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**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III and Inkhosikati LaMashwama relaxing after arriving safely in Indonesia yesterday where they are expected to join Heads of State and governments for the inauguration ceremony of the president and vice president of Indonesia. They were received by State officials. **SEE PAGES 4-5.** (Pic: Len Mohale-State Photographer)

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SNAT  
president  
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Manzini magistrate issues stiff sentence as...

# XENOPHOBIC SOLDIER JAILED

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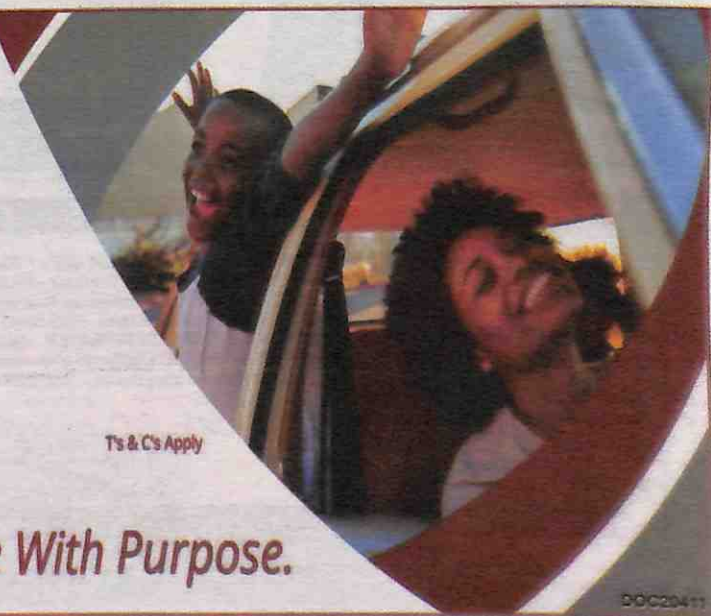
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## Murder suspect 'suffering' from schizophrenia

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**LAMGABHI** Etiyeni's 16-year-old murder suspect could be suffering from schizophrenia.

On Tuesday, members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service, Lukhozi Department arrested Sibahle Zwane for the alleged murder of Maswati Fakudze (15) from the same area.

He is alleged to have hit the deceased with a stone on the head and further submerged him under water and in doing so, resulted in Fakudze's death.

Zwane appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati on Wednesday morning, where he made a confession and was formally charged with the murder. Following his first appearance in court, the suspect was remanded in custody and was set to be subjected to an evaluation by the social welfare department to determine if he was fit to stand for trial or not.

### Suspect

Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the suspect was still under investigation by the police.

Vilakati said following the evaluation, the suspect would return to court where the magistrate would determine whether he would be subjected to a psychological evaluation.

She mentioned that due to the reason that the suspect was a minor; the procedure required that he was evaluated by social workers.

During his arrest, members of the

LaMgabhi community were dumbfounded by the suspect's demeanour as he showed no remorse for the committed crime.

A doctor from the Manzini Psychiatric Centre said in an instance like this, if an individual showed no feelings of guilt or remorse, they would be suffering from severe schizophrenia.

He mentioned incarcerating an individual suffering from the disorder without treatment was futile, as they would need treatment for the disorder.

"In this instance, the suspect would need to be examined and offered treatment for the condition," he said. He stated that a combination of approaches were needed for treatment, including medications, psychotherapy, social support and family education, vocational and housing support, treatment for co-occurring issues, and sometimes electro-convulsive therapy, which was most effective for most patients.

### ABOUT SCHIZOPHRENIA

#### ● What is Schizophrenia

Schizophrenia is a serious mental disorder in which people interpret reality abnormally. Schizophrenia may result in some combination of hallucinations, delusions, and extremely disordered thinking and behavior that impairs daily functioning, and can be disabling.

#### ● What causes Schizophrenia

The exact causes of schizophrenia are unknown. Research suggests a combination of physical, genetic, psychological and environmental factors can make a person more likely to develop the condition. Some people may be prone to schizophrenia, and a stressful or emotional life event might trigger a psychotic episode.

#### ● Who gets Schizophrenia

Men and women are equally likely to get this brain disorder, but men tend to get it slightly earlier. On average, men are diagnosed in their late teens to early 20s. Women tend to get diagnosed in their late 20s to early 30s. People rarely develop schizophrenia before they're 12 or after they're 40.



**SUFFERING:** Murder suspect Sibahle Zwane.

# XENOPHOBIC SOLDIER GETS 10 YEARS

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**A member of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment with an option of E14 000 fine for being xenophobic.**

Velaphi Dlamini (35) of Tiantfwinini under Chief Mandanda appeared before

Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane yesterday on a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm after he stabbed a Mozambican national; Antonio Emilia Matsolo, with a beer bottle several times in the face.

The incident happened on September 4, 2019. Dlamini stabbed the Mozambican man because he claimed he was annoyed by the fact that Matsolo was conversing in Portuguese with his wife while in a

kombi. Narrating the events leading to his injury, Matsolo told the court that he was chatting with his wife in a kombi about an elderly man who had beer bottles with him.

### Kombi

When Dlamini boarded the kombi, the two are said to have continued conversing in their native language. It is then that Dlamini told them that they were annoying him by speaking in Shangaan.

## MPs divided over cannabis legislation

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**OUTSIDE** pressure to urgently pass the Opium and Habit Forming Drugs (Amendment) Bill of 2019 which sought to regulate the planting of cannabis has divided the House of Assembly.

On Wednesday some Members of Parliament expressed their unhappiness with the way the Amendment Bill was passed.

They felt they had to give themselves time to scrutinise the Bill and not give in to the alleged pressure that was placed on their shoulders.

The Bill seeks to make it possible for cannabis to be regulated by the Medicines Regulatory Authority (MRA) in the country.

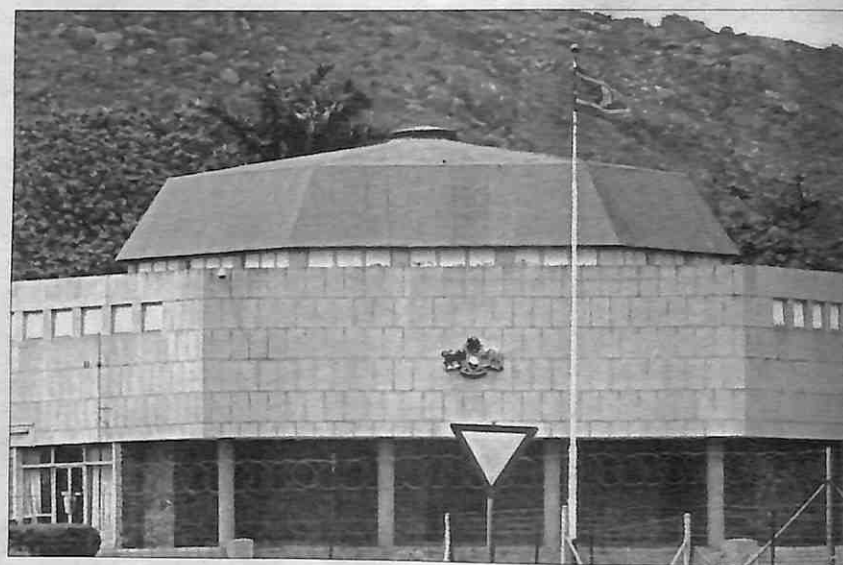
The division was first seen when Kubuta MP Musa Mabuza moved that the MPs adopt a report on the Bill.

When he moved the Bill, Kukhanyeni MP Vincent Sihlongonyane stood on a point of order to inform the House that he was part of the health portfolio committee, but he did not know anything about the report on the Bill.

However, his attempt to register the concern did not yield positive results because he had been overtaken by events.

House of Assembly Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi, who was presiding over the business of the House stated that Sihlongonyane was supposed to raise that concern when the report was tabled in the House.

When making his submission on the report, Sihlongonyane wondered why the



amendment of the Bill was hastily done because there were so many things that needed to be fixed and other legislations that affected cannabis.

He said the Bill did not only address cannabis, but also addressed other habit-forming drugs like cocaine and heroin, which also needed to be addressed by the MPs.

Sihlongonyane said he had a problem when MPs would be told that they had to hastily put the legislations to bed because of outside pressure.

Phondo MP Xolani Vilakati also urged MPs to scrutinise the cannabis legislations because it seemed as if some MPs did not want to be part of the cannabis licensing exercise because they have already sensed some form of danger ahead.

Kwaluseni MP Sibusiso Mabhanisi Dlamini expressed concern over the MPs'

failure to go to his Inkhundla.

MP Dlamini could not understand why that was the case because he said he was made to understand that the health portfolio committee was going to go around making consultations at Tinkhundla level.

Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi assured MPs not to fear anything concerning the Bill. She told the lawmakers that the only thing that was done on Wednesday was to amend the Opium and Habit Forming Drug Act of 1922 so that it could be possible for cannabis to be regulated.

MP Mabuza, who moved for the adoption of the report, promised to fix the problems that the other MPs could have. He said the reason why they did not go to Kwaluseni Inkhundla was that they were informed very late, hence they could not make it.

He apologised to Dlamini for that.

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As if that was not enough, Dlamini also insulted the Mozambican couple by using unpalatable words.

Matsolo's wife then responded and told Dlamini that they were not talking to him, but were discussing family matters.

By this, Matsolo said he and his wife were discussing how they would use some money he had just received to build their house.

#### Insults

The insults are said to have continued and when the couple alighted from the kombi at their drop-off station, Dlamini broke a beer bottle. After paying the kombi conductor, Matsolo bended over to pick up his grocery bags.

When he got up, Matsolo is said to have met a broken bottle and he was stabbed on the face. He is said to have sustained a 3-centimetre wound in his nose and a 7 centimetre injury from his lower lip and up his cheeks.

Matsolo is said to have been rescued by his wife, who pushed Dlamini away and he fell on the ground.

While doing all this, Dlamini mentioned that he was a soldier but Matsolo said he did not believe him.

#### Opportunity

In court, when Dlamini was given an opportunity to state his defence, he opted to remain silent. Before delivering judgment, Magistrate Zwane said it was such assault cases that usually culminated to murder cases that have become prevalent in the country.

She said people usually quarrelled over trivial things but end up injuring each other.

Such cases are not common in the country and this one should rank amongst the firsts, where a person is imprisoned for just assaulting another on the basis that he/she spoke in a language that annoyed the accused. In some countries, lives have been lost on the basis of being a foreigner and are accused or blamed for an assortment of issues, including being responsible for their high level of unemployment and taking over of their businesses.

## Govt bars teachers from celebrating Teachers' Day

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI

Mbabane

**In a move reminiscent to that of last year, government has barred teachers from celebrating the annual Teachers' Day today.**

This was relayed to teachers yesterday through a press statement released by the Ministry of Education and Training.

Teachers through their union, the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), had released a statement weeks before, saying they will celebrate the day today at Bosco Skills Centre in Manzini starting at 9am.

#### Preparations

After all the preparations done by teachers in anticipation for the big day, government issued a press release on the last day informing teachers that Friday (today) is a normal working day and everyone is expected to report for duty.

According to the press release, the Ministry of Education Principal Secretary Bertram Stewart said he would like to remind all teachers that since Friday is a normal working day, the ministry expects

all teachers and pupils to be at school and that they observe their normal working hours. Bertram stated that the ministry was cognizant that teachers were enthusiastic to commemorate the World Teachers Day. He said, however, as it has been said before, such a commemoration cannot be held on a working day.

The principal secretary said teachers are free to commemorate the day on any other day rather than a day when they are supposed to be helping pupils get ready to write their examinations. "This is a critical period for pupils, as a result stakeholders in education should grab every opportunity to ensure the realisation of the goals set at the beginning of the year," part of Stewart's statement reads.

The ministry further urged parents to play their part and ensure that pupils attend class as expected today.

Teachers have not been pleased by the latest developments. SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini said as teachers they know from history that government has never taken education seriously in such a way that everything that is done by educators and requested from the ministry is always turned down.

Dlamini said interestingly enough, when the ministry needs teachers the most, they don't consider whether it's a normal working day or not. The Secretary General said for example if there is a policy review where they want inputs from SNAT, they never say that meeting should be on Saturday or it must be after working hours.

He said such meetings are called even on working days. Dlamini said these are the sort of things that portrays, the country in a bad light from the international community.

Dlamini said this is a professional day and there is a theme 'Young Teachers the Future of the Profession'.

The secretary general said this day is commemorated worldwide. He said as SNAT, they are part of the over 30 million educators that are part of Education International, who decided on the theme.

Dlamini said other unions throughout the world have commemorated the day and they were never disturbed because their governments are clear that education is one of the important sectors in any country. Dlamini said as teachers, they cannot turn back now as they have already paid for venues, rented facilities, cooked food and made all the preparations.

Dlamini said teachers who have been attending Teachers Day in previous years know that this is an old trick and they will attend no matter what.

## 'Give us Micro-Projects money'

**MEMBERS of Parliament are now demanding money that is allocated for Micro Projects within 14 days.**

In the present financial year, Micro Project is supposed to get E120 million from government and nothing has been released so far.

In the last financial year (2018/19), government only managed to release E20 million, out of the E180 million that was budgeted for. This left the organisation in a deficit of E160 million. The non-availability of Micro Projects budgetary allocation has brought restlessness to the MPs.

#### Restlessness

The restlessness is caused by the fact that there are no activities at the Tinkhundla level, where they were elected. It has been a year now since the legislators were elected from their respective Tinkhundla and signs of development are very minimal, if they are at all. Many MPs rely on organisations like Micro Projects and funds like the Regional Development Fund (RDF) to implement developmental projects at their respective constituencies. What is now a problem to the MPs is that money for Micro Projects has not been released for the first and second quarters of the 2019/20 financial year. It was for that reason that Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko moved a motion to order Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg to ensure that he released at least E60 million (first and second quarters budget allocations) for the present financial year within 14 days. Maseko was seconded by Nkwene MP Philemon

Vulimpompi Nhleko.

MP Maseko, when motivating the motion, stated that the situation was terrible at Tinkhundla level because nothing was happening because of the lack of money. He further said the people were now beginning to think that they were not working at the Tinkhundla and they did not understand that such was happening because of the lack of money for Micro Projects.

He said what was even sad was that Micro Project had a budget deficit from the budget of last year. He further thanked the ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development for releasing around E52 million for Tinkhundla development, through the RDF.

However, Maseko said this was just the tip of an iceberg because that money was supposed to pay for debts created in the last financial year.

He also said Micro Projects also owed Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) and some of the money to be released by government had to pay off those debts. Seconding the motion, Nhleko said government had to cooperate with Tinkhundla Centres by giving some money to the Tinkhundla Centres. This, according to Nhleko, would make government to be seen to be doing something in improving the lives of the people in constituencies. Acting Minister of Finance Moses Vilakati promised the MPs that the finance ministry would work on the matter.

## SNAT president runs to court

**SWAZILAND National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Mbongwa Dlamini has applied for his misconduct charges to be withdrawn from the Teaching Service Commission.**

Dlamini, through his lawyers filed an application at the Industrial Court on Wednesday afternoon.

The applicants in the matter are Mbongwa Dlamini as First Applicant and SNAT as Second Applicants. The respondents are the principal secretary in the Ministry of Education and the Chairman of the Teaching Service Commission. The application is to be heard before court on November 12. Dlamini is represented by Alex Fakudze.

#### Argues

In papers filed by Dlamini's attorneys, he argues that the Commissioner of Labour intervened in the matter and suggested that the disciplinary proceedings which had already been set in motion by the Ministry of Education and Training be withdrawn from the Teaching Service Commission, as the same matter cannot be dealt with by two separate structures concurrently, which is the Commissioner of Labour and the TSC at the same time. It was submitted that on July 3, 2019 the intervention process took a rather surprising turn in that the ministry had still not withdrawn the matter from TSC as per their agreement. The reasons given were that the TSC Act, 1982 in terms of which the TSC was established, makes no provision for a withdrawal

of a matter once it has been referred to it by the schools manager in terms of Regulation 15(3).

The TSC is alleged to have attempted to persuade the commissioner of labour and SNAT that it was not necessary to withdraw the matter because at the time, the members of the TSC had not been appointed, as such it was as good as the matter had not been referred.

#### Intervention

The commissioner of labour according to the court papers, on the other hand was of the view that the intervention would have no effect on the matter if it remains not withdrawn from the TSC.

It was stated that the outcome of the intervention could have direct implications to the charges and such charges could not be affected by the schools manager if the matter remains as is with the TSC.

#### The intervention stalled.

The SNAT President, in his court papers revealed that he is desirous for the intervention process to be proceeded without any hurdles that may even affect the implementation of the outcome.

Dlamini made it clear that he is advised that the reasons for the withdrawal of his case from the TSC are lawful, fair and reasonable in the circumstances.

He said in fact prior to the agreement to withdraw the matter from the TSC, the principal secretary together with the schools manager requested and were granted leave to seek for permission from their principals to withdraw the



**RUNS: SNAT President Mbongwa Dlamini.**

matter from TSC.

The two are said to have subsequently reported that such permission was granted by the minister.

Dlamini submitted that, therefore there is no reason for the failure to withdraw the matter from TSC.

He indicated that the failure by the principal secretary and schools manager to comply with the terms of the agreement necessitated this application.

Dlamini was expected to appear before the Teaching Service Commission earlier this month, where he was to answer on a number of charges including absenteeism, neglecting to submit official school records for inspection, disobedience and bringing the Teaching Service Commission into disrepute. These charges were relayed to the SNAT leader by Schools Manager Macanjana Motsa through a letter dated April 3, 2019.

## EXTREMELY HOT WEEKEND

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE

Mbabane

**THE weekend is predicted to be very hot.**

According to weather forecast, shows that the weekend will be very hot and clear, however, come clouds are expected on Friday. Today, morning fog is

expected in the Highveld becoming hot to very hot in the Lowveld. Temperatures will start from 12 rising to 37 degrees Celsius. Tomorrow, a rise in morning temperatures is predicted, while maximum temperatures will remain the same as today. Sunday will be hottest day of the weekend, with temperatures reaching 38 degrees Celsius. Clouds are predicted in the afternoon.

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# INKHOSIKATI LAMASHWAMA

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Sikhuphe

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III left the country through the King Mswati III International Airport on Wednesday evening.**

The King jetted out of the country accompanied by Inkhosikati LaMashwama. He is on an official visit to Indonesia, Japan, Russia and Azerbaijan.

There were many well-wishers at the airport to see the King off.

These included Sigodlo; Emakhosikati LaMatsebula, LaMotsa, LaGija, LaMagongo, LaMahlangu and LaNtentesa, Emazinyane, Balondolozu and other members of the Royal family.

Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini, Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku, Cabinet ministers, senators, parliamentarians, Emabandla and senior government officials were also part of the well-wishers.

## Singing

Lacwebetelako were in jovial mood while singing and dancing before and after the King's arrival at the airport.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Acting Principal Secretary Pitso Msibi could not confirm His Majesty's expected date of return.



**FAREWELL:** His Majesty King Mswati III bids Emakhosikati farewell at King Mswati III International Airport on Wednesday night. The King was accompanied by Inkhosikati LaMashwama on the working trip to Indonesia, Japan and Russia, among other countries. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

He confirmed that the King was on official visitations.

"Of course, there would be side

events. In Indonesia, the King will be attending the President's inauguration, in Japan it's the Emperor's offi-



**FAREWELL:** Inkhosikati LaMashwama being escorted as she bids farewell to the many well-wishers.

cial installation.

"His Majesty will then travel to Russia for Russia-Africa Summit then

Baku in Azerbaijan for the 18th Non-Aligned Movement for Heads of State," said Msibi.



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### CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP THE SMALL-SCALE EMBEDDED GENERATION (SSEG) REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA) is a statutory body established under the Energy Regulatory Act 2007. The mandate of ESERA is the implementation and administration of the Electricity Act 2007.

The rapid development and adoption of renewable energy technologies by electricity consumers, and their potential of supplying power on to the national electricity grid, has implications on the country's power system both from a technical and economic standpoint. Such is further encouraged by the environment sustainability imperative, national energy security challenges, and the falling costs of some renewable energy technologies. To ensure that the Eswatini Electricity Supply Industry adopts and integrates small-scale renewable generation technologies in a viable and sustainable manner, it is necessary to develop a Small-Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG) framework to guide and manage the integration of SSGE onto the existing power system.

Therefore, the Regulator hereby requests for Proposals (RFPs) from suitably qualified consultancy firms to supply the following service:

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Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority  
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The closing date for submission of tenders is **Wednesday, 27 November 2019 at 11H00**. Late, incomplete, telephoned or telegraphic tenders will not be considered. Request for Clarification closes on the **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at 11H00**.

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**PRESENT:** Senator Chief Magudvulela, PM Ambrose Dlamini, Prince Sibhimbi and the heads of security forces were also at the airport.



**SEEING KING OFF:** PS Prince Mlayeto (r) with Umbutfo Dzabula, a businessman from the USA as well as PS Siboniso Nkambule among others at the air-



# ACCOMPANIES KING



**ARRIVAL:** His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaMashwama arrived safely in Indonesia yesterday where they are expected to join Heads of State and governments for the inauguration ceremony of the president and vice president of Indonesia. They were received by State officials. (Pics: Len Mohale-State Photographer).

## 18TH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT SUMMIT

HIS Majesty is expected to also attend the Non-Aligned Movement in Azerbaijan which unites 120 countries of the world.

He will join the Heads of State and government of participating countries of the second

largest international organisation after the UN for the first time in 30 years since the Belgrade summit of 1989.

The Non-Aligned Movement was formed in as a deterrent in the period of the Cold War, in the time of geopolitical, mili-

tary, economic and ideological confrontation of the two blocs, the centre of one of which was the USSR and the other the USA.

Its goal was to contribute to economic and social progress, fair and equitable conditions

for development.

The Declaration on the Promotion of Global Peace and Cooperation adopted at the conference in Bandung set out 10 principles for the peaceful coexistence and cooperation of countries.

## Russia-Africa Summit **breaks** new ground

THE first Russia-Africa summit will be attended by more than 50 countries and will bring bilateral relations to a new level.

Msibi said the theme is 'Russia-Africa: Uncovering the Potential for Cooperation'. A final declaration of the Summit titled 'For Peace, Security, and Development' has been prepared and it includes items on the global and regional agendas that are important for Russia as well as comprehensive proposals on diverse ways to develop the full scope of future Russian-African relations.

### Chaired

It will be chaired by the Russian President Vladimir Putin and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi discussing issues related to the modern international situation, current relations of countries in political, trade and economic and other areas and their prospects.

President Putin was quoted saying the countries of Africa were well on their way towards social, economic, scientific and technological development, and are playing a significant role in international affairs.

### Strengthening

They were strengthening mutually beneficial integration processes within the African Union and other regional and sub-regional organisations across the continent.

Trade and investment were growing dynamically, and new joint projects are underway in extractive industries, agriculture, healthcare, and education.



**GREETINGS:** Prince Sicalo in a meet and greet with the flight crew before taking off.



**UNISON:** Lacwebetelako in song and dance at the airport.

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## ACC's application to arrest ex-minister

# GIDEON BACK AT HIGH COURT

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
Supreme Court

**THE application to have former minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini's home searched and have him subsequently arrested has been referred back to the High Court by the Supreme Court.**

This was yesterday an order issued by the Supreme Court following an appeal application that had been filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) through the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Before referring the matter back to the High Court, the Supreme Court comprising Judges Phesheya Dlamini, Robert Cloete and Stanley Maphalala noted that the matter was supposed to be heard by the High Court sitting as a Constitutional Court as a constitutional point of law has been raised by the applicant (ACC) in the matter before it could be entertained by the Supreme Court.

Judge Robert Cloete noted that the Supreme Court is not the Court of first instance and that following an order that was issued by the High Court dismissing the ACC in the matter, the applicants should have approached the Constitutional Court as a constitutional point has been raised.

Judge Dlamini also concurred with Judge Cloete, as he observed that the matter should not have been brought before the Supreme Court but should have been dealt with by the Constitutional Court first.

Judge Dlamini also observed an anomaly in the matter making it an extraordinary one in that one of the respondents' attorneys Mzwandile Ntshangase filed an affidavit on behalf of the crown and was to take the witness stand, while on the other hand he was representing the second respondent in the matter, a thing which he has never heard of or seen.

The court noted that there was a misdirection in the filing of the appeal application before

...Supreme Court orders application filed by the ACC for Dlamini's search and arrest be heard by Constitutional Court full bench

the Supreme Court adding that the Court should not be seen as entertaining that misdirection as such would serve as a bad precedence in the future hence it needed to be corrected by removing the matter from the roll and have the applicant approaching the Constitutional Court.

Both the Crown represented by advocate Gerald Lapan who is instructed by senior crown counsel Ngcebo Lukhele and lawyer Ntshangase for the respondents, acknowledged the misdirection and agreed that the matter be removed from the Supreme Court roll and filed at the High Court which will be sitting as a Constitutional Court.

Sought Initially, the ACC had sought the authorisation of both the search and arrest warrant in respect the first second and third respondents in the matter being the former minister of the crown, Fred Ngeri and Sindile Ngeri before the High Court.

In support of the application, the ACC filed an affidavit detailing the investigations carried into the alleged corruption against the respondents and the nature of the evidence gathered, thereof including the charge sheet which was also referred to several common law offences of fraud.

The charge sheet indicated that the former minister and the respondents were charged for Contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006 in that they were in fraudulent activities involving the Fred Ngeri and his wife Sindile and their company in defrauding government.

The matter was thereafter brought before the court *aquo* where the ACC was seeking the search and arrest warrant and a detailed judgment was handed down in which the ACC was dismissed.

It was for that reason that the ACC brought the matter before the Supreme Court for consideration on appeal however the matter was not properly filed and the applicant filed an application for condonation.

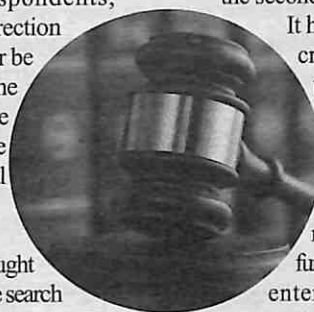
The facts of the matter are that a Public Private Partnership (PPP) was created between the Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) and Ngeri Holdings (NGH) which is essentially a business for the second respondent.

It has been stated that this was created to set up an on-line trading platform and referred to as the Swazi Traders Link (STL) and the intention was to operate an on-line business centre and an on-line shopping mall which was to collect funds to train small and medium enterprises to operate in the information technology dominated business world.

The principal participants involved were the respondents and the second respondent allegedly made monetary and material donations to the first respondent and it was gathered that the ordinary channels for the establishment of such a PPP were not followed and Cabinet was effectively excluded from this process.

It was also submitted that strangely if not suspicious, the first respondent (former minister) appointed the second respondent (Fred Ngeri) as his personal advisor, a post that did not exist in Government, but thereby further cementing the relationship between the first and second respondents and again excluding Government scrutiny by the Principal Secretary.

The former minister was then charged by the ACC and the application for the search and arrest was made before it was dismissed by the High Court hence the present application.



## Women who use sex for money are sex workers

BY SIZWE DLAMINI  
Pigg's Peak

**REPRESENTATIVES of commercial sex workers have said that any woman who uses sex or her body to persuade men to give her money or favours can be categorised as a sex worker.**

The representatives went on to say that the young ladies who are often seen dating older married men are also engaging in a form of commercial sex work.

This volatile statement was made at the recently held stakeholder's meeting that was hosted by the Alliance of Mayor's Initiative on Community Action on AIDS at the Local Level (AMICAALL) at the Gbolondlo Hall on Tuesday.

During the aforementioned meeting, representatives of commercial sex workers, as well as representatives of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community were present to make presentations to the police, medical practitioners and others.

Due to ethical reasons, the names of the representatives have been withheld.

Speaking at the meeting, the representatives of commercial sex workers said most commercial sex workers were brave and honest compared to other women who acted innocent yet they used sex for money.

"Poverty and lack for young mothers are the main reasons why young girls are getting involved in the commercial sex trade. Education is no longer important to many young girls because they grow up watching their mothers who are often young themselves struggle without employment or money. These young mothers who are often school drop outs teach their young daughters unwittingly to devel-

op a dependency on males for their livelihoods. This causes girls to ignore school and focus on men instead. Many young women believe that they need a man to survive and that alone is not the truth," they said.

One of the representatives added that it is very important for parents, especially mothers, to educate their young girls on the importance of having a tertiary education and pursuing a career to succeed in life.

"Unfortunately most mothers are so focused on basic survival that they fail to teach their girls to pursue an education and a career. This oversight makes most young girls view men as providers of money. Due to the fact that the girls want money, they resort to relationships with men who sexually abuse them at a young age. After a few years of this abuse, some girls think the abuse is normal, hence over time we see girls use their bodies as tools to be used by men for money. This is commercial sex work as there is no love but just money involved in this form of sex. Many women lie to themselves and say they are not sex workers because they don't sell their bodies on the streets but many other women sell their bodies to older married men in secret. This is sex work because money is still exchanged for this service. At least sex workers are brave and honest by walking the streets and selling themselves, while other women prefer to be liars and sell sex in private," they added.

**Unfortunately most mothers are so focused on basic survival that they fail to teach their girls to pursue an education and a career**

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## MPs Thandi, Magongo in Moza to observe elections

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**TWO local MPs who are members of the Pan African Parliament (PAP) have been elected to observe the Mozambican national elections.**

Manzini South MP Thandi Nxumalo and Motshane MP Robert Magongo have been elected to be among 12 other members to observe the Mozambican national elections. This means there are 14 members elected to observe the national elections in the neighbouring Mozambique.

The PAP was sanctioned by the African Union to observe the elections in Mozambique. The PAP MPs, according to sources close to

the matter, left last week Saturday to Mozambique so that they could take part in an observer mission workshop aimed at sensitising the African legislators on how they were supposed to observe the elections.

According to the sources, the PAP members, including Nxumalo and Magongo, joined other organs of the African continent in observing the elections, like the AU, which is led by former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

They are expected to come back tomorrow and the observer mission clerk attached to the PAP MPs will be expected to compile a report on

the elections. The report is expected to be discussed by the PAP members in their next sitting in May next year.

Mozambicans went to the polls on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and, according to an online publication, The South African, vote counting is still continuing. The Mozambican Electoral Commission, according to the online publication, promised to publish the elections results after 15 days from Tuesday. The publication further quoted Mozambican President Felipe Nyusi as saying this year's elections was the most monitored in Mozambique's history. About 4 000 election observers

are said to have been deployed across the Mozambican territory.

The two MPs were elected during the Third Ordinary Session of the Fifth Parliament of the PAP, which is ending today at Gallagher Estate, Midrand, South Africa.

Nxumalo and Magongo attended the sitting with their fellow local PAP members, who included MPs Victor Malambe (Mhlume) and Senator Sylvia Mthethwa. The PAP sitting which the legislators attended started on Sunday October 6, 2019 and is supposed to end today.

According to the PAP website, The October statutory meeting is being held under the African Union (AU) theme of 2019: 'Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa.'





# PARENTS RESOLVE TO PRAYER, FAST

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**PARENTS of Ekuhanyeni High have resolved to fast and host a prayer session at the school in a bid to drive out the evil spirits that have engulfed the institution.**

This transpired yesterday during a parents' meeting held at the school. The meeting was chaired by the school committee's Mfanajalo Mkhonta in the presence of the Deputy Headteacher Bongiwe Zuke. The meeting was held after the school recently lost two teachers in a space of about a week, while also six pupils and another teacher have died since August 2018.

Part of the agenda was the discussion of the pupils' ill-health and parents unanimously decided on fasting fast and prayer.

When making their submissions, the parents said they were cognisant of the fact that the school usually had a mass prayer at the beginning and end of every academic term. The parents arrived at this decision after some suggested that every parent should pray for their children at home, and also give them advice on how they are expected to behave as scholars.

However, others were of the view that even if one could do this with their children at home, it would not be effective because it was most likely that they ended up being



**PRAYER IS KEY: Ekuhanyeni High School. (Inset) Ekuhanyeni Deputy Principal Bongiwe Zuke responding to parents' suggestions.**

affected by the influences of others who would not have had the same teachings and divine protection.

Therefore, the parents ended up assenting that the common ground in which the children meet should be the venue for the prayer session.

Further, the parents suggested that it would be proper for the scholars and teachers to also attend this session regardless of the difference in religious denominations.

Another parent suggested that the parents should set the date for this and also agree on the pastors who will be asked to grace the event so as to prevent incidents similar to ones that occurred last year after the school administration availed some clergymen after it was resolved by parents that there needed to be prayer sessions.

This was after there were several

deaths of learners at the school. After the prayer, which is said to have been snubbed by most parents, parents complained because there were more deaths even after the prayer session was held.

The parent said the continued deaths saw parents blaming the school administration for bringing the pastors whom they suspected to be in collaboration with someone they blamed for the scholar's deaths.

## Appreciated

In response to the parents' suggestions, Deputy Headteacher Zuke appreciated the parents for using prayer to fight the attacks in the school.

Zuke said the parents' move was the best because God knew why the school had to go through such tribulations.

However, Zuke said it was inap-

propriate for the parents to have a night vigil at the school for reasons such as the children could not be controlled at night, and that some people could take advantage of the situation to pursue their ulterior motives.

Also, Zuke mentioned that parents were to be sure they wanted to have the prayer as she referenced to last year's event where only a few parents pitched for the session as planned during a similar meeting. In justification, the parents said the prayer gathering was held mid-week while most of them were away on duty.

To avoid the repetition of this, the parents suggested that the upcoming prayer session should at least be set for a day over the weekend. After all was said and done, the parents eventually agreed that the gathering will be held during the day.

## Tensions rise as vote counting continues

**MAPUTO - Fears over serious voting irregularities have marred the electoral process.**

Mozambique election results are being tallied following its high-stakes ballot, as tensions spiked over claims of voting irregularities and concerns that results will not be revealed for days.

President Filipe Nyusi's FRELIMO party, which has ruled the southern African country since independence from Portugal in 1975, is widely expected to win the polls held on Tuesday.

The vote has been seen as a key test of a peace deal sealed in August between former civil war foes FRELIMO and RENAMO, a rebel group turned main opposition party.

While voting day appeared mostly calm, civil society groups said they found evidence of suspected election rigging, including several attempts to stuff ballots and election observers being kicked out of polling stations.

