy Tau can handle the physicality of the English Premier League.

Tau was signed by the side for a fee said to be in the region of R50 million from Mamelodi Sundowns in July last year but was then loaned out to Union Saint-Gilloise in Belgium's second tier. The forward has had a solid season for Saint-Gilloise but has been in inspired form for Bafana scoring a number of crucial goals in Africa Cup of Nations qualifying.

The 24-year-old will be a key attacker when the national team takes part in the AFCON tournament in Egypt during June and July. Bafana are in Group D alongside Ivory Coast, Morocco and Namibia. Tau has been rested in recent times by his club due to a niggling injury, though Baxter is hopeful he thrown into the firing line soon rather than later. He told Soccer Laduma: "Big players win big games. You can't protect people by wrapping them up i

n cotton wool. "The easy way is not a good teacher, and Percy has got to where he is by working hard and taking some knocks. When Chris Hughton (Brighton manager) called me and asked about Percy Tau, he asked if he works hard enough and if he is strong enough. "And I said 'he played against (Senegal's) Kalidou Koulibaly (Napoli) and didn't get knocked around. "I said if you look at the Burkina Faso centre backs they are almost two metres and are about 150 kilos, both of them.

"And yet Percy was in and out of them and they couldn't catch him. So rather than wrap him in cotton wool and say we don't want them to target him, we'll go on and target him."

Bafana's opening match in the tournament is against Ivory Coast on June 24 at the Al Salam Stadium in Cairo. Kick-off is at 16:30.

Soccer Laduma

Khune's AFCON ticket in Kaizer Chiefs coach Middelendorp's hands

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs' remaining matches this season could determine whether goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune will board the flight to the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) with Bafana Bafana in June.

Bafana coach Stuart Baxter revealed that Khune has returned from a long injury absence and has resumed training at Chiefs.

The Briton said the goalkeeper could be considered for Bafana selection if Chiefs field him in these final weeks of the Absa premier-ship campaign, and the level of his fitness will determine whether he will be part of the side that represents South Africa in the matches against Ivory Coast, Namibia and Morocco in Group D.

Baxter is being kept well abreast of Khune's recovery from the arm injury he suffered before the end of 2018 as his son, Lee, is part of the technical set-up at Chiefs as goalkeeper coach.

"Khune is training fully (at Chiefs) and it's now a matter of being match fit," said Baxter of Khune, who will turn 32 four days before Bafana's first match against Ivory Coast on June 24. Bafana will play their second AFCON match against Namibia on June 28 and complete their group assignment against Morocco on July 1.

As the most capped Bafana player (89 caps), Baxter has never hidden how much he values Khune's presence in the national team.

"He will have to play games before we could consider him," he said.

"But I will be in contact obviously, through Lee and through Chiefs, to monitor his progress from here until the end of the season.

"But I don't see him now close to playing any games yet, but obviously we need that to happen."

If Khune fails to make it to Egypt, Baxter has Darren Keet as an able replacement.

Keet produced a remarkable performance in Bafana's last qualifier for AFCON against Libya in Tunisia last month.

The Bidvest Wits goal-minder made a number of brilliant saves as Bafana confirmed their spot in the AFCON with a 2-1 win over the Libyans when they needed a

point to qualify for Egypt 2019.

Bafana will play all their Group D matches at the Al Salam Stadium in Cairo and will move if they fail to finish on top.

Bafana have never tasted defeat against all their opponents in nine previous AFCON tournaments. *Times Live*



INJURED: Kaizer Chiefs Goal Keeper Itumela Khune.

Referee and players distraught after seeing goalkeeper suffer

RABAT - An African Champions League quarter-final match was marred with sadness at the weekend following a horrific injury.

Horoya AC lost their goalkeeper Khadim Ndiaye after he suffered a double leg break after colliding with his own team-mate.

The injury to Senegal international Ndiaye followed an attempted slide tackle to clear the ball from goal. Unfortunately, team-mate Boubacar Samassekou had the same idea and the incident resulted in the former's broken leg.

Incident

The incident against Wydad Casablanca visibly left Ndiaye's team-mates stunned as he laid stricken on the floor during their 5-0 defeat. It also left referee Bamlak Tessema, an Ethiopian official, shell shocked too.

After being attended to on the pitch, he was finally carried off on a stretcher.

The club confirmed on Sunday that Ndiaye had undergone surgery in Rabat.

"The results are reassuring and he will remain at the Cheick Zaidi University Hospital where he will continue his recovery," Horoya announced on social media.

Horoya declined to release information about the length of his recovery period.

In an act of good faith though, the Guinean outfit have extended his contract to provide him



TRAGEDY: Referee and players were distraught after seeing a goalkeeper suffer a horrendous double leg break after colliding with his own team-mate during a match.

with some more security. The 34-year-old's contract was due to end this year but the club 'wanted to ensure his immediate future by extending his contract for three years from today (April

Maluleke still open to Bafana call-up

JOHANNESBURG - Despite being 37, Polokwane City midfielder Jabu Maluleke says he would be open to the opportunity of playing for Bafana Bafana.

Maluleke has been in fine form for Rise and Shine this season, and is one of the candidates for the player of the season at the PSL Awards at the end of the season.

However, despite being consistent in his performances over the past few years, the former Black Leopards midfielder has always been overlooked for national team selection.

With Bafana Bafana going to Egypt for the Africa Cup of Nations in June, it remains to be seen if the national team coach, Stuart Baxter, would entertain the idea of bringing City's star player into the Bafana fold this time around.

Focusing

"It all depends on upstairs (office of national team selectors). I am here to enjoy my football with my current team," Maluleke tells *KickOff.com*.

"If anything comes I am okay, but for now I am focusing on my team (Polokwane City)."

Maluleke has attributed his good form this season, despite his age, to hard work and dedication.

"It's about hard work and dedication. If you love something, you must keep pushing. That's what I am doing. I keep myself away from a lot of (bad) things. Lifestyle is important. If you live a clean life, you will play for a long time," he explains.

