

## PSAs STAGE PEACEFUL MARCHES ACROSS MAJOR TOWNS



**PEACEFUL MARCH:** Members of the Public Sector Associations (PSAs) yesterday marched to deliver petitions in various towns and cities across the country. Here members are captured marching on Mahlokohla Street in Mbabane.  
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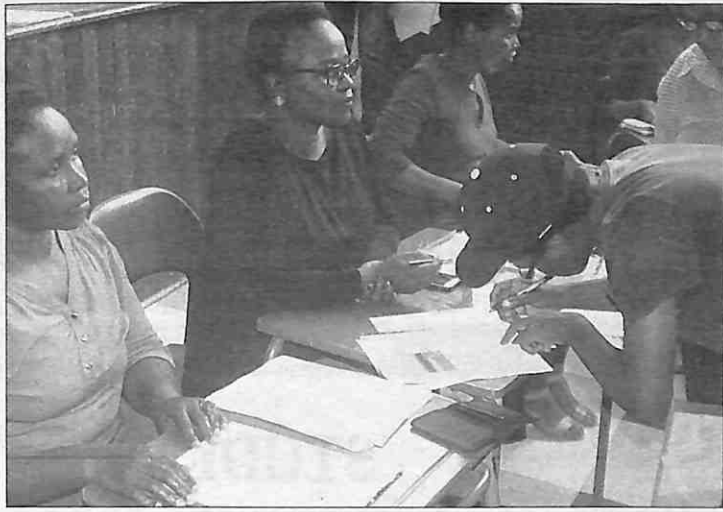


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UNESWA Luyengo campus students also signed the forms yesterday.

## FINALLY!

- UNESWA students sign scholarship agreement form
- Minister, PS visit campuses to oversee signing

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

LABOUR and Social Security Minister Makhosi Vilakati and Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhalihi defused what appeared to be a cold war between the ministry and students yesterday, by visiting the institutions of higher learning to explain the contentious form.

Students had vowed that they were not going to sign the scholarship addendum agreement form until the ministry answers certain questions and indicate how much they were signing for.

Yesterday, which was the final day of signing the forms, Minister Vilakati and PS Mkhalihi decided to visit the institutions to explain and the students were happy to sign after that.

The minister and the PS were accompanied by the ministry's officials who assisted the students, parents and guardians in filling and signing the agreement forms.

PS Mkhalihi said it was comforting that the situation had normalised and the students and their parents or guardians were cooperative in signing the forms.

He mention it was encouraging

to finally make headway in terms of reaching an agreement with the students with regards to the form as now they could be focused on a way forward.

He mentioned that the ministry attempted to address the concerns raised by the students with regards to the forms and decided to visit the campuses to reassure them that the agreement would be honoured.

"There is no reason why the students should doubt government's commitment," he said. With regards to moving forward, Mkhalihi urged the students to remain calm and exercise patience as they would receive their allowances as per the agreement. He mentioned that starting from today, the ministry would begin processing the forms of over 7 500 students.

"As much as the process would take time, as a ministry we are committed to working tirelessly in an attempt to carry out the process timeously," he said.

The PS also said the ministry had an open door policy and students were welcome to engage them whenever they had any issues they needed to be addressed.

He said next week the ministry would issue a memo to inform the students when they would be receiving their allowances.

## We appreciate ministry's presence - Students

WITH students and parents queuing and scrambling to sign the agreement forms, students have expressed their appreciation with the presence of the minister and PS.

Scores of students and parents from both Kwaluseni and Luyengo campuses yesterday took advantage of the last day granted to sign the forms.

Students Representative Council, Luyengo Campus Chairperson Siphwesihle Lulane said as students they were reassured about government's

commitment when the Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati and Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhalihi, accompanied by the ministry's officials, personally paid them a visit.

He mentioned that the situation was calm as students complied and signed the agreement forms. He said the changes observed in the forms was also another encouraging thing as the previous forms did not request the students to provide their account numbers, which was included in the new forms as well

as the government letterhead.

"We are happy that things will finally get back to normal as we have already lost a considerable amount of time and were already behind in our syllabus," he said. He also mentioned they were content with the new personal allowance figure as it was a significant improvement from the amount they were receiving before. He stated things were looking promising now and all they could do was wait for their allowances to be distributed.



ORDER: Police officers ensuring everything was in order at Luyengo campus.

## Police presence calms situation

THE presence of the Royal Eswatini Police Service came in handy yesterday, as students and parents pushed and shoved each other in an attempt to sign the scholarship addendum agreement form as quickly as possible.

With thousands of students and parents trying to sign the forms, police officers were required to calm the situation which proved ideal as they managed to control the inflow of students into the venue used for signing the forms at Luyengo Campus.

## PARENTS, UNESWA HAPPY WITH PROGRESS

UNESWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane said as an institution they were happy that the matter was finally resolved.

He said as much as the issue was between students and government, it was unfortunate that the university schedule was affected, as students had not been able to attend classes due to the conflict they had with government.

He however said they were happy that the matter had been addressed and students would now be able to fully focus

on their education which was getting affected. When questioned on how the situation had affected the institution with regards to the payment of tuition for the enrolled students, he said the issues between the students and government did not affect the institution as what was required for them was to bill the sponsor which is government for the tuition fees, which was separate from the student's personal allowances.

Parents also expressed their relief that an agreement had been reached between

government and the students.

A parent, whose child is enrolled at Kwaluseni campus, said as parents their role was to support their children and if the students said they were comfortable with the arrangement, they would support them and sign the forms as they only wanted them to pursue their education.

"We are not against government and at the moment we cannot say much. We will monitor the situation going forward," he said.

## Some students still have reservations

EVEN though the students complied and signed the forms yesterday, some of them still have their reservations.

A student from Kwaluseni campus said they felt bullied by government.

"Honestly I feel bullied into the whole thing. I do not trust

that we will get the money on time and also for all the 10 months, but let's wait and see if they will keep their promises," the student said.

She also said there were too many changes which she feels shouldn't have affected them but rather should have come into effect with the first years.

Another student said they were still uncertain when they would receive the promised amount.

"We still do not know how much we are signing for, but it is a good thing that we have finally signed. My mother travelled all the way from Maseyisini yesterday and

today which is very expensive," he said.

He also said they were expecting government to deliver on its promises.

He also said they need last month's allowance as they have not yet received it and also want their allowance to be paid on time.

## William Pitcher, SANU students sign

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

SOUTHERN Africa Nazarene University (SANU) and William Pitcher College students have eventually signed the amended scholarship forms.

As it was the last day for signing the forms, all students from the two institutions have adhered to the ministry of labour and social security's call for them to sign the addendum forms for their scholarships without fail.

However, the students said they were still longing for answers and clarification on some of the terms imposed to them by government.

On behalf of the SANU students, out-

going SRC President Tholulwazi Simelane said in the morning when students arrived at school, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Celumusa Mnisi announced that all students who had not signed the forms should do so before the end of business yesterday.

The CEO is said to be the one in charge in the absence of an SRC for the students. This means that should students have issues emanating from their failure to sign the forms, the one person that would help them challenge the matter in any level such as in court, is the CEO.

Mnisi's order is said to have been preceded by that of the Principal Secretary for the Ministry of Labour and Social Security Thulani Mkhalihi who was on radio in a morning show where he

strongly advised the students to comply with his ministry's call.

Failure to do so, Mkhalihi said students were bound to have their scholarships revoked.

### Sign

In this case, since he was for the idea that the students sign from the start, the students felt they would have no one on their side should they defy the CEO's order.

According to the outgoing SRC president, students started going to the administration offices where they signed the forms, not because they wanted to, but due to that they feared having their scholarships rescinded.

When the students were signing there was still no representative from the ministry of labour and social security,

a thing that provoked the students.

Since this was done suddenly and since the students and parents had agreed that they would not sign until the addendum form was further amended, some students are said to have filled in their parents personal details on the forms in their absence.

It is said that this was more so because some of the parents had gone back home, some as far as Lavumisa, on Monday after the agreement was reached.

"They felt pressured to sign the forms before the deadline. Most of the students signed because from the start, the CEO was for the idea of signing the forms so without him on our side, we had no chance of winning this against government," Simelane said.

When sought for comment,

SANU's Marketing Manager Petros Mavuso confirmed that all the students had signed the forms by end of business yesterday.

He further conceded that the scholars had signed although they felt they still needed to get answers from the ministry's officials who were not there, unfortunately.

For William Pitcher students, the SRC President Ayanda Zwane also confirmed that his colleagues had all signed the forms.