Election watchdog Sala da Paz said police fired teargas and warning shots in the central province of Nampula a Renamo stronghold after opposition supporters refused to leave polling premises to "protect their vote".

"So far, from the issues that have been reported, we cannot say that the process has been 100 per cent free and fair," Sala da Paz spokesman Hermenegildo Mulhovo told AFP.

He said that police had killed a voter in Nampula city, the provincial capital, in circumstances that were still unclear.

## Disturbances

The authorities were not immediately able to confirm the incident, but said 73 people had been arrested for "disturbances in polling stations".

Mozambique's electoral commission, meanwhile, indicated it will not publish provisional tallies as it has in the past, only committing to releasing the final results within the mandated 15-day period after the vote.

"The more they delay publishing the results, the more you create lack of trust and risks of tensions," Mulhovo said.

"Most of the problems and irregularities happen after the vote, during the counting process."

Lutero Simango, an MP of the country's third biggest party MDM, said the reports "only confirmed what we were afraid of the competition was not fair".

"The will of the people has not been respected, our democracy is headed down a very dangerous path," he told AFP.

RENAMO's presidential candidate Ossufo Momade issued a warning as he voted on Tuesday. "If these results are manipulated we will never accept them, we do not want a return to the problems of the past," the opposition leader said.

On Wednesday, RENAMO's Secretary-General Roque Silva urged Mozambicans to "keep calm during vote counting."

Around 13 million of Mozambique's population of 30 million citizens were registered to vote in the presidential, parliamentary and provincial elections.

## Peace deal under pressure

FRELIMO and RENAMO fought a brutal civil war from 1975 to 1992, and an election campaign marred by violence raised fears that conflict could return to one of the world's poorest countries. The peace deal signed between the two groups has come under pressure after an armed breakaway faction of RENAMO rejected the agreement, spurned Momade's candidacy and vowed to attack campaign events.

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## Dros rapist Nicholas Ninow sentenced to life in prison

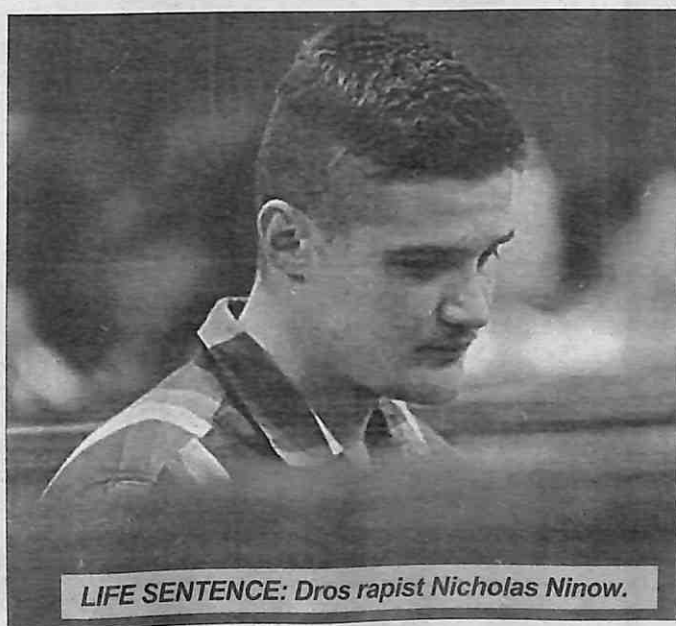
**PRETORIA - The Gauteng North High Court has sentenced convicted Dros rapist Nicholas Ninow to life behind bars for rape and five years for drug possession.**

Handing down the sentence, Judge Mokhele said he took into account the fact that Ninow is a young adult, has an infant child of his own and that there was a good chance that he could be rehabilitated. He said that Ninow had failed to prove that he was genuinely remorseful.

Mosopa said that a happy family outing became a nightmare for the victim and her family after the little girl was raped. This, he said, has had far-reaching implications for the entire family.

The judge said that Ninow's introduction to hard drugs at the age of 13 by his mother was the start of the young man's spiral into addiction. He said that Ninow had himself been a victim of physical and sexual abuse as a child and appears to be a "broken person".

Earlier, Judge Mosopa called a break in proceedings when a group of people appearing to be EFF



**LIFE SENTENCE: Dros rapist Nicholas Ninow.**

supporters became disruptive when Mosopa delayed the start of the post-lunch session.

Ninow's sentencing comes after two days of testimony from Ninow, his grandmother and various experts both in mitigation and aggravation of sentencing.

The convicted rapist kicked off proceedings on Wednesday using his testimony to detail his con-

tinued battle with drugs, remorse and request for another "chance".

Captain Karin Botha, a forensic social worker, testified in detail about the trauma experienced by Ninow's young victim. She told the court that the young girl still had nightmares about the rape.

"I see him when I go to bed. I try not to imagine him and what he did to me," the child report-

edly said.

The court also heard from a psychologist and Ninow's grandmother.

Ninow's sentencing comes a month after he was found guilty on two counts of rape, possession of drugs and defeating the ends of justice in connection with the rape of a then seven-year-old girl in the female toilets at the Dros Restaurant in Silverton, Pretoria.

Ninow, 21, had previously confessed to raping the girl after she walked in on him while he was in the women's bathroom using drugs.

He, however, refuted allegations of premeditation and maintains that he was high and had been using drugs for two days before the incident.

His version was rejected by Mosopa, who said the victim, even though she was a minor when it happened and somewhat unclear of the day in question when giving her testimony initially, had managed to inform the court that he had actually found her in the toilet after relieving herself.

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## Metropolitan Life employee dismissed for E180 000 fraud

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A female employee of Metropolitan Life has allegedly been dismissed for having siphoned E180 000 from the company's coffers.

Metropolitan Life operates as an insurance company and provides affordable financial solutions through a range of investment and retirement products that address the needs of the insurance market.

The female ex-employee has since appeared before the Magistrate's Court, where she reportedly made a confession in Magistrate Temantimandze Shongwe's chambers. This, she was said to have done in connection with the case of fraud.

The female employee cannot be named as yet as the veracity of the allegations are yet to be tested before the court. However, she has been formally charged with fraud, after she was alleged to have siphoned varying amounts of money with a total of E180 000.

Information gathered was to the effect that the female employee was employed as an administrator within the insurance company, where she was alleged to have had access to the company's coffers.

She allegedly started off by siphoning a small amount of money, and when she realised that there were no red flags, continued to transfer the varying amounts of money into her personal bank account.



A top official within Metropolitan Life confirmed that the female employee was dismissed after having been found guilty of embezzling company funds.

When the company noted that there were irregular payments being made to one specific bank account, she was called in and later dismissed as the company discovered that the funds were being transferred into her personal bank account, instead of the beneficiaries listed.

"A female staff member was charged and found guilty of the embezzlement of company funds," the top official stated.

The ex-employee is set to make an appearance before open court today, where she will be arraigned.

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## Vincent to give evidence in Muzi Mhlanga's case

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

THE case in which former Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) chief Muzi Mhlanga is suing government E1 million for his lost tooth, has resumed at the High Court.

The matter was yesterday before Judge Nkululeko Hlophe and one of the witnesses, who is expected to give evidence in the matter is unionist Vincent Ncongwane of the Swaziland Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers (SUFIAWU) who was present when Mhlanga was allegedly assaulted by members of the security forces during one of their protest actions.

Mhlanga, a seasoned unionist, is represented by lawyer Sabelo Mngometulu and he was the first witness in the trial that began in the last session of the High Court.

A teacher by profession, Mhlanga, who lost a tooth after an assault by police during a Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) meeting.

Mhlanga, who is the plaintiff in the matter, had stated in his papers that the police officers who assaulted him were acting in the scope and course of their employment under the guide of the first respondent, who is the national commissioner of police.

Government is represented by lawyers from the AG's office in the matter.

Mhlanga was injured and lost his tooth during the incident that allegedly happened when police officers stopped a meeting organised by TUCOSWA scheduled for the SNAT Centre in Manzini in 2015.

Mhlanga alleged that he was dragged for nearly 20 metres while about 15 police officers held him by his private parts.

He stated that he was from a meeting in Zambia on the day and upon return home on Friday afternoon, he found that there would be a meeting of executive officials of TUCOSWA and the meeting was to be held at the SNAT Centre.

"As I approached the main gate to the venue of the meeting, I found a contingent of police officers who were all over the gate. I walked inside and found other officials in the boardroom. While preparing to start our meeting, the police came and ordered us out of the boardroom.



**TOOTH MATTER: Former SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga.**

"They told us we cannot proceed with the meeting. They then drove us out of the boardroom. We moved out and got inside our bus and locked ourselves inside.

While inside, police surrounded the bus. They then moved to the back of the SNAT bus and forcefully opened its back side. That is when they grabbed me and pulled me out of the vehicle," Mhlanga alleged.

He said they then dragged him for about 20 metres from the bus before they started kicking him all over the body and while sprawled on the turf, one of them kicked him in the mouth and he felt like there was sand stuffed in his mouth.

All this happened outside the SNAT Centre premises on the road leading to Manzini Central High. He stated that when he tried to spit, blood and a white stone-like thing came out of his mouth; he took it and discovered that it was one of his front teeth and blood oozed out.

Police left him lying on the ground. In his papers, he stated that he was taken to hospital where Dr Themba Ntiwane treated him for bruises all over his body.

The report annexed to his papers states that the clothes Mhlanga was wearing were slightly soiled and he had bruises on the back of his shoulders and neck.

Other injuries that he suffered, according to the report, were on his private parts and there were also bruises on his calf and upper hip.



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### Cautious driver...



**SAFETY FIRST: A motorist checks the condition of tyres on his Honda Fit before carrying on with his journey near Elangeni along the Mbabane/Manzini Highway yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)**



# Taiwanese govt donates E25m solar PV system to UNESWA

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI  
Manzini

**THE government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has donated a roof-top and off-grid solar PV system to the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) worth E25.6 million.**

The donation took place during the launch of the centre for sustainable energy research and handover of the solar panel voltage system at UNESWA Sports Emporium yesterday. It is part of strengthening the two country's bilateral long-term friendly and cooperative relationship.

Appreciating the generous donation, Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Peter Bhembe mentioned that the launch of the solar plant is in response to the recognition of the National Development Strategy - Vision 2022 that energy is absolutely necessary to achieve the socio-economic development and identifies energy research as one of its strategic objectives.

Bhembe further stated that the implementation strategy of the updated National Energy Policy of 2018 recognises the pivotal role of research and development in advancing a sustainable energy industry in Eswatini. He added that it further outlines research strategies which should be taken and led by



**Taiwan Minister Chancellor Oliver Harn, Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Peter Bhembe and Member of Parliament Phila Buthelezi listening during the site tour.**

UNESWA.

"The centre is, therefore, well placed to run with this research and development initiative. It is therefore encouraging to learn that the centre will, amongst other objectives, assist to increase the implementation of energy efficiency and conservation measures in the coun-

try," he added.

The minister added that the PV solar system would help address the slow adoption of renewable energy technologies such as solar PV, biogas, wind power and other bio-energy resources in the country. Bhembe highlighted that the establishment of the centre is a game

changer on energy matters in the country.

He added that apart from assisting the university to reduce its electricity expenditure and also have some backup power during electricity outages, the system will further assist UNESWA and the centre to carry out research on solar PV system technologies.

He stated that it would also provide students with the opportunity to benefit from practical hands on training on solar PV technologies through the use of the system.

The minister concluded by thanking Taiwan on behalf of the Government of Eswatini for continuing to support the country towards attaining a first world status by 2022.

Representing the Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Jeremy Liang was Minister Chancellor Oliver Harn who mentioned that renewable energy is one of future power sources.

"The government of China (Taiwan) makes efforts to speed up the associated planning and deployment of green energy, in order to make Taiwan's energy system more resilient, more efficient and cleaner."

The Kingdom of Eswatini is wisely planning to utilise abundant sunlight to serve its people as well," he added.

Harn mentioned that the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has committed financial and technical assistance to the

Kingdom of Eswatini over the past 51 years to develop in the areas of rural electrification, health care, agriculture, ICT, and education, etc.

He also stated that the donation of these solar PV systems, again, is a token of our bilateral long-term friendly and cooperative relationship between the two countries.

He further mentioned that the two nations were on the right track to diversify their power generation sources and ensure energy safety with an aim to protect their environment and further enhance the wellbeing of the public. "Taiwan and Eswatini are essential to the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development," he said.

Harn indicated that with Taiwan's continuous assistance, Eswatini will proceed to, slowly but surely, fulfil His Majesty's Vision 2022. "Promise made, promise delivered."

Speaking on behalf of the University was Vice-Chancellor Professor Justice Thwala, who stated that the launch of the centre came at a time when the institution had embarked on a new strategic plan of 2018-22, where research is placed as a priority amongst the areas of focus for the institution going forward.

"We aim to be responsive to the national needs through excellence teaching and learning, research and innovative entrepreneurship and community engagement through our people for inclusive sustainable development," he said.

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# 'Churches should not encourage tibi tendlu'

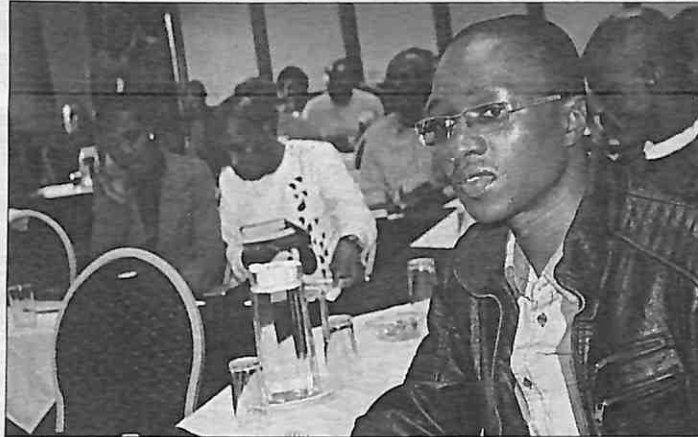
STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Matsapha

THE church has been encouraged to bring an end to sexual violence by not only speaking against it, but taking a step further and reporting criminal cases which are perpetrated by and against church members.

This call was made by World Vision Eswatini led 'It takes Eswatini to end sexual violence against children' Campaign Manager Nontobeko Mbuyane while imploring pastors to be part of the campaign.

This was during the sensitisation of about 100 pastors affiliated with the Conference of Churches (CoC) at Esibayeni Lodge.

Mbuyane reminded pastors of their leadership role in the communities where they hold services and how congregants accede to their counsel. She stated that they were influential as their preaching impacted on various behaviours and this trait should be used to nurture change. Mbuyane reminded the pastors how some survivors of



**SEEKING ADVISE:** Pastor Thulani Vilakati asked whether it was permissible for pastors to engage couples after their case has been reported to the police.

gender-based violence spoke that they were counselled by their pastors and nothing happened thereafter. Imploring them to be objective in the manner they counsel members of their church who come before them, she said it was unfortunate that pastors were prone to favour the men and use language which defeated the reason the couple sought counselling in the first place.

"As such, after a session a pastor can be heard using words such as, 'I don't want to hear that you have been arguing again'. The couple is likely to suffer in silence because this will not encourage them to return in the event nothing changes," she stated.

She further noted how men were likely to be revered due to their social standing and hence find comfort in the church where they are

welcomed and celebrated despite being perpetrators of heinous violent crimes against their partners.

Mbuyane called upon the church to not only speak against sexual violence and gender-based violence, but also act against it and not harbour perpetrators.

"Pastors are duty bound to protect the vulnerable within their churches. This includes ensuring that children live in spaces where they are well protected against abuse. Also, in cases of sexual violence, they are compelled by the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018 to ensure that these cases are reported to the relevant authorities," Mbuyane said.

She cautioned that preachers need to find a balance between being spiritual counsellors as well upholding the law which calls for witnesses to sexual violence and GBV cases to report such. This was met with resistance from some pastors who stated that they were commissioned to rely on the Word of God which calls for them to foster forgiveness.



**EMPOWER YOURSELVES:** Conference of Churches CEO Themba Ngozo called on pastors to learn about the SODV Act so they can champion it and help save the lives of congregants.



**ON SODV:** SWAGAA Communications and Advocacy Officer Slingdele Nxumalo advising pastors to familiarise themselves with the SODV Act.

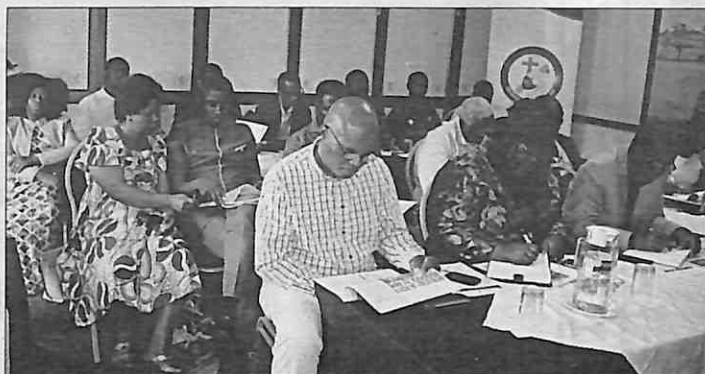
## PASTORS MORE POWERFUL THAN CONGREGANTS

PASTORS have been urged to use the power they wield over congregants correctly.

Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse Communications and Advocacy Officer Slingdele Nxumalo said it was up to the pastors to avoid situations where they are vulnerable to unwanted sexual advances by congregants.

Nxumalo stated that even though pastors were called upon to live a holy life, there were circumstances which called for them to reach for strength beyond the canal and be bigger than a situation.

She stated that in terms of seduction within the church, it was up to them to fight against this by talking to women who pose a threat to their own marriages and counsel them with a level head.



**READING:** Some of the pastors going through presentations on media reports of sexual violence and gender based violence.

"It might be found that such women have been through abusive episodes in their lives and do not even realise that their behaviour is defective. It is, therefore,

important that such situations be treated with empathy as well," said Nxumalo.

Further, the preachers were also trained on the Women and Law in

Southern Africa's Eswatini chapter (WLSA-Eswatini) case against government which successfully challenged common law marital power and the Marriage Act of 1964.

### Conclude

"This came about because married women could not conclude contracts without her husband's permission nor administer property," said Legal Officer Dumisani Dlamini.

He clarified that their decision to challenge this law was not to say women were more important than men in a marriage.

It was to ensure that women were not denied their right as prescribed by the constitution that they are equal before the law with men and should be afforded equal treatment.



**LEGAL WISE:** WLSA Legal Officer Dumisani Dlamini called on pastors to familiarise themselves with the judgment which upholds the status of women as equal partners to their husbands in a marriage.

## Pastors to preach for an end to sexual violence

ONE of the actions suggested after the training was that pastors should use their various platforms to speak against sexual abuse at every turn.

The fervent call was made by Conference of Churches Chief Executive Officer Themba Ngozo who decried the alarming rate at which women and children were being killed and violated. This was after extensive training on pertinent issues

which affect the church where the law is concerned.

Ngozo suggested that every time they take to the pulpit should be an opportunity to remind their congregants about the need to end sexual violence and gender-based violence in their churches. Various pastors also called for the nation to come together in prayer in order to seek divine intervention on the scourge.

## Pastors should empower themselves on SODV Act

THERE is need for pastors to empower themselves on issues of sexual and domestic violence.

This was said by Conference of Churches Chief Executive Officer Themba Ngozo during the training of pastors under CoC.

The pastors were joined by various church officials such as Sunday School teachers to learn their role in the fight to end sexual violence against children.

The training was made possible by World Vision as part of the nationwide campaign commissioned by government. 'It takes Eswatini to end sexual violence against children'.

"Let us go out and make a differ-

ence and uplift the name of the church in the country. We will be a respected stakeholder if we do that," Ngozo said to the pastors who were also empowered on the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018. They were also taught on their role in reporting crimes committed by or against congregants.

### Enable

Ngozo stated that it was imperative for pastors to attend workshops such as this one as it would enable them to be better informed and nurture their congregants in the correct manner. "The churches that we lead will expand simply because we are empowered," he said.

Adding, he stated that empowerment sessions would ensure that submissions made in such meetings were informed. "When some make submissions in such meetings, it raises doubts about where they come from," he further said.

He called upon those who took part in the training to revert back to the CoC and inform them of how they would either like to be assisted further or give suggestions on how further trainings can be facilitated.

He further expressed his disappointment that only a handful of pastors attended whereas the country has over 3 000 who lead various denominations weekly.





# IN THE HIGH COURT OF ESWATINI



## CONTESTED BAILS BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE T. DLAMINI OCTOBER 18, 2019 COURT 'F'

### URGENT APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE

CASE NO.	ACCUSED	CENTRE	ATTORNEY
432/18	THULANI MADONSELA	REMAND	IN PERSON LOMKHOSI DLAMINI
357/19	SIMCO SIFUNDA	PEAK PIGGS	IN PERSON LOMKHOSI DLAMINI
353/19	SIMANGALISO CHARLES DUNN	SIDWASHINI	IN PERSON LOMKHOSI DLAMINI
345/19	MELUSI BANDE LUSHABA	REMAND	MEHALLI ATTORNEYS LOMKHOSI DLAMINI
329/19	MOSES SHONGWE	REMAND	DLAMINI - KUNENE ASSOCIATES NGCEBO LUKHELE
337/19	XOLANI MELULEKI MAHLALELA	REMAND	IN PERSON NGCEBO LUKHELE
339/19	SIBONAKALISO MAMBA	REMAND	IN PERSON NGCEBO LUKHELE
92/19	MTHEHELELU ZULU	NHLANGANO	B.S. DLAMINI & ASSOCIATES THULANI MAMABA
105/19	MPENDULO SENZO NKOMONYE	REMAND	IN PERSON NGCEBO LUKHELE
305/19	SIBONISO SIMELANE	NHLANGANO	MACHAWE DLAMINI NGCEBO LUKHELE
279/19	SIZWE MNGOMETULU	REMAND	IN PERSON NGCEBO LUKHELE
239/18	THEMBINKOSI BONGANI DLAMINI	BIG BEND	S.M. KUBHEKA MKOLISI DLAMINI

## HON. JUSTICE J. MAGAGULA OCTOBER 18, 2019 COURT 'E'

### UNCONTESTED CIVIL ROLL BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE C. MAPHANGA 18TH OCTOBER 2019 COURT 'G'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEY/S
1. 1159/19	Sibusiso Sifiso Simelane vs The Commissioner General Of His Majesty's Correctional Services & Three Others	Lucas BKS Dlamini
2. 1282/19	The Clinic Group (Pty) Ltd vs Gabsile A. Mhlanga	Simelane Mishali
3. 1381/19	Nedbank SWD Ltd vs Butare Rukundo	L.R. Mamba & Associates
4. 1126/19	Maggie Mavuso vs Nonhlanhla Mngomezulu & Two Others	B.S. Dlamini & Associates
5. 1507/19	Sandile Willes Shabangu vs Thulile Glenda Shabangu (Nee Dlamini) & Two Others	Molsa Mavuso
6. 217/18	Eswatini Building Society vs Sihle Charles Fakudze	S.V. Mdladla & Associates
7. 1121/19	Nakani Mkhonta & Another vs The Redemption Ministries & Two Others	S.V. Mdladla
8. 1653/19	Elliot Mavimbela vs	Ben J. Simelane

9. 1126/17	Minister Of Agriculture & Two Others Busiswe Dlamini (Nee Maziya) vs Christopher Shabangu N.O & Three Others	Sithole & Magagula
10. 1398/19	Lubane Savings & Credit Co -Operative Society Ltd vs Mzabalazo Patric Zwane	Howe Masuku Nsibande
11. 1561/19	The Dioces Of Eswatini vs Manzini Industrial Training Centre & Two Others	Thwala Attorneys
12. 38/19	Dan Vilakati & Four Others vs Vusumuzi Khoza & Nine Others	Justice M. Mavuso & Co.
13. 1355/19	Oscar Mkhabela vs Sifiso Luther Bhembe	Bhebhe Attorneys
14. 1616/19	Linkengane Investments (Pty)Ltd T/A Village Bakery vs Hancy Investments (Pty) Ltd T/A Time Caterers	Robinson Bertram
15. 1567/18	Swazi Treated Timbers (Pty)Ltd vs Siboniso Mavuso & Two Others	Henwood & Co.
16. 1379/19	Nedbank Swaziland Ltd vs Lloyd Mpilo Dlamini	Robinson Bertram
17. 1090/19	Standard Bank Swd Ltd vs Keeve Investments (Pty)Ltd T/A Farmland & Two Others	S.V. Mdladla Associates
18. 1395/19	Standard Bank Swaziland vs Pinky Mhlongo	S.V. Mdladla
19. 461/19	Per Sonne Noddeboe vs Amanda Jane Noddeboe (Born Parsons)	Currie - Wright Associates
20. 1225/19	Themba Cyril Dlamini vs Estate Late Sarah Sibongile Dlamini & Three Others	S.M. Jele Attorneys
21. 1449/19	The Salesian Society vs Valkry Investments & Another	Waring
22. 1087/19	Elizabeth Thwala (Nee Manana) & Two Others vs Mandla Matima & Eight Others	S.B. Molsa
23. 954/19	Jane Lulu Simelane N.O & Another vs Celimphilo Nxumalo N.O & Three Others	MJ Manzini Associates
24. 562/19	Standard Bank Swd Ltd vs Nombulelo Nkonyeni	S.V. Mdladla
25. 1546/19	Nedbank Swd Ltd vs Bonangaye Maxwell Mhlanabant Maduna	Robinson Bertram
26. 1188/19	CM Concrete (Pty)Ltd vs Hancy Investments (Pty)Ltd	Demhleta Legal
27. 85/19	Kayibongwe Investments (Pty)Ltd vs Sisana Mvubu	Robinson Bertram
28. 1247/19	Swaziland Meat Industries (Pty)Ltd vs City Butchery	Gigi A. Reid
29. 1522/19	Kenneth Van Zyl	In Person

vs  
Rupert Roland Swanepoel & 7 Others

### CONTESTED CIVIL ROLL BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE N. MASEKO 18TH OCTOBER 2019 COURT 'H'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEY/S
1. 632/18	Dumsane Abner Ngubani vs Shadrack Malinga & Four Others	Nshangase Attorneys B.S. Dlamini & Associates Bhembe Attorneys
2. 581/16	Nokuphila Elane Thabede vs Nhlanhla Justin Dlodlu & Another	Magagula Attorneys Xaba Attorneys
3. 1535/14	Standard Bank Swaziland vs Matsebula Kennedy J	Dunseith Attorneys Musa M. Sibandze S.V. Mdladla
4. 80/15	First National Bank Swaziland vs Steven Bogatsu No & Seven Others	Attorneys Musa M. Sibandze S.V. Mdladla
5. 403/19	Gugulethu Fakudze - Thwala vs Swaziland Building Society & Another	Mkhabela Attorneys Robinson Bertram
6. 1085/19	Nedbank (Swd) Ltd vs For Tem Consultants (Pty) Ltd & Another	L.R. Mamba & Associates T.M. Bhembe Attorneys Robinson Bertram
7. 343/17	Royal Swd Sugar Corporation vs Fortune Nxumalo	Robinson Bertram
8. 141/17	Goinaphi Susan Dlamini & Two Others	

### DEFAULTS JUDGEMENTS BEFORE THE HON JUSTICE M. LANGWENYA OCTOBER 18, 2019 COURT 'I'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEY/S
1. 1555/19	Eswatini Development & Savings Bank vs Mbamali Makhosonkhe Mfanasibili & Another	Waring
2. 1515/19	PSG Investments (Pty)Ltd T/A PSG Finance vs Just International Investments (Pty) Ltd T/A Just Filing Solutions & Another	Henwood & Co.
3. 1482/19	Standard Bank Swaziland Ltd vs Senzo Innocent Nhlabatsi	Sithole & Magagula
4. 1489/19	Standard Bank Swaziland Ltd vs Richard M. Vilane	Sithole & Magagula
5. 1498/19	Standard Bank Swaziland Ltd vs Ngenisile Clearance Dlamini	Sithole & Magagula
6. 1497/19	Standard Bank Swaziland Ltd vs Kevin G. Mordant	Sithole & Magagula
7. 1504/19	Standard Bank Swaziland Ltd vs	Sithole & Magagula

8. 1476/19	Nolwazi Sade Jones Standard Bank Swaziland Ltd vs Machawesive Cindzi	Sithole & Magagula
9. 1226/19	Professor Comfort B.S Mdebele vs The University Of Eswatini	Henwood & Co

### RULE 45 (13) (I) BEFORE THE HON JUSTICE M. LANGWENYA OCTOBER 18, 2019 COURT 'I'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEY/S
1. 1376/18	Nedbank Swaziland Ltd vs Welle Pretty Dlamini	Sithole & Magagula
2. 1065/19	SMS General Supplies & Services vs Nonhlanhla Mamba & Another	Sithole & Magagula
3. 210/15	Swaziland Development Finance Corporation (Fincorp) vs Rhapsody Investments (Pty)Ltd & Three Others	S.V. Mdladla
4. 792/19	Brock Thullie vs Mayisela Gugu	Waring
5. 752/17	Southern Trading Company (Pty)Ltd vs Alternative Investments (Pty) Ltd & Another	Robinson Bertram
6. 1058/18	Purple Rain (Pty)Ltd vs Koeltronics Inverments (Pty)Lty & Another	S.V. Mdladla & Associates
7. 677/19	Mduduzi Mabila vs Enziwe Mathaba Dube	Linda Dlamini Associates

### UNCONTESTED BAILS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M. LANGWENYA OCTOBER 18, 2019 COURT 'I'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEY/S
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368/19	Ntobeko Mabuza	
367/19	Sibusiso Khumalo	
369/19	Melusi Dlamini	
319/19	Mlandvo Tshepo Molsa	
Sidwashini		
132/14	Mfanawenkosi Khumalo	
370/19	Wandile Makhanya	
Big Bend		
372/19	Siyabonga Mveli Dlamini	
Matsapha		
358/19	Samkeliso Wandile Sibandze	
Remand		
366/19	Sincoma Magagula	
130/19	Theminkosi Tsabedze	
291/19	Vusi Bongani Nhlabatsi	
360/19	Musa Ndlovu	



## E10 000 fine for being found with 244kg dagga

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A 25-year-old man faces seven years in prison after he was found guilty of being in possession of 244 kilograms of dagga.**

A police raid led by Detective Constable Thami Mabuza was fruitful when they found 244.2 kilograms of dagga and 2.8 kilograms of dagga seeds concealed in Mduduzi Shabangu's homestead at Maphalaleni.

Shabangu was initially arrested alongside Thandekile Dlamini and Lethu Mavimbela, however, Dlamini and Mavimbela were acquitted and discharged after Shabangu pleaded guilty to possession of dagga and dagga seeds.

### Sentence

Along with Mabuza's statement before court, a forensic report submitted by the prosecution confirmed that the consignment was indeed dagga.

Before passing his sentence on Tuesday, Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati stated that dagga cultivation seemed to be a source

of livelihood for dozens of families in the country.

"However, several cases of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and murder have been linked to dagga and dagga wars.

### Destroying

The court is in a better position to send a strong message to dagga farmers because the youth finds itself abusing this substance, thus destroying their futures in the process.

So many of the youth have been enrolled at the juvenile correctional

centre because their lives have been ravaged by this poisonous substance and it must come to an end," the magistrate emphasised.

### Cultivation

Magistrate Vilakati further stated that it was the duty of the court to ensure that those involved in the cultivation and sale of dagga do not go unpunished.

"However, if the court were to mete sentences without the option of the fine the correctional facilities would be packed to the rafters, when there is already a high number of prisoners held for having been in possession of dagga," he stated.

He further cited the Magistrate's Court Act of 1938, which states that the court in that jurisdiction cannot mete a sentence exceeding E10 000 or 10 years.

### Conducting

After cautioning Shabangu to desist from conducting himself in this manner, the court sentenced Shabangu to serve seven years in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E10 000 for having been in possession of 244.2 kilograms of dagga.

E2 000 or two years of Shabangu's sentence was suspended, meaning he would pay E8 000 fine or serve five years in prison.



## UK company to equip local pupils

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

A United Kingdom (UK) based company aims to contribute towards Vision 2022 by capacitating pupils through design and technology.

In that regard, eight schools from around the Manzini-Mbabane corridor will take part in a Makeathon Inspire Project.

The project will be staged at Elangeni High School tomorrow and on Sunday.

The project is funded by Formech International, a United Kingdom company in collaboration with the ministry of education and training.

Senior Inspector for Design and Technology Saxton Dlamini said the UK based company manufactures supplies and services vacuum forming machines which are also included in the school curriculum under the design and technology departments.

### Problem

He said the two-day Makeathon was a problem solving inspired project where pupils are expected to solve problems on environmental issues common not only locally but across the African continent.

He said these problems were divided into four key categories being water management, food security, sustainable energy as well as waste management.

One expert in each environmental matter has been identified by Formech and would assist and guide pupils on the two-day Makeathon projects.

Dlamini said Formech was not new to the kingdom as in 2017 and 2018, the company conducted workshops where they engaged two schools, namely Evelyn Baring and Ka-Boyce High.

He added that the company had expanded to eight high schools being Ngwane Park, Manzini Central, Elangeni, St Mark's, Ka-Schiele, St Mary's, SOS and Swazi National, where six pupils from each school were selected.

He stated that participating pupils had been selected on merit-performance on subjects by their teachers.

### Selection

The selection was done in the format with two pupils from design and technology and one for the following subjects, science, agriculture, geography and consumer science.

He added that the pupils would be divided into eight teams where two teams from different schools would be competing separately on the environmental matters.

"A secret ballot system will be used to apportion the teams on the challenges they will be working on," he said.

He said Formech would provide resources and materials, experts as well as other provisions.

Pupils would design and make artefacts that solve each of the environmental challenges.

He said on the last day, the winning teams would be awarded prizes and certificates and the programme would start at 0800 hours to 1600 hours to allow pupils to reach their destination on time.

# Nkwene High wants to be the best school

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

AS the school reflected on the success it has achieved so far, the former Nkwene High principal remembered a difficult time when parents wanted her and the deputy out of office.

Jabulile Hlophe, who has since been transferred to Nhlanguano Central High, shared with the gathering how the school emerged from the problems that it faced back in 2015 victorious.

This happened during the speech and prize giving event held at the school on Wednesday.