The Rise and Shine midfielder remains one of the oldest players still playing football in the PSL and that list included Moeneeb Josephs and Siyabonga Nomvethe. Maluleke has not yet decided when to hang up his soccer boots.

"I am left with one year (on my contract with Polokwane City) and I will take it from there," he adds. *Times Live*

14). Horoya's owner Antonio Souare has also offered Ndiaye a role at the club as part of the technical staff in the future and will pay for his training in Europe. *Daily Mail*

REGIONAL LEAGUES STANDINGS

MTHUNZI MAZIYA

MTN Premier League log									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Leopard	22	15	3	4	37	14	23	48	
Green Mamba	22	14	4	4	38	11	27	46	
Buffaloes	22	12	8	2	37	13	24	44	
Swallows	22	12	5	5	28	15	13	41	
Highlanders	22	11	8	3	27	17	10	41	
Sea Birds	22	8	4	10	26	30	-4	28	
Malenti	22	6	9	7	22	25	-3	27	
Malsapha	22	7	4	12	24	30	-6	22	
Wanderers	22	6	4	12	19	29	-10	22	
Pirates	22	5	7	10	21	33	-12	22	
Sundowns	22	5	7	10	16	31	-15	22	
Tambuli	21	5	5	11	18	29	-11	20	
Vovovo	21	4	6	11	13	27	-14	18	
Citizens	22	2	10	10	13	32	-19	16	

National First Division log									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Black Swallows	20	14	3	3	41	16	25	45	
Miling	20	11	5	4	29	18	11	38	
Tinyosi	20	11	2	7	25	17	8	35	
Seven Dreams	20	9	6	5	24	18	6	33	
Madlenya	20	9	5	6	25	18	7	32	
Tycoons	20	8	6	6	26	20	6	30	
Rangers	20	8	6	6	27	25	2	30	
T. Callies	20	6	3	11	17	30	-13	21	
Hub Sundowns	20	6	3	11	12	26	-14	21	
Red Lions	20	5	4	11	23	30	-7	19	
Mbabane City	19	5	3	11	13	21	-8	18	
City Warriors	19	2	4	12	11	30	-19	10	

Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League E77 000									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Umbelebele	20	12	2	6	26	19	7	38	
Imbumba	20	10	6	4	34	18	16	36	
H. shooting Stars	19	8	9	2	27	13	14	33	
Swazi Sun	20	8	7	5	32	19	13	31	
Billy Ocean	19	7	8	4	20	15	5	29	
Community	20	8	3	9	20	20	0	27	
Burning Spear	20	6	8	6	20	20	0	26	
PMT	20	7	3	10	26	30	-4	24	
eMajukujuku	20	5	8	7	22	30	-8	23	
Kupheleni	20	5	4	11	25	34	-9	19	
Sibovini	20	3	10	7	22	36	-14	19	
Wizards	20	2	8	10	15	35	-20	14	

Northern Zone									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Manchester	20	14	4	2	45	18	27	46	
Vultures	20	13	5	2	35	12	23	44	
Horo Spinners	19	12	6	1	34	19	15	42	
Mvuma Hotspurs	19	9	5	5	32	22	10	32	
Machibini Rovers	20	8	4	8	23	29	-6	28	
Kappa Kappa	20	5	8	7	26	24	2	23	
Khanjani Rovers	20	6	5	9	25	36	-11	23	
Mshaweni	20	6	3	11	28	30	-2	21	
Sigodlo	18	3	9	6	21	30	-9	18	
Pachanga	20	5	2	13	30	39	-9	17	
N. Swallows	19	3	6	10	15	29	-14	15	
Mshinande Arsenal	19	2	5	12	13	39	-26	11	

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League E70 000									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Corporation	25	19	2	4	55	22	33	59	
Inter Stars	26	17	5	4	52	28	24	56	
Amawele	26	16	4	6	53	31	22	52	
Sandia	26	15	7	4	47	29	18	52	
Real Tec	26	15	5	6	52	30	22	50	
Mbabane Celtics	25	13	7	5	48	28	20	46	
Mvakweli	26	10	8	8	48	35	13	38	
Classic	26	10	6	10	43	41	2	36	
White City	26	9	7	10	53	45	8	34	
Pot 'O Gold	26	8	7	11	45	60	-15	31	
Sidwashini United	26	7	7	12	37	51	-14	28	
Pine Valley	26	4	12	10	27	38	-11	24	
Double Action	26	5	7	14	37	58	-21	22	
Super Sport	26	6	3	17	40	55	-15	21	
Veni Cosmos	26	5	4	17	27	53	-26	19	
Mbabane Arsenal	26	2	1	23	21	81	-60	7	

B. Division									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Mpolonjeni	25	20	3	2	80	31	49	63	
FC Vaal	25	19	2	4	77	31	46	59	
Free Style	25	17	7	1	83	26	57	58	
Royal Dynamos	25	17	3	5	75	38	37	54	
Mphalati	25	15	4	6	61	40	21	49	
Dangerous Darkies	25	12	4	9	64	48	16	40	
Hurricane	25	12	3	10	65	38	27	39	
Mangwanani FC	25	8	5	12	40	72	-32	29	
The Wallers	25	8	4	13	45	44	1	28	
Lusoti	25	8	4	13	46	58	-12	28	
Mbabane United	25	6	8	11	36	47	-11	26	
Mantsholo Utd	25	6	7	12	37	64	-27	25	
Junction Stars	25	7	2	16	41	58	-17	23	
Mantsholo F.C.	25	6	4	15	33	73	-40	22	
Mbabane Movers	25	4	2	19	33	98	-65	14	
National Rangers	25	3	2	20	20	70	-50	11	

Futis Nkhamba Regional League E30 000									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Ngwenya Utd	24	19	4	1	67	22	45	61	
Majofini	25	18	5	2	70	28	42	59	
Alletico	24	17	5	2	84	24	60	56	
Barcelona F.C.	25	13	6	6	57	32	25	45	