When asked what the students would do in the event that government adjust their allowances as per one of the terms in the scholarship forms, Zwane said he was not sure at the moment because students felt that their hands were tied since they were threatened with the revocation of their scholarships.



# TRADITIONAL HEALER COMMITTS SUICIDE

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

A traditional healer, Sam Shongwe, of the Jericho Sect aged 51 years, committed suicide last week at Mkhulamini.

The 'inyanga' who killed himself by drinking several weevil tablets eventually succumbed to death at Manzini Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital four hours after he was found at his home by his younger brother.

A source close to the matter who wanted to remain anonymous \*Samantha Dlamini revealed that Shongwe had been arrested for alleged rape a few days before he committed the horrendous act.

"Shongwe was good hearted, people from around here and all over knew how he was. Actually, none of us believe that he had raped the woman," she said.

Dlamini said a few days before the incident, Shongwe was arrested after a woman came with a teenager and police claiming that the child was conceived through rape that happened a long time ago.

She came forward after being educated on the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act and she realised



CONTACTED: Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati.

that what had happened to her was rape.

Shongwe was apparently arrested and granted E5 000 bail which he paid the next day.

According to his younger brother who found him Scorpion Shongwe, his brother

didn't leave any suicide note.

He only narrated the humiliation he experienced whilst police interrogated him.

He said the police tore his sashes and beads 'emajiva' when he refused to say he indeed committed the said crime.

"He had been saying that we shouldn't try to change his mind in the decision he had taken. At that point in time we didn't fathom that he meant he was going to commit suicide.

"My brother said the humiliation he underwent was regarded as a portent of evil, an ill omen. He didn't even want to imagine what would happen to the perpetrators," said Shongwe's younger brother.

The poisonous weevil tablets couldn't be pumped out of his system as there was already too much damage to the intestines due to the large intake of the tablets. Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati could neither deny nor confirm this as they couldn't find this report at the time of compiling this story.

"The desk officer who was working then is not at the office today and the person we were referred to is not able to help right now," she said.

\*Not her real name

## Another death at Kukhanyeni High

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

KUKHANYENI High School has once again been rocked by another death as two pupils from the same area are reported to have ingested weevil tablets last week.

One of the pupils is reported to have died and the other survived as she was rushed to hospital where she got treated.

The pupil is expected to be buried this coming weekend. According to impeccable sources the pupils are alleged to have ingested weevil tablets, which now appear to be the pattern, as the school has been rocked by similar incidents in the recent past.

The deceased pupil, a teenage boy is reported to have been staying with his grandmother and uncle at Sigombeni.

It is also reported that the boy died while undergoing treatment in hospital.

According to a family member who only identified herself as Gogo Simelane, the teenager never even on one single day showed any signs that she was suicidal.

She said they were very shocked to learn of the news of the passing away of the minor.

"We are still shocked and traumatised by the death of our child and we still have many questions

than answer on her death," she said. Simelane mentioned that they were still banking hopes that he was going to be helpful to the family and never showed any signs of being suicidal.

"The family is still trying to figure everything out and we are in a very bad state as I am speaking to you. But in all this we trust God's will that He will heal and bind us these wounds," Simelane continued.

When sought for comment the school's Head teacher's phone rang unanswered for the better part of the whole day yesterday.

The pupil met his death while he was doing Form I. Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident, saying that a 17-year-old pupil from Kukhanyeni was reported to have ingested weevil tablets and was admitted to hospital where he later died on Thursday last week.

Ekuhanyeni is not new to such controversies, as last year similar incidents occurred where about five students died under unclear circumstances.

To date, six pupils have died in the school since May last year and they are Mthunzi Dlamini, who died in May, Ndumiso Shongwe, in July, Sibusiso Simelane, in September and Nokwethu Masilela, in October last year.

## More rains expected in ploughing season

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

ESWATINI Meteorological Services has predicted normal to above rainfall during the summer season.

The meteorological services yesterday with its stakeholders issued the seasonal weather forecast for the country.

Present during the briefing were the meteorological department, ministry of agriculture, Eswatini Electricity Company, National Disaster Management Agency and Eswatini Water Services Corporation amongst others.

Chief Meteorologist Sifiso Nzalo announced that the local seasonal forecast shows that the country will receive normal to above normal rainfall this summer which is the ploughing season.

Nzalo explained that the 2019/20 is divided into four quarters.

The first quarter of the season is October, November and December. During this quarter almost the whole country will experience normal to above rainfall.

However, the lowveld region will experience normal to below average rainfall. Nzalo explained that in as much as the rainfall is predicted to be normal to above, it does not mean the season will be wet.

Nzalo however said because of the ever rising temperatures because of global warming, dry periods are anticipated.

During the second quarter of the season which is December, January and February the whole country will experience normal to above rainfall.

Worth noting is that the highveld normal rainfall is not similar to that of the lowveld's normal rainfall Nzalo stated.



RAINS: Meteorologist Sifiso Nzalo presenting the seasonal forecast. (Pics: Nonduduzo Kunene)

The same is predicted during the last quarter which is February, March and April. Also echoing Nzalo was Dumisani Sithole who added that there will be a shift in the beginning of rainfall season.

Sithole explained that in as much as September is official spring but rainfall will not be expected in September.

"Rain season will officially begin in October," he said.

Meanwhile Climate change co-ordinator Khetsiwe Khumalo said during the 2019 and 2020 season rainfall is likely to be erratic especial during the second half season.

Khumalo added that there is a possibility of inter seasonal dry spells. She said this will be because of the heat wave that is expected to hit the country from time to time. She further stated that violent storms are predicted accompanied by extreme lighting.

"Flash floods cannot be ruled out as the season proceeds," she said.

Khumalo emphasised on the need to

put in place early warning signs for every season, in order to reduce the impact of disasters as well as preparation for farmers and all stakeholders.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

The country is looking for means to make sure that food production is not threatened as the government is looking into mitigating climate change.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Emmanuel Dlamini said they have noticed the late start of rainfall season and drought and other extreme weather conditions, therefore the country is looking into reducing the impacts of the climate change.

As projections show that there would be more dry spells and shift in the rain season, the PS said the country is looking for means to mitigate climate change in order to ensure that food production is not threatened and economic development proceeds in a sustainable manner.



ATTENTIVE: NDMA Eric Seyama and Wandile Mavuso also attended the seasonal forecasting briefing.



METEOROLOGISTS: Khetsiwe Khumalo and Dumsani Sithole following the proceedings.

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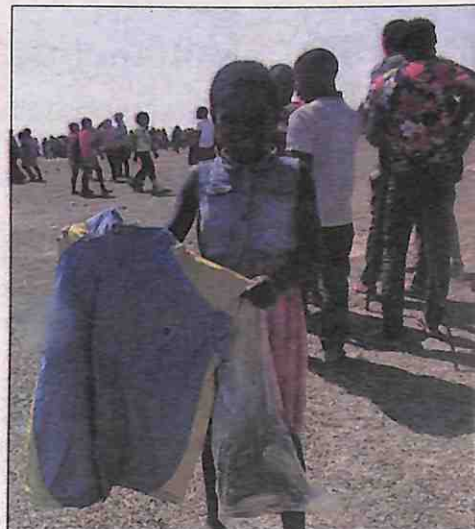
One of the means the PS said the ministry is doing this is by providing weather and climate forecast.

This is to allow different sectors to plan their activities in a way that minimise any possible negative impact that may come with the weather to optimise the benefits,

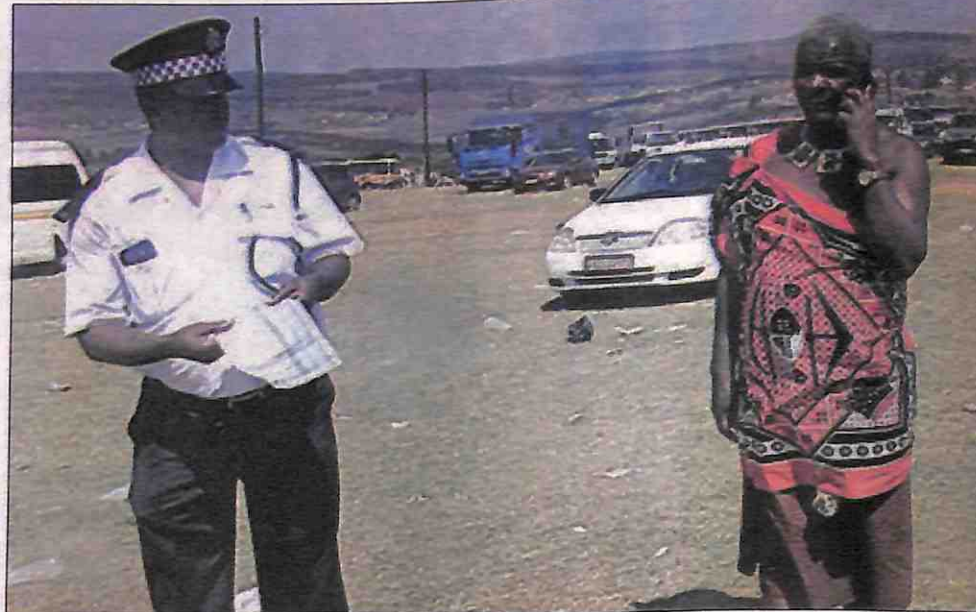
Dlamini said.