Senate Deputy President Ndumiso Mdluli was the guest speaker at the event.

In her speech, Hlophe remembered how the tension between parents and the school administration resulted to difficulty in convening parents meetings.

Although the soft-spoken teacher did not pin-point the challenges she referred to, Hlophe added that there was a point in time when one male parent stormed the school's administration office brandishing a gun.

Without elaborating, Hlophe said she was thankful that the gun was never used.

"We've been through tough times," she emphasised.

Regardless of all these challenges, the former principal said she was thankful for the lessons she learnt in her experiences while still at the school.

Also, Hlophe mentioned that she enjoyed her stay at the school so much that when she was informed of her sudden transfer to Nhlanguano Central, she felt uneasy in that she and the team she



Sandleni MP Derrick Masuku, Nkwene High Principal Nelson Motsa, and Senate Deputy President Ndumiso Mdluli following proceedings during the speech and prize giving ceremony.



Former Nkwene High School Principal Jabulile Hlophe delivers her speech.

had good plans about the school which she said had not been executed.

Still, Hlophe expressed her trust in the current administration, under the leadership of Principal Nelson Motsa,

to carry these plans forward.

On another note, Hlophe said Nkwene High was on its journey towards being a top school as far as producing exceptional academic results was concerned. This, she said, was evident in that in the 2017/18 SGCSE results, the school attained an overall performance of 91 per cent, and there was a scholar among the country's top 20 best performing pupils.

Amid all these successes, Hlophe appealed to the ministry of education and training that if possible, it should desist from transferring the school leaders after only a short time serving at the school.

She said this would help not only the school but also the principals themselves as they would also learn from their experiences while in office.

Meanwhile, Nkwene's current Principal Nelson Motsa said the school had achieved a lot while under the leadership of Hlophe. One of Hlophe's achievements was infrastructure development as classrooms and teachers' houses were built.

## 'Eswatini infrastructure can't withstand disasters'

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

ESWATINI infrastructure has been ruled as the worst in terms of withstanding disasters.

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has expressed concern on the standard of infrastructure in the country, mostly regarding government infrastructure.

This was raised during the commemoration of the International Day for Disaster Reduction Programme which is commemorated on October 13 worldwide.

However, Eswatini commemorated the day on Wednesday due to the fact that the 13th fell on the weekend.

National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) Chief Executive Officer Russell Dlamini said this year's theme was 'Building to last'.

The day was aimed at equipping their stakeholders on building infrastructure that would last and withstand climate

change and disasters.

The NDMA was joined by CIC, Micro Projects, ministry of public works, ministries of health and education, amongst other stakeholders. Dr Gcebekile Dlamini from the CIC stated that Emaswati liked state-of-the-art infrastructure but they are not willing to spend.

"Emaswati believe that constructing infrastructure is cheap," she said.

Dlamini added that in the country 80 per cent of the time, the material used does not match or it is not the required material for that particular infrastructure.

### Construction

She said there was a lot that needs to be done in order to capacitate construction stakeholders of the importance of using the correct material for each structure that is constructed.

The reason wrong material was used in building was the shortage of funds. The biggest culprit in the cutting of cost in infrastructure was government.

It was brought to the table that ever since government hit rock bottom in terms of the economy; every year it

would be engaging the cheapest contractor in infrastructure.

The cutting of costs produces weak and prone to disaster infrastructure.

She stated that in as much as there was the cutting of costs; but there is lack of vigilance.

### Delegating

Dlamini said government and individuals have a tendency of delegating all the work to contractors who might not be always trusted in terms of providing the much needed material and doing their work to the tee.

Dlamini also emphasised on the standard of material that is available in the retail stores.

"There is a lot of sub-standard material in the country's stores because currently the county does not manufacture a lot of building material," she said.

She further urged Emaswati to stay away from building stick and mud houses and explore the use of construction material.

She said not every form of house required bricks, hence she advocate for exploring the material that is out there.

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### INFRASTRUCTURE INSTITUTIONS

Is the institutional framework that establishes and implements standardization, technical regulations, conformity assessment services, metrology and accreditation. Relates to all fields of metrology, standardization, technical regulations and testing, of quality management and conformity assessment, including certification and accreditation. The Quality Infrastructure Institutions are referred as pillars for the support of trade of competitive goods and services.

The vision of the Kingdom of Eswatini is *to have developed a high quality infrastructure comparable with the top international model by the year 2022.*

A COMPARABLE WITH THE TOP INTERNATIONAL MODEL for the Kingdom of Eswatini is defined as follows:

#### ESWATINI

## QUALITY

### INFRASTRUCTURE INSTITUTIONS

The Eswatini Quality Infrastructure Institutions consist of the following public and private organisations:

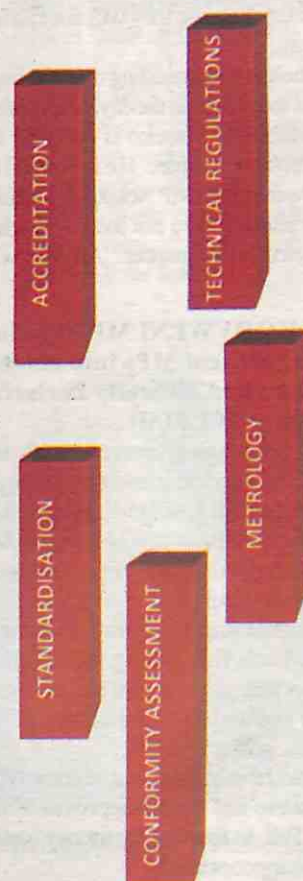
1. Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade - Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID)

A COMPARABLE WITH THE TOP INTERNATIONAL MODEL for the Kingdom of Eswatini is defined as follows:

- WTO TBT Agreement, COMESA TREATY and SADC TBT Annex compliant
- Effective and efficient
- Acceptable to main trading partners
- Supports industry – quality products and export
- Supports authorities – technical regulations
- Supports consumer protection
- Connects with international organizations

The RQID Department is mandated with an

overarching responsibility for the Development, Guide Implementation and periodic review of the National Regulatory and Quality Policy. Further to the policy the Department is also responsible for the review and development of all Quality infrastructure (Standardisation, Metrology, and Accreditation) legal instruments



### POLICIES AND LEGISLATIONS

**1.1 The National Accreditation Focal Point** - This unit is responsible for the promotion of accreditation activities in the country and it is the link to the Multi economy accreditation body, namely the SADC Accreditation Services (SADCAS). SADCAS provides the accreditation to all conformity assessment bodies in Eswatini.

**1.2 Quality Promotion Unit** - This unit is tasked with the duty of promoting a Quality Culture in the Kingdom of Eswatini through the roll out of the Eswatini Quality Awards programme; promoting the implementation of Quality Management System (ISO 9001) to the Public Sector.

**1.3 Technical Regulations Coordination Office** - Promote the development of Technical Regulation in line with the Good Regulatory Practice.

**2. Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade** - Metrology Section - This Section is responsible for the development of Metrology Technical Regulations, Maintain national measurement standards, Verification of trade instruments and Type Approval of trade instruments. The Section was established under the Metrology Act of 1991.

**3. Eswatini Standards Authority (SWASA)** - A Public Enterprise established in 2007 (Standards & Quality Act no: 10 of 2003). SWASA core function are: development, adoption and publish National Standards, conducts standards based training, Provide Certification of Management Systems and products.

May provide Testing services  
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**4. Conformity Assessment Bodies**

- Laboratories, Inspection services/Units which are private and Government owned
- Certification Body - within the Eswatini Standards Authority (SWASA)

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For more information contact:  
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## Recurrent spending at E3.3bn

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI  
Mbabane

SO far the total recurrent government spending of the overall annual budget allocated is at 28 per cent, which translates to E3.3 billion.

This has been hailed by the ministry of finance since this spending is in line with expectations.

According to the ministry of finance second quarter performance report, this is an outcome of the budget department efforts of striving to re-establish fiscal discipline sustainability, which remains key to macroeconomic sustainability.

The reason for the lower spending according to the report was because of controlled release of funds, cash management and commitment control by the ministry of finance aimed at managing available cash against government financing obligations.

### Report

The report stated that the early release of funds for the second quarter amounted to E398.9 million, which was 2.67 per cent of the overall annual budget.

The report added that during the second quarter, the cash flow committee continued to meet frequently to discuss issues of revenue collected within the quarter by both government and the Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA).

They agreed on solutions to challenges faced with regards to cash availability to run government business, particularly on prioritising payments against these revenues.

Spending on salaries was to E1.7 billion in the second quarter, which was around 51 per cent of a second quarter recurrent expenditure and 25 per cent

of total annual personnel budget.

It is said expenditure on transfers (subsidies, grants and social benefits), expenditure on internal and external transfers amounted to E929.7 million and E24.8 million, respectively, in the second quarter.

This, according to the report, was 19 per cent of the total allocation for transfers.

Under goods and services; it is said spending amounted to E724.76 million in the second quarter, around 27 per cent of total annual budget allocated for goods and services in 2019/2020.

As efforts to control expenditure, government indicated that the award of tenders has only been limited to urgent and priority expenditure.

During the quarter, the Eswatini Government Tender Board awarded tenders amounting to E2 billion of which E324.7 million is for pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies, E127.5 million being for roads and E1.55 billion for goods and services for various government ministries.

The report stated that the controls on the award of tenders would continue to ensure that commitments are contained within the available resources.

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# ICC probe to continue despite loan approval

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**THOUGH a loan bill of the ICCFISH has been approved by Parliament, the probe of the facility will continue.**

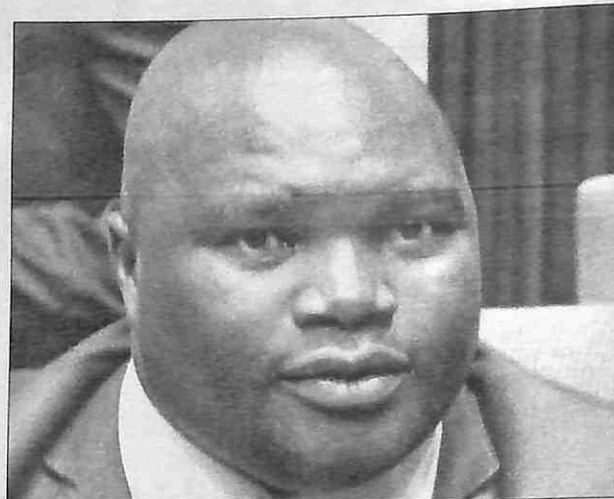
The E1.2 million Loan Bill was approved on Monday by the House of Assembly.

It was approved at a time when a Parliament Select Committee has already been appointed to probe the use of funds to construct the International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel (ICCFISH) in Ezulwini.

Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi confirmed that the probe would continue.

Buthelezi said these were two different matters and they would be pursued separately because they will not clash in anyway.

Buthelezi was presiding over the business of the House on the day. Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko is chairing the ICC probe committee. He is assisted by Shiselweni region MP Nokuthula Dlamini. Their phones were not available when contacted on the matter. An MP, who



**CHAIRING THE PROBE.**  
Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko.

commented on condition of anonymity, said the ICC probe committee had to meet and determine if it was good for them to continue with the probe or not.

The MPs part of the probe team apart from the two are Oneboy Zikalala (Mangcongco), Mthandeni Dube (Ngwemphisi), Strydom Mpanza (Shiselweni II), Enos Magongo (Lugongolweni), and Robert Magongo (Motshane).

The aim of the committee is to inves-

tigate the circumstances that led to the quadrupled construction costs of the ICCFISH. The committee is expected to table a report within 60 days from Monday, when the motion to investigate the matter was passed. Motshane MP Robert Magongo moved the motion and was seconded by Zombodze Emuva MP Muzi Kunene. Magongo stated that the way in which the money was spent on the project left a lot to be desired. Magongo said he read from one of the local newspa-

**DVOKODVWENI MP Mduzuzi Magagula sent MPs into stitches when he had difficulty declaring interest on ICCFISH.**

Magagula was pressured by his fellow MPs to declare interest on the ongoing project in Ezulwini. Hosea MP Mduzuzi Mabuza and Ndzingeni MP Lutfo Dlamini were the ones that pressured Magagula on the issue.

Magagula was actually for the approval of the Loan Bill, stating that he liked the fact that government had committed to ensure close monitoring of the project, going forward.

He said this in the midst of some MPs who were not for the approval of the Loan Bill, in fear that the money would be misappropriated.

## MP has difficulty declaring

The Dvokodvweni MP said some people could spread false rumours because they did not meet requirements that would enable them to secure tenders at the project.

While Magagula was still submitting, Hosea MP Mabuza stood on a point of order, saying it was good for MPs to declare their interest when they had projects with the ICCFISH.

Magagula, upon being called by Buthelezi to declare, stated that he was the chairperson of the portfolio committee of the ministry of economic planning and development.

MPs giggled while Magagula said this and it was as if the legislators knew that there was something he was not telling them.

Buthelezi allowed Magagula to carry on with his submissions. He could not even last a minute in his remarks before the surfacing of another point of order. This time, it was from the Ndzingeni MP.

"When you declare an interest, that means there is money you are making from the project. Chairing a portfolio committee has nothing to do with declaring interest."

## Two locals to pursue studies in Makerere varsity

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**TWO University of Eswatini (UNESWA) students have been awarded scholarship by the Baylor Children's Clinic to further their studies at Makerere University in Uganda.**

The two; Senamile Dlamini and Sbonakaliso Mthande were both doing their BSc at UNESWA. At Makerere they will be pursuing Masters Degrees in Science and Bioinformatics.

Their scholarship is worth E1.3 million.

It has been made possible by a collaborative effort between Baylor Children's Clinic and the National Institute of Health (NIH) from the United States of America (USA).

Speaking during the handover of the scholarship; US Ambassador to Eswatini



**PROUD: Baylor Clinic Eswatini Executive Director Dr. Bhukumusa Lukhele speaking during the scholarship award ceremony which was held at Baylor Clinic offices yesterday. (Pics: Bongumusa Simelane)**

Lisa Peterson said through the Collaborative African Genomics Network, which is funded by the NIH, they procured for the students the

scholarship for the enrollment in the Masters of Science in Bioinformatics at Makerere University.

She said this would give the students an opportunity to uniquely contribute to the country in genomics research as Eswatini moves with the world towards achieving academic excellence in the field of research and science.

### strategies

"As we strive for an AIDS free generation and we turn the corner into the last mile, the game has changed and our tools and strategies must as well," she added.

She said new technology, capability and research was needed to end TB and to lead the nation to an AIDS free generation.

Peterson stated that Eswatini had turned the corner in the HIV pandemic as new infections were down over by 40 per cent.

The country had achieved the bench-

mark of having 81 per cent of people living with HIV on life saving treatment.

The country was fast approaching the next benchmark of 90 per cent of people living with HIV on treatment.

Meanwhile, Baylor Eswatini Executive Director Dr. Bhukumusa Lukhele said as an institution they were proud to be awarding the scholarship to the two students and they believed this would go a long way in improving the research landscape in the kingdom. Lukhele said this was a step towards the future of research in Eswatini and it was a very proud moment for Baylor to support the two in this regard. He said this was a unique project by the NIH which seeks to improve scientific research in Africa and capacitate scientists in research.

"We thank the National Institute of Health from USA for such a visionary project in Africa, especially Eswatini and we hope the graduates will make the country proud in this regard," Lukhele said.



## Country's debt stock now at 29%

**THE country's debt stock is at 29.19 per cent now that the ICCFISH Loan Bill has been approved.**

The country's debt stock was at 27.36 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP).

The loan has increased the country's debt stock by 1.83 per cent, from E18.66 billion to over E19 billion.

Mpolonjeni MP Jacob Siwela told the House on Monday that the country is still below the threshold of 35 per cent and was eligible to borrow

from local and international organisations.

Siwela seconded Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo in his capacity as deputy chairperson of the portfolio committee of the ministry of finance.

Siwela assured MPs that the country would be able to pay back this loan. He said the ICCFISH loan was due after a period of five years and by that time, many loans Eswatini is currently servicing would have been repaid.

At that time, nine loans would have been fully repaid and that would give government a relief of about E1.25 billion.

The requested loan of E1.2 billion will be used for settling debts. An amount of E285 million will be used to complete the 'Grey box' as the cost increased due to variations in scope of works to accommodate the African Union (AU) requirements, high level meetings and conferences. About E510 million will be used for interiors.

pers that E78 million was spent on building toilets of the hotel and this raised a lot of questions on why such an amount would be spent on toilets only. Most of the MPs did not want the ICC Loan Bill to be approved, as they felt it was prioritised at the expense of the social projects that should have been funded at constituencies, so that the lives of Emaswati at grassroots level could be improved. However, they realised that disapproving the Loan Bill would be more detrimental to the country, as government had to pay E493 million debts to companies constructing the building. Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini also promised that forensic audits would be conducted on the building.

## Senate approves ICC Loan Bill

**THE ICCFISH Loan Bill is now officially an Act of Parliament after Senate passed the Bill.**

The upper chamber passed the Loan Bill on Tuesday morning.

This was after the House of Assembly did the same thing the previous day.

What is left now is for the Act to receive Royal Assent from His Majesty King Mswati III.

This will mean Minister of

Finance Neal Rijkenberg will now borrow the E1.2 billion on behalf of the government from the Export-Import Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Senator Tony Sibandze moved that the Senate should approve the loan so that the ICCFISH's construction continues.

Acting Minister of Finance Moses Vilakati thanked the senators for approving the loan.

## interest on ICCFISH

The MP has an interest in the project and he must declare it so that we can move on," Dlamini said.

Magagula responded by saying there was a truck being used in the project from his family. As he made that declaration, the whole House was filled with thunderous laughter such that his submission could no longer be heard.

Buthelezi had to call the House to order because the

MPs could not control themselves following Magagula's utterances.

The MP said the truck was not his, but from his parental family. MP Musa Kunene of Gege said if that was the case, Magagula could not have said anything about the truck.

Magagula finally admitted that he was personally benefiting from the project, as he was an engineer by profession.



**NO INTEREST: Dvokodvweni MP Mduduzi Magagula.**



**WANTED: Muziwethu 'Jazi' Dlamini and Malangeni 'Fema' Dlamini.**

## Cops looking for theft by false pretences suspects

**BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE Mbabane**

**THE Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) is looking for two suspects who are fingered for a string of theft by false pretences cases.**

The cases were committed around the country since the beginning of the year.

It is said the two were defrauding members of the public by offering jobs and tenders with an option of bribery. It is said they took the payments through Mobile Money.

One of them, Malangeni 'Fema' Dlamini aged 46 of Zombodze is wanted in connection with a string of theft by false pretences offences. The other suspect is Muziwethu 'Jazi' Dlamini (34) of Bhikini.

The police are pleading with anyone who might have information about their whereabouts to contact Manzini Regional Crime Branch Officer Senior Superintendent Clement Sihlongonyane at 7612 7994, Assistant Superintendent Siphso Methula at 7612 8045 or

investigating officer Mhlonishwa Sibandze at 7622 2524 as well as Sikhumbuzo Dlamini at 7668 9075. Meanwhile, last week the police service added Lucky Mfundisi Dube in the list of most wanted suspects. Dube is wanted for a series of crimes including robbery and rape, amongst others, which were committed between Ngwenya, Matsapha and Mbabane. Most of these crimes occurred from July until recently.

According to information gathered, two of the suspects are alleged to be in South Africa.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said none of the suspects had been found but two of them, Dube and Zama Maxwell 'Sbhekleza' Dlamini, are believed to be in South Africa. Dube was added to a list that had Justice Lubalo 'Jazz' Ngcamphalala of Mbekelweni; at times he identifies himself as Nhleko, Mncedisi Kunene of Nhlanguano, Banele 'Mkopane' Maphalala of Hlatikulu and lastly, Zama Maxwell 'Sbhekleza' Dlamini of KaKhoza.

## HEALTH MINISTRY CALLS FOR COLLABORATION IN RESEARCH

**THE ministry of health is calling for collaboration and partnership of all research structures, institutions and stakeholders.**

Thembeke Dlamini, a Deputy Chief Nursing Officer who was representing the ministry of health, said this was because this was paramount to the success of health research in the country. She said the country recognised the need to focus its research resources and energies in areas that are critical to the health and well-being of its population and to take full advantage of current strengths and opportunities.

"Research is a systematic investigation and when applied to health, it is central to improving health care and health research provides new knowledge into individual diseases and health systems structures, effectiveness and can be used to inform policies," Dlamini said. Dlamini said building a successful health sector required the development of research careers and opportunities for young sci-

entists and their involvement in the country's biomedical, clinical, health systems and services. It is in this regard that the ministry of health is committed to invest in research infrastructure, support infrastructure and to support endeavours aimed at making research a central aspect of health care delivery systems. This would ensure that researchers have equitable access to technologies and facilities that enhance innovative research.

In addition, she said that the many challenges that affect health of citizens necessitates partnerships in studying the impacts of these issues on health and to provide holistic solutions across disciplines. She said government works in close collaboration with bilateral, multilateral, international and civil society partners.

She then assured the American ambassador and the Baylor Clinic that the students who were awarded the scholarships would work with the local community and also be mindful of the research unit in the ministry of health.



**ALL SMILES: Sbonakaliso Mthande receiving his acceptance letter from US Ambassador Lisa Peterson while Baylor Clinic Executive Director Dr. Bhukumusa Lukhele looks on.**



**IT'S YOURS: Senamile Dlamini receiving her acceptance letter from Peterson.**





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# POSTAL & TELECOMS on Observer



## YOUR STRATEGIC PARTNER

ESWATINIPOST is the country's prime mover of written communications and parcels with services comprising ordinary and registered mail, a courier and freight moving entity.

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The Eswatini Post brand is well-known amongst the people of the Kingdom of Eswatini. It is easily recognised and has built a reputation of trust which is propelled by the efficiency in the deliverance of its services.

With the assistance of highly-professional and efficient staff driven by customer centricity, we are able to offer our customers assistance with the best care in all our post offices.

Eswatini Post has an excellent postal and distribution network and with 36 fully-fledged post offices found in the country, Eswatini Post is suitably positioned to assist government, companies and individuals in reaching all corners of the country with ease.

EswatiniPost is an organisation that strives to meet His Majesty's King Mswati III's Vision 2022, by bringing products and services to the people in both urban and rural areas in Eswatini.

AVAILABLE COVER OPTIONS		
COVER OPTION	BENEFIT LEVEL	MONTHLY PREMIUM
Silver Plan	E5 000	E32
Gold Plan	E10 000	E51

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EswatiniPost also provides services on behalf of other companies as an agent. Agency services are provided throughout the entire postal network. EswatiniPost is a delivery agent for government, paying out social grants, and is a retail outlet for MTN, Eswatini Electricity Company, Eswatini Telecom, Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation and Eswatini Water Services Corporation.

Cellphone and landline airtime, money transfer services, stationery and philatelic products are also available, while Internet cafes and computer accessories are provided throughout the country.

EswatiniPost also joined forces with SVNET

who were commissioned by the Eswatini Television Authority (ETVA) to collect TV licence fees, to put systems in place for ease of television licence fee collection and enforce the Swaziland Television Act of 1983.

With 33 major outlets and 69 agencies, EswatiniPost serves remote and rural parts of the country and has introduced mail room management and post direct, as well as banking and hybrid mail services through a computerisation project.

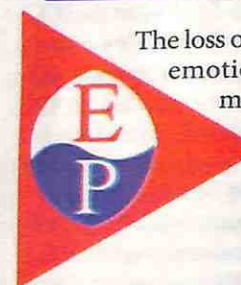
All postal transactions are now computerised, improving efficiency and enhancing service delivery.

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- ✓ Service is real time
- ✓ System not prone to fraud
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### Why it will work for you:

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It has come to our attention that a fake promotion by 'Swazi Post' is being paddled on social media and other electronic platforms 'thanking customers for their loyalty and offers them an exclusive opportunity to win a Samsung S10 Cellphone'.

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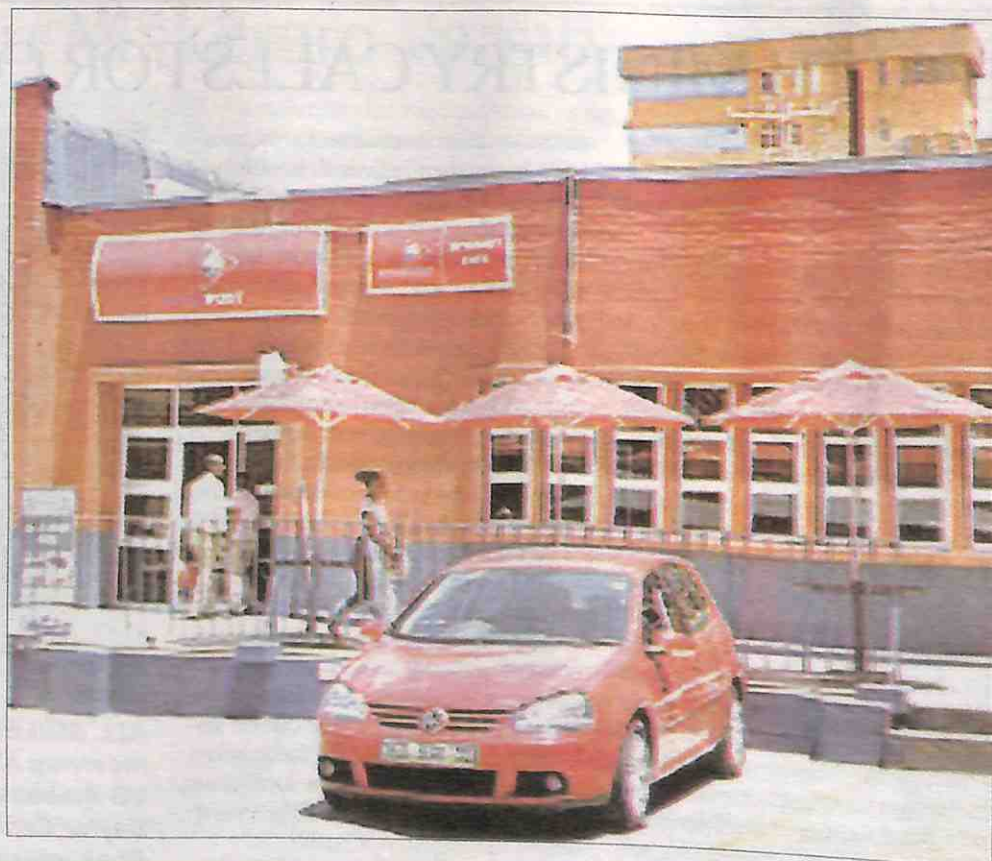
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## Features &amp; Opinions

Refresh What You Think

**TRADE wars, protectionism and nationalist rhetoric are combining to weave the possibility of a nightmare debt crisis that could be worse than any previously experienced.**

Global borrowing is now at the highest levels since the 1950s and history suggests we should take this as a warning that a debt crisis could be looming.

Were one to materialise, it could inflict greater dislocation on international financial systems and national economic stability than ever previously witnessed, especially in this highly uncertain environment characterised by the trade war and regional disintegration.

This would be particularly tragic in view of the extraordinary global commitment to delivering Sustainable Development Goals, and as so many nations seem finally to be in earnest about tackling the causes and impact of the climate crisis.

The impact of a parallel crisis in global debt would derail this and could make much needed international cooperation on poverty and progress impossible.

Governments would be diverted by the need to stabilise local economies devastated by unmanageable debt.

Yet such a scenario can be averted.

Haunting memories of the economic chaos, poverty and suffering caused by previous debt crises are the reason that the finance ministers of Commonwealth are working together to prevent the needless recurrence of an avoidable crisis.

The breadth and inclusiveness of the Commonwealth mean that when our member countries meet, many perspectives are brought to the table.

These can be shared to decisive effect when Commonwealth countries work together to ensure the voices and views of all are taken into account at forums such as the G20 and other international and regional gatherings.

It is no longer feasible for policies on debt, trade and other economic matters to be considered in isolation from the increasingly extensive impacts of climate change, which are becoming more frequent and more stark.

#### Disaster

Small island states tend to be the most vulnerable to extreme weather and natural disasters, and also to have the least resilience or resources with which to recover from the damage to their infrastructures and economies.

With interest rates at historically low levels, borrowing becomes an attractive proposition yet heightens the concomitant risk of debt ballooning to levels which are unsustainable over the longer term.

This raises the possibility that countries which have 'borrowed their way out of trouble' following a setback will eventually face very severe debt distress.

Preventing such eventualities is a global challenge which requires collective and coordinated responses.

The Commonwealth is particularly and perhaps uniquely well-placed to ensure that the perspectives and needs of developing nations are fully considered in multilateral discussions on policy for tackling future debt crises.

This is the purpose of our Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting taking place in Washington DC alongside the annual meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

# THE WORLD MUST NOT SLEEP-WALK INTO ANOTHER DEBT CRISIS



**CRISIS: Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland.**

The ministers of our 53 diverse and widely distributed yet closely connected nations will this year examine proposals designed to improve debt transparency.

They will consider ways in which debt contracts can be specially amended to provide relief during disasters.

Such initiatives will be supported by collating the perspectives of ministers from developing countries so that their Commonwealth counterparts from countries with advanced economies can carry them forward for the attention of the G20.

The way to a stable and sustainable economic future is for developing and developed countries to work together inclusively on shaping the global debt rules which affect them all. So our Commonwealth approach is to focus on the roles of creditor and indebted countries.

There have been instances of hidden national debt burdens, and this places responsibility on creditors as well as debtors.

In countries where fiscal regulation is weak, debt may be acquired or accumulated in ways which are not transparent, and very seriously to the detriment of citizens.

Those who provide credit in such circumstances are also culpable, and they too must be scrutinised and be made to bear responsibility – particularly as those who suffer the most pain from unsustainable debt and carry the greatest burden at times of crisis tend to be the poor and marginalised – those least able to cope.

**Among topics and actions being considered at our 2019 Commonwealth Finance Ministers meeting are:**

- **Debt Relief** – with an agreement to be sought for debt contracts with vulnerable countries to include provision for relief if a severe natural disaster strikes.

- **Transparency in debt through innovation** – encouragement to use the Commonwealth Meridian debt management system which helps to improve the accuracy with which government debt is recorded.

- **Dialogue on debt** – the re-launch of the Commonwealth debt management forum to encourage international dialogue on the consequences of over-indebtedness so that sounder debt policies are adopted in order to prevent crises.

- **Easier access to financing to reduce debt burdens** – through mechanisms and facilities such as the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub and Commonwealth Disaster Finance Portal which offer added capacity for developing countries to access to affordable debt financing.

By working together in such practical ways, and on programmes that draw together a broad and inclusive array of nations, crises can be averted.

It is essential for there, to be honest, and open collaboration between creditors and debtors in a spirit of trust and goodwill.

This the Commonwealth can offer, building on the depth of our connection and the basis of equality on which our family of nations comes together.

Rather than sleep-walking towards yet another debt crisis, and the misery such nightmare reality would bring, the Commonwealth can open up pathways toward horizons of hope, with rich and poor walking in harmony towards a fairer, more secure, more sustainable and more prosperous future in which all can share.

#### ABOUT COMMONWEALTH

- The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 53 independent and equal sovereign states.

- The Commonwealth is home to 2.4 billion people and includes both advanced economies and developing countries.

- 31 of the members are small states, many of which are island nations.

- Our shared values and principles are inscribed in the Commonwealth Charter.

- Member countries are supported by a network of more than 80 intergovernmental, civil society, cultural and professional organisations.

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## ON THIS DAY

...OCTOBER 18

1469 - Ferdinand of Aragon married Isabella of Castile. The marriage united all the dominions of Spain.

1685 - King Louis XIV of France revoked the Edict of Nantes, which had established the legal toleration of the Protestant population.

1767 - The Mason-Dixon line was agreed upon. It was the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania.

1842 - Samuel Finley Breese Morse laid his first telegraph cable.

1860 - British troops burned the Yuanmingyuan at the end of the Second Opium War.

1867 - The US took formal possession of Alaska from Russia. The land was purchased of a total of US\$7 million dollars (2 cents per acre).

1873 - The first rules for intercollegiate football were drawn up by representatives from Rutgers, Yale, Columbia and Princeton Universities.

1892 - The first long-distance telephone line between Chicago, IL, and New York City, NY, was opened.

1898 - The American flag was raised in Puerto Rico only one year after the Caribbean nation won its independence from Spain.

1929 - The Judicial Committee of England's Privy Council ruled that women were to be considered as persons in Canada.

1943 - The first broadcast of 'Perry Mason' was presented on CBS Radio. The show went to TV in 1957.

1944 - Czechoslovakia was invaded by the Soviets during World War II.

1944 - 'Forever Amber', written by Kathleen Windsor, was first published.

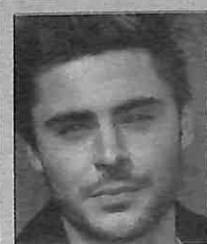
1950 - Connie Mack announced that he was going to retire after 50 seasons as the manager of the Philadelphia Athletics.

1956 - NFL commissioner Bert Bell disallowed the use of radio-equipped helmets by NFL quarterbacks.

1958 - The first computer-arranged marriage took place on Art Linkletter's show.