Pols Construction Sigangeni League E30 000									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Nkhamba Fast Movers	25	12	5	8	42	34	8		
Dribbling Stars	25	11	3	11	34	38	-4	36	
Nkoyoyo	23	9	7	7	47	38	9	34	
Super Stars	25	9	5	11	45	45	0	32	
Manyisa United	23	10	2	11	41	49	-8	32	
Mhosheni	25	7	7	11	41	53	-12	28	
Bafana	25	6	5	14	30	48	-18	23	
Kasie XI	23	6	5	12	36	67	-31	23	
Nkoyoyo Jnr	23	3	8	12	29	45	-16	17	
Lubhedze	25	4	5	16	30	64	-34	17	
M. Real Rovers	25	4	1	20	30	89	-59	13	

Eastern Stream									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Real United	18	17	0	1	53	8	45	51	
Ntsetse	19	15	3	1	51	11	40	48	
Manz. Celtics	19	11	3	5	27	12	15	36	
Real Touch	19	10	4	5	35	23	12	34	
Sigangeni	18	9	5	4	29	21	8	32	
Kangaroo	19	10	1	8	40	27	13	31	
Total XI	19	5	3	11	29	44	-15	18	
L. Nationals	19	5	2	12	23	41	-18	17	
Y. Fighters	19	4	4	11	25	35	-10	16	
U. Eagles	19	4	3	12	20	43	-23	15	
Villa Sport	18	3	4	11	15	42	-27	13	
M. Chiefs	18	1	4	13	10	50	-40	7	

Bakhanyisele & Gongz Maphaleni League E50 000									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Young Lovers	26	23	2	2	89	21	68	70	
Juniors Stars	25	21	4	0	67	17	50	67	
XI Experience	25	16	4	5	68	23	45	52	
Rangers	26	16	4	6	54	31	23	52	
Professionals	26	16	3	7	60	25	35	51	
Manchester	26	15	4	7	56	20	36	49	
Blue Birds	26	12	8	6	58	32	26	44	
Hotspurs	26	13	3	10	43	43	0	42	
Young Stars	26	10	8	8	38	31	7	38	
Thuluzobona	25	10	4	11	34	43	-9	34	
Umkhokha	26	9	4	13	53	65	-12	31	
Killers	26	3	5	18	27	78	-51	14	
Barcelona F.C.	26	4	2	20	20	100	-80	14	
Luvunjelo	26	3	2	21	34	81	-47	11	
Liselesele	26	2	4	20	25	65	-40	10	
Khulungwane	25	1	4	20	26	77	-51	7	

Western Stream									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Hill Stars	18	14	3	1	30	11	19	45	
Jubukweni United	18	12	5	1	38	12	26	41	
Lunkanka	17	11	4	2	41	23	18	37	
Love & Peace	18	11	3	4	30	13	17	36	
Happy Tigers	17	7	5	6	22	22	0	26	
Happy Fighters	16	6	6	4	27	19	8	24	
Mighty Birds	17	7	2	8	27	29	-2	23	
Siphambanweni	17	5	4	8	22	28	-6	19	
Top Classic	17	3	3	11	18	30	-12	12	
Rollers	17	3	2	12	16	34	-18	11	
Academy	17	2	4	11	19	35	-16	10	
Sunrise	18	2	2	14	22	50	-28	8	

South Star Mzimba Regional League E65 000								
Promotion								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Green Sea	25	15	6	4	45	23	22	51
Sibuyeni	26	14	7	5	49	24	25	49
Timbungulu	24	15	4	5	41	28	13	49
Monaco	26	12	10	4	44	28	16	46
Rangers	26	11	8	7	46	36	10	41
Mzimba Arsenal	26	10	10	6	41	36	5	40
Li Cosmos	26	11	6	9	46	36	10	39
Swallows	26	9	7	10	34	38	-4	34
Umacabane	24	9	5	10	39	41	-2	32
Tsintisa Rebels	26	8	5	13	34	49	-15	29
Kasiko	25	7	6	12	34	38	-4	27
Usweni Killers	25	6	8	11	33	42	-9	26
Chiefs	26	6	7	13	27	48	-21	25
Black Mashuba	25	6	6	13	26	39	-13	24
Push Bucks	26	7	3	16	30	53	-23	24
Undowns	26	4	10	12	36	45	-9	22

MY GAME

'AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SPORTS ISSUES'

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TENNIS DEVELOPMENT TAKING SHAPE IN ESWATINI

I might not be a staunch tennis supporter but the developments that have taken place in recent times has made me to develop interest in this fast growing sport, hence prompting me to dedicate a large part of this column to tennis.

Anyone who genuinely loves tennis in the country will attest that the development of the sport has taken some great strides, especially the nurturing of young talent.

This past week I had the opportunity to watch the Swaziland Building Society (SBS) juniors tennis tournament that was held at UNESWA Kwaluseni courts, whereby local juniors joined by seven visiting Mozambicans were battling it out for honours in the two day event.

Young and passionate players were seen sweating it inside the courts, giving it their best to win matches. When two of the country's finest in the boys' Under-18 category, Sakhile Hlophe and Hayden Loffler battled it out in the semi-finals, there was no doubt that their clash was a potential thriller. Never mind that Hlophe ended up



WINNERS: SBS Junior Tennis champions U-14 boys Milton Daniels, U-18 girls Luching Sorokhaibam, U-14 girls Sakhizwe Mahlalela and U-18 boys Thando Bhembe display their trophies and other prizes after they won their respective categories over the weekend at UNESWA Kwaluseni courts.

(Pic: Jongile Xuba)

winning the tie, it was the zeal and determination showed by the players that caught my attention.

What was also more impressive was the fact that the players who competed in this tournament came from almost every part of the country, and a have on record that 15 players came from Lubombo, a region

which is regarded to be lagging behind in any sporting development.