The principal secretary added that in order to ensure that Eswatini Meteorological Services continue with predicting accurate weather patterns, the ministry is working on capacitating the department with systems that will allow them to provide more detailed forecast





**MY JACKET:** Nokuphila Dlamini displays her jacket. **LEFT - BABEKENI:** Indvuna Yembali Nonduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko captured at Mbangweni Royal Residence yesterday.



**SEE OFF:** Imbali overseer Sijabuliso Ndzinisa with Nhlanguano Station Commander Baraba Ginindza.

# SHISELWENI IMBALI SAY **BAYETHE!**

BY STARKY MKHONTA  
Nhlanguano

**THE** Imbali regiment which participated in the Shiselweni Umhlanga returned home with best memories from the ceremony held over the weekend.

Interviewed after being dispersed on Monday, the young maidens thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for the love and warmth they felt at the ceremony.

Others said they wished the event could be held on a monthly basis as it was where they felt loved and taken care off by Their Majesties.

"No one can complain of hunger during this event. Some of us come from families where we get only one meal a day but when we are here, we

get everything.

If you are not feeling well, medical attention is made available and at no fee," one of the girls said.

Others said what they enjoyed the most was meeting other girls and creating friendships. They said such cultural practices were good in promoting unity.

## Respect

"We end up making friends during such events. The most important thing is that we are participating in our culture which has taught us to respect our bodies," said one of the girls.

Some of the maidens said when the King moved around the arena doing 'kudlalisela', it was fascinating.

"Some of us had the opportunity of seeing the King up close for the first time," said another girl before the Imbali regiment boarded buses.

Meanwhile, Shiselweni Regional Commissioner Wendy Hleta, who was also found at Mbangweni Royal Residence making sure that the maidens were safe, said she was happy with the way everything progressed.

As someone who was hands on from the first day, Hleta said she had not heard of any complaints.

"Everything went well and even today (Monday), transporting them (maidens) to their respective communities has been going well," said Hleta.

**PLEASED:** Thuli Khumalo displays a golf shirt which was one of the gifts presented to the Ingabisa by the King. She is with Pholile Shongwe who never wasted time to wearing hers.



**EKHAYA:** Ingabisa regiment queueing to board a bus.



**TAKE THEM HOME:** Sinokuhle Transport seen departing with some of the maidens.



**BAYETHE:** Sindiswa Mkhali also received a chunk of meat before departure.



**ORDER:** Police officers saw the Imbali regiment off.



# PSAs deliver petitions in govt depts

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**IN an effort to mobilise members for next week's much-anticipated strike action, Public Sector Associations (PSAs) yesterday delivered petitions to various government departments in Mbabane.**

The PSAs consisted of Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), Swaziland National Association of Civil Servants (SNACS), Swaziland Nurses Association (SNA) and Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP).

The purpose of the march was for the workers to raise issues of concern to the heads of the government departments. The workers delivered the petitions to the Regional Administration (RA) offices, Regional Education Offices (REO) and Hhohho Police Regional Headquarters.

The same action was undertaken in all the regions, namely, Lubombo, Shiselweni and Manzini, where civil servants delivered the same petitions to the same offices.

## Conditions

They wanted the heads of the departments to contribute in helping them get their Cost of Living Adjustment from government. They also wanted the departments to help in improving their working conditions.

The march in Mbabane started from

## REINSTATE FIRED TEACHERS – SNAT

**SNAT is calling upon government to reinstate teachers who were fired after investigations made by officer Knowledge Ngwenya.**

In a petition delivered to Hhohho REO Tamari Langwenya, the teachers stated that they wanted teachers fired as a result of Ngwenya to be reinstated. The petition was signed by SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini.

"As SNAT, many of our members

have lost their jobs because of one Knowledge Ngwenya, the self-acclaimed private investigator, who unfortunately did not possess the appropriate qualifications," reads part of the petition.

## Derived

The petition further stated that Ngwenya did not carry out duties derived from his job description because the post of private investigator did not exist within the ministry of education and training. The

teachers who were dismissed, the petition said, should be reinstated immediately.

SNAT also blamed Langwenya for not doing anything to ensure that the conditions in the teaching service were improved.

The teachers called upon her to ensure that free primary education (FPE) and Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) funds were paid on time.



**PEACEFUL MARCH:** Members of the Public Sector Associations (PSAs) marching to deliver petitions at RA, REO and Mbabane Police Station yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

the Coronation Park, a few metres from Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services (EBIS).

There were less than 100 workers when the march started. The marchers moved along Msakato Street, before proceeding along Zwile Street, which led them to deliver their first petition at Hhohho Regional offices, just next to Dlanubeka.

They also delivered their second peti-

tion to Hhohho Regional Education Officer (REO) Tamari Langwenya, who was also at the regional offices to receive her petition.

The PSAs continued through Zwile Street until they reached the Mbabane National Library, where they briefly marched on Mahlokohla Street, which led them to Makhosikhosi Road. From there, they went to deliver the third petition at the Hhohho Police Regional

Headquarters. After delivering the petitions, they went back to the Coronation Park, where they dispersed.

Meanwhile, about 500 marchers delivered the same petitions to government departments in Siteki.

There were about 60 civil servants who participated in the march in Manzini while Nhlanguano there were about 200 who delivered petitions, led by SNAT Secretary Sikelela Dlamini.

## 'Sikheshekheshe must be suspended'

**TEACHERS are calling for the suspension of police officer Sikheshekheshe Maseko, who is said to have shot and wounded a teacher in Manzini.**

In a petition delivered at the Hhohho Regional Headquarters in Mbabane, SNAT sub-editor Futhi Dlamini stated that they were disappointed with the police because they seemed to have put their foot off the pedals in bringing Maseko to book.

## Ammunition

Dlamini said SNAT submitted a petition on this issue on August 24, 2018, but the police have failed to decisively deal with this matter.

Dlamini said Maseko shot Willy Dlamini, a teacher at Salesian Primary with two live rounds of ammunition. This was during a demonstration held by the teachers outside the SNAT Centre.

## Promoted

According to Dlamini, an attempted murder case was opened with the Manzini police but no arrests had been made until now.

Instead, Maseko is said to have been promoted to the Lubombo region. The engagements between SNAT and the police executive did not yield any fruit.

## PSAs' strike, 15 000 workers expected



**PETITION:** SNAT sub-editor Futhi Dlamini reading a petition at the police station.

**MORE than 15 000 workers are expected to take part in the PSAs' looming strike scheduled to commence from next week Monday.**

Civil servants will host a night vigil for this strike. The night vigil will take place at SNAT Centre in Manzini on September 24, a day before the strike.

The purpose of the night vigil is to hold a massive prayer to God so that the Almighty can listen to the plight faced by the civil servants. This was said by SNAGAP President Eric Ndlovu yesterday at the Coronation Park in Mbabane.

## Pleaded

This was after the PSAs had delivered three petitions to Hhohho Regional Administration offices (RA), Hhohho Regional Education Offices (REO), and Police Regional Headquarters.

Ndlovu pleaded with all the public workers to encourage one another to take part in the strike action in order to show their 'enemy' that they were

capable of shutting down the 'machine' that moved the economy.

"We expect not less than 15 000 workers to take part in this strike action. If you happen to have a relative in Mbabane, make sure you sleep at his or her house a day before September 25," Ndlovu said.

## Mobilisation

Yesterday, Ndlovu said they were still mobilising workers from all over the country to take part in the strike.

As part of the mobilisation initiatives, the Public Sector Associations (PSAs) started by holding regional marches. Such marches also took place in Manzini, Siteki, and Nhlanguano.

The PSAs, according to Ndlovu, would meet again this coming Friday at SNAT Centre in Manzini. The meeting would start at 10am.

The purpose of the meeting was to keep track of the progress made by the PSAs concerning the preparations of the strike.