1961 - Henri Matisse's 'Le Bateau' went on display at New York's Museum of Modern Art. It was discovered 46 days later that the painting had been hanging upside down.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Zac Efron (Movie Actor) October 18, 1987 (32 years old)



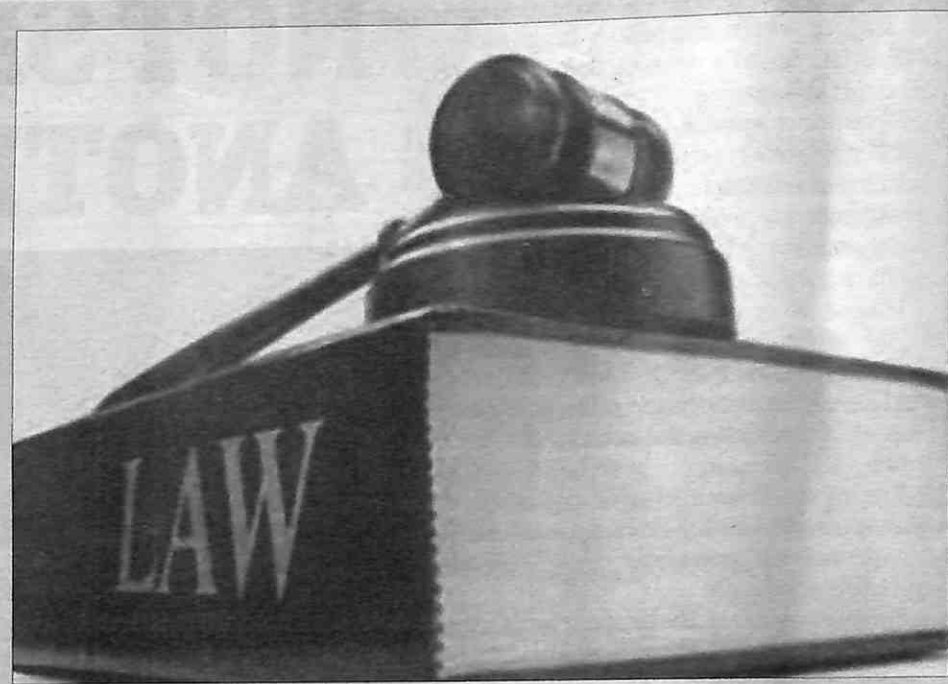
Ne-Yo (Rnb Singer) October 18, 1979 (40 years old)



## WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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## THE CONSUMER CREDIT ACT OF 2016

*Increases in credit limit under credit agreement*

56. (1) A credit provider may increase the credit limit under a credit agreement –

(a) temporarily, as contemplated in subsection (2);

(b) by agreement with the consumer, subject to subsection (3)–

(i) in response to a written or oral request made by the consumer at any time; or

(ii) with the written consent of the consumer in response to a written proposal by the credit provider, which may be delivered to the consumer at any time; or

(c) unilaterally, in accordance with, and subject to the limitations set out in, subsection (4).

(2) An increase in the credit limit under a credit agreement is temporary where–

(a) the credit provider honours an instrument issued by the consumer, despite the fact that it results in a debt that exceeds the established credit limit; or

(b) the increase is to accommodate a particular transaction, on condition that the preceding credit limit will again apply within a specified period, or after a specified occurrence has taken place.

(3) Prior to the increase of a credit limit in terms of subsection (1)(b), the credit provider shall undertake another assessment of the ability of the consumer to meet the obligations that could arise under that credit agreement as required in Section 26.

(4) Where the consumer has, at any time, in writing, requested the option of having the credit limit automatically increased from time to time, a credit provider may unilaterally increase the credit limit under that credit agreement–

(a) once during each year, as measured from the –

(i) the date that the credit facility was established; or

(ii) the date on which the credit limit was most recently altered in accordance with subsection (1)(b); and

(b) by an amount not exceeding the lesser of–

(i) the average monthly purchases or cash advances charged to the credit facility by the consumer; or

(ii) the average monthly payments made by the consumer, during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date on which the credit limit is increased.

(2) Where, in increasing the credit limit under a credit facility, the credit provider alters any other term of the credit agreement, the credit provider shall comply with the requirements set out in Section 24.

(5) A credit provider shall not make an offer to increase the credit limit under a credit facility, or induce a person to accept such an increase, on the basis that the limit will automatically be increased unless the consumer declines the offer.

*Unilateral amendments by credit provider*

57. (1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in a credit agreement, a credit provider shall not unilaterally change–

(a) the period for repayment of the principal debt; or

(b) the manner of calculating the minimum payment due periodically under a credit facility, subject to Section 55(4).

(2) Except as otherwise provided for in section 42, a credit provider shall give the consumer written notice of at least five days of a unilateral amendment to a credit agreement and in that notice shall set out the particulars of the amendment. Rescission and Termination of credit agreements

*Rescission of credit agreement*

58. (1) A consumer may rescind a credit agreement within five days after the date on which the agreement was signed by the consumer, by–

(a) delivering a notice in the prescribed manner to the credit provider; and

(b) tendering the return of any money or goods, or paying in full for any services, received by the consumer in respect of the agreement.

(2) Where a credit agreement is terminated in terms of this section, the credit provider–

(a) shall refund any money the consumer has paid under the agreement

within seven (7) days after the delivery of the notice to terminate; and

(b) may require payment from the consumer for–

(i) the reasonable cost of having any goods returned to the credit provider and restored to saleable condition; and

(ii) a reasonable rent for the use of those goods for the time that the goods were in the consumer's possession, unless those goods are in their original packaging and it is apparent that they have remained unused;

(iii) reasonable cost incurred by the credit provider in initiating and delivery of the credit.

(3) In this section, 'reasonable costs' means an initiation fee and delivery cost.

(4) A credit provider to whom property has been returned in terms of this section, and who has unsuccessfully attempted to resolve any dispute over depreciation of that property directly with the consumer, may apply to a court for an order in terms of subsection (5).

(5) Where, on an application in terms of subsection (4), a court concludes that the actual fair market value of the goods depreciated during the time that they were in the possession of the consumer, a court may order the consumer to pay to the credit provider a further amount not greater than the difference between–

(a) the depreciation in actual fair market value, as determined by the court;

(b) the amount that the credit provider is entitled to charge the consumer in terms of subsection (3)(b).

*Termination of credit agreement by consumer*

59. (1) A consumer may terminate a credit agreement at any time by paying the settlement amount to the credit provider, in accordance with Section 97.

(2) In addition to subsection (1), a consumer may terminate an hire purchase agreement, secured loan, by–

(a) surrendering to the credit provider the goods that are the subject of that agreement in accordance with section 99; and

(b) paying to the credit provider any remaining amount demanded in accordance with Section 99 (7).

*Termination of agreement by credit provider*

60. (1) A credit provider may, at any time or where a consumer is in default under a credit agreement, terminate a credit agreement.

(2) A credit provider may, in respect of a credit facility–

(a) suspend that credit facility at any time the consumer is in default under the credit agreement; or

(b) close that credit facility by giving written notice to the consumer at least ten (10) days before the credit facility is closed.

(3) A credit agreement referred to in subsection (2) remains in effect to the extent necessary until the consumer has paid all amounts lawfully charged to that account.

(4) A credit provider may not close or terminate a credit facility solely on the grounds that–

(a) the credit provider has declined a request of the consumer to increase the credit limit;

(b) the consumer has declined the offer of the credit provider to increase the credit limit;

(c) the consumer has requested a reduction in the credit limit, unless that reduction would reduce the credit limit to a level at which the credit provider does not customarily offer or establish credit facilities; or

(d) the card, personal identification code or number or other identification device used to access that facility has expired.

(5) The unilateral termination of a credit agreement by a credit provider as contemplated in this section does not suspend or terminate any residual obligations of the credit provider to the consumer under that credit agreement or this Act.





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## COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION



International Day for Disaster Reduction  
13 October

By Wandile Mavuso  
— NDMA Communications  
Manager

**THE International Day for Disaster Reduction celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reigning in the risks that they face.**

It also encourages governments to participate in building more resilient communities and nations. Held every 13 October, the 2019 edition continues as part of the 'Sendai Seven' campaign, centred on the seven targets of the Sendai Framework. This year will focus on Target (d) of the Sendai Framework, reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services. The International Day for Disaster Reduction began in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction.

Many people around the world have lost their lives, homes or access to essential facilities, such as hospitals, due to natural disasters, including earthquakes, droughts, tsunamis, heavy flooding, hurricanes or cyclones. Some of these disasters have caused economic damage to some countries, including Eswatini. Education, training, and information exchanges are effective ways to help people become better equipped in withstanding natural disasters.

### What is Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)?

Disaster risk reduction is the concept and practice of reducing disaster risks through systematic efforts to analyse and reduce the causal factors of disasters. Reducing exposure to hazards, lessening vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment, and improving preparedness and early warning for adverse events are all part of disaster risk reduction.

NDMA operates a comprehensive mandate of promoting and managing the overall disaster risk management function of the country by entrenching the concept of disaster risk reduction in the overall development practice of all institutions, sectors and systems.

Disaster risk reduction strategies include, primarily, vulnerability and risk assessment, as well as a number of institutional capacities and operational abilities. The assess-

ment of the vulnerability of critical facilities, social and economic infrastructure, the use of effective early warning systems, and the application of many different types of scientific, technical, and other skilled abilities are essential features of disaster risk reduction.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster risk reduction presents some lessons from the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2006. It lists among others, that it is "urgent and critical to anticipate, plan for and reduce disaster risks in order to more effectively protect persons, communities and countries, their livelihoods, health, cultural heritage, socio-economic assets and ecosystems and thus strengthen their resilience".

### Why DRR is essential for Eswatini?

The Kingdom of Eswatini is already experiencing changes in climate such as higher temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, and varying frequencies of natural hazard events. Natural hazards and climate change extremes pose a significant development challenge to the country.

A single disaster event has the potential to erode many years of economic development gains by damaging critical infrastructure and by diverting resources away from development spending, such as health and education services, toward disaster response and reconstruction efforts.

Disaster risk reduction, resilience building and promoting sustainable development are key to achieving a number of goals.

Disaster risk reduction is the only way to ensure that disasters do not derail sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

The disaster risk profile of Eswatini is characterised by slow onset natural hazards such as droughts including quick/rapid onset hazards like floods and the impact from these phenomena is exacerbated by the stagnant economic growth. All these hazards occur in complex economic and socio-ecological systems.

Over the years, Eswatini has been confronted by a variety of hazards that are influenced by many dri-

vers that include climate change, poor land-use planning, poverty and inequality, weak disaster risk governance, rapid population growth and rapid urbanisation. These hazards have added to the frequent occurrence of disasters such as storms (hail and wind), droughts, fires, heat waves, disease outbreaks among others. These disaster events cause significant damages and considerable threat to the development of the country by destroying infrastructure, loss of crops and injury to people, affecting the livelihoods of the already vulnerable communities.

The impacts of disasters in the Eswatini context ties the country with experiences of massive economic losses which affects the country's GDP and in turn erode livelihood means causing a significant population size to be chronically dependent on food and other humanitarian aid.

### What needs to be done?

Addressing the challenges posed by the economic impacts of climate change and natural disasters requires risk-informed planning across sectors, levels of government, and organisations. It is important that individuals, ministries, and agencies from both public and private sectors take concrete actions to understand risks, address vulnerabilities and make development plans that take these risks into account. In the planning process, actions must be well funded and integrated into the development process of each sector.

Working in partnership, government can create an enabling environment for disaster risk reduction - empowering farmers and workers to better understand how disasters will impact them, ensuring that people have access to accurate and clear information, and promoting effective risk management approaches that can leverage public investment.

It is clear to all and sundry that Eswatini needs to institutionalise and mainstream disaster management and disaster risk reduction within organs of state, the private

sector as well as municipalities. Disaster risk reduction must form part of the planning of every institution. This in turn will reduce the risk of disasters and further help protect development investments, thus enabling societies to accumulate wealth, in spite of the hazards they face.

Eswatini needs to generate and make a more effective use of scientific data and information, identify knowledge, use indigenous knowledge and capacity gaps and co-produce solutions that can effectively support decisions and actions towards resilience building. Education and public awareness programmes can also go a long way in ensuring that all communities understand the different disaster risk factors and scenarios and are able to apply preventative measures.

As we mark the International Day of Disaster Reduction, we should be mindful of the need to do everything we can to reduce exposure to hazards, lessen the vulnerability of people and property and manage land and the environment wisely. Eswatini needs to also improve preparedness and early warning systems for adverse events. Lastly, achieving disaster risk reduction and increased resilience requires increased collaboration across governments and key stakeholders.

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● This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
- Psalm 118:24

● But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.  
- Matthew 6:33

● Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid... for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.  
- Deuteronomy 31:6

● Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
- Matthew 6:20,21

● I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress: In Him will I trust.

- Psalm 91:2

● I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will counsel you and watch over you.  
- Psalm 32:8

● Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.  
- Joshua 1:9

● Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead!  
- 1 Peter 1:6

● Be content with what you have, for God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."  
- Hebrews 13:5,6

● Except ye become as little children, ye will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.  
- Matthew 18:3

● If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to your mountain, "MOVE!" and it WILL move... and NOTHING will be impossible for YOU!  
- Matthew 17:20

● Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence.  
- Jeremiah 17:7

● Cast your cares upon the Lord, for He cares about you.  
- 1 Peter 5:7

● My soul finds rest in God alone: My salvation comes from Him.  
- Psalms 62:1

● The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning...  
- Lamentations 3:22-23

● Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.  
- Psalms 119:105

● The fruit of the spirit is love, joy and peace.  
- Galatians 5:22



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## VITALS

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

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 16 OCT 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.9790	15.0290
British Pound/SZL	19.1357	19.1995
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.2333	7.2555
Swiss France/SZL	15.0286	15.0727
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3631	1.3827
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0943	10.1295
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.3417	11.3787
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.5518	16.6070
Gold	1,480.4821	
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# Sandile Simelane is new COMPCOM Board chair

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo has appointed Sandile Simelane as Chairperson of the new Eswatini Competition Commission Board.

Simelane, who was recently appointed as the Chairman of Esicojeni Foundation by His Majesty King Mswati III, also served as Chairperson of the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) Board.

His appointment into the new Competition Commission Board therefore leaves the position of EIPA Board Chairperson vacant.

Other members of the Board include Business Eswatini CEO E. Nathi Dlamini, Muzi Simelane from the Law Society of Eswatini, Consumer Association Chairperson Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli and Institute of Accountants' Moz Ntshalintshali.

Others are Ministry of Finance's Kate Mamba, Nontobeko Mabuza from the Economists Association, Mavie Thwala from the ministry of Economic Planning and Development as well as Nobuhle Matsebula from the ministry of com-

1. Sandile Simelane
2. Muzi Simelane
3. E. Nathi Dlamini
4. Bongani Mdluli
5. Moz Ntshalintshali
6. Kate Mamba
7. Nontobeko Mabuza
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## THE NEW BOARD

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Institute of Accountants  
Ministry of Finance  
Economists Association  
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade  
Ministry of Economic Planning

merce. MCIT Communications Officer Thabile Mdluli said yesterday that the ministry would fill the vacant EIPA Board chairperson position at a date yet to be determined.

"During the appointment of the Board at the minister's offices on Monday, the minister welcomed the Board and expressed the ministry's support as it carries out its duties," he said.

**NEW BROOM: New Eswatini Competition Commission Board Chairperson Sandile Simelane.**



## Stuck in the past...

**LEFT BEHIND:** The Crisovik Guest House is still using the old telephone numbers even though the new ones were introduced over a decade ago. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



# SRA to fund special category in next EYA

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**THE Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) has partnered with the Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) in promoting business amongst People Living with Disability.**

The SRA has, as part of the partnership, pumped in E180 000 which will go towards sponsoring a special category in the Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA).

SRA Chairman of the Board David Dlamini said the funding, which will be spread over three years, where an excelling business person with disability will be awarded.

Dlamini said it was always gratifying to recognise how much people with disability were capable of producing high quality products.

He said however, like all other businesses, they believed that people with disability needed capacity building in order to improve their business acumen and also get them

to contribute more to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

## Programmes

"Whilst we acknowledge that there may be a number of programmes being implemented to capacitate businesses in the country, we have decided to collaborate with SEDCO to fund this special category," he said.

Sharing the same sentiments was Disability Unit Programmes Manager in the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, who said it was his wish to

see the funding under this category increase.

"Not all people with disabilities are in gainful employment and that is one of the major challenges faced by them.

"Through continued engagements, many can benefit from engaging in small businesses.

"I am really grateful to the SRA for this gesture and am looking forward to the EYA awards as I believe other partners will take a leaf from SRA," he said.





SRA Commissioner  
Dumisani Masilela.

## SRA CSI Funding up to E1.84 million

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**THE Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) has increased their Corporate Social Investment Programme funding from E1.25 million to E1.84 million.**

The increase was announced by SRA Chairman of the Board David Dlamini during the launch of the second phase of their CSI Programme held at the SRA Headquarters at Ezulwini yesterday.

The SRA CSI funding targets education for young people with disability, specifically those with hearing and visual impairment.

Four organisations benefitted from second phase of the funding and these include the Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO), Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU), Ministry of Education and Training and Ekululameni

Centre.

"I am sure we all attest to the fact that our hearts will always tell us to do more for the disabled. However, resources are limited, and we cannot avoid hard choices as to where they are best spent.

"From the point of view of a family of a disabled child, no amount spent is too much.

"However, as an organisation, we have to decide how much we can afford to do at each point in time, and how much impact we can make," he said.

Meanwhile, SRA Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela mentioned that the organisation did not have a specific budget for the CSI funding but was earned through interest from investments.

"We invest our subvention from the ministry of finance and with the interest income earned from those investments, we fund the CSI programme," he said.

## MTN GIVES AWAY FOUR KIOSKS WORTH E100 000

BY BAHLE GAMA

**MTN Eswatini continues to celebrate its valued customers, this time by giving away four kiosks worth E100 000 plus cash prizes worth E7 200 from two different promotions.**

Each MTN branded kiosk is valued at E25 000 and has been given to four lucky vendors who participated in a promotion launched by the company in August.

The kiosk presents an opportunity for MTN Mobile Money and airtime vendors to extend their businesses as nearing toward the festive season is characterised by massive activity on the Mobile Money platform.

The handover took place at the MTN headquarters on Wednesday.

Congratulating the recipients, MTN Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe thanked the MTN MoMo vendors for making it easier for subscribers to easily access MoMo nationwide.

"MTN will continue supporting MoMo vendors and we urge them to always report issues to trade marketers and foot soldiers who are always on the ground working with them," he said.

He said they would continue to increase the number of retailers that accept MTN MoMo Pay as a form of payment.

Speaking during the presentation, MTN Mobile Money Senior Manager Mbali Mulungu indicated to the winners that MTN Eswatini Mobile Money customers can now tap and pay in over



**WINNERS: Andiswa Langa, Nothando Dlamini, Mlungisi Dlamini and Ncamiso Dube with MTN Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe and Mobile Money Senior Manager Mbali Mulungu.**

1 600 outlets nationwide.

"Each month over 100 outlets on average are added onto the list of merchants that accept MTN Tap and Pay or MoMo Pay as a form of payment," said Mulungu.

One of the winners, Nelisiwe Matsebula from Mahlanya, said she was not aware of the promotion and was excited to have won.

She said she would use the prize money to clear off her debts.

"My child will be graduating soon and I was owing the preschool about E1 000. With this money, I will be able to pay at least half of this amount. I believe

God will help me find a way to settle the balance," she said.

Another winner, Nolwazi Mazibuko thanked MTN for the delight. She said it was the first time for her to win something in her life.

"I really feel indebted to MTN. This encourages me to use the service and I also encourage others to use MTN MoMo because it is easy, cheap and convenient," she said.

The MTN MoMo Pay promotion will come to an end while the MTN MoMo vendor promotion comes to end on November 19.

## MARKET FOR MEAT, LIVE GOAT GENERALLY HUGE

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

**THE market for both live goats and their meat both locally and internationally is generally huge.**

This was disclosed by the Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza during the smart-innovative goat farmer's workshop held at Edwaleni Farm Lodge yesterday.

He said the goat population in the country was over 500 000 compared to cattle, further stating that in comparison to cattle, goats are affordable, easier to keep and take much less supplementary feed, yet they are breeders giving two to three off-springs per year.

"I am informed that the national population of goats has increased to match that of cattle by over 500 000 and 95 percent are in the traditional sector where they are kept for mainly domestic meat, cultural uses and as source of income. However, there is a need for concrete strategies on how to access the supply market and since joining the ministry, I am learning a lot about agriculture and I now appreciate both the opportunities and challenges facing the farming community," he said.

He said there was a good breeding population of goats on one side

and an undersupplied market on the other side and what was missing was a reliable link between the two.

Mabuza also mentioned that the ministry's Livestock Development Policy of commercialisation has evolved overtime to embrace the overarching objective to promote entrepreneurship in order to increase livestock productivity. It is also to contribute to employment, food security, income generation, GDP and stewardship for indigenous genetic resource and the environment.

"Commercialisation, to you the individual goat farmer, in simple terms means producing goats for the purpose of selling to the markets to make money.

"We, therefore, encourage our farmers to produce goats in the quality and numbers required by the markets and make money," he added.

As the ministry implements commercialisation the focus is on:

- Inculcating the spirit of entrepreneurship in livestock farming
- Focusing in agri-business training /practices
- Accessibility to credit lines/finance
- Linkage/Contract to market
- Group formations/dynamics/ Partnerships



## Farmers urged to work with abattoirs in contract farming arrangements

**MINISTER of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza believes, in terms of contract marketing and partnerships, it is very critical and strategically for farmers to work with a buyer or abattoir in a contract farming arrangement.**

Mabuza said this during the smart-innovative goat farmer's workshop held at Edwaleni Farm Lodge yesterday.

"Typically in contract farming, the farmer or group of farmers commit to provide agreed quantities/ number of quality slaughter goats timely. The buyer/abattoir also commits to buy all the slaughter goats at a predetermined price per kg live weight," he said.

He further stated that in well advanced contract partnerships, the buyer may also support production through the supply of inputs and/or extension services.

Third partners such as financial institutions etc. may also be involved in the contract farming.

"Under this arrangement, there must be real and just benefits for all value chain players for contract farming to work

"Our experience has taught us that large-scale farmers are vanguards or forerunners in the establishment of production systems, mass production and maintenance of a healthy supply of primary products of animal origin to the processors," he said.

He added that these farmers were usually conscious of required or prevailing production standards and also have a better voice in the negotiations for prices.

The necessity for small scale farmers

is not only to increase their scale, but also to access the formal market secured or anchored by the large scale farmers. It is advisable that a reasonable share of the formal market is reserved for the growing scale farmers.

"Currently, there are at least 16 buyers who are constantly looking for slaughter goats to buy. However, to expand the value chain to supply export market; there is an urgent need for a larger scale export standard abattoir. This is another opportunity to consider.

Government's expectation is that with a national goat population of 500 000, the value chain should be able to deliver more than 100 000 slaughter goats per annum to the formal market, with a meat yield of 1500 tonnes (plus 15kg meat per goat)," he added.



# Mboweni may present mid-term budget earlier

**JOHANNESBURG** – Finance Minister Tito Mboweni said yesterday that he was looking at presenting his Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) at an earlier date than the announced October 30.

This comes after National Treasury shifted the MTBPS from the usual week of 23 October due to international commitments by both Mboweni and President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Speaking ahead of the third colloquium on the SA economy in Pretoria, Mboweni said that Ramaphosa would be out of the country on the planned date.

"I need to say here that the MTBPS is likely to be presented earlier than the 30th. We had initially planned on the 30th of October and planned it around the president's diary. It turns out he will be out of the country," Mboweni said.

"So we needed to pull back the date. I'm saying this to avoid any rumour mongering in the markets. And the date we are looking at now is the 29th of October, but

the Cabinet Secretariat will make the announcement probably later today."

Mboweni's much-anticipated MTBPS will be watched with a keen eye by investors and Moody's Rating Agency as he is expected to table a complete economic recovery plan. Also expected is Mboweni's announcement of Eskom's and SAA turnaround plan, which includes the unbundling of the troubled power

utility and the inclusion of private partners in rescuing the State-owned carrier.

## Threat

Eskom's debt of more than R450 billion has been cited as the single largest threat to the country's fiscus. The power utility yesterday (WED) introduced rolling power cuts which may last for about a week as a result of a shortage of capacity due to a number of generating units going out of service due to unplanned breakdowns.

Eskom

reported about R21 billion after tax-losses in this last financial year, and said it expected to lose another R20 billion next year.

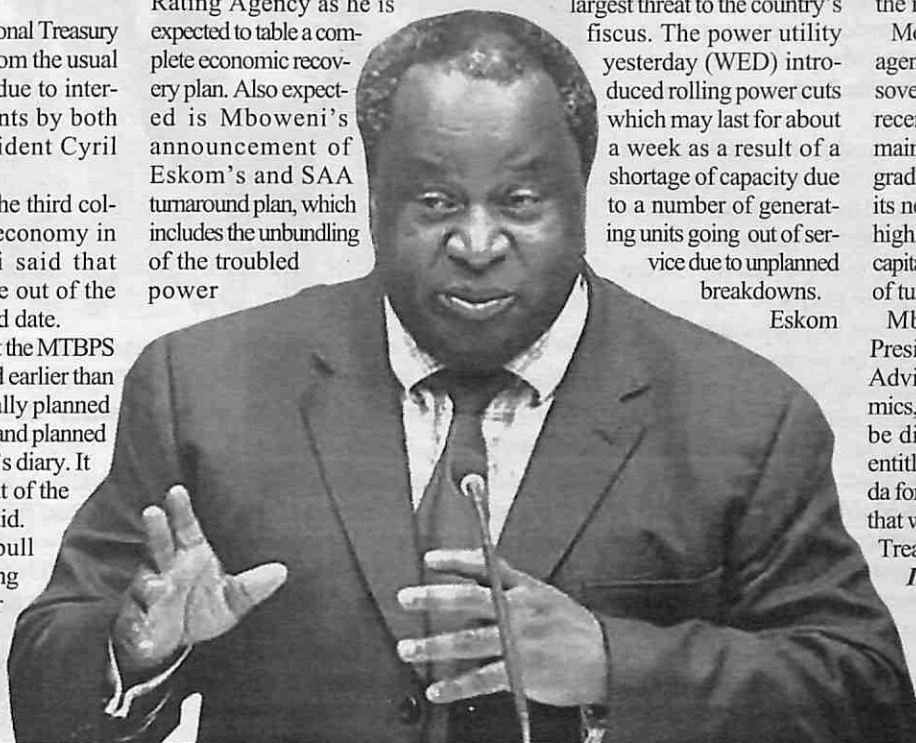
Government has given Eskom at least R129 billion guarantees for the medium term.

Moody's Ratings Agency, the only agency that still has South Africa's sovereign credit rating above junk, recently assured that it was likely to maintain South Africa's investment grading with a negative outlook in its next review on 1 November but highlighted Eskom's unsustainable capital structure and called for urgency of turnaround plan.

Mboweni's meeting with the President's Council of Economic Advisors, economists and academics, and government officials, will be discussing the updated paper entitled 'Towards a growth agenda for the South African economy', that was published on the National Treasury in August.

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**TO PRESENT MID-TERM BUDGET: Finance Minister Tito Mboweni.**



## Moyo denies breakdown in trust with Old Mutual

**JOHANNESBURG** – Peter Moyo, Old Mutual's under-fire chief executive, has once again denied that there is complete destruction in the relationship of trust between himself and the JSE-listed company.

In his replying affidavit to Old Mutual's contempt of court application filed at the South Gauteng High Court on Tuesday, Moyo said that Old Mutual cannot merely assert a breakdown in trust and confidence.

"It must prove a breakdown in trust and confidence. More importantly, a court of law has decided that the alleged breakdown is not complete or irretrievable. That decision whether it is correct or not stands as we speak," Moyo said in the court documents.

Moyo has also sued Old Mutual and its directors for contempt of court after refusing to let him resume his duties.

"If Old Mutual is unable to establish facts, which would objectively entitle it to conclude that there has been a breakdown in trust and confidence, it is illegal and unlawful to simply terminate my employment relationship," said Moyo.

## Confidence

Moyo was suspended from the board in May for a breakdown in trust and confidence.

He was fired in June, and again in August in an open letter to shareholders in which the company said it was clearly in the best interests of the company and its stakeholders that the employment relationship with Moyo should come to an end.

Moyo last week sued Old Mutual and its directors for R250 million after the group refused to let him resume his duties, despite the South Gauteng High Court ruling that he should be reinstated.

Business Report



**SUES: Peter Moyo sued old Mutual for R250 million or his reinstatement after the insurer refused to let him commence his duties as a Chief Executive, despite the High Court ruling that he should be reinstated.**

## Huawei sees sales surge by 24.4% despite its US issues

**CAPE TOWN** – Huawei Technologies has released impressive third-quarter results which saw results rise by 24.4 per cent during the first nine months of the year despite its challenges with the US government.

During this period, the Chinese technology giant shipped 185 million smartphones which is a 26 per cent increase from the previous year. Future results in 2020 may reveal a clearer picture of the impact of trade restrictions as current results were unaudited.

Chinese tech giants ability to still ship so many phones in 2019 suggests its lead in the Chinese market is keeping its sales afloat even though there's less demand abroad. According to IDC, the global market intelligence firm, China shipped 206 million smartphones in 2018. The company also saw rapid growth in other new businesses like PCs, tablets, wearables, and smart audio products. *Business Report*

## RETAIL SALES FALL BELOW MARKET EXPECTATIONS

**JOHANNESBURG** – Retail sales moderated to 1.1 per cent year on year in August, following a two per cent increase in July, falling below the market consensus of 1.7 per cent.

Data from Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) on Wednesday showed household furniture, appliances and equipment recorded the largest annual growth rates at 4.5 per cent and all 'other' retailers at 3.8 per cent.

StatsSA said the print reading was, however, dragged down by weakening growth in all other categories, including the textiles and clothing segment and the pharmaceutical and medical goods grouping.

Senior FNB economist for property and consumer Economics, Siphamandla Mkhwanazi, said the year-to-date retail sales growth continued to depict a muted demand environment.

"This is reflected in the persistently low retail inflation readings, which remain below consumer price inflation levels, averaging just 2.4 per cent year-to-date," Mkhwanazi said.

"This demonstrates retailers' inability to pass on price increases, amid intensi-



fied bargain hunting by consumers."

Mkhwanazi said their expectations of lower interest rates combined with strong unsecured credit lending will provide auxiliary support for consumer spending.

"This, however, is counteracted by the persistent pressures on consumers' discretionary income, via weaker labour markets and higher income taxes," he said.

Seasonally adjusted sales decreased 0.9 per cent compared with July, following month-on-month changes of 0.2 per cent in July and 0.7 per cent in June.

StatsSA, however, said the seasonally adjusted sales increased 0.7 per cent in

## One of most traded commodities discovered by goat herder

**CAPE TOWN** – One of the most traded commodities in the world, which has been very lucrative, came into being after it was discovered by a goat herder.

Kaldi, a goat herder from Ethiopia, noticed his goats "dancing" after eating bright red berries off a certain bush. He took the berries to an Islamic monk in a nearby Sufi monastery who disapproved of the berries and threw them into the fire, from which an enticing aroma billowed and coffee was born. The name coffee came from the region in which the berries were discovered, Kaffa.

Ethiopia, formerly Abyssinia, is a country in East Africa with the fastest growing economy in the world, and the only country in Africa that has never been formally colonised. It is also the second most populous country in Africa, with an estimated population of 109 million people (2018).

With a population that big it is characterised by dozens of ethnic groups with competing claims to land, resources and influence. Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has struggled to contain ethnic clashes.

In 2018, nearly three million Ethiopians were displaced by conflict, the highest figure recorded worldwide, with Islamist militant groups al-Shabaab and Islamic State planning attacks on the country recently.

## Prompted

Emperor Haile Selassie, the former king of Ethiopia, asserted that the people of Africa should join forces and form a singular race. This prompted the introduction of Pan Africanism. This idea emerged to become what is known as the African Union today, headquartered in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa.

Ethiopia's economy experienced strong, broad-based growth averaging 10.3 per cent a year from 2006/07 to 2016/17 (African Development Bank 2017), compared to a regional average of 5.4 per cent. Bordered by six countries, Ethiopia's location gives it strategic dominance on the Horn of Africa, close to the Middle East and its markets.

Ethiopia's main challenges are sustaining its positive economic growth and accelerating poverty reduction, which require significant progress in job creation as well as improved governance.

Despite the economic growth, only 60 per cent of the population have access to electricity; 65.7 per cent of households have access to potable water; and the paved-road density is among the lowest in Sub-Saharan Africa. Economic growth has not translated into human development or improvement in the quality of life, as poverty is still high. *IOL*



## RAND SLIDES FURTHER AS BLACKOUTS RETURN

**JOHANNESBURG** - South Africa's rand inched lower early yesterday, extending the previous session's sharp drop as the latest nationwide power cuts by state utility Eskom renewed fears of credit ratings downgrades.

At 0610 GMT, the rand was 0.08 per cent weaker at 14.9520 per dollar, after sliding as much as one per cent to a

one-week low 15.0550 in the previous session. Eskom said break-downs at some of its coal-burning plants hit its power generation ability, forcing it to shave supply to the national grid. Debilitating power cuts in February and March pushed first-quarter economic growth into contraction and raised the likelihood of South Africa losing an investment-grade rating.

Moody's is the last of the big three credit rating agencies to have an investment grade rating on South Africa and is due to deliver its latest credit review on November 1, two days after Finance Minister Tito Mboweni gives his mid-term budget speech. Bonds were flat in early trade, with the yield on the benchmark government issue due in 2026 steady at 8.265 per cent. *Fin24*

## PIC backtracks on AYO allegations

**CAPE TOWN** - The Public Investment Corporation (PIC), reacting to a letter received from AYO Technology Solutions, has backtracked on the allegations made - by its acting executive head of legal, governance and compliance, Lindiwe Dlamini - in Parliament that Sekunjalo Investment Holdings, through AYO, was siphoning PIC-invested funds offshore.

During a question-and-answer session of the Standing Committee on Finance's proceedings, one of the committee members raised a question directed at the PIC's investment in Sekunjalo.

The question was raised with concern around allegations that Sekunjalo was in the process of moving its assets or funds offshore. In a statement yesterday, the PIC said it was aware of the allegations and indicated that it was considering the allegations very seriously.

The asset manager said it was engaging with relevant stakeholders to determine necessary action to be taken in order to safeguard its rights and assets invested in Sekunjalo through AYO. AYO Chief Executive Howard Platjes yesterday rejected these claims as baseless, categorically stating that the company's funds are intact and invested within South Africa. AYO has disclosed to the PIC where the funds have been invested.

"We respect and co-operate with local authorities the same way the PIC says in their statement today. We are open to engagement and the PIC as shareholders are free to raise their concerns directly with us instead of on public forums, which negatively impacts shareholder value," said Platjes.

AYO Chairperson Dr Wallace Mgoqi said AYO, as any company operating in South Africa today, would need to apply to the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) to obtain the proper regulatory approval to engage in a transaction of this nature. Platjes shared the sentiment, reiterating that AYO had neither made any application for SARB approval, nor did the tech firm intend to do so.