This and other initiatives are a good sign that the development of the sport in the country is headed the right direction, and thanks to the great effort demonstrated by the Maxwell Jele led Eswatini National Tennis Association (ENTA) which has also

fostered a good working relationship with the neighbouring Mozambique.

With such effort by the people entrusted with leadership in the sport, in the not-so-distant future, this beautiful Kingdom of Eswatini will be a force to reckon with in the tennis world. Development remains the only cornerstone of every greatness of a sport-

ing nation, hence one cannot cease to urge the tennis fraternity to always thrive in grooming the young talent so as to have a sustainable base for the players.

It is an undisputed fact that this country has the potential of producing great tennis players who would go on to leave a mark at international level, but for that to be attained there must be a clear development strategy and continuous cooperation from all the stakeholders.

Achieving

We can reach greater heights only if we do the right things at the right time, and collectively work towards achieving our set out goals.

The onus is now with the ENTA executive together with all the relevant stakeholders to ensure that they do not lose focus in their endeavour to take the sport to greater heights.

We sincerely hope that they have or will outline the plans to spot and nurture the talent in every parts of the country, thus allowing those potential tennis players out there to prove themselves.

Without proper development guidelines, this is not possible. However, I am glad that in my informal conversation with ENTA President Maxwell Jele, he hinted that they have huge plans for the sport in this operational year, and a lot of activities are on the cards.

ESWATINIBANK CUP...SOLO INJE



So armed forces sides, Royal Leopard and Young Buffaloes remain the last teams standing in the EswatiniBank Cup after beating their opponents to reach the final of the lucrative tournament?

In a repeat of the 2014 edition,

CONGRATULATIONS LEOPARD, BUFFALOES!

the two sides will cross sword once again in a final which is set to produce fireworks when considering the current form of both teams.

Buffaloes, who are buoyed by

their recent Ingwenyama Cup triumph, are seeking to complete at least a double this season while Leopard, who are also in contention for the league title, are in a mean

mood and hungry for glory.

Interestingly, both teams are strong contenders of the MTN Premier League title, thus their battle will have a huge bearing even in the

league championship.

Congratulations are in order Leopard and Buffaloes.

We are looking forward to a great cup final.



FLAG TOPS BLACK BALL SINGLES POOL LOG

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

POOL – GIFTED pool player Flag Nxumalo is sitting at the summit of the Black Ball Singles log standings.

This comes after Nxumalo defeating Celumusa Dlamini 8-4 during a game played at Manzini Pool Club on Saturday.

The pool league is sponsored by Solo Investment to the tune of E15 000. Nxumalo has nine

THE FULL RESULTS BELOW:

Vusi Masilela	8-7	Nlozakhe Lukhele
Flag Nxumalo	8-4	Celumusa Dlamini
Menzi Ngomane	8-6	Nqaba Lukhele
Sicelo Langwenya	8-1	Nqaba Lukhele
Tasco Dlamini	8-4	Eddie Mkhonta
Flag Nxumalo	8-2	Mduduzi Shabalala
Sicelo Langwenya	8-6	Tasco Dlamini
Menzi Ngomane	8-3	Celumusa Dlamini

points under his belt, while his fierce competitor Menzi Ngomane has six points.

COSSASA SQUAD STARTS CAMP NEXT WEEK

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA



CONFIRMED: ESSA PRO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.

ATHLETICS – THE country's squad for the COSSASA Games is expected to go to full-time camp next week in preparation for the start of the games during the first week of May.

This was confirmed by Eswatini Schools Sports Association (ESSA)'s Public Relations Officer, Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini yesterday.

Eswatini will host the rest of Southern Africa for a period of

about 10 days as pick teams from schools around the region shall descend to the country for the competition.

COSSASA is the Confederation of Schools Sport Associations of Southern Africa.

Urged

Dlamini urged all the athletes to make sure they have their passports and national identity documents in place ahead of the games as those that would not have these documents shall not be liable to compete in the COSSASA Games.

"We also urge the athletes to

keep training until their camp starts. Sports teachers are urged to draw up training programmes to assist athletes prepare for the games. Vigorous preparations shall begin in earnest once the camp begins," he said.

Dlamini said with thorough preparations, the country stands a good chance to reap medals during the COSSASA Games.

"We further appeal to parents to be visible in support of their children during the preparatory stage of the competition as well as during the tournament," he said.

SPORTS MEDICINE
SOLUTIONS

MEDICAL BAG

Football is the most popular sport in the world. Medical emergencies on the football field are not common but, when they occur, it is imperative that immediate recognition, on-field response and acute medical management are available to the player.

Such emergency treatment is most efficiently administered by on-duty medical personnel using the appropriate equipment, until emergency medical services arrive on scene to assist with additional treatment and/or transfer of the player to the nearest, most appropriate medical facility.

Emergency medical conditions on the football pitch

ACUTE ANAPHYLAXIS

- Acute asthma
- Acute chest pain
- Dehydration
- Dental injuries
- Dislocations
- Fractures
- Grand mal seizures
- Head injury
- Heat-related emergencies
- Hypoglycaemia
- Spinal injury
- Sudden cardiac arrest

The contents of a medical bag can be divided into: a small emergency bag which is usually taken onto the field of play when the team medic

is called on the pitch by the referee to evaluate an injured player, and a larger main bag, which is usually kept at the sidelines.

Both bags should be waterproof. The team medic must be familiar with the contents of the bag and should have packed it to ensure knowledge of where items are located, especially if items are needed rapidly.