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### Static electromagnetic smart water meter

EWSC 03 of 2019/20



Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC) invites suitably qualified service providers/contractors with proven experience, capacity and competence in similar assignments to indicate their interest in the supply of static electromagnetic smart water meters. Interested vendors must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

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Expression of interest is to be physically delivered by 16:00 hours on the 27 September 2019 in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Static electromagnetic smart water meter" to a designated tender box at the address below:

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A short list will be prepared from the received expressions of interest and the short-listed Firms invited to submit proposals for the provision of the services.

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## A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 25 STRIKE:

- **Friday:** PSAs meet at SNAT Centre to inform themselves on the progress made in the preparations for the strike.
- **Monday:** PSAs march to fetch their answers to the offices where they delivered the petitions yesterday. Marches to take place in the mentioned towns and cities.
- **September 24:** Night vigil held at SNAT Centre, where the civil servants will be praying to God to help them get out of their plight, which includes not receiving the cost of living adjustment from government for the past two years.
- **September 25:** Strike action commences in Mbabane and about 15 000 workers expected to take part. Civil servants promise to shut down any kind of services rendered at government offices across the country.





## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## 1.0 Procurement Specialist

This position is responsible Supporting all departments in their procurement needs and be responsible for demand, acquisition and logistics management of construction works, consultant services, the disposal of goods no longer required, and the selection of contractors to assist in the provision of municipal services.

## Key responsibilities

- Establishment of procurement policy, annual procurement plan and providing information on forecast procurement requirements in accordance with the Procurement Act, 2011
- Lead the Municipal Procurement activities from the requisition stage through delivery, inspection and acceptance as well as feed the logistical activities for the office to include inventory management.
- Establishes and maintains system for purchasing, ensuring that accurate and detailed specifications are submitted in writing prior to initiation of purchasing and coordinates the efficient pickup and delivery of purchases.
- Coordinate sourcing strategies and develop through a full and open process a comprehensive supplier base for the supply of goods and services, establish a pre-approved vendors' list that will be updated annually.
- Participating in the evaluation of tenders and preparation of evaluation reports as members of the evaluation committee in accordance with section 34 of the Procurement Act, 2011
- Managing contracts, including supplier performance as well as maintaining a database of Council suppliers
- Adhere to procurement policies during: supplier selection, bidding process awarding process and requisitioning management
- Secretary to the tender Board

## Qualifications and experience required

- Bachelor's Degree in Logistics, Business Administration, Supply Chain Management and a Diploma in Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS)
- Training in public procurement
- 5 years working experience in a senior procurement role
- Knowledge of tendering processes with local institutions

## Key competencies and attributes

- Knowledge of Procurement and Procedures
- Integrity
- Time management
- Project management
- Ability to understand financial statements
- Understanding of the legal issues involved in managing contracts
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent planning and coordinating skills

## 2.0 Clerk of Works (Contracts Manager)

This position is responsible to monitor and inspect construction works, record progress, carry out handover procedures, and ensure compliance with contract documents, construction regulations and best practice. Inspects the workmanship, quality and safety of work on a construction site and reports their findings to the City Engineer (Public Works & Projects Engineer).

## Key responsibilities

- Design and costing supervision of small in house projects to be constructed by sub-contractors
- Supervising contracts and certifying projects and plans for initiation.
- Land and Quantity surveying
- Inspects the workmanship, quality and safety of work on a construction site and reports their findings to the client.
- Generate and Review contract documents, architectural drawings and specifications
- Ensure that progress is maintained according to the building programme
- Work in collaboration with members of the Project Design Team and clients to ensure projects, both pre and post contract, run smoothly and objectives are achieved.

## Qualifications and experience required

- Bachelor's Degree in Construction or Civil Engineering or Architecture
- 5 years of work experience in a similar position, 2 of which should be in the designing of infrastructure
- Diploma in Project management will be an added advantage

## Key competencies and attributes

- Designing
- Project Management
- Property Management
- Communication and Writing Skills
- Budget Management
- MS Office and other relevant engineering software
- Problem-solving and analytical skills
- Good interpersonal, negotiation and conflict resolution skills

deadlines are met.

## Qualifications and experience required

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or relevant Diploma in Secretariat Studies
- Minimum of 5 years working experience, with 3 years as personal assistant to a Head of Department

## Key competencies and attributes

- Excellent organizational and time-management skills
- People management skills
- Ability maintain good working relations
- Proven problem solving skills
- Integrity

## 3.0 City Economic Development Officer

This position is responsible for facilitating, promoting and ensuring city economic development in order to secure opportunities for economic empowerment, business support and creation of local employment.

## Key responsibilities

- Providing overall coordination and oversight for the implementation of the various economic projects.
- Development and implementation of city Economic Development Strategy.
- Mobilize and coordinate funding for economic development activities and programs.
- Investment attraction, retention and expansion efforts.
- Develop and manage programs and services to improve the business environment in the community.
- Implementation of Entrepreneurship and business incubation initiatives
- Promote local opportunities and identify valuable commercial and industrial lands and assist businesses and investor prospects to view these properties
- Develop and maintain active contact with other business and economic development organizations, and government agencies in order to stay abreast of current programs and services and ensure that the City's interests are served.
- Facilitate partnerships between businesses, government, financial, and education institutions and the city.
- Development and implementation of socio-economic policies.
- Advise the council on matters of community development.
- Communication and information link between all facets of economic facilities.

## Qualifications and experience required

- Bachelor's Degree in Town and Regional Planning, Economics or a related field.
- 5 years of relevant experience in local government and or government; Working experience in Economic Development, Monitoring and Evaluation, marketing, or public relations; Proficient in the use of current information technologies
- Working experience in Economic Development, marketing, and public relations

## Key competencies and attributes

- Economic development theories and practices
- Business planning and business expansion/marketing strategies
- Financial management and analysis
- Understanding of principles and trends within the economic development industry
- Understanding of relevant municipal legislation, policies and procedures.
- Understanding of the local economic, cultural, and political environment.
- Ability to develop and analyse business plans
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills demonstrated through the ability to facilitate, network, lead, research, negotiate, analyse, and resolve issues

## 4.0 Executive Secretary

This position is responsible to work directly for, provide close administrative support and manage the office of the CEO

## Key responsibilities

- Read and analyse incoming memos, submissions, and reports in order to determine their significance and plan their distribution.
- Manage, coordinate and maintain calendar of CEO including appointments, meetings and travel.
- Responsible for organising of internal and external meetings on behalf of the CEO ensuring all necessary requirements are made e.g. meeting venue, equipment, presentations, prepare agendas
- Provides general information to public/stakeholders.
- Coordinate all secretariat duties for the CEO.
- Makes all travel arrangements and logistics for the CEO.
- Liaises with heads of departments to ensure that the CEO's instructions and

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Should you not receive further correspondence within one month of the closing date, please consider your application to be unsuccessful.

website: [www.mzcitycouncil.sz](http://www.mzcitycouncil.sz)

## SNAT president's charges dropped to 3

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

SWAZILAND National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Mbongwa Dlamini's charges have been dropped to three.

This was revealed by a letter from the Teaching Service Commission (TSC), which Dlamini received from the Acting Manzini Regional Education Officer (REO) Nhlanhla Dlamini yesterday.

The president was in the company of comrades from SNAT and other Public Sector Associations (PSAs), National Public Services and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) and Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) who had come to support him.

The comrades said it was degrading for the president to be called on radio notifying him that he should report to the REO's office to collect his letter.

This development on Dlamini's case follows that in May 2019, he was charged with 10 counts of misconduct. In April 2019, the president was first slapped with four charges which included absenteeism, neglecting to submit official school records for inspection, disobedience and bringing the teaching service into disrepute.

These charges were preferred by Schools Manager Macanjana Motsa in a letter dated April 3, 2019. Dlamini has been called to give reasons in writing why disciplinary action should not be taken against him in respect of the alleged misconduct charges.

## Responses

"After you have submitted your responses through a letter dated February 11, 2019, it has come to my attention that certain dates and/or complaints were not covered in the complainants that were forwarded to you. Therefore, you are kindly requested to answer on the added complaints," read part of the letter by the schools manager.

This means that in May, Dlamini faced a total of 14 charges of misconduct. According to the charge sheet that Dlamini received yesterday, four charges were levelled against him. On the first count the president is accused of negligence and laziness to complete the scheme book.

It is said in March 2019, Dlamini, who is a Mathematics and Science teacher at Mhubhe High, had failed to indicate target and completion dates, complete preliminary pages and provide pupils' test scores in his Scheme Book.