*Fin24*

## Low prices not pulling shoppers into stores anymore

**CAPE TOWN** - The "lowest prices" are not pulling shoppers into stores as much as they used to - value for money and the shopping experience is pulling feet through the door, according to the latest research by Nielsen South Africa.

"Today's consumer is demanding. Their mantra is 'it's all about me' and they want the experience, want to be entertained, want to be appreciated and respected. We need to create a simple and enjoyable experience for these consumers. Most of all, we need to make it personal," said Craig Tagg, MD of Retail Network Services, who spoke ahead of the South African Council of Shopping Centres Congress in Cape Town that started yesterday.

### Quality

"Shoppers have become more savvy and critical of retail environments and despite being hyper aware of price changes, they also love quality products and demand an experience-driven retail environment. This has put pressure on retailers and manufacturers to innovate and convince shoppers to choose their stores and products over others," said Nielsen South Africa Consumer Insights Director Kim Reddy.

Shoppers now had more than one store in mind when they shopped, according to data from the 2019 Nielsen South Africa Shopper Trends Report.



**DEMANDIG:** Lowest prices are not pulling shoppers into stores anymore.

This alluded to more bargain seeking behaviour and they also sought novelty, with 68 per cent claiming they would "check out" a new store in their area, the report showed.

### Brochures

In terms of triggers for consumers shopping at new or different stores, 22 per cent of shoppers said it was because "a new store opened nearby," 20 per cent said word of mouth, while the same amount said they "were visiting friends/ family and went to a store that they usually shop at," while 18 per cent visited a new store because of "media leaflets, a brochure or direct mail."

"With shoppers always on the look-

out for promotions, new stores are seen to be attractive, as these are perceived to have enticing promotional campaigns running," said Reddy.

The majority of consumers still did their main shopping once a month, however, the frequency of weekly top up shopping was increasing.

"Everyday needs, special offers and meal prep shopping has increased with consumers more willing to spend outside of the monthly shop," said Reddy.

When it comes to how often shoppers visit specific store types, the penetration and frequency with which they shop at Supermarkets had increased.

Spazas on the other hand had shown

than the entire amount Finance Minister Tito Mboweni budgeted to spend on public transport this year.

Undoubtedly, South Africa's weak economic growth is affecting how much tax SARS is able to collect.

It is, however, difficult to know how much should be ascribed to this, and how much is due to the revenue service still struggling to reconstitute its operations after years of mismanagement.

As the Nugent Commission of Inquiry into Tax Administration and Governance at SARS found last year, "integrity and governance" at the organisation had failed under its previous leadership. Nobody should be under any illusions that this, and the degradation of capacity it led to, can be corrected in a matter of a few months.

*Citizen*

a decline in penetration, or the percentage of people who have visited the store over the past week and month. However, the frequency of visits to spazas remained the same as in 2018.

The research found that consumer perceptions around food prices were stable, with only a one per cent increase (to 87 per cent) in those who believed that food prices were increasing versus 2018, and 12 per cent who believed that food prices were stable, the same percentage as the previous year.

### Views

Respondents also said they were less averse to purchasing luxury items.

Cragg said small brands and independent retailers would play a key role in differentiating shopping experiences in what would become an increasingly challenging retail environment. "In light of this, property investors, landlords and shopping centre management companies need to develop symbiotic relationships and take responsibility for nurturing and growing these small businesses," he said. Shopper Trends is an annual report based on multiple sources of shopper data including face-to-face interviews with main grocery buyers and influencers, and information from Nielsen's retail measurement services and consumer panel services, to track shopper behaviour and mindset.

*Business Report*

## HOW TO START YOUR FINANCES ON RIGHT FOOT

**JOHANNESBURG** - You meet the person of your dreams, you're starry eyed, you're in love and you don't want to talk about finance. What's yours is mine and mine is yours.

However, it's crucial to sit down with your partner and to engage in an unemotional conversation to understand your personal financial demands, Clare Cousins, financial planner at Veritas Wealth, says.

For example, you must establish if

either of you have dependants and to get a sense of each others "financial baggage".

She says once you have a lifestyle and plan that you've figured out for yourself you may want to know a little about your other half's values around money.

The cheapest and easiest marriage in South Africa is in community of property, which basically means your cumulative wealth is shared, i.e. "split down the middle," she sold a panel

discussion for a group of 20 to 35-year-olds on getting their financial affairs on the right track.

"It worked out really well for Jeff Bezos's wife who just got \$38 billions worth of Amazon stock transferred into her name," says Cousins. "The problem is, it's half down the middle and if the bank decides to call up that debt, they're coming after you too."

According to Cousins, community of property is not a good idea as

the risk "is just crazy". However, opting for the opposite of that, which means you and your spouse keep your wealth separate is also not wise.

"In practise, if you're starting a family there's usually one person in the relationship who is going to take a backseat on their career and their earnings aren't going to be quite what they used to be," she says.

Cousins suggests taking "the fairest option" of an antenuptial contract with accrual. *Sowetan Live*



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ZONDO COMMISSION...

## JACOB ZUMA WON'T APPEAR NEXT WEEK

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former president Jacob Zuma won't appear before the state capture commission of inquiry next week, the commission said yesterday.

Zuma, the man at the heart of state capture claims against the Gupta family, was supposed to return to the commission on Monday.

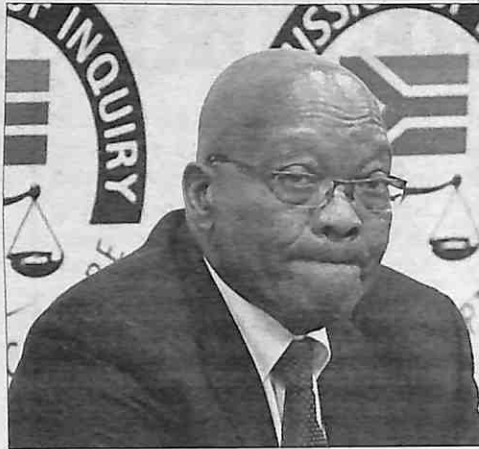
But in a statement issued just after 12:00 yesterday, the commission said it was informed that the former president and his legal team were unavailable "owing to circumstances relating to his criminal trial". "The commission has taken note of this. Consequently, the for-

mer president will no longer appear before the commission next week," the statement read.

Zuma first appeared before commission Chairperson, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, in July.

On Tuesday, he appeared in the KwaZulu-Natal High Court in Pietermaritzburg for his fraud and corruption trial. But the case was postponed to February 2020 for pre-trial proceedings.

It is unclear what Zuma and his legal team will be busy with next week which will prevent him from appearing before the commission. *News24*



MSHOLOZI: Former president Jacob Zuma.

## 'RESTAURANTS CREEP ME OUT'

...7-year-old girl relives rape ordeal in nightmares

**PRETORIA** - The seven-year-old girl who Nicholas Ninow admitted to raping has nightmares about him every night.

This is according to forensic social worker Karen Botha, who compiled a victim impact assessment report on the girl and her family.

"She [the child] says she still sees the accused when she goes to bed," Botha said.

Ninow, who was jailed for life yesterday admitted raping the child in a female toilet at the Dros Restaurant in Silverton, Pretoria, in September 2018. He pleaded guilty to rape, possession of drugs and defeating the ends of justice.

Botha said the child was anxious and nervous when she consulted her early in October, 18 months after the incident.

"The victim was extremely nervous and anxious. She spoke softly. She remembered what happened at Dros

and how she got hurt," Botha said.

Botha said the child told her that Ninow had threatened to kill her if she told anyone about what he had done to her.

"He told me if I told anyone, he would kill me. I'm scared of restaurants, they creep me out. Now I know you need to go with someone to the bathroom," the child told Botha.

Botha was told that she had wet her bed a day before she testified in court.

Botha said the child's maternal grandparents told her that the child's grades at school had dropped and that she had become emotional and tended to cry a lot, since the incident happened. "The family indicated that they want to keep the incident a secret," Botha said.

The child's mother, according to Botha, feels she has failed her daughter and that she feared she would no longer trust her to protect her.

"The mother wants the accused to

be handed a life sentence. The victim said he should be in jail to learn his lesson," Botha said, adding that the incident severely affected the child's wellbeing. She said the full impact of the rape on the child might become evident in years to come.

Meanwhile, Ninow's grandmother Pauline Gericke earlier told the court that Ninow was an impulsive person and had anger issues. She said she was once called at his school because he had gotten into a fight with other children. "He displayed anger towards himself at home."

She described her grandson as a "bubbly" person who would "go out and do it".

Gericke also pleaded with the public to not judge Ninow's mother, who introduced him to drugs. "My daughter is clean (now). I ask that you don't judge her too harshly. She lives with the guilt ..."

*News24*

## I intentionally raped girl (7) at Dros Restaurant - Nicholas Ninow

**JOHANNESBURG** - Convicted rapist Nicholas Ninow has told the court that he started using drugs with his mother at a young age.

Ninow, who was convicted for life yesterday in the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria where he was found guilty of raping a seven-year-old girl, told the court that he had taken drugs three days before the incident in September last year.

He admitted to raping the child in a female toilet cubicle at the Silverton Dros Restaurant in Pretoria.

Ninow told the court that he left work early three days before the incident. He called his drug dealer, who delivered drugs to him.

When he was at the Dros, he ordered

beer. He said he did not intentionally choose to sit in the kiddies' area. He also denied telling the waitress that he was waiting for someone.

On the day, Ninow said he consumed large quantities of alcohol and drugs. "I started drinking and it got out of control."

He said he moved to the bar area where he sat with a man he did not know.

The court heard that Ninow did not have money to pay his bill.

This despite evidence before court that he told a waitress that she should tell him when his tab had reached R650.

He said he remembered going to the female toilet to take drugs.

"It's difficult to say what happened," Ninow said, breaking down in tears.

"This is something I have to live with... I made a mistake. I intentionally did those things to her."

"I knew what I was doing. I was in a different mind state. There was no emotion attached," he said.

Ninow told the court that he started using drugs at the age of 13. He was introduced to 'chemical' drugs by his mother. "The first time I consumed chemicals was with my mother."

He said his mother had always been on drugs. He described his relationship with his mother, who is 37 years old, as that of brother and sister.

He claimed drugs gave him a different personality and that they were a coping mechanism for him.

*Sowetan Live*

## Free State bought 4 000 copies a day of Gupta newspaper

**JOHANNESBURG** - State capture-implicated former Free State finance MEC Elizabeth 'Elzabe' Rockman detailed to the state capture inquiry on Wednesday various meetings she had with members of the Gupta family and The New Age executives while she worked in then-premier Ace Magashule's office.

Rockman, who is accused of wrongdoing relating to the controversial Estina dairy farm project in Vrede, worked as a director-general in Magashule's office between September 2010 and March 2013 when she joined the Legislature.

She told the commission that she first met members of the Gupta family in August 2011.

"... The New Age newspaper (owned by the Gupta family) made a presentation to the provincial executive committee to get support for advertisements."

"My engagements were mostly with [CEO] Nazeem Hawa and Ashok Narayan," she said.

"In August 2011, I was on the way to an executive committee meeting in Bethlehem. I was informed that I was to meet people from The New Age. I was called by the premier (Ace Magashule). They wanted to meet before the exco started ... I don't know who organised the logistics of the meeting."

"They presented a proposal where we should enter into a subscription

agreement from The New Age. One of the Gupta brothers was present but I can't remember which one."

She said it was "not strange" for people outside government to arrive at venues where executive committee meetings were being held.

"The idea was that the office of the premier would enter into the subscription agreement on behalf of all departments," she said.

Magashule's office thereafter agreed to purchase 4 000 copies of The New Age (TNA) per day.

Rockman said she met the brothers again at a TNA business breakfast in May 2012 in Bloemfontein and again in December that year at the ANC's national conference.

"They were in the environment; it was not like they were not known and nobody ever engaged with them," she said. Rockman also visited the family at their Saxonwold home in April 2013.

"It was after I had left as director-general when I was appointed MEC of finance. The purpose of that meeting was to say what are the arrangements now that you are no longer

there (at the premier's office) in relation to the TNA subscriptions ... and it was the outstanding payment to Vrede dairy for the 2012/2013 financial year. We had owed them money," she said.

*Times Live*

## Hawks arrest 20 officials for KZN driving licence fraud

**DURBAN** - Twenty officials were arrested on fraud charges for helping people pass their driving licence tests at a Midlands testing centre.

The 20 were arrested in an ongoing national investigation by the Road Traffic Management Corporation's (RTMC) National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit and the Hawks.

Among those arrested was administrative clerk Thandazile Shelembe, one of 16 officials arrested at the uMngeni Driver's Licence Testing Centre in Howick.

She has pleaded guilty to charges of fraud and will be sentenced on Monday in the Durban Commercial Crimes Court.

From the same office, learner's licence examiner Waheed Monsoor will go on trial following an investigation into licence fraud.

Monsoor has already been found guilty by an internal disciplinary tribunal.

RTMC spokesperson Thulani Zwane said Monsoor was accused of filling in eye test sheets for learner's licence applicants.

"Monsoor has been criminally charged and her trial is set down for February 2020."

According to stats issued by RTMC, five officials, including the clerk, were arrested for learner's licence fraud, and one cleaner/grounds person was arrested for participating in fraudulent activities regarding learner's licences.

The stats also reveal that nine applicants for learner's licence tests were arrested for committing fraud.

The chief in charge of the Howick Test Centre, Roger Everton, was among those arrested for learner's licence fraud. *News24*



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## NO MORE EXCUSES, NPA TOLD

CAPE TOWN - Parliament's Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) says its patience is wearing out on excuses provided by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA).

This comes after National Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Shamila Batohi, said her organisation needed time to crack complex commercial crime cases and fix broken state institutions.

But SCOPA insisted the honeymoon was over for Batohi, and it needed to start seeing action.

This was after the NPA said it had only managed to prosecute nine cases out of 881 referred to it by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU).

Batohi said one of the major challenges for the organisation was that it had vacancies for 700 prosecutors. But since 2015, the NPA's budget to hire more staff had been frozen by the National Treasury.

The Special Commercial Crimes Unit (SCCU), previously headed by advocate Lawrence Mrwebi, also has a huge vacancy rate.



**NO EXCUSES:** National Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Shamila Batohi.

"In the SCCU, the vacancy rate is 21 per cent to 28 per cent. It will take capacity and skill to deal with these complex cases," said Batohi.

She pointed out that the Hawks also had a huge vacancy rate.

"Corruption in these entities add to the problem," she said.

"We know what happened to the Hawks in recent times, like the NPA. It's such a dysfunctional situation. General Godfrey Lebeza (who is

head of the Hawks) and I are working very closely. There are initiatives to unlock these logjams."

SCOPA Chairperson Mkhuleko Hlengwa said the committee's patience with the NPA was running out and they wanted to see the prosecution and conviction of officials for corruption.

SCOPA members also indicated that levels of corruption in municipalities needed to be dealt with. Hlengwa

also said there were several forensic reports on municipalities, but officials involved in corruption were not being held accountable.

On state entities and departments, Hlengwa said SCOPA had not seen action by the NPA, and were concerned about the figures presented.

Hlengwa said South Africa was emerging from an era of corruption and state capture, but wanted to see results soon. "It's not an easy exercise, but it requires urgency," he said.

SIU head Andy Mothibi said the unit had conducted a number of investigations in various municipalities and would in time hand over their report to President Cyril Ramaphosa. Mothibi and Batohi also told SCOPA they were now reviving the anti-corruption task team to clamp down on corruption in the state. The task team was criticised by SCOPA a few years ago when it failed to prosecute cases worth R10bn in provinces and national departments.

*Political Bureau*

## Girl, 7, dies after succumbing to injuries sustained during 'rape'

LIMPOPO - A seven-year-old girl has died after she was allegedly raped two-and-a-half weeks ago, Limpopo police said yesterday.

Police Spokesperson Brig Motlafela Mojapelo said the girl was reported missing on September 29 in the Nebo policing area, outside Groblersdal.

"On the same day of her disappearance, the community went out and looked for the girl. It was reported that she was last seen with a known man," Mojapelo said.

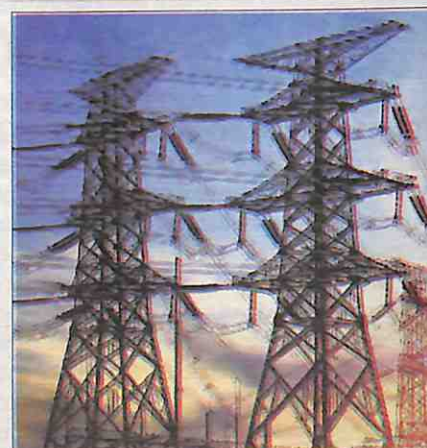
Mojapelo said the girl was later found brutally raped. She died in hospital on Wednesday.

A 34-year-old man, who was assaulted by community members, was arrested.

He was charged with kidnapping and rape, and is expected to appear in the Nebo magistrate's court yesterday.

Mojapelo said a murder charge would be added at his court appearance.

*Sowetanlive*



## Cabinet approves long-awaited energy plan

PRETORIA - Cabinet has approved a new plan mapping out the energy mix for the country up until 2030.

According to a Cabinet statement issued yesterday, the Integrated Resources Plan 2019 will be gazetted and made available on the department of mineral resources website. No date was given, but energy expert and advisor on the Presidential Sustainability Task Team for Eskom, Anton Eberhard said in a tweet on Wednesday night that the plan would be gazetted on Friday.

Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe will today brief media on the plan.

The IRP is the national electricity infrastructure development plan. It sets out the future of energy generation and includes projections for electricity demand, cost estimates, and sources of power, Fin24 previously reported. According to government, the plan is based on a least-cost electricity supply and demand balance. It takes into account security of supply and the environment.

Cabinet had first approved a draft IRP2018 in August 2018 - ahead of public consultations that took place between September and November 2018. "Most of the inputs received from the public, academics, experts from the energy sector and relevant stakeholders such as the National Economic Development and Labour Council and the Portfolio Committee on Energy, were included into the IRP2019," Cabinet said. *News24*

## SAPS rubbishes NMB council claims

PORT ELIZABETH - Eastern Cape police refuted claims yesterday that a Nelson Mandela Bay council meeting was called off based on advice from police.

The meeting intended to unseat United Democratic Movement (UDM) Mayor Mongameli Bobani was cancelled amid 'imminent threats against councillors'.

A motion of no confidence brought by the Democratic Alliance (DA) was expected to be debated, but because of a 'high security risk', Council Speaker Buyelwa Mafaya of the African National Congress (ANC) cancelled the meeting at the eleventh-hour. Municipal Spokesperson Mthubanzi Mniki earlier said the meeting was cancelled in the interest of protecting the democratic processes of council and to execute council's duty to ensure the safety of office bearers. "Although we received threats in the past, the sheer intensity and viciousness of those received the last 24 hours necessitated us to make this decision in consultation with SAPS," said Mniki. Mafaya said the cancellation was due to advice received from police of a high security risk associated with the meeting.

However, Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant General Liziwe Ntshinga refuted any statement indicating that the meeting had to be called off on the advice of the SAPS.

"As a standard operating procedure, the SAPS monitors all possible volatile events. In this case, planning was done and we are in a state of readiness as the SAPS is mandated to maintain law and order."

*IOI*

## We can't accept overspending on power stations

CAPE TOWN - Outa has slammed power utility Eskom over the announcement that load-shedding will take place for the rest of the week, saying the company is not improving public confidence in the utility.

"We cannot accept the constant overspending on new power stations and have Eskom fail to explain why they can't keep them running," said Heinrich Volmink, Outa's Executive Director on Policy.

### Taxpayers

Outa said in a statement released on Wednesday that the 'excuses of malfunctioning boilers and conveyor belts' will fall on deaf ears, as electricity tariffs continue to rise.

"Eskom's slow pace of addressing the high costs of coal procurement and excessive manpower costs are a frustration to taxpayers, who have positioned Eskom as a burden that lacks the necessary expertise to keep the power on," said Outa's CEO Wayne Duvenage.

Eskom has blamed the power constraints on a broken coal conveyor belt at the Medupi power station in Limpopo, which cut its power output by half.

### Blame

Five electricity generating units have also been reported to be unavailable due to boiler tube leaks.

Eskom also blamed outages on delays in the return to service of units that were on planned maintenance and said it is struggling with a limited diesel supply.

Members of Parliament have also expressed concern over the rotational power cuts implemented by Eskom as reports emerged that several matric exams centres were left in the dark.

The exams started on Wednesday

and learners were meant to do their Computer Applications Technology (CAT) practicals.

"The NSC examinations are normally a very stressful period for our young people.

When something like this happens and the examination must be halted, only to be continued when the electricity supply is restored, it can add to more stress," said Bongive Mbinqo-Gigaba, Chairman of Parliament's portfolio committee on basic education.

She said MPs were encouraged by the basic education department's commitment to alert Eskom to the fact that loadshedding could impact national exams.

The department has stated that it has backup exams in place for pupils who could not finish their practicals.

*IOI and African News Agency*

## Four nabbed for allegedly attempting to smuggle dagga

JOHANNESBURG - Four people have been arrested for dealing and smuggling in dagga, Gauteng police said yesterday.

Police Spokesperson Brig Mathapelo Peters said after receiving information, officers from the K9 unit intercepted a Toyota Quantum in Alberton and found compressed dagga worth an estimated R4.2m and cash.

Further investigation led police to a house in Meyerton, where dagga with an estimated value of R1m was seized, Peters said.

The dagga was believed to be destined for Namibia.

*Sowetanlive*



**FULL HOUSE:** The compressed dagga worth an estimated R4.2m which was discovered by the cops.



# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News



**PLEASE:** A civil organisation that works with adolescent girls and young women says access to preventive tools would also help reduce AIDS-related deaths and unsafe abortions.

## ZIM TEENS CALL FOR ACCESS TO BIRTH CONTROL

**HARARE** - Civil society organisations are calling the Zimbabwean Government to remove age restrictions in accessing reproductive health services among adolescents.

Civil organisation that work with adolescent girls and young women said access to preventive tools would also help reduce AIDS-related deaths and unsafe abortions.

The organisation said laws and poli-

cies regulating access to such services in Zimbabwe created barriers for adolescents and blocked their access to vital services to protect themselves.

"The age of consenting to sexual activity and the minimum age of marriage should not be linked to the age at which adolescents can access sexual and reproductive health information, education and services," said the organisations. The organisations said

22 percent of adolescent females aged 15 to 19 years had begun child bearing, 17 percent had given birth and another five percent were estimated to be pregnant with their first child.

Statistics also showed that 48 percent of young people in the country did not know their HIV status as they required parental consent to get tested.

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## Nigerian president vows crackdown on abusive Islamic schools

**ABUJA** - Nigeria's president ordered a crackdown on abuse at Islamic schools, after a second police raid in less than a month revealed men and boys subjected to beatings, abuse and squalid conditions.

Nearly 300 had been held captive at a school in the Daura area of Katsina, the home town of President Muhammadu Buhari, where police said they discovered 'inhuman and degrading treatment' following a raid on Monday to free the remaining students.

Late last month, police freed hundreds from similarly degrading conditions in neighbouring Kaduna state.

"President has directed the police to disband all such centres and all the inmates be handed over to their parents," said a presidential spokesman.

"The government cannot allow centres where people, male and female, are maltreated in the name of religion," he said.

Prior to this week's raid, hundreds of captives had escaped the centre, police said on Tuesday.

The 67 inmates who were freed by Katsina police were shackled, and many were taken to hospital for treatment, police superintendent Isah Gambo told Reuters.

"I tell you they were in very bad condition when we met them," Gambo said.

A freed captive told Reuters on Monday that the instructors beat, raped and even killed some of the men and boys held at the facility, who ranged from 7 to 40 years of age. It was not immediately possible to verify his account.

While the institution told parents it was an Islamic teaching centre that would help straighten out wayward family members, the instructors instead brutally abused them and took away any food or money sent by relatives.

Police said they had arrested the owner of the facility and two teachers, and were tracking other suspects.

The more than 200 captives who escaped were still missing, Gambo said. Police were working to reunite the others with family members.

"The inmates are actually from different parts of the country - Kano, Taraba, Adamawa and Plateau States," he said. "Some of them are not even Nigerians. They come from Niger, Chad and even Burkina Faso and other countries." *News24*

## UK chose Brexit to build ties with Africa - official

**LONDON** - The United Kingdom chose Brexit not because it does not like the Europeans, but because the UK believes the future of trade lies in a broader relationship with the fastest-growing regions in the world - Asia and Africa.

This is according to Nick Latta, Councillor: Prosperity at the UK High Commission in SA. Latta told delegates at the Africa Ports and Rail Evolution conference in Durban on Wednesday that the goal set by the UK was to be the largest G7 investor in Africa in six years' time.

### 'Big ambitions'

"Brexit is quite complicated. I am not going to try and predict what will happen over the next 10 days or so.

If I had a good answer to that, I would be a forex trader, not a diplomat," Latta said during a presentation which formed part of the KwaZulu-Natal Export Week segment.

"We have big ambitions for trade with Africa, and especially South Africa, which is a leader and influencer for rest of Africa.

"It is clear South Africa is a gateway for many businesses wanting to enter Africa, and many large African companies have headquarters in Johannesburg." He assured the audience that "[b]ar a few administrative details, any SA exporter will have the same access and experience when exporting to the UK which they have had until now." *ANA*

## UN-backed Tripoli government is restricting our oil revenues

**BENGAZI** - The head of Libya's parallel government in the east said rival UN-backed authorities in Tripoli have restricted oil revenues to areas under its control, as eastern-allied militias battle to seize control of the capital.

Libya remains split between two governments - one based in the eastern city of Benghazi, the other in the historical capital of Tripoli - after descending into chaos in 2011, when an international military coalition helped rebels overthrow longtime autocrat Moammar Gadhafi.

Benghazi-based Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thani told The Associated

Press Tuesday that the country's eastern regions were receiving only about US \$126 million monthly for public salaries, despite holding most of Libya's oil facilities.

However, he said the Tripoli-based government, which controls Libya's Central Bank, has continued to give oil revenues to "outlawed groups and militias."

He said his government resorted to loans to carry on with its administrative tasks such as providing health and other services in its region.

He said the UN-supported government is 'lying' when it says it is 'pending on all of Libya.' *News24*



**ANNOUNCED:** The head of Libya's parallel government in the east, Benghazi-based Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thani said Tuesday that the country's eastern regions were receiving only about US \$126 million monthly for public salaries, despite holding most of Libya's oil facilities. (AP)

## BRIEFS

### Kenya schools to be shut down

**KENYA** - Hundreds of informal schools in Kenya will be shut down after a school building collapsed in Nairobi last month, killing eight children.

Officials blamed poor construction and overcrowding.

Now, the education ministry has ordered 300 informal schools to be closed, affecting approximately 10 000 children.

*Aljazeera*

### Malawi denies reports of first Ebola case

**MALAWI** - Health authorities in Malawi have dismissed as false reports that first Ebola case has been recorded in the country's border district of Karonga. The scare broke on Sunday when health workers in the district that borders with Tanzania quarantined one person suspected to have Ebola signs and symptoms. Louis Tukula, environmental health officer for the district, told local media that the screening for the suspected 37-year-old man had shown that he had a bacterial infection and not Ebola. *AFP*

### Chocolate makers face ethical branding dilemma

**ACCRA** - Ivory Coast and Ghana's threat to possibly halt the cocoa industry's ethical branding schemes poses a major risk to chocolate makers operating in Western markets where consumer demand for sustainably sourced products is rising. The West African nations, which together produce more than 60 per cent of the world's cocoa, said last week they will re-examine the schemes because chocolate makers have been slow to pay them a "living income" premium for their beans. *Reuters*

### Zimbabwe bread price jumps 60%

**HARARE** - The price of bread, Zimbabwe's second most-consumed staple, jumped 60% overnight due to escalating costs of production, the national bakers' association said on Wednesday, adding more woes to consumers grappling with triple-digit inflation. Zimbabweans are experiencing severe economic hardship that has evoked memories of the hyperinflation horrors during late President Robert Mugabe's rule, when citizens lost pensions and savings and businesses were forced to shut down. *Reuters*



# Focus on World News

## Global News

### TRUMP TWITTER ATTACK BACKFIRES AS PELOSI OWNS IT

**NEW YORK** - US President Donald Trump's Twitter attack on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi following an acrimonious White House meeting appears to have backfired spectacularly.

Trump tweeted a picture of the encounter on Wednesday showing a standing Pelosi pointing at the president while he and everyone else in the room was seated, with the caption "Nervous Nancy's unhinged meltdown!"

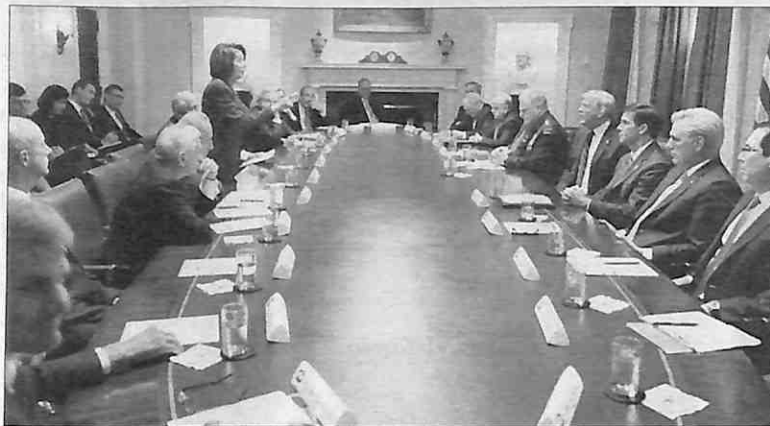
However, far from being upset at the picture, Pelosi posted it as her Twitter banner, and her supporters said it showed her literally standing up to Trump.

"Can a woman beat Donald Trump? Yes. Speaker Pelosi does it every day," Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar said as she retweeted the picture.

"Thanks for the new cover photo @realDonaldTrump!," tweeted Pelosi's deputy chief of staff Drew Hammill.

Others pointed out that several members of Trump's cabinet looked as if they would rather be somewhere else.

"The men on your right reflect the embarrassment we all feel," tweeted actress Mia Farrow.



**CHALLENGE:** The picture which was posted by Pelosi in her twitter, where she points at President Trump.

Pelosi has previously gone viral with her apparent trolling of Trump, with her slow clapping of his last State of the Union speech becoming an instant meme. After leaving the White House meeting, she told the press she prayed for the president and his family "all the time".

"Now we have to pray for his health, because this was a very serious meltdown on the part of the president," she said.

Hours later, Trump suggested Pelosi had mental problems of her own.

"Nancy Pelosi needs help fast! There is either something wrong with her 'upstairs,' or she just plain doesn't like our great Country. She had a total meltdown in the White House today. It was very sad to watch. Pray for her, she is a very sick person!," Trump tweeted.

One of the Democrats who attended the meeting, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, said Trump launched into a 'nasty diatribe' against them, while Pelosi said the president experienced a 'meltdown'. *News24*

**CHINESE YONGQING BAO NAMED WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR IN A CEREMONY AT LONDON'S NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.**



**TOP CLASS:** It was early spring on the alpine meadowland of the Qinghai - Tibet Plateau, in China's Qilian Mountains National Nature Reserve, and very cold. The marmot was hungry. It was still in its winter coat and not long out of its six-month-long winter hibernation, spent deep underground with the rest of its colony of 30 or so. It had spotted the fox an hour earlier and sounded the alarm to warn its companions to get back underground. But the fox itself had not reacted and was still in the same position. So the marmot had ventured out of its burrow again to search for plants to graze on. The fox continued to lie still. Then suddenly she rushed forward. (Yong Qing Bao/wildlife photographer of the year)

### Global darknet child porn probe leads to 337 arrests

**US - International law enforcement authorities announced on Wednesday that a global investigation into child pornography sold for bitcoin on the underground internet had reaped 337 arrests and the shutdown of the dark web's most notorious paedophile site.**

Authorities from the United States, Britain, South Korea and other countries said they had rescued at least 23 minor victims of sexual exploitation who were often video-recorded by abusers who then sold the videos on the now-shuttered "Welcome to Video" site on the darknet. The website sold the videos to users for bitcoin, which makes it extremely difficult to track the buyer. From June 2015, when "Welcome to Video" started up, to

March 2018, the website received at least 420 bitcoin virtual currency - around US \$370 000 at the time of the payments - in at least 7 300 transactions, the US Justice Department said in an indictment.

The server, which had about 250 000 videos, was seized by US, British and South Korean police on March 5, 2018 and the operator, 23-year-old Son Jong Woo was arrested and jailed in Korea.

Since then hundreds of users from 12 countries have been tracked down and arrested. On Wednesday, US authorities unsealed a US indictment of Son as well as announcing the seizure of virtual currency accounts of 24 people in five countries that had been "used to fund the website and promote the exploitation of children". *News24*

### Saudi bus crash: 35 killed, four injured near Medina

**MEDINA** - Thirty-five people have been killed and four injured after a passenger bus collided with a truck in the Saudi province of Medina, a police spokesman said.

The 'private chartered bus', carrying 39 pilgrims from Asian and Arab countries, collided with a 'heavy vehicle' in the town of al-Akhal on Wednesday, the spokesman was quoted by official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) as saying. The agency said the crash happened

around 7pm (16:00 GMT) on the road linking Mecca to the city of Medina.

The injured have been transferred to Al-Hamna Hospital, SPA added, and authorities have launched an investigation. The accident comes after four British pilgrims were killed and 12 others injured in Saudi Arabia when their bus collided with a fuel tanker in April 2018.

In January 2017, six Britons, including a two-month-old baby, were killed

in a minibus on their way to Medina after making a pilgrimage to Mecca.

In September 2015, a stampede killed up to 2 300 worshippers - including hundreds of Iranians - in the worst disaster ever to strike the Hajj annual pilgrimage.

Earlier that month, 100 people were killed when a construction crane toppled into a courtyard of Mecca's Grand Mosque.