The contents of the emergency bag include emergency drugs and equipment:

- ALPHA-/BETA- AGONIST
- Antihistamine
- Local anaesthetic
- Pocket face mask with one-way valve (for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation)
- Oral airway
- Rigid cervical collar
- Coolant spray
- Tape: cohesive and non-cohesive
- Gloves
- Triangular sling

Cotton, gauze, eye pads

- Adhesive sutures
- Scissors
- Alcohol swabs

The contents of the main bag include:

- Eye pack: eye pads, fluorescein eye strips, anesthetic eye drops, eye wash, penlight with blue filter to identify corneal abrasions.
- Basic medical equipment (thermometer, stethoscope, stethoscope/ophthalmoscope)
- Sutures and suture set, plasters
- Universal splints

ADHESIVE FELT/FOAM

- Ice bags
- Intravenous fluids, cannulas and giving sets
- Crutches

DRUGS

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- Analgesia drugs

GASTROINTESTINAL

- Antiemetics (oral, injectable)
- Antidiarrhoeal preparations
- Stool softener
- Oral rehydration salts
- Antacids,

RESPIRATORY

- Inhaled beta-2 agonist/inhaled corticosteroid,
- Cough expectorants

WOUND AND SKIN-CLEANSING SOLUTIONS

- Wound cleaning solution,
- Wound dressing pack

EARS, NOSE AND THROAT

- Wax softener
- Eye and ear antibiotics
- Antihistamine eye drops
- Nasal sprays: decongestant.
- Throat lozenges

ORAL ANTIBIOTICS

- Topical preparations;
- Anti-fungal and steroid creams
- Mosquito repellent
- Heat rub

Each premier league team should have medical bag and qualified personnel before being allowed to register. God bless you all, may you have a productive week.

OPTIONAL: An automatic external defibrillator.



Ntfontjeni, Endzingeni win in ESSA's Pigg's Peak Sub-Branch

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SPORTS - NTFONJENI High School and **Endzingeni High** started their **School Ball Games** on a high footing under the **Hhohho Pigg's Peak Sub-Branch**.

The games are played under the Eswatini Schools Sports Association (ESSA).

Endzingeni beat Peak Central High 2-0 last Friday to follow up their 4-3 win over Mzimnene High earlier. Ntfontjeni, meanwhile were 3-0 winners over Mswati High, after having beaten Mbeka High 4-0. In netball, Peak Central made amends, when they beat Endzingeni 23-20, while Ntfontjeni lost 10-17 to Mswati High.

Games were expected to continue at different venues yesterday, where Ntfontjeni were set to clash with Endzingeni in a netball match at prison sports ground, and Peak Central were expected to play Mbeka High at the same venue. This was in netball.

The crunch soccer match between Ntfontjeni and Endzingeni was expected to take place at Killamey Sports Ground.

MATCH DAY 3 RESULTS

SOCCER

GROUP A

Mlumati	1	Mbeka	0
P. C. H	0	Endzingeni	2
Mswati	0	Ntfontjeni	3

GROUP B

1. Timphisini	1	Nkonyeni	0
2. Fundukuwela	0	Ekudweleni	2
3. Ekuvinjelweni	0	Mhlatane	2

NETBALL

Mlumati	26	Mbeka	13
Timphisini	19	Nkonyeni	26
PCH	23	Endzingeni	20
Fundukuwela	10	Ekudweleni	26
Mswati	17	Ntfontjeni	10
Ekuvinjelweni	6	Mhlatane	24



MATCH DAY 2 RESULTS

SOCCER

GROUP A

Endzingeni	4	Mzimnene	3
Ntfontjeni	4	Mbeka	0
P. C. H	2	Mlumati	3

GROUP B

Ekudweleni	3	Emagobodvo	2
Mhlatane	1	Nkonyeni	1

Fundukuwela	0	Timphisini	3
Emagobodvo	2	Ekudweleni	24
Endzingeni	14	Mzimnene	25
Nkonyeni	16	Mhlatane	25
Mbeka	15	Ntfontjeni	12
Fundukuwela	15	Etimphisini	16

SA set to host 2019 COSAFA Cup

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - THE Republic of South Africa is set to host the **COSAFA Cup** for the third year in a row, according to COSAFA's President **Phillip Chiyangwa**.

Zimbabwe had been officially handed the rights to host the tournament earlier this year, but pulled out at the last minute, citing lack of time for preparations. Interviewed by the South Africa's media during the past week, Chiyangwa said chances were high that South Africa would host the competition.

"The COSAFA Cup is likely to be played in South Africa. SAFA's President Danny Jordaan can give more information on that," said Chiyangwa.

Chiyangwa's comments came amidst reports on various media outlets that the tournament was in danger of not taking place this year.

Eswatini is among 14 countries that are expected to take part in the tournament. The likes of Zimbabwe, Namibia, Madagascar, Angola and South Africa are hoping to use the COSAFA Cup to prepare for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON)



HAS MORE INFO: SAFA's President Danny Jordaan.

finals slated for later in June.

Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said they had received nothing formal pertaining the venue of the tournament as of yesterday.

"We still await correspondence from COSAFA on the issue of the host country. At the moment, we shall continue to prepare the team in readiness for any eventuality," he said.

Sihlangu is currently in camp, preparing for the Championship of African Nations (CHAN) qualifier against Malawi at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday. This year's COSAFA Cup is scheduled for May 19 to June 1.

FOOTBALL TALK

All your latest WORLD FOOTBALL news

● Real Madrid have two transfer plans - one that includes signing Chelsea and Belgium forward Eden Hazard, 28, and a 'luxury' plan that includes bringing Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba and Liverpool's 27-year-old Senegal forward Sadio Mane to the club. (*El Confidencial - in Spanish*)

● Arsenal and Manchester United are competing to sign Ajax forward David Neres Campos, with Chelsea and Everton also interested in the 22-year-old Brazilian. (*Sun*)



● Barcelona midfielder Philippe Coutinho, 26, could be a target for Chelsea if the Blues' transfer ban is lifted this summer - but the Brazilian has ruled out a move to Manchester United. (*Sport*)

● United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer refused to discuss Coutinho's future during a news conference in the build-up to his side's Champions League quarter-final second leg at Barca. (*Manchester Evening News*)