On his second count of negligence and laziness to prepare for lessons, the president is accused of failing, without cause, to perform his duty of teaching with proper care in that he failed to prepare for lessons as expected.

As a result, it is alleged that Dlamini submitted substandard and incomplete lesson plans and daily Preparation Book for his Form 1B, 2B, 4B and 5C Mathematics and Science classes, respectively. The last count further stated that the president failed to give his Form 2B Mathematics learners adequate work as expected in 2018 while they were still in Form 1.

In the Form 1 Maths book, it is said that Dlamini covered only 11 topics instead of 19 and further started a new book in Form 2 while he had not finished the Form 1 syllabus. "You did this knowing that your actions have a detrimental effect on the pupils' learning process," the charge sheet read.

In the previous charge sheet, the first complaint against Dlamini was that he had failed to indicate target and completion dates in the scheme book for four classes namely; Form 1B, Form 2B, Form 4B and Form 5 in various classes.

In the second complaint, Motsa further stated that during inspection Dlamini also failed to submit the content to be taught in the scheme book in the aforementioned classes.

## Syllabus

"The content is actually the topics of the syllabus to be taught for that year, per class and per subject," wrote Motsa.

It was further alleged that Dlamini failed to provide the record of teacher which was official information about the teacher, which helped identify who the teacher was, including their teaching experience.

Upon inspection the inspectors would know who they were helping in terms of teaching experience and identify areas where the teacher needed assistance and support.

When sought for comment, Dlamini said he was confused because all the charges laid against him were not supposed to be ones to cause him to appear before a disciplinary committee.

He said if the working environment was as it was supposed to be, the faults cited in the charge sheet should have been conveyed to him verbally and should have been made a serious case after he had failed to correct them.

"This shows that the inspectors were on a fault-finding mission and not to correct mistakes for the betterment of education," he said.

Dlamini further stated that the TSC had refused to go to the labour commissioner on the same case, which was worrying because if the commission felt that it was on the right, they should not be worried when the matter is taken to any platform for evaluation of a neutral person.

Furthermore, Dlamini said he could not go to the TSC for a trial date setting, as instructed by a letter he only received today.

He said this was unfair in that his other colleague with whom he was suspected with had received his letter last week.

## Crown closes its case in 'Obama' murder trial

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

IN what has been described as a marathon trial, the state has closed its case in the murder trial for police officer Lucky 'Obama' Matsenjwa.

The matter was again before Judge Mbutfo Mamba and after the Crown represented by Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo indicated that he was through with his witnesses, the Court postponed the matter to November where both counsel Nxumalo and Advocate Lucas Maziya are expected to make their sub-

## CASE PROFILE:

Court – High Court  
Judge – Justice Mbutfo Mamba  
Crown – Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo assisted by Ncamsile Masuku  
Defence – Advocate Lucas Maziya instructed by Senior Attorney Siphosho Gumede  
Accused – Lucky 'Obama' Matsenjwa  
Charge – Murder

missions.

The crown paraded about 30 witnesses in the trial which started late last year.

Indicators are that Matsenjwa will know his fate before the final session of the High court closes.







# MANZINI NEWS

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## PLEASE NOTE: MANZINI GENERAL VALUATION IN PROGRESS

...please allow Property Valuers access to your residence

Property owners are notified that the general valuation of all Manzini properties has begun. Property valuers, G.S. Chiyanda Property Consultants, have been engaged by the Municipal Council of Manzini to conduct the general valuation following an open tender process.

The valuers began their work about three weeks ago and the exercise, wherein they are visiting properties from door to door, is expected to run until December 2019. The exercise started with Ngwane Park and Fairview South and North townships; and will thereafter proceed to other townships.

Property owners are requested to allow the property valuers access to their properties so that they can conduct the necessary inspections thereof and be able to appropriately update the city's valuation roll. The team of valuers is identifiable by name tags that bear both Manzini Council and G.S. Chiyanda logos. They are also carrying a letter (Power of Entry as per the

Rating Act, 1995) from Council which confirms that they have been contracted to conduct the exercise on behalf of Council. The exercise is being carried out from Monday to Saturday.

Council is aware that most property owners are usually at work or running their business commitments during the day but they are requested to leave instructions with their domestic helpers to allow the valuers into the property. Landlords are also urged to notify their tenants about the exercise so that they can allow the valuers entry into the properties. This will result in a smoother general valuation exercise. If you feel strongly that you need to be present when they visit, please feel free to make the necessary arrangements by contacting the valuers on 2505 8170 or [gschiyandaproperties@gmail.com](mailto:gschiyandaproperties@gmail.com). Alternatively, they may contact Council's Finance Department on 2508 5026 or 2508 5000. The bottom line is that it is important that all properties be re-valued. Please note that it is a legal requirement to allow the valuers into

the property and it is an offense to refuse them entry.

Many might be wondering what a general valuation is and why it is so important to Council. This is an exercise wherein Council measures the values of all immovable properties within the Manzini urban area including developed and undeveloped pieces of land (plots). It is a tool through which Council measures the city's worth in economic terms. The valuation also provides relevant data which is often used for various purposes by Council and various institutions. An increase in property value gives confidence to the property owner regarding their investment. The general valuation is a requirement of the law as contained in the Rating Act, 1995, and is conducted every five years. It helps the Municipality to note the economic trends that indicate positive or negative changes which serve as a guide to determine whether the city is growing, stagnant or regressive in terms of economic

activity. These trends are one of the tools that are used to measure the

performance of the municipality.



G.S. Chiyanda Property Valuers... the property valuers that are presently conducting the general valuation on behalf of Manzini Council. Please allow them access to your residence.

## ...SERVICE DELIVERY IN PROGRESS: MANZINI COUNCIL IN ACTION

In accordance with its mandate, the Municipal Council of Manzini continues to provide service to the citizens of Manzini. Council employees have been seen busy in various parts of the city engaged in various service delivery activities.

In the last 7 days a number of roads were attended to in terms of bitumen pothole patching. These include Meintjies road, Masalesikhundleni street, Mancishane street and Tenbergen street (ongoing). Once done with the city centre, the team will proceed with bitumen patching in the townships next week. Road marking also progressed well. In the last week or so, the road marking team was seen busy on D98 (from the Zakhele Remand Centre road intersection to the Ngwane Park main road near Mathayini). Gravel roads have not been left out.

Road regravelling took place in a number of streets in the city. These include Harry street, Peter Crescent street, Robert street, Linda street, Church street in Ngwane Park and Sidvudvu street in Trelawney Park. The team was yesterday busy on Jennifer and Bess streets.

Council pleads for patience from residents. Your street will eventually be covered. Fixing of street and high mast lights is also ongoing. Same with overgrowth clearing. Residents are encouraged to continue making use of Council's 24/7 Call Centre (800 2004/2505 7000) for reporting of their service delivery requirements.



OUR GOAL IS QUALITY ROADS NETWORK...Manzini Council employees were last week busy fixing potholes in the city. In this photo they are captured on Tenbergen street.



COUNCIL GRADER ON THE ROLL...This Council grader was yesterday seen in a number of streets in Manzini ensuring gravel roads are of good riding quality.

## ...YOU'RE INVITED: MANZINI AGM NEXT THURSDAY



FLASHBACK!...Photograph taken during Manzini Council's 2018 Annual General Meeting. Please attend next Thursday.

The Municipal Council of Manzini invites all stakeholders to the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held on Thursday 26th September 2019, 7:30am, at The George Hotel.

The purpose of the accountability meeting is to present a report on Council's performance during the last financial year (2018/2019). A comprehensive annual report will be distributed to stakeholders on the day. However, those who are interested in browsing through it before the date of the meeting may do so through a number of platforms. A copy

will be available (only for perusal) at the Council reception desk as from tomorrow. Furthermore, stakeholders who wish to have it emailed to them may contact Council on [pro@mzcitycouncil.sz](mailto:pro@mzcitycouncil.sz) or 7802 3889.

They will be assisted. This is an important meeting wherein stakeholders will also be given an opportunity to comment and get clarity on the content of the report. Most importantly, Council hopes to, through the meeting, get innovative suggestions on how she can improve on municipal service delivery as the municipality's vision puts emphasis on innovation; amongst other elements.



CLEAR SIGNAGE ON OUR ROADS...These Manzini Council employees were last week Friday found engaged in road marking on D98 road near the Zakhele Remand Centre.





**PEACEFUL MARCH:** Members of the Public Sector Associations (PSAs) marching on Mahlokohla Street in Mbabane where they delivered petitions at RA, REO and Mbabane Police Station yesterday. This was part of the build up to the strike to take place on September 25. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**FOR YOU:** Regional Education Officer Tamara LaNgwenya accepting a petition from Thulani Hlatshwayo.