*Aljazeera*

## BRIEFS

### meth swallowers get 16 years jail time

**INDONESIA** - Two Thai men were sentenced to 16-year jail terms in Indonesia on Wednesday after swallowing a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of methamphetamine in a foiled drug smuggling bid. A district court in Bali handed down the sentence, which was less than the 18-year terms that prosecutors demanded for Prakob Seetasang, 30, and Adison Phonlamat, 20. The pair were arrested on the Indonesian holiday island earlier this year after arriving on a flight from Bangkok. They declined to launch an appeal against their sentence after they were found guilty on Wednesday. "After discussions, we as the representatives of the defendants have decided to accept the verdict," lawyer Aji Sibalun told a panel of judges. *AFP*

### 5-years for looking baby in car boot

**PARIS** - A French appeals court on Wednesday sentenced a woman to five years in prison for having kept her baby daughter hidden for nearly two years, mainly in the maggot-infested boot of her car. The girl, now seven, was permanently traumatised by the ordeal, and today has the mental capacity of a two-to-three-year-old, according to doctors. Prosecutors say she was kept in a carrycot for two years, usually in the trunk of her mother's station wagon and sometimes in an abandoned room in the family home in the Correze region of central France. No one else knew of the baby's existence. A mechanic discovered the infant in the filthy boot of Rosa Maria Da Cruz's car when she took it to be repaired. *AFP*

### Hotel sued for R150m

**OREGON** - Seated in the lobby of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland last December, Jermaine Massey was approached by hotel security. He had been on his cellphone, speaking to his mother at 11 p.m., in a quiet corner of the area. "Portland police will be here in a minute," a guard said to Massey, a black guest. "Why are they coming?" Massey asked. He explained he was staying at the hotel. "Not anymore," the guard responded. Claiming that Massey was "loitering" and that his presence was a threat to other guests' safety, the guard had the police escort Massey to his room and gather his belongings, and then lead him off the property. *AFP*

### Woman in dock for alleged IS suicide bomb

**LONDON** - An alleged female Islamic State supporter plotted a suicide bomb attack on St Paul's Cathedral in a bid to kill as many people as possible, a court heard on Wednesday. Safiyya Amira Shaikh, 36, is accused of planning multiple attacks in the capital on the cathedral and a London hotel. She is the first woman in the UK to be charged with plotting a suicide bombing in this country. She appeared in court for the first time yesterday after being charged with terrorism. The former company director is alleged to have travelled into the city and visited St Paul's to 'scope its security' and find the best place to detonate a bomb to kill scores of tourists and worshippers. *AFP*



# ENTERTAINMENT

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## THE WEEKEND: A REASON TO PARTY

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

IT'S the weekend and that is the only reason you need to party.

This weekend might look quiet, but there are always places all around the country waiting to accommodate you and your friends if you are looking for a party.

If you want to hang outdoors and have a great time, rapper NQ will be dropping her EP at Solani's Shisanyama accompanied by South African rapper Emtee.

If you are looking for a more chilled head to The Spotlight and watch as MTN Pulse takes one step closer to crowning Eswatini's finest. The competition will be choosing their top 10 and the top 15 will perform in groups this week. So make sure you make your



DEBUT: Rapper NQ.

Popzin, Khole, Kangaroo, Soul Friends and a number of local artists will gather in Matata to give Lubombo folks a reason to party.

This will take place at Matata Sports Ground. Head there to witness great local music and poetry by some of your favourite local artists.

Tickets cost E40

### SATURDAY

#### The Spotlight

Where: Ezulwini Mahlalekhukhwini House

Time: 10am

The Top 15 have performed and the public has voted, this week five finalists will be going home.

They remaining contestants will also get a chance to perform for the judges. The public can continue to vote for their favourite, first watch the show on Eswatini TV on Sunday from 5pm to 6pm, then the public would have to SMS the contestant's number to 7768 using any MTN number or by visiting [www.mtnspotlight.com](http://www.mtnspotlight.com)

Each SMS will cost E0.50.

### TONIGHT

#### N. Q EP Tour with Emtee

Where: Solani's Shisanyama

Time: 6pm

South African-based local rapper N.Q will be launching her EP 'Body Work' in the country. The rapper will have rapper Emtee as one of the guests at the show. Expect to see Solani's Shisanyama resident deejays Culolam, Bloss, Yung Yas, M'eugie, AyaCity and Rhythmic Soul.

Entrance fee is E80 before 11pm and E100 thereafter

#### SWADEPA Day All Night Party

Where: Matata Sports Ground

Time: 4pm

### SAVE THE DATE

#### The Night Eswatini went to comedy paradise

Where: Happy Valley Hotel

When: October 25

#### Megasound Picnic

Where: Malkens Country Club

When: October 26

#### Summer Fest

Where: Rider's Ranch

When: November 1

#### The Divas Concert

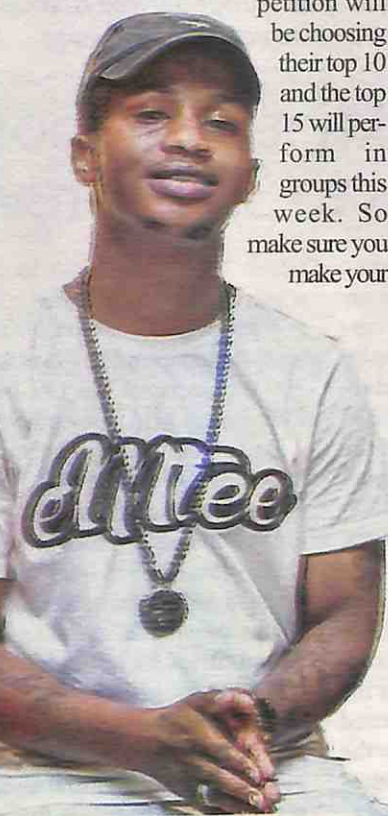
Where: The George Hotel

When: November 24

#### Glory tour with Benjamin Dube

Where: Metropolitan Church, Manzini

When: November 30



COMING: Rapper Emtee.

## Minister bids farewell to designer, Miss Eswatini princess

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

### REPRESENT us well!

These words were said by Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze Bulunga' yesterday when he bid farewell to Miss Eswatini First Princess Nondumiso Dlamini and designer Slindile Bhembe, who will be representing the country at a beauty pageant and fashion show respectively. Dlamini will be participating at the Miss University Africa pageant which will be held in Nigeria in November, while Bhembe will be competing at the Africa Fashion Reception in Egypt from October 26 to 30. The two met the minister at the ministry's head office in Mbabane in the company of Under Secretary Nhlahlhla Motsa, Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini and Pageants Eswatini President Catrion Potgieter. The minister urged them to represent the country well on foreign land. He stated that he believed they would help in showcasing what Eswatini was all

about.

"We are proud of you and we do believe that this kind of exposure to such platforms will do yourselves and the country a whole lot of good.

"Nondumiso, I urge you to bring the title home. Similarly, Slindile, we expect you to show Egypt what you can do. As a ministry, we will continue to support you in our quest to develop the arts industry in the kingdom," Bulunga said.

Dlamini ensured the minister that she would do everything in her power to bring the Miss University Africa title home. "I am honoured to be representing the country and I hope I will be able to bring the title home.

"I ask that the nation votes for me by liking my pictures and videos on the Miss University Africa Facebook and Instagram pages. That is the only way I can make it to the top 10," she said. Bhembe too promised to represent the country well in Egypt.

"I will make sure that I promote our *lihiya* with my designs and do all I can to represent my country well," she said.



GO REPRESENT US: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze Bulunga' yesterday bid farewell to Miss Eswatini First Princess Nondumiso Dlamini and designer Slindile Bhembe.

## Uzalo star Sibonelo coming to Eswatini

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

WISEMAN Mncube, well-known as Sibonelo from Uzalo will be in the kingdom for the very first time on November 2 for the third Annual Pigg's Peak Pens Down Party.

He confirmed this through a video he shared on his social media platform, stating that he could not wait to be in the kingdom to meet up with his fans.

"I am excited to announce my coming to the kingdom for the very first time. I hope people will come in their numbers to support the Pens down event, which

will be held in Pigg's Peak," he said.

Event organiser M. Nation stated that he was excited to have been able to book Mncube as he was one of the most loved actors and has never been to the kingdom.

"I'm so happy to be bringing Wiseman to my home town Pigg's Peak since I promised last year Pensdown that this year I will bring a South African actor to the event.

"This will be his very first time having a gig in Eswatini and I'm glad that I am the first one to bring one of their favourite actors," he said.

M. Nation also stated that people should expect a great time as he has a number of

other artists lined up for the show.

Acts of the night will include South African artist ManyulaVG and VG Bangers and local artists such as Mr Kangaroo, DJ SoWhat, Rapnecker, Ace Pee, Technical Revolution, Cueboid, Cloth, Nibs, Scuveve, Romeo, King Esihle, Mx\_SD and a lot more, who will be revealed on his social platform.

From the South African Survivor of Breakness agency, Palesa Sibeko confirmed that he will be in the kingdom.

Tickets to the show are being sold at E80 pre-sale, E100 at the gate while VIP tickets presale are being sold at E150 and won't be available at the gate.

COMING:  
Wiseman  
Mncube.





## The Spotlight:

# Comedian Mdura returns as guest judge

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**AWARD-winning comedian 'Mdura' will be returning to bring comic relief as The Spotlight guest judge this weekend.**

This was disclosed by MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko yesterday.

Maseko said although Mdura was not a singer, he was relevant to the competition.

"Our aim is to find hopefuls who are a total package, not just great singers. For instance, we want them to know how to leave an audience exhilarated.

"We want them to understand that it is not only about singing and dancing, but also about the ability to command the stage with confidence and authority that can be felt even in the very back of the hall or arena," he said.

## Talented

The Spotlight host, Thamsanqa 'KrTC' Sibandze said one of the greatest advantages that the contestants in The Spotlight have was, the depth of talented people that they have access to; Karly B, Velemseni, and Ndumiso as judges.

"And then we have guest judges coming in every week."

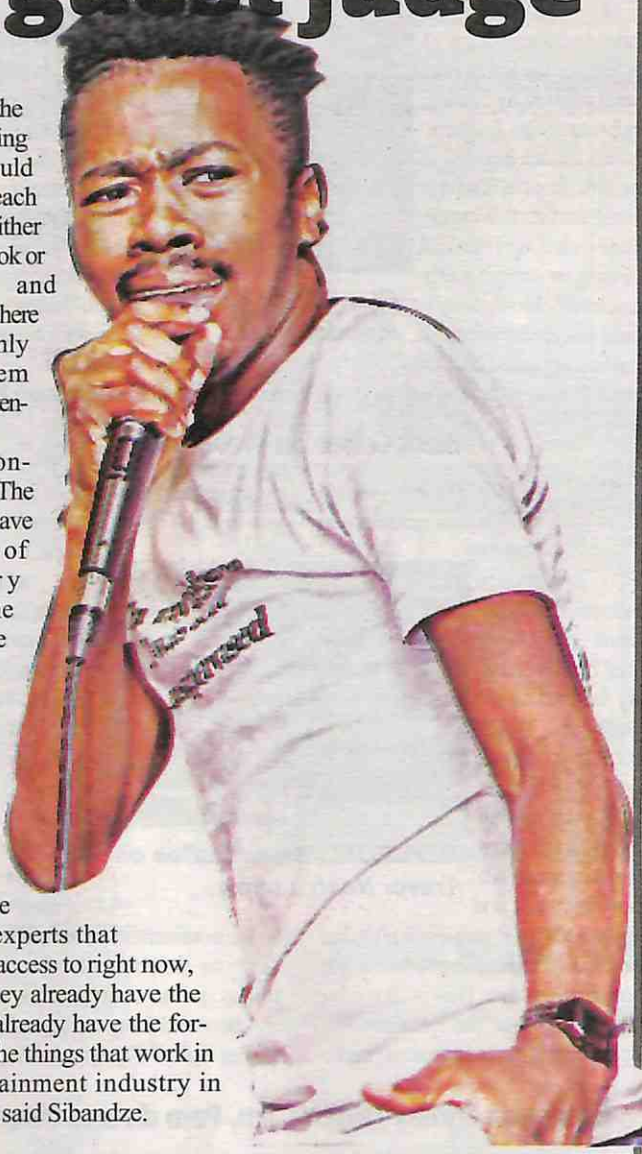
The Spotlight have brought guest judges including; Mbongeni Mbigo Sands, Nomzamo, Nomalungelo, Bholoja and Mdura. "These are people who are living this, every day they are living the life of

an artist.

Most of the time aspiring artists would want to reach out to us either on Facebook or Twitter and Instagram, here we can only give them minimal attention.

"The contestants in The Spotlight have attention of industry experts the whole week.

"They need to get as much as they can from the judges and the industry experts that they have access to right now, because they already have the key, they already have the formulas on the things that work in the entertainment industry in Eswatini," said Sibandze.



## Durban record stable signs Narix

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**POWERSHOT music record label based in Durban has signed local rapper Narix.**

This was revealed by the stable's Founder Sam Dlozi.

Powershot Music is a recording, marketing and distribution label based in Durban.

According to Dlozi, they came across a song titled Touch Go on Fakaza.com and found that Narix was the artist behind the track and tracked him down.

"We did a follow up on the artist since November last year till we found him on Facebook last month and invited him to meet us. He gave us his album 'The First Impression'.

After listening to his work, we had no choice but to sign this young gifted artist. We sealed a deal with him on October 6," he said.

## Distributed

He said the artist stands to benefit a lot from them. "His music will be distributed worldwide and on radio.

He will now get paying events every month; he will be able to collaborate with a number of international artists," he added.

Narix said he did not believe it when he received the phone call. "I am excited about this deal because my music will now get to the next level.

I always thought of a day where I would be part of something big and now it's here, I'm really happy about it," he said.

Upon signing his contract, the stable mentioned that they would give the artist a house and if his music sells well, he would be given



Narix.

a car which would help him blend into the world of fame very well and make things easy for him to attend event.

Narix, real name Brito Mohammed is aged 23. Narix is also a music producer and artist doing house dance music, gqom and amapiano.

## Releasing

The rapper started his career at the tender age of 11 and since then he has been releasing music as an independent artist.

He did his education at Ndzevane High School and later went to Big Bend High School.

According to Dlozi, the artist would have his music career reaching the next level because very soon he would age in a tour in Eswatini and South Africa after he drops his first Track (Narix-Ntombenhle Feat Glass\_Amapiano Mix) under the stable.

He said the songs would be available on all digital platforms such as iTunes, Spotify and Google play just to mention a few.

## Beauty of Eswatini on SABC3

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

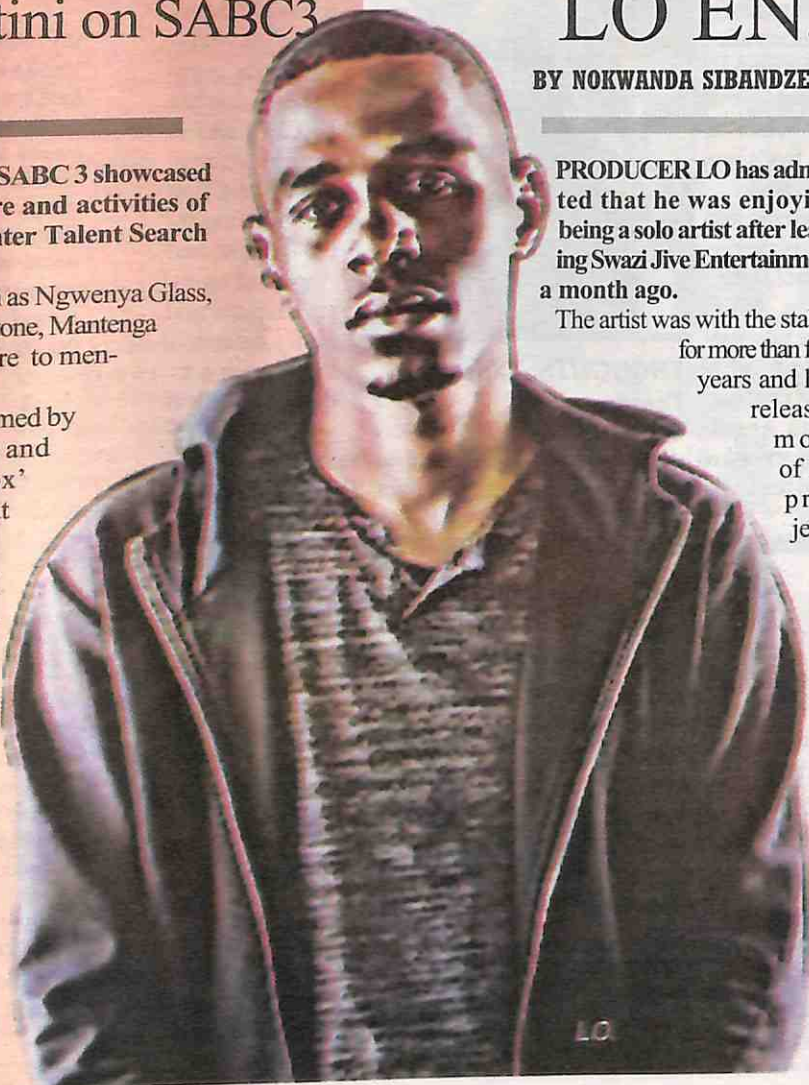
**Aired on Wednesday evening, SABC 3 showcased the beautiful landscapes, culture and activities of Eswatini on the SABC 3 Presenter Talent Search episode 11.**

The episode showed places such as Ngwenya Glass, Mlilwane Game Sanctuary, Silverstone, Mantenga Cultural Village and House On Fire to mention a few.

The group of people were welcomed by Tourism CEO Linda Nxumalo and SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, who briefed them about the kingdom.

The contestants got the opportunities to experience the culture of Eswatini. These included three of the contestants visiting Mantenga Cultural Village, where they got to speak to a traditional healer who gave one of the contestants his first reading. The healer threw bones and told one of the contestants how he saw success in his path.

They also got to interview the people who were doing traditional dances and got to enjoy Eswatini food. The other three contestants visited House on Fire and met up with local artist Sands who rendered a performance for them.



## LO ENJOYING SOLO RIDE

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**PRODUCER LO has admitted that he was enjoying being a solo artist after leaving Swazi Jive Entertainment a month ago.**

The artist was with the stable for more than five years and has released most of his projects

under the stable.

LO said his career was opening a number of opportunities for him.

"Things are good, I am finding a lot of opportunities to express myself and explore my talents. Of course, it is something new, so there is that initial fear but it all disappears as soon as you find something that is meant for you," he said.

Since leaving the stable, he has worked on a number of projects, including two songs with Bholoja.

## Exploring

"I am also working with many more artists. Bholoja and I just collaborated on a two track EP titled A.E.I.O.U and 'Forgive Me'. You can stream and download the EP on '@LOSOUNDZ' SoundCloud and Audiomack, other platforms are coming soon," he said.

He also has a single coming out with rapper Amrig in a couple of days titled 'Running'.

"I am really enjoying all the new music I am making. I am working on more short films for One Fiction Director Kristoffer Haugen, you can find their work on [www.onefiction.com](http://www.onefiction.com)," he added.

LO said he was exploring all his interests and making the best music

he has ever made.

"My fans can expect some brand new music from me at the end of October through to November. I have also decided to change my stage name from just LO back to the full name LOSOUNDZ, which embodies who I am as an artist and creative," he added.

Although the artist has been solo for a short period of time, he said he survived by just doing what he has to do.

"The trick is to just do it, jump in and do not look back, that's just how life is. If you are going to do something, go all the way so you have no regrets, change is never easy and nothing worth it will ever be easy," he added.

He said, in the future, he would like to accomplish a number of goals but on the top of his list was becoming the best version of himself, who is a multi-talented creative.

"I will be venturing into the tech world with some exciting new projects I've been working on for the past couple of months, and I'm very excited to announce it soon. But for now, it's all about making and releasing the best music in the Kingdom of Eswatini," he said.



# Celebville

International Celebrity News

## SABC cancels popular TV show 'Top Billing'

**CAPE TOWN** - The cash-strapped SABC has closed the curtain on popular TV show 'Top Billing' after 23 years. Sowetan has reliably learnt that the travel, lifestyle, home and celebrities show produced by Tswelopele Production, founded by Basetsana Kumalo and Patience Stevens, will air its final episode tomorrow. Contacted for comment, SABC spokesperson Vuyo Mthembu said: "Please note that an official media statement will be released tomorrow [today] in this regard," Mthembu said. Kumalo asked Sowetan to e-mail her an enquiry on the show ending but had not replied by the time of publication. According to a source close to the show, the SABC didn't renew the show's contract four months ago because it was "expensive" to make, especially the international shoots. *Sowetan Live*



**Top Billing executive producer Basetsana Kumalo with former presenters Bonang Matheba and Lorna Maseko.**

## Enhle Mbali on Black Coffee 'divorce' claims

**PRETORIA** - Enhle Mbali has responded to reports earlier this year that she had split from her hubby, DJ Black Coffee, telling Pearl Thusi on 'Behind the Story' that she would let the public guess. The episode that aired on Wednesday night saw Enhle talk about her upbringing, the lack of a father figure in her life as a child and where she and Black Coffee were at in their relationship. There has been swirling speculation



**RESPONDS: Enhle Mbali.**

around Enhle and Black Coffee's love life since a report by City Press in July claimed the pair were getting divorced because of Black Coffee's alleged infidelities and "meddling family members". Enhle wasn't about to spill the tea, saying she preferred to keep some things private. "I think the public knows nothing and that's why I let the public throw their assumptions." *Times Live*

## Jennifer Lawrence getting married this weekend

**HOLLYWOOD** - Jennifer Lawrence is about to walk down the aisle this weekend but the big scoop here is what she and her guests will feast on, a smorgasbord of fancy eats and drinks. We got some deets on JLaw's wedding which is going down tomorrow at a swanky venue in Rhode Island eight months after she got engaged. We gotta say, for a relatively short engagement, they've put together a pretty elaborate affair. Clearly, Jen and hubby-to-be Cooke Maroney pulled out all the stops, hiring celeb wedding planner Mark



**LOVEBIRDS: Jennifer Lawrence with Cooke Maroney.**

Seed to do the party for about 150 people. Let's start with the grub, shall we? According to the menu, folks are gonna have their pick from a variety of hors d'oeuvres... stuff like sweet potato flat cakes, brussels sprouts with cured egg yolk, smoked pork belly with pickled apple and who doesn't love a salt cod beignet??? That's just a taste. *TMZ*

## Cuba Gooding Jr. not prosecuted

**NEW YORK** - Cuba Gooding Jr. allegedly grabbed a handful of butt at a party in Los Angeles and the woman reported him to police, but prosecutors didn't feel they had enough evidence to charge the actor with a crime, law enforcement sources tell TMZ. Our sources say Cuba's alleged butt-grabbing went down at a shindig in LA sometime in the past year - the woman filed a police report



**NO EVIDENCE: Cuba Gooding Jr.**

and the police investigated. We're told the case was turned over to the LA City Attorney for misdemeanor sexual battery, but the City Attorney rejected the case in August because of a lack of evidence. Cuba's attorney, Mark Heller, tells TMZ, "Cuba doesn't recall this case. He's out every night of his life. He meets so many people. He interacts with so many people he can't remember all the people he meets." *TMZ*

## Anele Mdoda on Kelly Rowland drama

**PRETORIA** - TV and radio personality Anele Mdoda is not about to disappear off of the face of the Earth after being roasted by Mzansi and American Twitter. Anele found herself in the midst of a Twitter storm earlier this week, after she criticised American singer Kelly Rowland's looks without make-up. At the weekend, Anele suggested that the American singer was not as good



**ROASTED: Anele Mdoda.**

looking as many people believed. This came after TV and radio personality Sizwe Dhlomo tweeted that Kelly was the prettiest member of Destiny's Child. In a now-deleted tweet, Anele said Kelly only "looks amazing with make-up", adding that she had "receipts". Since receiving backlash on Twitter, Anele seems to be going about her life as if nothing happened. *Sowetan Live*

## Black Coffee on Trevor Noah

**CAPE TOWN** - Black Coffee has reflected on his appearance on 'The Daily Show', revealing what he wanted to say to Trevor on the show. The DJ gave fans a glimpse behind the scenes during his visit to the popular American talk show this week, and explained that it was a massive deal for him. "I am going to see a guy that inspires me. This is like a big moment for me," he told fans. He described the interview as "nerve-



**REFLECTS: Black Coffee on Trevor Noah's show.**

racking" and said that he even forgot to tell Trevor how much of an impact he had on African artists. "I wanted to say something at the end but I didn't plan it properly. He has done a lot for us, man." He added that Trevor had shined a light on the continent in an incredible way. "Trevor is a beacon of light that shines on the continent. He shines and the world today can see us because of that light." *Times Live*

## Fischer on Chrissy Teigen's Jim, Pam divorce theory

**NEW YORK** - Chrissy Teigen thinks Jim Halpert and Pam Beesly are definitely dunzo after getting married 10 years ago -- but Pammy herself is all like, that's just what she said. Yep, we ran into Jenna Fischer as she left the 'Today' show in NYC where she was plugging her new 'Office'-themed podcast with Angela Kinsey -- and asked her point-blank, if she and her TV hubby are divorced



**THOUGHTS: Chrissy Teigen.**

all these years later or nah??? Chrissy first raised the issue with a whole 'Office' romances theory that went viral -- she thinks every other couple EXCEPT J&P is going strong. Phyllis and Bob are def still together. Dwight and Angela still together. Michael and Holly definitely together. Mathematically (i got a C+) SOMEONE here has to be divorced. It's Jim and Pam. *TMZ*

## Stuntwoman Amputee blamed for motorcycle accident

**NEW YORK** - Milla Jovovich's stuntwoman in the last 'Resident Evil' movie lost her arm while shooting a scene, but the film company says investigators determined she has no one to blame but herself. Olivia Jackson is suing director Paul WS Anderson, the production company and others associated with the 2016 flick, 'Resident Evil: The Final Chapter,'



**BLAMED: Movie cover.**

after getting brutally injured in a motorcycle stunt while filming in South Africa. In her suit, Jackson says the stunt called for her to ride toward an oncoming vehicle with a camera attached to a mechanical arm. She says the arm was supposed to lift up at the last second, but that didn't happen, and the equipment ended up slicing her arm and shattering the bone. *TMZ*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



**WANTS ANSWERS: Ntandane.**

Phumelele and Sibalukhulu arrive at KwaManzini determined to make things right with the Zungus. Ntandane tries to find answers about Nkosazana but is warned to stay away from her by a protective MaMnisi.



TODAY



**CONFIDES: Gatanga.**

Tensions continue to rise between Majola and Nina. Gatanga confides in his friends about how Morongwa rattled him. Reactions to the strippers that crashed Phindile's party ripple through HD.



TODAY



**RESIGNS: Marang.**

Vho-Masindi and Vho-Mukondeleli face the chief's wrath. Marang leaves James, and also decides to resign from Qalabosha. Mulalo anonymously receives a large sum of amount in his bank account.



TODAY



**PROPOSAL: Rene.**

Rene has a big proposal for Mark. Mapula's benefactor delivers, but he wants something in return. Kop pulls the belt on Lefa.



I hate it when I look ugly in a group photo and the person who looks good refuses to delete it

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## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### Capricorn December 22 – January 19

A powerful feeling of love for someone from far away could strike you today. This might be someone you're involved with professionally. If this is a romantic attraction, the person probably reciprocates your feelings though is too reserved to express them. Don't push. Let things develop as they will. The relationship might prove to be lasting if you're careful!



### Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Love and passion may be on your mind. If you aren't currently involved, you might be attracted to someone you know through business, so a little caution is advised. Suggest a professional lunch or dinner and then see where it goes. You might not get what you want today, but you could create new potential for tomorrow!



### Pisces February 19 – March 20

If you're single, you might long for a romantic partner today. If you're attached, you might think of making your commitment more permanent. If you're married, children might be on your mind. Whatever your situation, and whatever it is you're searching for now, look your best when encountering current or potential partners. You'll probably get the response you want!



### Aries March 21 – April 19

Have you been thinking about adopting a pet? If so, today is a great day to go to the shelter and rescue one. You'll know which one to choose, as the animal will probably choose you! If this is what you want, don't let minor objections get in the way. A pet can be a wonderful source of companionship, entertainment, and unconditional love.



### Taurus April 20 – May 20

Someone you love dearly could provide inspiration for creative activity of some kind. You might write a song or poem about your friend, draw or paint a portrait, or cook a special meal. Don't hesitate out of shyness or embarrassment. Your friend will be touched. Your efforts will be appreciated and contribute a great deal to the permanence of your friendship.



### Gemini May 21 – June 21

A forthcoming social event that you're planning to host in your home could inspire some minor redecorating today. You might decide to repaint or add some new plants or pictures. Your aesthetic sense is good, so don't put it off. Do it while your imagination is flowing freely. You'll be very happy with the results, and they won't be lost on your guests!



### Cancer June 22 – July 22

A very loving message could come to you from a woman, possibly your mother. If this is a letter, it may go on for several pages. If it's a phone call, the conversation could last for a long time. Try to schedule some free time during the day. Whoever this person is, this contact is going to make a very positive difference in your relationship.



### Leo July 23 – August 22

A small sum of money could come today, possibly through the efforts of a woman. You may have been waiting for this for a long time, so expect to feel relieved. You may have some definite plans for the money. Perhaps it's meant for a specific purpose, or maybe you'll invest it. Whichever it is, you'll want to celebrate.



### Virgo August 23 – September 22

Today's energies will bring good fortune and success. New opportunities to increase status and income could come your way. You could make some new friends at the same time, including someone older than you who could be a potential love partner. This should prove to be a fortunate day for you, from friendship to romance to education to business.



### Libra September 23 – October 23

Today your imagination should be flowing freely. You could channel this into creative work, or you could come up with some ingenious ways to advance your business interests. The next few days could find your mind in overdrive and working on whatever ideas you come up with today. Write them down. You'll want to remember them all.



### Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Today you could meet with a female acquaintance that you know through a group. By the end of the day, this person could turn from casual acquaintance to firm friend. You'll find that this woman is not only a warm and kindhearted person but also that your backgrounds and interests dovetail closely. The only caution is that this person is tough where business is concerned!



### Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

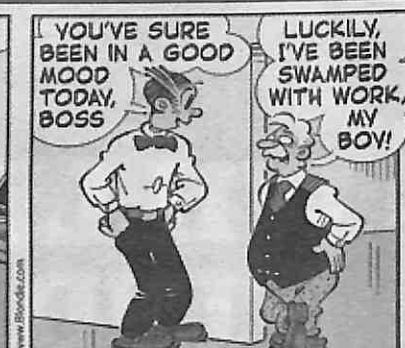
Today you hit the ground running. You're happy, energetic, and optimistic. You feel love for all mankind. Don't be surprised if this brings new people into your life. You can't blame them for wanting to be around you. You're looking as good as you feel. You can feel the eyes following you as you walk down the street. Enjoy the attention!



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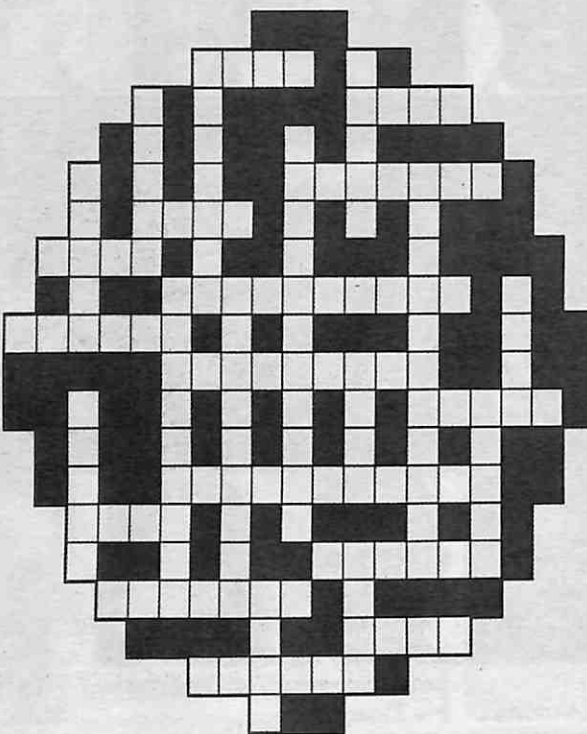


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## HOW ABOUT SATURDAY?

Guy: Do you want to hang out this Friday?

Girl: Sorry, but I am getting married this Friday!

Guy: Wow, well congratu-

tions! Then how about this Saturday?

## DID YOU KNOW

1. Pringles Aren't Actually Potato Chips.
2. There's a Giant Fish With a Transparent Head.
3. There's a Decorated War Hero Dog.
4. Showers Really Do Spark Creativity.

## MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## The MOVIE QUIZ

### Yesterday's Quiz

1. American actor who wrote and directed the film *The Way* and starred in it along-side his father.

Answers:  
A. Emilio Estevez

### Today's Movie Quiz

1. French model and actress who married Roger Vadim at the age of 18 and withdrew from the limelight of movies when only 39.

Answer:  
A. Brigitte Bardot  
B. Holly Hunter





## WILL NTANDANE EVER FIND LOVE? - ISIBAYA

**HE's too shy to approach the new girl, Nkosazana who has caught his eye.**

If unlucky in love was ever a person, it would definitely be Ntandane!

The poor fellow took months to get over Buhle and we weren't quite sure he'd ever be interested in anyone, until Nkosazana came along. We don't know much about her, except this:

**She's MaMnisi's niece**

No, we all know how MaMnisi rolls. She doesn't play! Remember how she almost dealt with Zebedewu when he almost ruined her business while she was away? If she ever gets wind of the fact that Ntandane has been trying to chat up her niece, there could be hell to pay!

**She's the most sought-after girl at the rank**

Did you see how all the fellows at the rank crowded MaMnisi's food stall the other day, just so they could get a chance to talk to Nkosazana, LOL!? Poor Ntandane! He probably has to outshine all those guys and get Nkosazana to notice and like him for who he is.

That being said, here's what we're sure about Ntandane:

**He is a shy fellow**

That's Ntandane for you! Nerves get the best of him. Twitter couldn't get over the fact that he couldn't even get a proper sentence out of his mouth when he walked up to Nkosazana to buy food, LOL!

**He is a pushover**

Look how he found himself having S'khaleni try hook him up with Nkosazana. Well, that didn't get him anywhere!

## Song Choice: A double dose of talent - Idols SA

**FOR the first time this season, the Idols SA contestants will be performing two songs!**

As we edge close to crowning the winner, the stakes just keep getting higher and higher! This Sunday the Idols SA Top 6 take on not one but two whole songs LIVE for your votes.

### Cover Songs

● Micayla will perform 'Lights' by Ellie Goulding.