● Barcelona will make a £100m move for Manchester United and England forward Marcus Rashford. The 21-year-old has one year remaining on his deal at Old Trafford and is yet to sign an extension. (*Mirror*)



● Arsenal's 25-year-old Spanish midfielder Denis Suarez - on loan at Emirates Stadium from Barcelona - is being troubled by a persistent groin injury which could put a permanent move to the Gunners in doubt. (*Mail*)

● Newcastle United hope to come to an agreement with Manager Rafael Benitez about a contract extension within the next two weeks. (*Newcastle Chronicle*)

● Meanwhile, the Magpies have joined Arsenal, Everton and Manchester City in showing an interest in Burnley's English midfielder Dwight McNeil, 19. (*Star*)

● Manchester United are prepared to pay a £31m release clause to sign Roma and Greece defender Kostas Manolas, 27. (*Leggo, via Sun*)

● Juventus are set to beat Manchester United to the signing of Barcelona's 25-year-old France defender Samuel Umtiti. (*AS, via Manchester Evening News*)

● Leicester City forward Shinji Okazaki is expected to leave the club on a free transfer in the summer. The 33-year-old Japan international was part of the Foxes squad when they won the Premier League title in 2016. (*Telegraph*)

● Former Arsenal and France midfielder Patrick Vieira, currently manager of Nice, is a candidate for the Lyon job. (*Le Parisien - in French*)



● Manchester City captain Vincent Kompany says he will be at the club next the season. The 33-year-old Belgium centre-back is out of contract at the end of the season. (*Talksport*)

FOCUS ON PLE BOARD OF GOVERNORS RETREAT:

Relegated team directors to lose status on PLE's BOG

STORIES BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - DIRECTORS whose teams have been relegated from the National First Division League will no longer keep their status with the PLE's Board of Governors.



This is contained in a series of resolutions taken during the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Board of Governors

retreat held at Lugogo Sun over the past week-end.

This provision, however, shall only apply to ordinary members, not the chairman.

PLE's Chief Executive Officer Simanga Nhleko said teams decided that the chairman should not be affected by this resolution, as it would have the potential to bring instability within the organisation.

Impact

He said the feeling amongst members was that changing the chairman each time a team was relegated would have a negative impact on progress.

"Once an ordinary member has lost his or her status, the PLE will promulgate a vacancy, upon which the relevant procedure shall be followed to replace the individual," he said.

Teams from both the Premier League and National First Division qualify to nominate representatives into the Board of Governors

structure. This is necessitated by the fact that both leagues are run by the PLE.

Nhleko said the chairman would maintain his position irrespective of the status of his team. He said this was because the chairman was viewed as the face of the organisation, hence the need to avoid too many changes in one period.

The current Chairman of the PLE's Board is Peter 'Touch' Magagula, who took the substantive role from Manzini Sundowns' Mark Carmichael following the demise of former chairman, Victor Gamedze.

The PLE's Board of Governors acts as the decision-making body of the PLE, and also employs the CEO of the organisation. Previously, members were allowed to keep their positions within the Board even when their teams were no longer part of the structure.

This raised eyebrows in many quarters, but it would seem sanity has finally prevailed.

Promoted clubs to be automatically incorporated

SOCCER - A proposal to have the four teams promoted from the regions into the National First Division League automatically incorporated into the PLE's Board was passed by teams during last week's retreat at Lugogo Sun.

The PLE's Board of Governors structure is made up of representatives of the 12 teams from the First Division, and the 14 teams from the Premier League. The Board of

Governors' retreat resolved that these teams should be automatically incorporated after the AGM.

"We are still to check with Eswatini Football Association (EFA) to see if this shall not conflict with CAF, FIFA, and COSAFA statutes, as these are organisations which the local football mother body is affiliated to," he said.

CAF is the Confederation of African Football, FIFA is the Federation of International Football Associations, while COSAFA is the Council of Southern Africa Football Associations.

Teams want full schedule of fixtures ahead of season

SOCCER - PREMIER League teams have demanded that the PLE should provide them with a full schedule of fixtures before the season starts.

This shall include all the competitions, and the dates for which games are to be played. This was confirmed by PLE CEO Simanga Nhleko.

He said this was one of the things they would look to implement in the new season.

Five competitions, in total, directly fall under the PLE's operations.

These are the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup, The EswatiniBank Cup, the MTN Premier League, and SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup and the MTN National First Division League.

"There was also a call to demarcate the role of the CEO and that of the chief operations officer (COO)," he said.

Nhleko added that harmonisation of all the rules

governing competitions under the PLE was also discussed. He said rules for each competition would then be drafted based on the PLE's rules and regulations.

Harmonisation of all the rules governing competitions under the PLE was also discussed

PLE to present budget for approval at AGM

SOCCER - THE Premier League of Eswatini (PLE), by requirement, will this year be expected to prepare and present a budget at their AGM to be approved by members.

This was one of the resolutions taken by Board of Governors during their retreat held at Lugogo Sun in Ezulwini last week. PLE Chief Executive Officer, Simanga Nhleko revealed that they would, for the first time, prepare a budget for the 2019-20 season and present it to members for approval during the AGM.

"This had not been done previously, and teams felt that it was important to have the budget in place to act as a guideline and for planning purposes. Progress shall be measured based on what is to be approved by members at the AGM," he said. On that note, the CEO stated that the meeting also resolved to review its constitution. He said a committee was established for the same purpose, and it shall be expected to present its work before the end of June.

"The committee is headed by Mbabane Highlanders' Board Chairman Zweli Jele," he said.

PLE to develop 5-year strategy

SOCCER - THE PLE is set to present its five-year strategy during its annual general meeting in about two months' time.

PLE CEO Simanga Nhleko said members requested that this strategy be made and presented at the AGM for implementation, should it be passed by members. He said all resolutions taken at last week's retreat will be expected to be in the AGM notice.

"Members also maintained that a follow-up request should be made with the EFA for a share of its FIFA Forward Programme funding, so that the PLE does not find itself with the burden of carrying referees costs by itself," he said.