## PSAs deliver petitions at RA,



**HAND-OVER:** Futhi Dlamini presents a petition to Hhohho Regional Operations Officer Tibonisile Mdziniso.



**NO ENTRY:** Police officers block the entrance of Mbabane Police Station.



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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

#### TENDER No.39 of 2019/20: SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS AND INTRUSION DETECTION ALARM SYSTEM

##### INVITATION

Tenders are hereby invited from suitable qualified service providers to Supply and Install CCTV Cameras and Intrusion Detection Alarm System for the Eswatini Electricity Company. The Electronic Security Systems will be installed at Mkinkomo Substation.

##### DETAILED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DOCUMENTS

A detailed RFP document is available at a non-refundable fee of SZL1000.00 and can be collected or emailed from the Commercial Services Department, EEC Head Office, Mbabane. If the RFP document has been downloaded from ESPPRA – Eswatini website <http://www.sppra.co.sz/>, tenderers must submit proof of payment of the requisite non-refundable fee.

##### SUBMISSION & CLOSING DATE

A signed and sealed tender bid clearly marked on an official envelope "SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS AND INTRUSION DETECTION ALARM SYSTEM TENDER No. 39 of 2019/20, containing TECHNICAL and FINANCIAL proposals, should be deposited in the tender box situated at the EEC Head Office, Eluvatsini Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Eswatini.

The closing time for receipt of the proposals is 12:00hrs on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Late, incomplete or telegraphic tenders will not be considered. There will be a compulsory briefing and site visit on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the EEC Headquarters, Eluvatsini House at 10:00hrs.

It is the responsibility of all tenderers to ensure registration of their tenders on submission.

##### ENQUIRIES

All enquiries must be directed to the Commercial Services Manager at the following address: [busiwe.masangane@eec.co.sz](mailto:busiwe.masangane@eec.co.sz)

"The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender"



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

#### Office Cleaning and Ablutions Cleaning Services, Vehicle cleaning and Driver Assistants Services

We hereby invite proposals for the provision of Office and Ablutions Cleaning Services, Bulk Vehicle Cleaning Services and Driver Assistants to the Southern Star Logistics (SSL) from suitably qualified and experienced organizations.

##### The Detailed Proposals shall consist of the following;

- A Company Profile
- Clearly state the scope of the work
- The Supplier should be experienced in the Requirements of Safety Standards and the importance of MSDS'
- The Supplier must have adequate staff with appropriate qualifications and suitable in the services required for
- The Supplier should be conversant with the requirements of the country's labour legislation and the conformance thereof.

##### Eligibility;

This opportunity is open to any organization with legal status recognized to work in Eswatini and demonstrated experience on the above named services and management of people and time.

##### Application Process;

The Proposals should be hand delivered to the Southern Star Logistics Reception Desk, King Sobhuza 11 Avenue, Matsapha, Swaziland, on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

**NB:** No late submissions will be accepted

##### Contact Details:

Southern Star Logistics  
King Sobhuza 11 Avenue, Matsapha, Swaziland  
P.O. Box 360, Manzini M200  
Telephone: 2517 4000

[shervon.roberts@southernstar.co.sz](mailto:shervon.roberts@southernstar.co.sz)



## REO and Mbabane Police Station



**GIVE WAY:** Motorists drive past the marchers.



**PRESENT:** Former SNAT President Sibongile Mazibuko (second from left) also participated.



**ARMED:** Fully armed police officers seen during the march.



**TOYI-TOYI:** A civil servant carrying a knobkerrie.



**READ HERE:** A man displays one of the placards.



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## Son stabs dad over family dispute

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

A long standing family dispute saw a man stabbing his biological father after the two had a disagreement over ownership of a homestead.

Nhlanhla Dlamini (43) appeared before Acting Magistrate Cebile Ngwenya after he was charged with stabbing his father, Joseph Dlamini with a screwdriver.

The accused person was charged with contravening section 77(1) of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act 15 of 2018.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person was said to have unlawfully and physically abused the complainant by assaulting him and further stabbing him with a screwdriver on the body.

The complainant was said to have sustained a life threatening injury as a result of the assault.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge.

### Accused

He told the court that he committed the crime while reacting in self-defence.

The accused alleged that his father was the one who attacked him, and that he only used the screwdriver to scare the complainant away.

It was gathered that the two had a long standing dispute which revolved around the ownership of a homestead.

Court records also indicated that the two have at some instance, appeared before the same court for a peace binding order.

In the case before court, the accused person asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying that he was a first time offender.

His plea was accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.

The accused person was accordingly found guilty by the court.

He was sentenced to a year in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine.

# Macmillan Education yearns for schools' E-education

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**MACMILLAN Education Eswatini says it is about time schools start an electronic education, seeing that school children are bent on digital migration, than the hard copy system in which the education system is currently embracing.**

Macmillan Education Eswatini Marketing Manager Simanga Shabangu said for relevance to today's education system and in line with the modern world's tutoring arrangement, it was not an option but a necessity for the education department to look seriously into technologising the educational landscape.

Shabangu said he was aware that as it is, government was running on scarcity of funds due to the economic shortfall with which the nation is faced.

He said for optimum performance, however, there was a need for re-strategising with particular view of where the heart of school children is.

"It is common knowledge that today's children are inclined on the digital world and schools through the ministry of education and training can know where to redirect their focus," said Shabangu.

He said the idea of e-learning was tested at their stand at this year's Eswatini International Trade Fair, where they aired a programme on storytelling on their screens and had throngs of school children, both from primary and high school levels, coming in to listen.

He said it was clear to them that the children enjoyed the programme and followed every bit of the stories.

The stories, mainly folk tales, were recorded and told by teachers whose cognitive approach was targeted on life issues.

In like manner, said Shabangu, this mode of education was liked by parents who had come to the stand with their children and they expressed that they wished it was adopted in schools at all levels. The lessons aired on the screens, were chosen by Macmillan and were on tradition and culture and sourced from Eswatini's traditional structures such as Emsamo in Lobamba.

"The children were captivated the moment the lessons started, right through to the end, and it was clear that they had followed every bit of what the lessons were about, from the answers they gave afterwards," said Shabangu.

He said for the introduction of the technological mode of teaching it was imperative that the concerned parties, children, parents and teachers were taken through training, getting them started on a life long journey of exciting methods of learning, which would

change their lives for the better.

The training would include knowing how to care for such fragile gadgets such as television sets and tablets, which being the sources of the information and great possessions would need extra care. He said children would need to know that fixing a broken gadget could cost a lot of money and hence care needed to be exercised.

**It is common knowledge that today's children are inclined on the digital world and schools through the ministry of education and training can know where to redirect their focus**

## ...NEW BOOKS FOR 2020

**MACMILLAN Education Eswatini has published new books for high schools, both in siSwati and English language.**

The books would be distributed for the 2020 high and secondary schools' academic year.

Commenting on Macmillan's innovations for the coming academic year, Marketing Manager Simanga Shabangu said the company had published the siSwati edition called 'Umtfombo WesiSwati 2', for Forms Two and Three in secondary schools.

He said the book is the second of three that have been compiled and ready for study.

Important features of the book

include 'encouraging and nurturing talents which suit the modern times', 'learning new methods of life from old ones', 'mind stimulating jobs that foster independence', and 'learning culture through the native language, including law and custom, history and writing'.

### Revised

Macmillan has introduced Macmillan Biology for Southern Africa, a revised edition for Macmillan Biology for Southern Africa, developed for senior secondary learners in the Southern African region. The book, written by a team of experienced authors is aligned with the revised

syllabus for Botswana, Eswatini, Namibia and Lesotho.

On business, the publishing company has produced 'Science around us 3,' which is a final series of three new books developed for learners and teachers of Science at Junior Secondary School level. It addresses the requirement of the newly revised syllabus for the Junior Secondary Science Course for Eswatini.

'Business Studies 2', the last of a brand new series of 2, covering Forms 2 and 3 of the Junior Secondary Business Studies syllabus.

This book comes with a teacher's guide. 'Bookkeeping and Accounting 2' is a revised edition of the Junior Secondary

Bookkeeping Accounting 2 Learner's Book, and covers Forms 2 and 3 syllabi.

"This book is written by a team of experienced authors and teachers and has been specifically designed to meet the requirements of the newly revised Bookkeeping and Accounting syllabus for Junior Secondary," said Shabangu.