● Nolo will perform 'Ngiyabuza' by Letta Mbuli.

● Luyolo will perform 'Learn to Love Again' by Lawson.

● Viggie will perform 'Sinazo' by Amanda Black.

● Virginia will perform 'Buyela Kum' by Amanda Black.

● Sneziey will perform 'Black Sheep' by Gin Wigmore.

### Timbaland's songbook:

● Micayla will perform 'Until the End of Time' by Justin Timberlake.

● Nolo will perform 'What Goes Around Comes Around' by Justin Timberlake.

● Luyolo will perform 'Cry Me a River' by Justin Timberlake.

● Viggie will perform 'Apologise' by One Republic ft. Timberlake.

● Virginia will perform 'Say It Right' by Nelly Furtado.

● Sneziey will perform 'Drunk in Love' by Beyonce.

## The Cool Cast of Captain Marvel on M-net

### Who's who in Captain Marvel.

The 21st movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Captain Marvel, is your M-Net Sunday night movie this weekend, and it's a force to be reckoned with. Or rather, she's a force to be reckoned with, because the awesome title character – played by Brie Larson – is arguably the most powerful Avenger of all. But like any good Avenger, she's got a great team behind her.

Here's a look at who's who in the cast, and where you may have seen them before... whether in the MCU or elsewhere.

### Brie Larson

You Know Her from: 'Room, Kong: Skull Island'

In 'Captain Marvel'... she plays Captain Marvel aka Carol Danvers aka Vers

### Samuel L. Jackson

You Know Him From: Being awesome! As well as running from dinosaurs in Jurassic Park, swimming from sharks in Deep Blue Sea, conquering snakes in Snakes on a Plane, being cool AF in Shaft, eyeballing Bruce Willis in 'Unbreakable and Glass,' swishing a lightsabre in the Star Wars prequels, and being a regular feature in Quentin Tarantino movies

In 'Captain Marvel'... he plays Nick Fury

### Ben Mendelsohn

You Know Him From: 'Rogue One, Darkest Hour, The Dark Knight Rises'

In 'Captain Marvel,' he plays Talos  
MCU appearances: Captain Marvel, Spider-Man: Far from Home



### Djimon Hounsou

You Know Him From: 'Amistad, Gladiator, In America, Blood Diamond, Aquaman'

In 'Captain Marvel'... he plays Korath

MCU appearances: Guardians of the Galaxy, Captain Marvel

### Lee Pace

You Know Him From: 'The Hobbit' trilogy, Lincoln

In 'Captain Marvel'... he plays Ronan the Accuser

MCU appearances: Guardians of the Galaxy, Captain Marvel

### Lashana Lynch

You Know Her From: Fast Girls,

and the upcoming 25th Bond movie, No Time to Die

In 'Captain Marvel'... she plays Maria Rambeau

### Gemma Chan

You Know Her From: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, Crazy Rich Asians

In 'Captain Marvel'... she plays Minn-Erva

### Annette Benning

You Know Her From: Bugsy, American Beauty, Being Julia, The Kids Are All Right

In 'Captain Marvel'... she plays Dr. Wendy Lawson

### Clark Gregg

You Know Him From: The Human Stain, Much Ado About Nothing  
In 'Captain Marvel'... he plays Phil Coulson

MCU appearances: 'Iron Man,' 'Iron Man 2,' 'Thor,' Avengers Assemble, 'Captain Marvel,' 'Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.'

### Jude Law

You Know Him From: Gattaca, The Talented Mr. Ripley, A.I. Artificial Intelligence, Closer, Sherlock Holmes, Anna Karenina,

Watch this awesome cast in Captain Marvel, your Sunday night movie on 20 October at 20:05 on M-Net channel 101.

## TIME IS TICKING: CARTE BLANCHE - THIS SUNDAY (M-NET)

**"WHEN you hear about problems at our ports, it sounds like just another example of parasitical inefficiency and corruption.**

But ongoing delays are decimating our exports and imports and choking the lifeblood of our economy." - Derek Watts.

### One Car, multiple Owners?

It was meant to be a sweet deal - sell your vehicle at the best price to the dealer and use the money as a deposit for your next car - but some angry consumers say they've been duped by a family dealership in Gauteng. In this undercover investigation Carte Blanche untangles an intricate scam - where the same vehicle is sold to multiple buyers - leaving the clients out of pocket and... out of the driver's seat.

### Ports in Peril

For the last five years, productivity at our ports has deteriorated, but this year it hit rock bottom. Delays over the last few months have cost the country millions in lost revenue as car manufacturers waited for parts, and citrus meant for across the world sat on the harbour for weeks. Ships fed up with our delays, bypassed the ports. The situation was so desperate that the shipping lines and freight forwarders implored the president to intervene.

Now there is a new chief executive in charge of Transnet Port Terminals and she has hit the ground running, but with the country's export reputation in tatters can she turn this huge state operation around, in time.

### At Home with Deon Meyer

A globally renowned crime fiction writer who has had his novels translated into 27 languages and published in 40 countries - Deon Meyer is a big-time author, so it's only fitting that his work should be adapted for broadcast. Now his big-budget international television series 'Trackers' is set to premiere on M-Net later this month. But away from his jet-setting international career, is a man who's more at home in his own country. Carte Blanche meets the literary genius behind the gripping thrillers that have captivated readers for decades.



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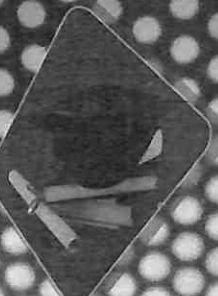


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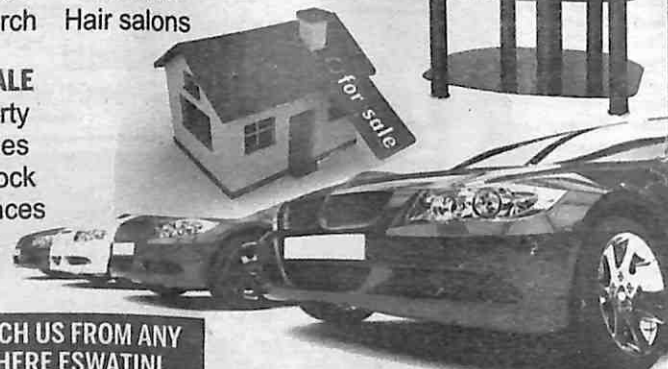
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## DEATHS

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Funeral: 19/10/2019  
Vigil: 18/10/2019  
Place: kaSomjalose

Relatives and friends of Sarah Ntana Mkhathshwa (nee Dlamini) are notified of her sudden death. A memorial service will be held at Msunduzi Hall at 12:00 noon on Friday 18 October 2019. Funeral will be held at her home Ezulwini kaSomjalose on Saturday 19 October 2019. After a night vigil Announcement by Mkhathshwa family.

Lindiwe Nomathemba Nzalo



Funeral: 20/10/2019  
Vigil: 19/10/2019  
Place: kuMaphungwane

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baLindiwe Nomathemba Nzalo kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 20 October 2019 ekhaya eSiteki kuMaphungwane emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantwana egameni lemndeni.

Sizakele Juthayetha Mdluli



Funeral: 20/10/2019  
Vigil: 19/10/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo ta-Sizakele Juthayetha Mdluli lobe kenze kaDlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni kwatiswa bakaDlamini ekhakhakhe, eNhlango bakubo kaMdluli eSiyende nebe khabonina eJabulane kaThwala, belibandla lakhe emadoda Jerico inHlangano yakhe Imbalehle Burial Society. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Simon Silwane Dlamini. Kulindzela mhlaka 19 October 2019 ufihlwa 20 October 2019.

Sihle Sylvia Zwane



Funeral: 20/10/2019  
Vigil: 19/10/2019  
Place: eMpuluzi

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baSihle Sylvia Zwane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kulindzela ngeMgcibelo 19 October 2019, afihlwe ngeliSontfo ekhaya eMpuluzi. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguBhadazi Zwane mkhulu wakhe egameni lemndeni.

Dolorosa Ntombie Bulunga



Funeral: 20/10/2019  
Vigil: 19/10/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waDolorosa Ntombie Bulunga wase Vusweni kaManzini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaBulunga eDlangeni nakulMalinda. Bakubo bakaDlamini eNyatsini, eMbaba laseSikwashi, kanye nebasekhabonina kaMmema kaHlatsi, nelibandla lakhe Roman Catholic St Mary's Lobamba. Umlindzelo ungemgcibelo 19 October 2019, bese ubekwa endlini yakhe yekugcina ngeliSontfo mhlaka 20 October 2019. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Sipho Bulunga egameni lemndeni.

Maswazi Dlamini



Funeral: 20/10/2019  
Vigil: 19/10/2019

Relatives and friends of Maswazi Dlamini are notified of his death. He will be laid to rest on Sunday 20 October 2019 after a night vigil. Announcement by family.

Anne Sikoshi Khulu



Funeral: 19/10/2019  
Vigil: kute  
Place: eMangwaneni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Anne SikoshiKhulu kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 19 October 2019 eMangwaneni ngase Stone Hedge eMbabane. Kutoba neNkonzo lemfisha nga 5:30 am. Kute umlindzelo. Kwatiswa nebaka khulu eKhuthula. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Mbuso Shongwe egameni lemndeni.

Alfred Fanyana Mkhabela



Funeral: 19/10/2019  
Memorial: 18/10/2019

Relatives and friends of Alfred Fanyana Mkhabela are notified of his untimely death. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 20 October 2019. There will be a memorial Service at Ekuthuleni Methodist Church at 14:00hrs on Friday 18 October 2019. Announcement by Ndumiso Mkhabela on behalf of the family.

Mntfwanenkosi Dzelwe



Funeral: 19/10/2019  
Vigil: 18/10/2019  
Place: eMbabane

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni nebangani beMntfwanenkosi Dzelwe lobekendze kaSihlongonyane atalwa ngumntfwanenkosi Mkukwane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kutoba nememorial service. Itakuba eSontfweni lase Nazarene eZulwini eNyonyane nga 1pm mhlaka 18 October 2019. Umlindzelo utakuba ngaleSihlanu eMbabane. Afihlwe ngeMgcibelo ekuseni 19 October 2019. Lala Ngekuthula Nkhosi.

Mavashi Vusie Simelane



Funeral: 20/10/2019  
Vigil: 19/10/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baMavashi Vusie Simelane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 20 October 2019 emvakwemlindzelo. Kwatiswa bekhahonina kaTsabedze nasemsebentini wakhe. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu John Simelane egameni lemndeni.

Agnes Lomtsimba Mkhonta  
ulaNkhosi

Funeral: 19/10/2019  
Vigil: 18/10/2019  
Place: eMakhholweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni nebantwana ba Agnes Lomtsimba Mkhonta ulaNkhosi, kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaMkhonta eMakhholweni, neMalangeni eMphakatsini eSijeni, eSiganeni nalabekasebenta nabo, ekantolo kaMantji kaManzini. Umlindzelo ungaleSihlanu 18 October 2019 afihlwe ngeMgcibelo 19 October 2019 ekhakhakhe eMakhholweni. Simemetelo sikhishwa base Khakhakhe kaMkhonta.

Joshua Mainiseli Mbuli



Funeral: 20/10/2019  
Vigil: 19/10/2019  
Place: eMvuntjini

Kwatiswa tihlobo ta Joshua Mainiseli Mbuli kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 20 October 2019 ekhaya lakhe eMvuntjini nga 05:00hrs ekuseni emvakwemlindzelo.

Sithembile Ollent Dlamini  
nee Mabuza

Memorial: 18/10/2019  
Vigil: kute

Relatives and friends are notified that Sithembile Ollent Dlamini nee Mabuza, the Head Teacher of Makhwane Primary School has pass on. A memorial service will be held at John Wesley Mbabane Methodist Church "kaGogo" on Friday 18 October 2019 starting at 12:00 Mid-day. No night vigil. Family will proceed to Dups Crematorium after memorial service. Announcement by Lungelo Dlamini on Behalf of the family.

Daniel Sibandze



Funeral: 19/10/2019  
Vigil: 18/10/2019  
Place: kaMgabhhi

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Daniel Sibandze lowatiwa ngekutsi nguTomado. Akasekho emhlabeni. kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kuMaliyaduma kaThwala nase Nyakeni kaBhembe, bekhahonina kaNkhosi eluHlendlweni nalebekasebenta nabo emaphoyiseni ka (RSP) ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu ekhayakubo kaMgabhhi eBhunya. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakhe.

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# Liverpool head to United with widest gulf in years

**LONDON – Premier League leaders Liverpool head to Old Trafford on Sunday to face Manchester United and rarely have the odds been so in favour of an away win.**

Liverpool have won just five times at United in the Premier League era and the Red Devils have won the fixture 16 times, but the gulf in quality between the sides has widened significantly in recent years.

While Jurgen Klopp's side have a 100 per cent

record in the Premier League, United have just two league wins this season and after their 1-0 defeat by Newcastle United the international break, they are down in 12th place, 15 points behind their arch-rivals. To add to their problems, United look set to be without goalkeeper David De Gea who picked up a groin injury on international duty with Spain. "David needs a scan. I think he'll be out. It certainly looked like it anyway...so it's just one of those things," said Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Argentine Sergio Romero is expected to stand in for De Gea

and can expect a busy time against Klopp's potent attack.

French midfielder Paul Pogba has not yet recovered fully from his ankle injury but there is better news on the fitness of on the fitness of forward Anthony Martial and full backs Luke Shaw and Aaron Wan-Bissaka.

"I can't tell you 100 per cent (who) is going to be fit as something might happen," said Solskjaer.

"But hopefully Aaron and Anthony will last the training this week and be available for selection. If it's for half a game or 30 minutes I don't know but let's see where they're

at," he said. United's Spanish midfielder Juan Mata believes the clash with their old rivals offers an opportunity to kick-start the season.

"We have a great chance to change the dynamic and we are all very motivated to take the win. We are United, we are playing at home and we will give everything to be able to take the victory that our fans deserve in such a special game," Mata said.

Champions Manchester City face a tricky trip to Selhurst Park to face a Crystal Palace team who beat them at the Etihad in January.

*Reuters*

## United want six signings in next two transfer windows

**MANCHESTER – Manchester United want six big signings over the next two transfer windows to halt an unrelenting slide away from their rivals.**

Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has presided over the club's worst start to a season in 30 years. United sit 12th in the Premier League table, just two points above the relegation zone.

There is an acceptance at United that the squad requires a major overhaul, with the club targeting two strikers, two central midfielders, a central defender and a left back.

United have spent almost £1 billion since Sir Alex Ferguson's retirement in 2013 and are committed to financing another

raft of signings in a stark admission that their recruitment strategy has been inadequate.

The £80 million summer capture of Harry Maguire showed what United

are prepared to pay to try

to reverse their fortunes. While there is an acceptance that January is a troublesome month to do business, United are aware of the

need to strengthen now. Goals have been in short supply — United have scored only seven times in their last 10 games — and there is a desire to add two strikers to ease the burden on Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial.

One, they hope, will arrive in January, with Mario Mandzukic of Juventus and Lyon's Moussa Dembele of interest.

Solskjaer has already started phasing out the old guard, with Chris Smalling on loan at Roma, and Alexis Sanchez and Romelu Lukaku at Inter Milan. More departures will follow in the coming windows. *Daily Mail*



## 'My critics just repeat what they heard others say'

**LONDON – Arsenal playmaker Mesut Ozil says his critics are missing the mark when they claim he does not perform well in the 'big' games.**

Ozil has long been criticised for his inability to dictate or change the course of games against Arsenal's direct rivals. In 42 Premier League games against Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United and Tottenham, the German has scored six goals and assisted nine, while three Champions League meetings with Barcelona have garnered none of either. He has scored twice and assisted once in seven matches against Bayern Munich. The German says he is always blamed when Arsenal themselves perform poorly in such games, also pointing out that 'small' games 'don't really exist'.

"It always happens that an ex-play-

er stands there on TV and criticises me," he told The Athletic. "Others just continue the theme and it gets in everyone's heads."

"If we don't do well in a 'big' game, it's always my fault. If that's true, how do you explain our results in the 'big' games when I wasn't involved? There's no real difference. I know people expect me to offer more, dictate play and make the difference - I do, too - but it's not that straightforward. 'I'm not the only player in the team and, don't forget, some of our opponents are simply better than us. Also, what is a 'big' or 'small' game? In the Premier League, anyone can beat anyone. Look at Wolves and Norwich beating Man City, or Newcastle and West Ham beating Man United."

"So, you can't say my good performances only came in 'small' games because these games don't really exist. The intensity is there in every match and often the 'small' teams raise their standard against the 'big' teams." *AFP*

## Mane reveals details on Salah bust-up

**LIVERPOOL – Sadio Mane has revealed all the details on his dressing room bust-up with Liverpool team-mate Mohamed Salah after their Burnley altercation.**

Mane lifted the lid on his furious reaction - after the Egyptian failed to pass to him - during a Premier League clash against Burnley in August.

The Senegalese international revealed that the two confronted each other in the dressing room at Turf Moor after and admitted that he found Salah's reaction to the incident 'strange'.

Mane told Canal Plus: "He said to me Sadio,

why are you angry? I told him, 'You needed to give me the ball, Mo', to which he replied, 'I didn't see you. You know I've got nothing against you'. I know that, but his reaction was a bit strange to me. We talk on the phone sometimes, we text each other and we don't have a problem. 'We talked between ourselves, and then the manager called me into his office and we spoke. I told him it was already sorted and he was pleasantly surprised.' Although the pair claim that their spat isn't ongoing, the stats reveal their partnership is floundering even in a team with a perfect record this season. *AFP*

## Watford saved me - Rock legend Elton John

**LONDON – British rock legend Elton John says Watford football club were his unlikely saviour as he experienced the 'worst period of my life' in the 1980's.**

The 72-year-old Englishman -- known for his zany outfits when performing on stage and hits such as 'Rocket Man' and 'Goodbye Yellowbrick Road' -- has been chairman of 'The Hornets' twice. He says in his new autobiography 'Me' Watford "might have saved my life" in his first spell as chairman (1976-1990) when they enjoyed huge success under the late Graham Taylor rising from bottom of the old fourth division to the

heights of being runners-up to Liverpool in the 1982/83 title race and beaten by Everton in the 1984 FA Cup final.

"I was chairman throughout the worst period of my life: years of addiction and unhappiness, failed relationships, bad business deals, court cases, unending turmoil," he writes.

"Through all of that, Watford were a constant source of happiness to me. 'For obvious reasons, there are chunks of the eighties I have no recollection of - but every Watford game I saw is permanently etched on my memory.'"

*AFP*

**MISSING THE MARK: Arsenal playmaker Mesut Ozil.**





# Rulani explains Shonga snub

JOHANNESBURG - Following an international break that put the spotlight back on why Orlando Pirates have not been using Justin Shonga – the striker scoring two goals for Zambia against Benin in a friendly match at the weekend – his club coach has offered an explanation.

Shonga has not been able to crack it into Rulani Mokwena's match-day squad in the Buccaneers previous five Absa Premiership matches, much to the shock of the football fraternity given how important he was for the club last season. He scored 12 goals in 43 matches in all competitions during the previous campaign, and his overall contribution proved just why Shonga was crucial for Pirates.

"The challenge is (Tshegoatso)



**EXPLAINS:**  
Orlando Pirates  
coach Rulani  
Mokwena.

Mabasa. Shonga is important and offers a different dynamic to our game model and how we play," Mokwena, the Bucs coach, told the Siya crew when asked why Shonga has been sidelined.

"In same moment he knows that

he has other strikers competing with him – (Augustine) Mulenga, (Gabadinho) Mhango and the young (Zakhele) Lepasa. They are all important players and strikers. Justin did well for Zambia, and took the goals very well. The move-

ment off the shoulder to get the goals."

Mokwena then revealed he's had a heart to heart with the player to analyse his shortcomings, to work through them and get back in contention. "We sat down with him and he is in a good place and competing for his place. He understands that there are other important players – that is the nature of the beast. They are a lot of quality players at Pirates. He is patiently waiting for his turn. And when he gets it he has to grab it with both hands and not look back," the coach said.

Pirates face Stellenbosch FC in the opening round of the Telkom Knockout on Sunday. **Soccer Laduma**



## Ntuli promises to celebrate against 'Downs

JOHANNESBURG - Bongil Ntuli is itching to bite the hand that once fed him when AmaZulu square up against Mamelodi Sundowns in the Telkom Knockout on Sunday at Lucas Moripe Stadium.

Ntuli was on the books of Sundowns before he joined Usuthu on a permanent contract at the start of the year.

There's never a dull game whenever these two sides meet and the same is expected this time, and Ntuli's declaration will only serve to fuel the fireworks at the Tshwane Stadium.

At Sundowns, Ntuli, was deprived of an opportunity to prove his worth. While he remained in the books of the wealthy Chloorkop-based outfit, the big striker was tossed from one club to the other on loan agreements. But the burly marksman says he has no hard feelings about his unhappy stint at Sundowns.

"I have no pressure that I'll be facing my former team. My job is to help the team that I am playing for advance to the next stage of the competition. I would like to treat Sundowns as any other team but I'm also aware that we are facing a very tricky encounter. **The Mercury**

## 'Gabuza trophy gives him the bragging rights'

JOHANNESBURG - Thabo Matlaba admits that seeing Thamsanqa Gabuza lift the MTN8 trophy puts pressure on him and Mpho Makola to win the Telkom Knockout.

Matlaba watched his former Orlando Pirates teammate lift the first trophy of the season in SuperSport United colours recently and concedes it made a statement to him and other players who have left Parktown.

After not winning anything with Pirates for the past five years Matlaba, Gabuza and Makola were released during the off-season, with 'Ganda Ganda' claiming the first bragging rights, even over those still with The Buccaneers.

Matlaba and Makola are now hoping to win silverware with Black Leopards and Cape Town City respectively to show off to their former teammate Gabuza. "I am happy for Gabuza. He deserves everything. He deserves to be happy. He is a hard worker. He deserves to play for SuperSport United and has made a great contribution," Matlaba said. "He has just won the MTN8. I have been calling and texting him. I have been telling him that he deserves everything that is coming his way. "To be honest this is the first step for Black Leopards to do better (in the Telkom Knockout). We want to go as far as possible. Gabuza has put a little bit of pressure on us, me and Makola. We are friends. "He has something and we haven't won anything yet".

## Billiat targets fruitful cup campaign for Kaizer Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs' trophy aspirations may be pinned on the small shoulders of Khama Billiat but the Zimbabwe international takes delight in the way his teammates are also coming to the party.

A decade ago, Aces Youth Academy in Zimbabwe had two hot properties, Billiat

and Knowledge Musona, but when South Africa's most successful side, Chiefs, came knocking, they only opted to sign the latter.

Billiat, on the other hand, was signed by Ajax Cape Town in 2010 before moving after three seasons to join Pretoria giants Mamelodi Sundowns, where he won the CAF Champions League, CAF Super Cup, three Premiership titles, the Telkom Knockout and a Nedbank Cup. Two seasons ago, however, Billiat's marriage with the Brazilians came to an abrupt end, the 29-year-old joining Chiefs. Life in Naturena got off an underwhelming start, enduring a trophy drought in his first season, while the team disappointingly finished ninth in the league.

During the trans-

fer window, Sundowns Chiefs for Billiat's return to Chloorkop, but Amakhosi hung on to their talisman, as he is key to their title aspirations.

And so far, so good. Chiefs are sitting comfortably at the summit of the Premiership standings with 19 points after eight matches.

"I always want to do better. I am working hard and always will. I always challenge myself to do better than the last game and see how far I can go," Billiat said.

"Like I indicated when I got here, I want to win trophies. But we've got to work for them. Everyone has to think the same way and we look like a team that understands what we need this time around.

**The Star**

## Nyirenda dealing with Zambia approach

JOHANNESBURG - Baroka coach Wedson Nyirenda has a tough decision to make after being approached by Zambia but is not letting that distract him from the task at hand.

The Zambian coach has received an offer to lead his country's football team but has not made any decision yet, instead putting his full focus on Baroka's Telkom Knockout clash this weekend.

Defending TKO champions Bakgaga travel to Atteridgeville tomorrow to face MTN8 winners SuperSport United at Lucas Moripe Stadium.

Nyirenda has welcomed their meeting with Matsatsantso and wants to spoil the party for Kaitano Tembo's team following their MTN8 success.

"There is no small draw in Telkom. We are playing against a very good team," Nyirenda said. "What I like about it is that we are playing against a team that know what they are doing. They are well-structured which means they are coached by a good coach.

"It's not going to be easy for them. They just won the MTN8 so they are looking for something. We are looking at them. We know how they play, they play good football. "What makes it easy for us, every player will be motivated to play against a team coming from winning a cup. We are playing against a good team and we have to come out with guns blazing."

Baroka beat Orlando Pirates in the Telkom Knockout final in Port Elizabeth last year to bring a football trophy to the Limpopo province for the first time in its history.

## Ex-Celtic keeper signs for English club

JOHANNESBURG - Former Bloemfontein Celtic goalkeeper Dino Visser has found a new club in England.

Visser has been without a club since leaving Cape Umoya United last season

and has joined English League Two side Exeter City on a short-term contract. The ex-Platinum Stars shot-stopper has been brought in as cover for Lewis Ward, who broke his arm during the club's 1-1 draw with Crewe Alexandra. The 30-year-old was on

the bench for the Grecians in their 1-0 home win over Forest Green Rovers last Saturday. Exeter, who are second on the log but only on goal-difference to Crewe, are currently under the tutelage of former Charlton Athletic defender Matt Taylor.

**EXPECTATIONS:**  
Kaizer Chiefs  
attacker Khama  
Billiat.





## Pitso's comments anger some Sundowns players

**JOHANNESBURG - PITSO Mosimane made remarks that his starting line-up against Chiefs consisted of fringe players and he put on his regulars in the second half.**

Mosimane's post-match interview following Mamelodi Sundowns' 4-2 defeat to Kaizer Chiefs in the Shell Helix Cup at the FNB Stadium has angered some members of the squad

who started the match.

After the match, he made remarks that his starting line-up consisted of fringe players and he put on his regulars in the second half, who man-

aged to score two goals after Chiefs scored four in the first half.

"I don't think the coach realised what he has done, actually, I don't think he heard himself when he was speaking.

"You don't talk about your players like that on national TV. The guys

feel unappreciated and they now want out more than ever. If you remember, players like Andile Jali, Aubrey Ngoma and Oupa Manyisa have been looking for a way out at the club. They didn't make it a secret, saying they wanted out," said the source.

*Citizen*

## 'THERE ARE BIG EXPECTATIONS IN QUARTER-FINALS'

**TOKYO** - The only blight on their copybook in the 320 minutes they've played so far in this Rugby World Cup (RWC), says Springbok coach Rassie Erasmus, were the two tries they conceded in the space of four minutes against the All Blacks.

That still irks, if not, rangles in the Bok group.

They could have gone into their RWC quarterfinal against Japan unbeaten this year had they not let in tries by George Bridge and Scott Barrett.

Much, of course, has happened in this tournament since that crunch opening weekend clash in Yokohama with the All Blacks predictably going on to top the pool and the Springboks pretty much keeping up their end of the bargain by finishing runners up.

Japan's path to winners of pool A, however, was a serious diversion from the script.

The challenge Japan pose is very different from the one the Boks may have had against say, Ireland, but the coach knows those few minutes in which the South Africans lost focus and intensity against the All Blacks cannot be repeated in the knock-out stages, irrespective of the opposition. The Boks may have played with greater levels of control assuredness since but in Namibia, Italy and Canada they didn't face opposition that have required them to reach deep inside.



**BIG:** Springbok coach Rassie Erasmus.

They could afford to take their foot off the pedal after a splendid first half against Italy, while the greasy ball gave them cause to yield slightly to the conditions against Namibia and Canada. Japan, by contrast, have had to bust the gut against Ireland and Scotland in this tournament and while the Boks are far more attuned to playing big matches on a well-lit stage, the hosts would have been required to operate near optimum levels almost all the time in this tournament.

In that sense they perhaps go into Sunday's match with a mindset better adjusted to performing a high wire

act.

They have lived on the edge of late and the Boks have not. It has been almost a month since the Boks have had to scale those heights against the All Blacks.

In fact, it is debatable whether the Boks were even required to dig that deep when they played their warm-up match against Japan in the first week of last month.

*Sowetan Live*

## Nigeria need record victory to avoid CHAN humiliation

**LAGOS** - Nigeria coach Imama Amapakabo has urged his squad to forget a 4-1 first leg drubbing in Togo and create African Nations Championship (CHAN) history by overcoming the deficit.

The countries clash tomorrow in Lagos and the hosts must score at least three goals to have a chance of winning the final round qualifier and reaching the tournament a fourth consecutive time. Sunusi Ibrahim gave Nigeria an early first leg lead in Lome last month before his team were overpowered by opponents seeking a first appearance at a competition restricted to home-based stars. Richard Nane was the tormentor-in-chief for the

underdogs, bagging a brace, while Tchakai Marouf and Agoro Achraf also scored. But Amapakabo refuses to abandon hope, believing clinical finishing can rescue a tie 2018 runners-up Nigeria were expected to win comfortably.

### Standout

"I have been drumming into the ears of my players that we cannot afford to fail," he said ahead of the standout fixture among 15 to be played between tomorrow and Sunday.

*Sport24*



**HUGE BLOW:** Jadon Sancho.

## Thunberg sets an example to teenage tennis star Gauff

**LONDON** - Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg is leading a changing of the established order in how the young are now emboldened to speak up and not cower to their elders, said American teenage tennis sensation Coco Gauff.

Gauff, aged just 15, has taken the women's tennis circuit by storm this year, with eye-catching performances at Wimbledon and the US Open and winning her first professional title in Linz, Austria, last weekend.

She told The Guardian she is using her fame to promote causes she believes in through her following in social media especially Instagram.

Thunberg, 16, came to the world's attention when in August last year, she began sitting alone in front of Sweden's Parliament on Fridays with a sign reading 'School Strike for the Climate.'

In little more than a year, she has galvanised millions of young people around the world to take part in demonstrations to raise awareness for action on climate change.

"Lately, younger people are leading movements and I guess the world has to get used to it because we're used to older people telling us what to do," Gauff said speaking in Luxembourg where she played this week but lost in the first round.

"My generation has just decided it was time to speak up on our own about things. I do follow the (climate) movement a lot and I'm learning about ways we can better change, at least my lifestyle and the way my family live.

"It's great when they say I'm young and I'm doing great things.

"It will get frustrating when

they say: "You're young, you don't know any better. I think it's a good thing to point out that to a younger person but I think we shouldn't put someone's intelligence down no matter what."

Gauff, who during Black History Month this year posted facts about Juneteenth -- the American commemoration of the abolition of slavery -- and things she did not learn at school, says fame is helping her to get her own messages across about issues she is interested in.

"Wimbledon (she reached the fourth round losing to eventual champion Simona Halep) has given me an opportunity to raise money and raise awareness for other things and I'm glad that I was able to," she said.

"With every match I win I seem to get more and more people following me, so that's good.

"And that means more and more awareness for subjects I care about. I always wanted to not just be a tennis player."

*AFP*

**Lately, younger people are leading movements and I guess the world has to get used to it because we're used to older people telling us what to do**

## Sancho to snub Man United offer

**BERLIN** - Manchester United's hopes of landing Jadon Sancho next summer have been dealt a huge blow.

People close to the England winger have stated he has 'little interest' in making a big-money move to Old Trafford.