He added that BOG expressed happiness with electronic ticketing system introduced this season, and soon, a contract for this service shall be put into effect.

Malawi's chaotic three-day camp ahead of Sihlangu match

STORIES BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER – THE Flames of Malawi's preparations for the CHAN match against Sihlangu have been so porous that the team will have only three days in camp.

This after the country's top team, Nyasa Big Bullets, refused to release their 11 players which are part of coach Meck Mwase's squad for the Sihlangu game. Information obtained from Malawi's leading website, mw-nation.com is to the effect that Big Bullets only released their players on Monday morning after their league match

Flames preparations hampered by financial challenges

SOCCER – MALAWI's preparations for their CHAN match against Sihlangu have been hampered by FAM's bankruptcy ahead of the game.

FAM, which is the Football Association of Malawi, recently ran to the country's National Council of Sports to request finances to honour the game. It was expected that

the squad would fail to go to camp at all ahead of the game, or at worst fail to honour the fixture.

Information obtained from Malawian website, maravipost.com is to the effect that FAM's General Secretary, Alfred Gunda said they had exhausted the MK300 million (about E5 819 400) annual allocation from government. "We have also exhaust-

ed our allocation from FIFA," he said. On Sunday, FAM was sent back by the Malawi National Council of Sports to draw up a clear process of recruiting the next Flames coach, set to replace Belgian, Ronny Van Geneugden, famously known in Malawi as RVG. The Malawi squad is expected to arrive tomorrow for the game.

against TN Stars on Saturday, which they won 4-0. The African Nations Championship (CHAN) match between

Sihlangu and Malawi is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at the Mavuso Sports Centre at 3pm. Flames Man-

ager, James Sangala confirmed to mw-nation yesterday that all the Bullets players had finally joined the nation-

al team's camp and were ready to start preparations. "At present, it is only three Silver Strikers players, Brighton Munthali, Trevor Kalema, and Levison Maganizo, that are missing as they are travelling from Karonga where they had their Super League matches," he said.

Flames' coach Meck Mwase said the selection of the final squad will be based on the players' performance in recent international and local games, considering that three days were not enough to assess all the camping players. "The good thing is that we do not have new faces in the squad, and all the players know each other well. Therefore, their performance in recent games will do the magic on whether they should earn a place in the flight to Mbabane or not," he said.

Malawi drew 0-0 against Morocco in the AFCON qualifiers three weeks ago, while Sihlangu succumbed to a 0-4 defeat against Tunisia.

Oldest woman goalkeeper retires after 'Solo Inje' semis

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – ONE of the oldest goalkeepers in woman football Kayise Dlamini, who plays for Siteki Ladies soccer team, has retired after leading her team to the semi-finals of the EswatiniBank Women's Cup. The 39-year-old goalkeeper started playing soccer in 2010 after the formation of the Siteki Ladies soccer team. She was playing her last game on Sunday at King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium when her team lost 2-8 to Young Buffaloes.

In an interview with this publication, Dlamini confirmed that the semi-finals against Young Buffaloes was her last game and would formally inform the team's authorities. She said she loved the beautiful game and would forever cherish the moments she spent inside the field of play.

"I vividly remember playing while I was six months pregnant. This goes to show how much I loved playing football," she said. Dlamini said she was a big fan of netball but due to lack of netball facilities at Siteki some years back, she joined football in 2010 after she was recruited by other young girls she

found playing. Dlamini said from that time, she never looked back.

"I have been playing football for nine years and featured in three editions of the EswatiniBank Women's Cup. 'Football keeps the youth busy as you know that an idle mind is the devil's workshop.'"

Challenges

She also encouraged other ladies to join the sport. However, Dlamini said women football was facing a lot of challenges in the country. She said she wished to see a female FA president. "Teams are struggling as they don't have sponsors and we are not getting support like the male teams," she said.

Kayise was, however, grateful to sponsors like EswatiniBank.

"The bank with a heart is helping a lot in the development of women football in the coun-

try."

Siteki Ladies coach Wandile Sibiya said Kayise had made a huge contribution to the team. He said if she retired, she would leave a huge void in the team. "She is like a mother to all the players in the team and we will forever miss her," he said.

RETIRES: Siteki Ladies soccer team goalkeeper Kayise Dlamini.

Juventus players, officials beat referee, taken to hospital

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – LUBOMBO Super League outfit Juventus FC players and officials have been implicated in a referee's report for severely assaulting referee Mxolisi 'Mcombothi' Hlatshwako after a match.

'Mcombothi' was severely beaten on Sunday at Siphofaneni Sports Ground after he issued a red card to a Juventus player Sibonginkhosi Dlamini in the 70th minute. On that day, he was officiating in a Super League match pitting Juventus and Rail United. The report states that Juventus players and officials assaulted Hlatshwako on Sunday together with his assistants. In the skirmish, the report states that the referee also lost his FIFA outfit and E60 which was for his bus fare.

In an interview with this publication on Monday afternoon while at Releigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital, 'Mcombothi' confirmed that he was heavily beaten by the fans and officials. "I'm not feeling well my brother. I have pains all



BARBARIC ACT: Mxolisi 'Mcombothi' Hlatshwako lying inside an ambulance after he was attacked by the hooligans.

over the body especially in the chest and head where they hit me with bottles of alcohol," he said. When contacted on the matter, Match Commissioner and Vice Chairman of Eswatini Referees Association Jabulani Motsa said the issue was serious and would not like to talk about it at the moment. "It's true such an incident happened but I don't like to talk about it in the media. What I can say is that referees should not be punching bags during games. This is not the way to go and we are not happy with what happened," he said.

Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) Secretary Sicelo Nene's phone was off when contacted yesterday.

LRFA Acting Chairman Sifiso 'Haiso' Shabalala confirmed the incident.