Shabangu said the company has started communicating with heads of the various schools and informed them on the new batches which will hit the stores not long from now.

He encouraged heads to incorporate the books into their systems and begin using them, come the 2020 academic year.

## Moza man nabbed with dagga in chips packet

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**ARTFULLY packaged dagga did not prevent a 24-year-old Mozambican man from being arrested.**

Guilherme Nhancal, who resides at Ngcayini, was arrested last Friday at the Manzini Bus Rank after he was found in possession of 0.482 kg of dagga.

He was charged for contravening the Opium and Habit Forming Drug Act 37 of 1922. Nhancal appeared before Senior Magistrate Simangele Mbatha yesterday.

When asked by the court where he got the dagga from, the 24-year-old said he had received it from someone who resides at Nkomazi.

The Mozambican national told the court that he was given the dagga



**Guilherme Nhancal (24) showing the court one of his cleverly packaged dagga pieces to the court.**

after he told his acquaintance that he needed money urgently. Nhancal further told the court that he obtained the illicit drug after he was approached by someone, a dagga dealer, in Manzini who had found him smoking around town. The supposed dealer is said to have asked if Nhancal could assist him get the dagga so he could sell it

around town. It was then that the Mozambican saw an opportunity to make money which he said he wanted to use to buy some disposable nappies and formula milk for his four-month-old baby.

When he was arrested, Nhancal said he was going to deliver the package to the dealer in town. The dagga was

cunningly packaged in Supa Naks packets which were sealed with selotape. The packets were then loaded in the Supa Naks branded plastic, giving the impression that it was the real snack that is usually sold for E1. When the evidence was brought before court, Magistrate Mbatha was shocked to learn of the way the dagga was packaged. He asked whether Nhancal had been selling the dagga to children and the response was to the negative. Magistrate Mbatha further asked who supplied Nhancal with the illicit drug and he said it was someone residing at a Khumalo homestead. "Batakulaya!" Magistrate Mbatha said, much to the laughter of those present in court. In mitigation, Nhancal said he was only a herdboys who wanted to provide for his child at the time. He was remanded in custody pending judgment that will be meted out on September 23, 2019.

## LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Conference Room on the 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 starting at 10.00am.

### Region MANZINI

1. GENERAL AFRICA FOODS (PTY) LTD, P. O. Box 5727 Mbabane GRANT of a RESTRICTED BOTTLE STORE Liquor Licence situated at PLOT 180, 1<sup>st</sup> AVENUE, MATSAPHA known as MATSAPHA OBC.

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

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# Sports minister a source of inspiration - AEC pastor

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**MINISTER** of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Bulunga has been described as a source of inspiration by Mbabane AEC leadership.

This was during the launch of the third and final phase of the church structure which is estimated to cost E19 million upon completion.

The pastor of the church Nicholas Maseko said they were very proud as citizens of Mbabane East to have a legislator of Bulunga's calibre.

Bulunga is also Mbabane East MP.

Maseko said the minister has been supportive and instrumental in the construction of the church building.

According to Maseko, the church has shouldered the construction of the structure and that has proved that the members are willing to see the church owning a bigger structure. "Bulunga has been very sup-



**LAUNCH:** Former Minister Elijah Shongwe, Chairperson of the Construction Committee Wesley Mndzebele, Mbabane AEC Reverend Nicholas Maseko alongside invited guests during the launch of the third phase of the church project yesterday at Msunduzi. (Pics: Bongumusa Simelane)

portive to the church as he usually graces our events and church services and for that we are really grateful to have such a leader who serves his community with diligence," he added. "We started with a small amount but that has not discouraged us as a church to continue working hard and to contribute to

the construction of the church," Maseko said.

Maseko said the usual targets that they as a church set are sometimes not met but it has been the church's priority to contribute with anything that is available as this will at the end benefit the church. "We continue setting the targets and we are

proud that the last target that we set we were able to meet. I can proudly say that it is now clear that Mbabane AEC will see the completion of the building," he said.

Maseko said the church was very grateful of the support it has received from individuals who are even not members of the church.

He said the individuals have donated in money and in a form of building materials which he said have helped the church very much in its mission.

He mentioned that the main purpose of erecting the building in Msunduzi was that they want to win souls from that place. The man of the cloth said they would transform that place into a God fearing one. "We want everyone who is willing to worship the Lord to come and do so under this roof and that is why we are constructing a bigger and better structure," he said.

Meanwhile, chairperson of the Construction Committee Wesley Mndzebele highlighted that the state of the art building's third phase would cost over E4.5 million which will see it to completion.

"Initially, the structure was estimated to cost E17 million but now estimated to be around E19 million which is a slight increase," he said.

He said that this covers the cost of the contracted company, civil engineers, electrical and mechanical engineers, quantity surveyor and architects of which all of them are qualified to do the job and are registered with the Construction Industry Council.

The state of the art structure will boast of an auditorium, offices, bathroom, a spacious cold room, pantry, dining hall, a studio and kitchens.



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# TSC thanks Alliance Church for role

STORIES BY STARKY MKHONTA  
Nhlengano

THE Teaching Service Commission (TSC) is pleased with the role played by Christian schools in the country's education system.

Speaking during Alliance Church Schools' get-together at Joppa Primary, TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba, who was the guest of honour, stated that Alliance Schools have not only assisted pupils to acquire education but also made them understand the truth about life and channeling them to do God's work.

## Retiring

Alliance Church has 13 schools in the country. Out of this figure, 11 are primary and two are high schools while one is a tertiary. The get-together was combined with a farewell function for retiring teachers.

Shiselweni Regional Education Officer (REO) Siboniso Gumbi also graced the event while the TSC chairman was



accompanied by the other members including the Commission's Executive Secretary Ncamisile Mtshali.

In his remarks, Mamba said the TSC

was impressed with the schools under Alliance Church, stating that it was good to have schools grooming pupils with Christian principles as the Kingdom

**INTRODUCES:** TSC Executive Secretary Ncamisile Mtshali introduces the guest speaker Simanga Mamba.

**REMARKS:** TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba who was a guest speaker making his remarks during the Alliance Church Schools' get together at Joppa Primary School on Thursday.



is known to be a Christian country. He called upon other schools to also play their part in transforming pupils spiritually.

"Alliance schools are Christian schools and they have an impact in the education system.

"The purpose of Christian education

## TSC chairman salutes female principals

MAMBA has applauded the administration displayed by female principals in the country's schools.

He said since he joined TSC way back in 2011, he had not deliberat-

ed on a matter touching a female principal in particular on matters of misconduct or mismanagement and misappropriation of funds.

He was addressing a gathering dur-

ing a get-together for teachers for schools under Alliance Church, which was held at Joppa Primary School.

Not at all discrediting some of the

male principals who are also good administrators in their schools.

## Summoned

Principals summoned by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), most of the time these are male principals.

It is encouraging to see female prin-

cipals showing the good management skills in their schools and also not being linked to misappropriation of funds.

Most female principals are in primary schools and I must say as TSC, we are happy with your work and continue with that," said Mamba.

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The following deceased families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

#### Monday 23 September 2019

VENUE: MBABANE HEAD OFFICE, INGCAMU BUILDING.

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Nxumalo Patin J	4124829	26.03.2019	09h00
2. Sihlabela Tshengisile	4569024	26.05.2019	09h30
3. Mazibuko Angelminah	211248	11.07.2019	10h00
4. Dlamini Mbuso A	4138444	15.07.2019	10h30
5. Hadzebe Ephraem	4252498	15.08.2019	11h00
6. Masuku Rebecca T	4140957	03.08.2019	11h30

#### Tuesday 24 September 2019

VENUE: Siteki

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Ndzimandze Ndlebe	30704	06.07.2019	10h00
2. Motsa Lawrence	71115	25.07.2019	10h30
3. Manzini James L	28671	01.08.2019	11h00

#### Wednesday 25 September 2019

VENUE: Mbabane

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mndzebele Albert	4190220	24.08.2019	09h00
2. Maseko Ellard	3159213	27.07.2019	09h30
3. Dlamini Elijah	3056794	19.08.2019	10h00
4. Bhembe Dan	4185288	12.08.2019	10h30
5. Gama Amos	28370	08.08.2019	11h00
6. Hlophle Dvumandzaba	4957698	01.07.2019	11h30

#### Thursday 26 September 2019

VENUE: Pigg's Peak

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini Samuel	34279	14.07.2019	10h30
2. Mhlanga Eunice	6355250	13.07.2019	11h00

#### Friday 27 September 2019

VENUE: MBABANE HEAD OFFICE, INGCAMU BUILDING.