The Red Devils are believed to be preparing a £120 million bid to try and tempt Borussia Dortmund to part with the talented 19-year-old next summer, having been warned off making a bid earlier this year. United's bosses, however, are all agreed that they need to try and be at the front of the queue for Sancho at the end of the season, with a club-record fee on the cards. Sancho, who quit rivals Manchester City in 2017 in search of regular first-team football, has gone on to star in the Bundesliga, with Real Madrid and Barcelona also registering notes of interest with his club. It's understood the teenager still regularly keeps in touch with some of his former academy team-mates at the Etihad Stadium -- and it doesn't sound particularly encouraging from a United perspective. *TeamTalk Media*



# Weekend Sports Fixtures

...COMPILED BY JONGILE XUBA

## Milky Max Mbabane Juniors U13 - Grand closing

Supersport	vs	Mantholo UTD	8:30am
Umbelebele	vs	Swallows	9:30am
Dark City	vs	Real Tec	10:30am
Lobamba Cosmos	vs	Ezulwini Aces	11:30am

<b>Tomorrow at Malanda Sports Ground</b>			
Citizens	vs	Malanda	8:30am
Mhlathane Utd	vs	Mangwaneni	9:30am
Young Stars	vs	Nkomazi	10:30am
Black Swallows	vs	city stars	11:30am

## Furniture warehouse Mbabane Juniors U20

<b>Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground</b>			
Zukwini Aces	vs	M. Fighters	8am
Aces Utd	vs	M. Classic	9am
Umbelebele	vs	Freestyle	10am

<b>Tomorrow at Sdwasini Sports Ground</b>			
Mphahleli	vs	Veni Cosmos	8am
Mantholo	vs	D. Wizards	9am
Red Stars	vs	Interstars	10am
Imbumbi	vs	Hurricane	11am
Sivutsa	vs	Sdwasini	12pm

## Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League - E77 000

<b>Sunday at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground</b>			
Mbabane City	vs	Emajukulu	1pm
Imbumbi	vs	Community	3pm

<b>Sunday at Embo Sports Ground</b>			
Corporation	vs	Junior Stars	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Buhleni Sports Ground</b>			
Sidwini	vs	Msahweni	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Prison Sports Ground</b>			
Mvuma Hotspurs	vs	Machibini	1pm
Vultures	vs	Kappa Kappa	3pm

<b>Ingwenyama Cup Hhohho Super League - Last 8</b>			
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<b>Sunday at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground</b>			
Sidwini	vs	Billy Ocean	1:30pm
Shooting Stars	vs	Sunrise	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Killarney Sports Ground</b>			
Horo Spinners	vs	Seven Stars	1pm
Pigg's Peak Rangers	vs	Manchester	3pm

<b>Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League - E70 000</b>			
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<b>Promotion</b>			
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<b>Tomorrow at Sidwasini Sports Ground</b>			
Sandia	vs	Multi Classic	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground</b>			
PG Dribbling Stars	vs	Free Style	1:30pm
Real Tec	vs	Pot O Gold	3:30pm

<b>Sunday at Msunduzi Sports Ground</b>			
Wizards	vs	FC Vaal	11am
Mbabane Celtics	vs	Mvakweli	1pm
Amawele	vs	White City	3pm

<b>Sunday at Sidwasini Sports Ground</b>			
Double Action	vs	Young Stars	1pm
Interstars	vs	Village Stars	3pm

<b>B. Division</b>			
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<b>Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground</b>			
Mantholo FC	vs	Red Stars	1:30pm
Junction Stars	vs	Movers	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Sdwasini Sports Ground</b>			
Veni Cosmos	vs	Lusoti	1:30pm

<b>Sunday at Sidwasini Sports Ground</b>			
Mphahleli	vs	Hurricane	11am

<b>Sunday at Police Sports Ground</b>			
Real Stars	vs	Young Fighter	11am
Mantholo Utd	vs	N. Rangers	1pm
Royal Dynamos	vs	D. Darkies	3pm

<b>South Star Mzimba League - E65 000</b>			
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<b>Tomorrow at Mzimba Sports Ground</b>			
Bush Bucks	vs	Africa Stars	1:30pm
Mzimba Achievers	vs	Kasiko	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground</b>			
Bombers	vs	City Stars	1:30pm
Mzimba Arsenal	vs	Sibuyeni	3:30pm

<b>Sunday at Nsukumbili Sports Ground</b>			
Highlanders	vs	Top Centre	11am
Chiefs	vs	Amacabane	1pm
Cosmos	vs	Monaco	3pm

<b>Sunday at Hhukwini Sports Ground</b>			
Sundowns	vs	All Stars	11am
Rhumbas	vs	Timbungulu	1pm
Rhinos	vs	Swallows	3pm

<b>Sunday at Mzimba Sports Ground</b>			
Drakoppies	vs	Barcelona	1pm
Rangers	vs	Green Sea	3pm

<b>Bakhanyisele Mbulala &amp; Gongz Maphaleni League - E40 000</b>			
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<b>Western Stream</b>			
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<b>Tomorrow at Jubukweni Sports Ground</b>			
Top Classic	vs	Hill Stars	1pm
Mighty Birds	vs	Jubukweni	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Ararati Sports Ground</b>			
Happy Tigers	vs	Love & Peace	1pm
Young Aces	vs	Rollers	3pm

<b>Eastern Stream</b>			
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<b>Tomorrow at Maphaleni Sports Ground</b>			
Killers	vs	Liselese	11am
Khulungwane	vs	Rangers	1pm
Xi Experience	vs	Umkhokha	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Bizza Sports Ground</b>			
Blue Birds	vs	Holspurs	2pm

<b>Sunday at Maphaleni Sports Ground</b>			
Professionals	vs	Young Stars	11am
Manchester	vs	Thuluzobona	1pm
Young Lions	vs	Stone Breakers	3pm

<b>Pots Construction Sigangeni League - E30 000</b>			
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<b>Tomorrow at Sibovini Sports Ground</b>			
Sibovini	vs	Milane	1:30pm
Real United	vs	Kangaroo	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Ntsetse Sports Ground</b>			
Total Xi	vs	Young Fighters	1pm
Ntsetse Flyers	vs	Sigangeni	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground</b>			
Bhunya Aces	vs	L. Nationals	3pm

## Sunday at Sigangeni Sports Ground

U. Eagles	vs	Mighty Chiefs	3pm
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<b>Sunday at Sibovini Sports Ground</b>			
Villa Sport	vs	Real Touch	3pm

<b>Sunday at Kupheleni Sports Ground</b>			
Kupheleni	vs	Maz. Celtics	3pm

## Futis Nkhaba League - E30 000

<b>Tomorrow at Majotini Sports Ground</b>			
Dribbling Stars	vs	Mhlosheni	1:30pm
Fast Movers	vs	Super Stars	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Motshane Sports Ground</b>			
Bafana	vs	Motshane Very	11:30am
Nkoyoyo Jnr	vs	M. Rebels	1:30pm
Nkoyoyo United	vs	Manyisa	3:30pm

<b>Sunday at Motshane Sports Ground</b>			
Barcelona	vs	Crocodiles	11:30am
Lubhedze	vs	Real Rovers	1:30pm
Ngwenya Utd	vs	Kasi Xi	3:30pm

<b>Sunday at Majotini Sports Ground</b>			
Majotini Utd	vs	H. Arsenal	11:30am
Atletico	vs	Sivutsa	1:30pm
White Rhinos	vs	Mahangeni	3:30pm

## Oupa Mhlangatane League - E50 000

<b>Tomorrow at Mtonjeni Sports Ground</b>			
Sihoye Academy	vs	Fast Movers	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Tikhuneni Sports Ground</b>			
Democracy	vs	Professionals	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Zinyane Sports Ground</b>			
Lonhlabane	vs	Arsenal	1:30pm
Zinyane All Stars	vs	Manchester	3:30pm

<b>Sunday at Mthongeni Sports Ground</b>			
Mpotu aces	vs	City stars	1:30pm
Hot Fighters	vs	Thuluzobona	3:30pm

<b>Sunday at Tikhuneni Sports Ground</b>			
N. Liverpool	vs	Weirna	1:30pm
Chelsea	vs	Celtics	3:30pm

## Eastern Stream

<b>Tomorrow at Makhweya Sports Ground</b>			
T. Wizards	vs	M. Cosmos	1:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Zintatjane Sports Ground</b>			
H. Defenders	vs	New castle	1:30pm
Liverpool	vs	M. Tigers	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Manjengeni Sports Ground</b>			
Manjengeni	vs	Z. Swallows	3:30pm

<b>Sunday at Makhweya Sports Ground</b>			
Makhweya	vs	Macocweni	1:30pm
Xi Men	vs	M. Bombers	3:30pm

## Buy Cash Pigg's Peak League - E50 000

<b>Tomorrow at Plantations Sports Ground</b>			
19 Celtics	vs	Peak City	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Lazwane Sports Ground</b>			
Rise & Shine	vs	Thuluzobona	1:30pm
Supersport	vs	Mhlathane	3:30pm

<b>Tomorrow at Malanda Sports Ground</b>			
Citizens	vs	Bush Bucks	1:30pm
Phophonyane	vs	Ndeva Galaxy	3:30pm

<b>Sunday at Lazwane Sports Ground</b>			
Holspurs	vs	Darkies	1pm
Maguga	vs	Nkomazi	3pm

<b>Sunday at Malanda Sports Ground</b>			
Magwaneni	vs	Rockville	1pm
White Killers	vs	Peak Forest	3pm

## MP Nelson Mamba Timpsini League - E25 000

<b>Tomorrow at LFCT Sports Ground</b>			
All Stars	vs	Y. Bombers	9am
Sikheleni	vs	Young Savilla	11am
Sundowns	vs	Young Tigers	1pm
H. Pirates	vs	Soccer Rose	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Mbasheni Sports Ground</b>			
Rockville	vs	Nhl. All United	11am
Njakeni United	vs	Gunsners	1pm
Vusweni Cosmos	vs	Young Stars	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Ndlalambi Sports Ground</b>			
Blue Birds	vs	Y. Swallows	11am
Golden Arrows	vs	Matsamo	1pm
Star Wanderers	vs	Mbasheni	3pm

<b>Sunday at LFCT Sports Ground</b>			
Zamalek	vs	Superstrokes	9am
JB Arsenal	vs	Mv. All Utd	11am
Ellegence	vs	Besutwini	1pm
Ngonini	vs	Njakeni City	3pm

<b>Sunday at Ndlalambi Sports Ground</b>			
AK 47	vs	Kudweleni	1pm
Young Tigers	vs	Star Wanderers	3pm

## Shebza Ntabezimpisi League - E50 000

<b>Tomorrow at Fontotje Sports Ground</b>			
City Stars	vs	Mayiwane	11am
City Cosmos	vs	Buhleni Aces	1pm
Fontotje Utd	vs	Y. Professional	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Ntampakuphila Sports Ground</b>			
Special Killers	vs	NL Swallows	3pm

<b>Sunday at Fontotje Sports Ground</b>			
Skmo Boyz	vs	Hungry Lions	1pm
M. Arsenal	vs	Manchester	3pm

<b>Sunday at Mkhuzweni Sports Ground</b>			
Maz. Sundowns	vs	D. Darkies	1pm
Russian Bombers	vs	Superstars	3pm

## Sompisi Ntfontjeni League - E40 000

<b>Tomorrow at Ntfontjeni Sports Ground</b>			
Express	vs	Foster Utd	11am
Mbabatane	vs	Suncity	1pm
Sdwasini	vs	Nkwanjani	3pm

<b>Tomorrow at Mshinande Sports Ground</b>			
Barcelona	vs	Hellenic	1pm
Chelsea	vs	Trounge	3pm

<b>Sunday at Malanda Sports Ground</b>			
Magwaneni	vs	Rockville	1pm



# ESRIC BUSINESS LEAGUE COMPETITION



**CHAMPS:** Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation Business League champions Royal Swazi Spa players Mark Reid and Louis Bernard accept their prize from ESRIC Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe during the competition held on Wednesday afternoon at the Royal Swazi Sun. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



**THANK YOU:** Ladies section champion Tibuyile Nhlengetfwa accepts her prize money from the sponsor.



**CONGRA:** Ricky Saulus and Shane Groening finished fifth on the day.



**WELL DONE:** Amadi players Sanele Myeni and Nicholas Vilakati finished at position four.



**THIRD:** Third place finishers Clement Dlamini and B Dlodlu accept their prize from Shongwe.



**POWER:** Ladies section third place finisher Calisile Gina reacts after receiving her prize from Shongwe.



**CLOSE:** Nearest to the pin 14 winner Sandile Chonco also took something home.



**TOO:** Novelty section nearest to the pin 3 winner Sakhile Dlodlu taking his prize from the sponsor.



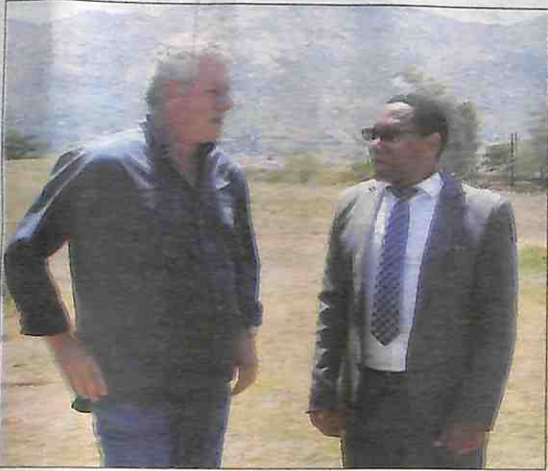
# MINISTER, EFA BID SIHLANGU FAREWELL



**UNITED:** Sihlangu Semnikati and officials posing with Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, EFA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa and executive member Thulani Mavuso during the squad's farewell function to Zambia yesterday morning at the EFA Technical Centre. The second leg match between Sihlangu and Zambia will be played at the Independence Stadium in Lusaka tomorrow. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



**FOLLOWING:** Goalkeeper Mlamuli Makhanya, Lindani Matsenjwa and Sandile Gamedze following proceedings.



**CHATTING:** Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papic chatting with the Minister of Sports Bulunga, who is also former head coach for the senior national team.



**REMARKS:** The squad's coach Kostadin Papic making his remarks.



EFA Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe directing proceedings during the function.



**WELCOME:** Minister Bulunga greeting physical trainer Dennis Fakudze while assistant coach Velekhaya Mthethwa looks on.



Sihlangu captain Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini in deep thoughts as midfielder Junior Magagula listens to speeches.



Newcomer in Royal Leopard midfielder Mzwandile Mabelesa with his teammate Bonginkhosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini.

Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa delivering his speech.

Royal Leopard team doctor Gcina Hleta will be the squad's doctor in Zambia as seen here with defender Ndumiso Ndaba.





● Tottenham could replace Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen, 27, with Real Madrid's Spanish midfielder Isco, 27, in the January transfer window. (*El Desmarque, via Express*)

● Arsenal playmaker Mesut Ozil, 31, insists he will not be leaving the club, with the former Germany international's contract with the Gunners running until 2021. (*Athletic - subscription required*)

● Arsenal have reportedly made an offer to Real Madrid for Spanish winger Lucas Vazquez, 28, before a potential January move. (*El Desmarque, via Football.London*)



● Former Juventus manager Massimiliano Allegri could bring Croatia striker Mario Mandzukic, 33, and Germany midfielder Emre Can, 25, with him to Manchester United if he replaces Ole Gunnar Solskjaer as United boss. (*Tuttosport, via Express*)

● Alternatively, United will sign six players over the next two transfer windows including Moussa Dembele from Lyon, Atletico Madrid midfielder Saul Niguez and Leicester City's James Maddison. (*Mail*)

● Manchester United want to sign Germany midfielder Toni Kroos, 29, from Real Madrid, who could try negotiate France midfielder Paul Pogba, 26, moving the other way as part of any deal. (*Bild, via Sun*)

● Inter Milan are considering a move for Chelsea and France striker Olivier Giroud, 33, now that 30-year-old Chile forward Alexis Sanchez, on loan at the Italian club from Manchester United, faces a lengthy absence because of an ankle injury. (*Calciomercato, via Express*)

● Anderlecht have been fined £4 300 by the Belgian FA for appointing former Manchester City defender Vincent Kompany, 33, as head coach when he did not have the required qualifications. (*Sun*)



● Manchester City's Argentina forward Sergio Aguero, 31, crashed his £150 000 Range Rover Sport on the way to training - but walked away unscathed. (*Mail*)

● Newcastle will offer a new five-year deal to English midfielder Matty Longstaff. The 19-year-old is out of contract in the summer. (*Mail*)

● Leicester, West Ham and Valencia all tried to sign Arsenal midfielder Mohamed Elneny over the summer before the 27-year-old Egyptian went on loan to Turkish side Besiktas. (*Leicester Mercury*)

● Ex-Manchester United captain Paul Ince says he "doesn't know what they're doing at the club" and that United could finish in the bottom half of the Premier League this year. (*Talksport*)

# DARK CITY LOOK TO DEFEND MILKY MAX TITLE

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER - LAST year's winners of the Mbabane League Milky Max Under-13 Championship Dark City are looking to successfully defend their title when they take on Real Tec tomorrow.**

This was said by Dark City coach Thulani Tsela during the league's grand closing press briefing at Sigwaca House, Mbabane.

He said after winning back to back titles they wanted to ensure they won it for the third time in a row.

"The spirit is very high in the team as we have been winning the cup since 2017 and we are looking to defend it again. I would like to urge parents to come and support their children during this important match," he said.

Meanwhile, his counterpart Real Tec assistant coach Sandile Ndwandwe said they would be looking for revenge after losing to Dark City earlier in the sea-



**ALL SET: Real Tec Assistant coach Sandile Ndwandwe and Dark City coach Thulani Tsela pose with the trophy during the Milky Max U-13 League grand closing.** (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

son. "They beat us in the first round and we will be all out for revenge tomorrow. We have been preparing for this match and the boys are ready," he said.

MILKY MAX U-13 FIXTURES:

Dark City	vs	Real Tec	10:30am
Lobamba Cosmos	vs	Ezulwini Aces	11:30am

Also playing on the same day will be Lobamba Cosmos against Ezulwini Aces in the Lobamba League finals at 11:30am.

Lobamba Cosmos Director Mayibongwe Fakudze said his players were highly motivated to play their first final.

"I am confident my players have what it takes to win the final after they showed great determination in the early stages of the tournament. We are happy with our progress this season and we will keep working hard," he said.

Ezulwini Aces Director Siphelele Hlophe said his current crop of players were hungry for silverware. "This group of players has never won a competition and they are extremely anxious to do so. I cannot doubt their capabilities as they have done well to get us here," he said.

Both games will be played at Msunduzi Sports Ground. Before the matches, teams will take part in a trophy parade from the city centre to the sports ground.

## Robert wins Lions Golf Day tournament

BY JONGILE XUBA

**GOLF - ROBERT Mgcinah is the winner of the Lions Golf Day tournament played at Manzini Golf Course on Saturday.**

The competition saw 60 golfers participate and Mgcinah managed to score an impressive 43 points to claim first place.

George Nisbeb was the runner-up with 41 points, while Chauke finished third on 38 points on the count back. Dale Masilela finished fourth with 38 points with Benedict Bennett finishing fifth with 38 points.

Novelty awards were also handed out on the day with Wakie Lawrence winning the Longest Drive 8/7 prize.

Nearest to Pin 9/18 went to Ivan Groening as Bennett won Nearest to Pin 3/12.

### Magnificent

Manzini Lions Club President William Kelly thanked the golfers for the magnificent turnout and assured them that the proceeds raised would go towards a good cause.

"I would like to thank all the golfers for being here today for this great initiative.

"Funds raised will be used towards feeding children in three care points that the club recently adopted and pledged to feed for two years. I would also like to congratulate all the winners for doing well," he said.

He added they would like to get more sponsors to help with the initiative as they would like to help more children in the country.



**BIG GUNS: Lions Charity Golf winner Robert Mgcinah receives his prize from Manzini Lions Club President William Kelly during the prize presentation ceremony.** (Courtesy pic)

### LIONS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULT

#### WINNERS:

1. Robert Mgcinah	43 points
2. George Nisbeb	41 points
3. Chauke	38 points
4. Dale Masilela	38 points
5. Benedict Bennett	38 points
6. Ernest Hellawell	37 points
7. William Tiger Kelly	37 points
8. Alec Fortune	36 points
9. Melusi E. Dlamini	36 points
10. Graham Byars	36 points
11. Aubrey Mkhonta	35 points
12. Dumisani Msibi	35 points
13. Melusi Dlamini	35 points
14. Wandile Nhlengethwa	35 points
15. John Mngomezulu	34 points

#### Novelties

Wakie Lawrence	Longest Drive 8/7
Ivan Groening	Nearest to Pin 9/18
Benedict Bennett	Nearest to Pin 3/12

## Bob Cats favourites for title challenge

BY JONGILE XUBA

**VOLLEYBALL - THE Nedbank Volleyball League continues this weekend with Bob Cats hoping to continue with their title challenge when they face army side Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF).**

The games will be played at UNESWA Kwaluseni campus with Mahlanya hosting this week's round matches.

Bob Cats, who are second in the log and need a win against UEDF to ensure they are within touching distance of log leaders Correctional.

The hosts Mahlanya will face-off with Ludzeldzwe at 9am followed by a match against Mshinande at 2pm. REPS will clash with Mshinande at 11am as Ludzeldzwe take on UEDF at 3pm in the last of the men's league matches.

In the women's league, RSSC will take on UEDF at 10am with Bob Ladies up against Chilly Babes at 12pm. REPS ladies will also be in action as they take on RSSC at 1:30pm with Siteki Ladies taking on Zakhele at 2:30pm. Bob Ladies and UEDF will play in the last of the women's matches at 3:30pm.

The matches will be played in two different venues at Sports Emporium and the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH).

### NEDBANK VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES:

Tomorrow at Kwaluseni Sports Emporium

#### Men

Mahlanya	vs	Ludzeldzwe	9am
REPS	vs	Mshinande	11am
Bob cats	vs	UEDF	1pm
Mahlanya	vs	Mshinande	2pm
Ludzeldzwe	vs	UEDF	3pm

#### Ladies

RSSC	vs	UEDF	10am
Bob ladies	vs	Chilly Babes	noon

#### At Kwaluseni MPH

REPS	vs	RSSC	1:30pm
Zakhele	vs	Siteki ladies	2:30pm
Bob ladies	vs	UEDF	3:30pm

## Usutu Forest continue win streak in ECA U-13 League

BY JONGILE XUBA

**CRICKET - USUTU Forest Primary School continued with their unbeaten run after beating Msunduzi Township Cricket team to stretch their run to three games.**

The Eswatini Cricket Association (ECA) U13 T20 league advanced to week three with two T20 matches played in different venues at Usutu Forest Primary and Malkerns Country Club on Wednesday.

Usutu Forest Primary School hosted Msunduzi Township Cricket, winning the toss and elected to bat. Usutu posted a formidable score of 142/6 in their full quota of 20 overs. Faced with a target of 143 runs, it was a mammoth task for Msunduzi Township cricket to accomplish. Msunduzi was crumbled in the 11.3 overs having accumulated 45 runs. Usutu Forest Primary won by 97 runs.

In the other match played at the Malkerns Country Club, Enjabulweni Primary School won the toss and elected to bat. Enjabulweni accu-

### ECA U-13 LEAGUE LOG STANDINGS:

Team	Matches	Won	Lost	Tied	Points	NRR
Usutu Forest	3	3	0	0	6	2.555
Sifundzani	3	2	1	0	4	0.621
Montessori Life	2	1	1	0	2	0.375
Enjabulweni	2	0	2	0	0	-1.045
Msunduzi Township	2	0	2	0	0	-3.450



**UNBEATEN: Usutu Cricket team pose before one of their ECA U-13 T20 matches.** (Courtesy pic)

culated 103 runs for the loss of 10 wickets in their 20 allotted overs.

What seemed to be a very easy target chase for Sifundzani Primary School did not turn out to be so. This was due to the magnificent bowling of Enjabulweni's Jason Jones and Cameron Henwood.

The 'unlucky' Enjabulweni failed to defend their target as Sifundzani passed the target on the 17.4 overs. Sifundzani scored 103/5 and claimed their second victory by five wickets.



# Bogandaganda foreign players reject half pay

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

**SOCCER – MHLUME** Peacemakers foreign players have reportedly rejected the half payment offered by the team's management.

This comes after the players shunned the team's activities in the past two league matches due owed salaries. However, it must be mentioned that the players were available on Sunday when the Mhlume based outfit lost 1-2 against Pigg's Peak Black Swallows at Killarney Sports Ground.

The five players are believed to be owed E19 500 each and the money dates back from last year. It includes monthly salaries and winning bonus promised by the team's management in the 2018/19 season. Information gathered from a reliable source close to the matter revealed that only the local players took the half payment from the management. The source said the foreign players were demanding full payment. "The foreign player clearly stated that they want full payment or else they will shun the



**NO WAYS:** Mhlume Peacemakers.

team's activities. It's now a wait-and-see situation as the management promised to pay the players tomorrow (today)," said the source.

Mhlume Peacemakers Public Relations Officer Bheka Magagula said they were in the process of paying the players. "We are doing everything in our power to pay the players, hopefully before the end of the week they will

be sorted," he said. Meanwhile, Mhlume Peacemakers are languishing at the bottom of the MTN log standings with seven points. The Mhlume based outfit have won only two matches in the 2019/20 season. The coach Takesure Chirangwi-led side will face-off with on form side Moneni Pirates before facing Mbabane Highlanders in Game 10.

## Drinking sprees cost ex-Malanti Chiefs striker his job

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER - FORMER** Malanti Chiefs, Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates striker Phumlani Mkhize has been fired after allegations of 'sleeping with an enemy' were made against him.

Mkhize played for Malanti Chiefs between 2008-2011.

This is before other South African players in the likes of Bennedit 'Tso' Vilakazi and Junior Khanye also joined the Malanti based side.

A South African online publication Phakaaathi source revealed that Phumlani Mkhize was fired as coach at an SAB League team in Intshanga outside Durban after he was found to have gone on drink-

ing sprees with the club's rivals.

"He was doing well and his team was fighting for league honours. The owner of the club was treating him well and even gave him a car to drive around in. But he was lured by rivals to several drinking sprees on Fridays and his team started suffering. It is suspected they urged him to ease up so they could overtake his club in the standings," said the source.

Mkhize could not be drawn for comments after his cellphone was switched off when tried yesterday afternoon.

Mkhize was part of the Malanti Chiefs team that won the 2008 Eswatini Bank crown under the guidance of the tried and tested Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.



**FIRED:** Phumlani Mkhize during his Orlando Pirates days.

## Three races for local pair in Cape Town

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**CYCLING – DIG** Deep Racing Club pair of Gcina Banda and Sihle Dlamini will take part in three races during their 30-day stay in Cape Town where they are currently attending an international road training camp.

The national team duo will be in action tomorrow afternoon in the Durbin Dash race before taking part in the Criterium next Thursday.

The races will end on November 9 with a cycle challenge during the training camp facilitated by the world cycling governing mother body; Union Cycling (UCI).

Banda and Sihle are currently attending camp together with their counterparts from 13 African countries in Rwanda, Eritrea, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Morocco, Zimbabwe and Mali, among others.

World Cycling Centre Africa Director Jean Pierre Van Zyl confirmed the programme of the camp when contacted yesterday. "We have lined up three races for riders for the duration of the camp on separate days and we have a pool of 24 riders from the African continent. The contingent comprises of 18 males and six females and I strongly believe the camp would help improve the standard of cycling in the continent," he said.

Banda boasts vast international experience as he has represented the country in the 2018 Africa Road Championships and the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

On the other hand, the workaholic Sihle Dlamini is still looking to make his name in the international scene following his excellent domestic run where he managed to win the 2019 Swazi Frontier.

## 'Madze' congratulates Under-17 for reaching COSAFA semis

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – MINISTER** of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga has congratulated the Eswatini national Under-17 team for reaching the semi-finals of the COSAFA Under-17 Championships currently taking place in Malawi.

Bulunga commended the junior national side for defying all odds to advance to the last four of the regional junior competition on Wednesday afternoon.

Bulunga said this during Sihlangu's farewell function to Zambia for the 2020 CHAN qualifier at Eswatini Football Association Technical

Centre yesterday afternoon.

"I urge you to take inspiration from the brave effort of our Under-17, who yesterday (Wednesday) made it to the semi-finals of the COSAFA Under-17 Youth Championships, doing so in a strong group of regional powerhouses in Zambia, South Africa and Malawi.

"This should inspire you as their seniors to do better. I want to take this moment to wish our U-17 all the best against Mozambique in the semi-finals tomorrow (today)," he said. The Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini-led side is on the brink of becoming the first Eswatini national team to reach the finals of any major international competition if they can overcome Mozambique.



**DOING WELL:** Eswatini national Under-17 team in action at the ongoing COSAFA Youth Championships in Malawi.

## CALLIES CLOSE IN ON E100K NFD FIRST ROUND CARROT

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER - TAMBANKULU** Callies are now two wins away from securing the MTN First Division League first round table-toppers E100 000 incentive.

The Lubombo based side will be in action against Madlenya, who are second in the log at Mayaluka Stadium tomorrow at 2pm.

Callies coach Mduduzi 'Nyama' Shongwe said they were only focusing on the next match and securing enough points in the first round to survive relegation. "We obviously know we are in a good position to finish top at the end of the first round but anything can happen.

We are just focusing on securing 21 points to ensure we survive relegation which is our main goal," he said. The former Denver Sundowns player said once they had achieved that target, they would start to con-

Tomorrow at Mayaluka Stadium

Madlenya	vs	Callies	2pm
Illovo	vs	Y. Movers	4pm

At Sonhlolo National Stadium

Ludzeludze	vs	Seven Dreams	1:30pm
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Rangers	3:30pm

Sunday at Killarney Sports Ground

Vovovo	vs	Hlatikhulu	1:30pm
Umbelebele	vs	Tinyosi	3:30pm

sider themselves favourites to clinch the E100 000 carrot. Coming to the match against Madlenya, Shongwe said they had a few players with injuries but would be ready for the encounter. "We have three players who need to pass a late fitness test; otherwise, the rest of the squad is ready. We urge fans to come support the team in what will be an interesting clash," he said. Both teams recorded stalemates their last games with Callies playing to a 1-all draw with Vovovo while Madlenya were locked at 2-2 with Rangers.

MTN National First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Callies	8	6	1	1	16	4	12	19
Madlenya	7	5	1	1	8	4	4	16
Tinyosi	7	4	2	1	11	4	7	14
Tycoons	8	5	1	2	14	11	3	16
Illovo	8	4	3	1	7	3	4	15
Citizens	7	2	3	2	12	8	4	9
Seven Dreams	8	2	2	4	15	17	-2	8
Vovovo	7	2	2	3	5	9	-4	8
Movers	7	2	0	5	12	17	-4	6
Killers	8	1	3	4	5	11	-6	6
Rangers	8	0	3	5	7	15	-8	3
Umbelebele	7	1	2	4	4	12	-8	3



# FIXTURES

## TOMORROW

<b>Premier League</b>			
Everton	vs	West Ham United	13:30
Tottenham Hotspur	vs	Watford	16:00
Chelsea	vs	Newcastle United	16:00
Wolves	vs	Southampton	16:00
Bournemouth	vs	Norwich City	16:00
Aston Villa	vs	Brighton	16:00
Leicester City	vs	Burnley	16:00
Crystal Palace	vs	Manchester City	18:30
<b>Spanish La Liga</b>			
Eibar	vs	Barcelona	13:00
Atlético Madrid	vs	Valencia	16:00
Getafe	vs	Leganés	18:30
Mallorca	vs	Real Madrid	21:00
<b>Italy Serie A</b>			
Lazio	vs	Atalanta	15:00
Napoli	vs	Hellas Verona	18:00
Juventus	vs	Bologna	20:45

## Mnz Wanderers probing Mthobisi, Mensah brawl

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – MANZINI** Wanderers have since set up a probe following the recent brawl between two of its players in Mthobisi Mazibuko and Johnson Mensah.

This comes after the two players were allegedly involved in a fist fight in a training session ahead of their previous MTN Premier League encounter against Royal Leopard last week.

The club's Management Committee Chairman Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli said they had launched their own investigations to get to the bottom of the matter.

"We are conducting our investigations as we have tasked some officials to get to the bottom of the matter. I am expecting a report on the matter on Monday. We will then make a final decision on this issue once we conclude the exercise. We encourage our players to behave themselves and uphold professionalism at all times," he said.

Mdluli further invited the team's supporters to their elective meeting scheduled for Zakhele Community Hall tomorrow at 3pm.

### Important

"We are inviting our supporters to attend the important meeting without fail where we will be electing the national supporters committee as per the constitution of the team. Registration can still be done at the club's offices at E100. I will also be done at Zakhele Hall before the start of the meeting.

"We are appealing for unity among the 'Weslians' family in order to end the factions which are derailing progress. We call upon every Wanderers person to work towards that direction. We strongly believe that the revival of the supporters committee will help to close the gap between the supporters and the Management Committee," he said.

The maroon and white ensemble last had a national supporters committee in the previous season which was led by popular supporter Lucky 'Majaivane' Dlamini, who is now part of the Management Committee.

INVESTIGATING MC  
Chairman Bongani  
'Bhanyaza' Mdluli

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## BADGE AND HONOUR...

# 'RESPECT NATIONAL TEAM JERSEY'



STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – MINISTER** of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga has challenged Sihlangu players to respect the national team jersey.

Bulunga urged the players to also respect the country's flag during the squad's farewell function to Zambia for the 2020 CHAN qualifiers held at the Technical Centre yesterday.

"I feel the need to remind you of the importance of cherishing and respecting the national team jersey. This assignment you have been tasked to do is on behalf of the entire nation. You are going out to Zambia to represent and market our beautiful kingdom.

"It goes without saying, therefore, that you should respect the flag. You need to stand and fight for your country and your pride.

"We commend the fact that we have not received any reports of unfortunate incidents in any of your travels and we urge you to keep at it," he said.

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### Persevering

Bulunga further congratulated Sihlangu coach Kostadin Papis for guiding the team into the last qualifying hurdle of the continent's second premier national competition (CHAN).

"I should start by congratulating you coach and the entire team for persevering to make it thus far. It is through your diligence and hard work that we are here at the very last hurdle, battling it out for a place in the finals of the 2020 African Nation's Championships," he said.

Meanwhile, Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa said he was confident the team would do well during the important assignment.

The nation's pride left the country by road yesterday afternoon for Johannesburg where they connected a flight to Lusaka at the OR Tambo International Airport last night.

- Tells them to fight for country and pride
- Papis commended for guiding squad into last qualifying round
- Some players dropped from the travelling squad



**POSE:** Sihlangu Semnikati players and officials pose with Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, EFA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa and executive member Thulani Mavuso during the squad's farewell function to Zambia yesterday morning at the EFA Technical Centre. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela)

## THE FINAL 20 PLAYERS:

### Goalkeepers:

Mamuli Makhanya	Royal Leopard
Sandanezwe Mathabela	Mbabane Swallows

### Defenders:

Siboniso Mamba	Young Buffaloes
Linda Mkhonta	Young Buffaloes
Phumlani Dlamini	Royal Leopard
Melusi Dlamini	Royal Leopard
Banele Dlamini	Green Mamba
Sabelo Gamedze	Mbabane Highlanders
Peter Dlamini	Mbabane Highlanders
Ndumiso Ndaba	Mbabane Swallows

### Midfielders:

Sifiso Matse	Royal Leopard
Mzwandile Mabelesa	Royal Leopard
Bonginkhosi Dlamini	Royal Leopard
Junior Magagula	Royal Leopard
Fanelo Tsabedze	Royal Leopard
Wandile Shabangu	Young Buffaloes
Lindani Matsenjwa	Mbabane Highlanders
Fanelo Mamba	Young Buffaloes

### Strikers:

Phinda Dlamini	Green Mamba
Sandile Gamedze	Young Buffaloes

## ...Machawe, 'Gaxa' dropped from travelling team

**SOCCER – SIHLANGU** Semnikati head coach Kostadin Papis has dropped two regular players in Royal Leopard centre back Machawe Dlamini and Young Buffaloes defensive midfielder Siboniso Ngwenya for the crucial CHAN 2020 Qualifiers against Zambia tomorrow at the Independence Stadium.

The two players, who have been

key performers in the squad, were left out of the 20-men list that left the country yesterday for Lusaka.

### Assignment

Also missing in the assignment was goalkeeper Phephisani Msibi, who helped the nation's pride knock out Angola during the previous round of the continent's second premier national competition.

The former Orlando Pirates men-

tor only brought in one newcomer into the squad in Royal Leopard midfielder Mzwandile Mabelesa.

### Fight

Papis said they would fight for positive results against Zambia during the squad's farewell function held yesterday at the Eswatini Football Association Technical Centre.

"We are going to Zambia to fight

for a win in order to make the country happy.

"We are not intimidated by the opposition and we promise to do our best on the day," he said.

The nation's pride needs to pull a 2-0 victory in order to reach the finals of the competition in January next year in Cameroon after suffering a 0-1 home loss during the first leg encounter.