"We have received such reports and we are shocked to learn that such still happens during games. We managed to take the referee to hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery. As an association, we condemn such behaviour and the responsible people will face serious repercussions once the full report is out," he said.

We are itching to lift the trophy – Tambuti FC

STORIES BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – TAMBUTI FC coach Ishmael Zwane says they want to win the EswatiniBank Under-20 Cup.

Speaking on Saturday at Mavuso Sports Centre after leading his side to a 2-0 victory against Green Mamba, Zwane said his young and energetic team wanted to win the prestigious tournament for the Lubombo region.

"We are happy we have reached the finals and our aim now is to lift the trophy to give the Lubombo people something to cheer about," he said.

Tambuti will now play Manzini Sundowns in the finals.

Meanwhile, Manzini Sundowns Under-20 coach Percy Shongwe

says he has faith in his boys after making it through to the finals.

He said this after watching his team beat Mbabane Swallows during a match played at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

Tough

Speaking after the sudden death penalties where they won 6-5, Shongwe thanked God for the victory.

"The game was tough and I thank God for the win. I have faith in my players and I know they will not disappoint me," he said.

Speaking about the final against Tambuti, Shongwe said the Lubombo based outfit was a good team.

"We play the same style of football and this will be a tough match. Spectators should anticipate a good football from the two sides in the finals," he said.

'Reaching final a dream come true'

SOCCER – MANZINI Ladies coach Bongani Makhukhula says reaching the finals of the EswatiniBank Women's Cup was a dream come true for his team.

Speaking after his side beat Mbabane Swallows 3-0, Makhukhula said it was every coach's dream to reach the finals and was happy about their achievement.

"I thank my players for doing well in this game. They played according to my instructions. Our approach was to stretch Swallows from the flanks and it worked for us," he said.

Makhukhula said they knew Swallows' strengths and weaknesses, so it was not difficult for them to win the match. He said they were looking forward to the finals against Young Buffaloes.



RESULTS
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
 Barcelona 3 - 0 Manchester United
 Juventus 1 - 2 Ajax

FIXTURES

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Playing tonight

FC Porto vs Liverpool 9pm
 Manchester City vs Tottenham Hotspur 9pm

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Playing night

Highlands Park vs Free State Stars 7:30pm
 Sundowns vs SuperSport Utd 7:30pm

Papy linked with Free State Stars, Blomfontein Celtic

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - MALANTI Chiefs top striker Papy Faty might be lost from local football to ply his trade in the ABSA Premiership, either with Free State Stars or Bloemfontein Celtic.

Information gathered from our highly placed sources revealed that the player had attracted interest from other teams while playing for his country Burundi in the AFCON Qualifiers recently. The source said even teams from North Africa were poaching the player but he was likely to play in the PSL next season.

"It's an open secret that he might not come back next season as a lot of teams are after his services. His agent is currently in talks with the different teams as nothing has been finalised yet." When contacted yesterday, the player declined to comment on whether or not he would leave Malanti Chiefs next season. However, he admitted that some teams were chasing his signature.

"I am currently a Malanti Chiefs player and I am focusing on helping the team finish the league on a respectable position. I cannot be seen discussing such issues in the media because it's not professional. I am with Malanti Chiefs for now and we want to win the remaining games in the league," he said.

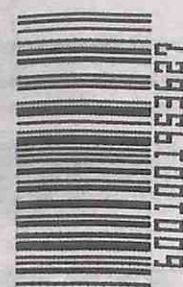
The player's agent Lucas Adams confirmed that they were negotiating with PSL teams for Papy Faty's services. "I can tell you now that we are in discussions with Free State Stars and Bloemfontein Celtic. Nothing concrete for now but the talks are positive," he said.

Before joining Malanti Chiefs, Papy was a key player for South Africa's Premier Soccer League (PSL) side Bidvest Wits FC, where he made 78 starts and scored 13 goals between 2012 and 2016. Due to problems with his heart, Bidvest Wits and Faty decided to part ways. The player collapsed on the field twice, once in a friendly match and once in the ABSA Premiership, and it was thought that issues with his heart would force him into hanging up his boots.

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BUFFS WILL ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO MY HEART - SOBANTU

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - OUTGOING Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) Commander Sobantu Dlamini has emotionally bid farewell to Young Buffaloes, saying the team will be always close to his heart despite his departure from the army.

Dlamini, who served the army for many years, has been redeployed by His Majesty King Mswati III to join the Ludzidzini Council, while the former Commissioner General of His Majesty's Correctional Services Isiah Mzuthini Ntshangase is now a member of Liqoqo.

Dlamini was the president of Young Buffaloes and is leaving

- Former Commander says team will win EswatiniBank Cup
- Thanks King for appointment to emabandla
- Says he will always be a soldier

behind a cabinet full of trophies.

The juniors, ladies soccer team and the main team brought the trophies. Young Buffaloes senior and the ladies soccer teams look set to add two trophies in their cabinet as they have both made it through to the EswatiniBank Cup finals.

Redeployment

In an interview with this publication yesterday, Dlamini firstly thanked His Majesty King Mswati II for the redeployment by saying 'Bayethe wena WaPhakathi'.

He then said he would die a soldier, and would always support

Buffaloes for the rest of his life.

"I worked hard to make Buffaloes what it is today. This team will be always close to my heart and I am optimistic they will win the EswatiniBank Cup as I had already given them the order to bring the title home," said the emotional Dlamini. He urged the players to give him a good send-off by defending the 'Solo Inje' Cup. "I spoke to the players about defending this title and I want to remind them now that they have to fulfil the dream. They know exactly what they must do inside the field of play," he said.

Dlamini says he leaves a formidable side in Young Buffaloes and is proud of their achievements. "Iyomane ibulawe ngulomunye, as for me I have done my part," he said.

Dlamini said he had a good rapport with the management committee, technical bench and the players, hence the success. "They were like a family to me and I will always cherish the good moments we had together," Dlamini said.

He said the team had sound development structures which were working wonders for the senior team.

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