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Kunene Florah	3219458	23.08.2019	09h00
2. Dlamini Nompumelelo	9782	26.07.2019	09h30
3. Shongwe Mzileni	3072808	29.07.2019	10h00
4. Simelane Lawrence	211417	17.08.2019	10h30
5. Nkambule Phineas	36553	07.08.2019	11h00
6. Kunene Samuel	6208275	30.07.2019	11h30
7. Magagula Israel	33762	02.08.2019	12h00

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Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) is seeking services from experienced companies for the above mentioned services. Only companies that can demonstrate that they are suitably qualified and have previous experience and capacity to provide similar services will be considered.

#### Tenderers should submit the following:

- Company profile
- Financial proposals
- Valid Original Tax Compliance Certificate
- Certified Copy of Valid Trading License
- Proof of VAT Registration
- Labour compliance certificate
- Names and contact details of at least three (3) reference clients
- Form C
- Form J

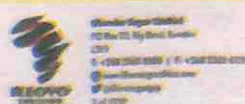
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Tenders to be submitted via Scan Market not later than 12h00, on the 11 October 2019.

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# in education

is directing the process of human development towards God's objective for man godliness of character and action.

The ultimate purpose should be to equip children to understand the truth about life, the world and their place in it," said Mamba.

The TSC boss said Christian schools should straighten children and make them aware what exactly was expected of someone in society.

## Influence

He said, "mission schools should endeavour to equip children to recognise Christian principles in all subject areas of learning, and to respond in obedience to the Lord in order to have transforming influence in society.

"Apart from shaping a mind, we cannot turn a blind eye to the impact

that mission schools have on the heart of a child.

## Mission

"Mission schools should have a vision for the kind person they want their students to become.

In short, mission schools should not only provide information but they should also seek to educate the emotions, and influence the living actions of a child's life," said Mamba.

## Control

Mamba said mission schools' ultimate goal was to see a child guided on understanding that God was in full control of everything including what one was pursuing in life.

"Teachers' conduct is important. It should influence the students towards the life of Christ," said Mamba, whose address was more motivational.

## Education a powerful weapon - TSC chairman

TEACHING Service Commission (TSC) Chairman Simanga Mamba has observed that anyone who is educated is armed with a powerful weapon.

The TSC boss said without education, one's future is doomed and encouraged children to make use of every opportunity given to them by their parents to go to school. He described education as the great equaliser to human beings.

"Beyond all of other devices of human origin, education is a great equaliser of the conditions of men, the balance wheel of the social machinery.

## Strengthen

Its purpose is to build, strengthen and sustain the society. It gives our children competencies at the workplace fueling economic growth and development for all. It is essential to sustainable development, equality, stability and peace," said Mamba.

Mamba said access to education also levels the playing field for disadvantaged children.



UNITED: TSC Chairman with some of the commission's members and the Alliance Church Schools teachers.

tagged children. He said educating children was giving them a key to open and close any door.

"Giving children a chance to go to school will open more and better opportunities for them in the future and provide a chance for them to escape the cycle of poverty. Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world, that is how even the late Nelson Mandela described education, while Allan Bloom described education as the movement from darkness to light," said Mamba.

Mamba said through education early child marriages and poverty were avoided. He called upon teachers to do their work as failure to do that would see some of the children robbed a chance of improving their lives and being.

"As teachers, we have a duty and responsibility to know and understand in our conscience that education is a breaker of the cycle of poverty.

If we don't do our work, if we attend meetings everyday, if we don't prepare, if we do not mark work, it's serious injustice," said Mamba.

## Mamba hailed for TSC transformation

THE Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Secretariat has passed its gratitude to the country's appointing authority for entrusting Simanga Mamba to lead them.

TSC Executive Secretary Ncamisile Mtshali said the commission was proud to be led by Mamba as he was a visionary leader.

She said there was no doubt that since Mamba joined the commission there have been tangible achievements.

## Inspired

She said the commission was inspired by the leadership skills displayed by Mamba.

Mtshali first sang Mamba's praises when addressing schools inspectors at the Shiselweni Regional Education Offices, where the commission was enroute to Joppa Primary to grace the Alliance Church Schools teachers get together.

When introducing Mamba to the schools inspectors at the REO, Mtshali described him as a visionary leader.

She repeated her sentiments about her boss when she had to introduce him at the get-together where Mamba was a guest of honour.

## Progress

At the REO Offices, the commission had gone to assess progress made after posting two officers to the region as means of decentralisation of the Commission's Human Resources (HR) services.

The launch of the decentralisation was done in 2017, where the late former Prime Minister Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini officiated.

"Mamba joined the commission in 2011 and he has done a lot for us in terms of progress.

## Commitment

"He has exhibited true leadership since taking over the role of chairman and through his leadership, it is clear that he is guided by God and has shown commitment in taking the commission to the next level.

He is a man who stands by the truth and as much as he is younger than some of us, in his leadership, there is maturity.

We are thankful to His Majesty King Mswati III for picking someone who knows how to tackle issues that need the commission's attention. As a commission, we scream Bayethe!" said Mtshali.

## Public Notice



## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO LEVY

The Alcohol and Tobacco Levy Act of 2019, which provides for the imposition and collection of a levy on alcoholic drinks and tobacco products has been enacted and will be effective from 1 October 2019.

This levy will apply as follows:

Collection Point	Affected products	Rate of levy
At time of importation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcoholic beverages of all kinds other than traditional beer</li> <li>All Tobacco products</li> </ul>	7%
Local sales	<b>Locally manufactured:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcoholic beverages of all kinds other than traditional beer</li> <li>All Tobacco Products</li> </ul>	2%

### Points to note:

- On locally manufactured goods, the levy will be collected at the first point of sale after the manufacturing process.
- Calculation of the levy will be based on the value of the product exclusive of VAT while VAT will be charged on the amount inclusive of the levy amount
- Local manufacturers will be expected to submit returns on their sales of the preceding month by the 20th of the subsequent month. These returns should be accompanied by payment.
- On imports of these products, the Levy will be charged at the point of first entry of the product into the territory of the Kingdom of Eswatini.
- On imported goods, the levy will be calculated on the customs value plus the amount of customs duty, excise tax and any other fiscal charge other than VAT.

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**Sizwe Dlamini**

# Single mother of two wins E5 000 Lotto

A first time lotto machine player and single mother of two from Pigg's Peak won E5 000 cash after betting E50 at a lotto machine.

The lucky lady (26), who works at a local salon, tried her luck in the lotto machine located within the Super Slots Lotto machine arcade, opposite the PEP car park last Monday.

Speaking yesterday, the woman who will not be named for safety reasons, said she will use her winnings to pay for her daughter's high school fees.

"I am very happy with the win and I plan to use the money to pay school fees for my daughter.

"It was the first time that I have ever gambled with the lotto machines. I have always wanted to play the machines but I was sceptical because I heard a lot of stories about people gambling all their money with the hope of winning a cash prize that never came.

"Since late 2017, I used to watch my colleagues gamble and they would either win or lose. However, on Monday I felt like trying my luck for the first time and I am so happy that I was brave," she said.

Nxumalo added that her colleagues gave her tips on how to win money on the lotto machines.

..."I am very happy with the win and I plan to use the money to pay school fees for my daughter"

"My three female colleagues have only managed to win about E1 000 each on different occasions after losing E800 each.

"They told me that I should use a machine that another individual had been using for a long time.

Logic dictates that if an individual has been playing on a certain machine for more than 30 minutes but failed to win anything then that machine is filled with tokens. Once the original player leaves, you can then use the same machine because it has enough tokens to release the money.

I refuse to believe that this theory is wrong because it worked for me but it cannot always work for other people.

"I will return in the future to try my luck again but I don't want to make such things a habit," she added.

When asked to comment on the theory used by a recent winner at Super Slots Lotto machine's Pigg's Peak she said the theory was not true, as the machines were working on a digital network that was serviced in South Africa.

After the initial interview the recent winner added that they were not allowed to speak to the media as their head offices are located in South Africa. The win came after the two owners of Super Slots Lotto machine arcade had a disagreement leading to the issue being reported to the Pigg's Peak police on Sunday.

During the disagreement, operations at the location ceased for a few hours. However, normal operations resumed on Monday much to the delight of local lotto machine players.

**They told me that I should use a machine that another individual had been using for a long time**



**Useless storm water drains behind the Pigg's Peak Plaza that now remove storm water from the Mziyako plot. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)**

## Businessman still not compensated for storm water damage

**AFTER 23 years of complaining, a senior businessman has still not found respite, as he claims that storm water collected from the Pigg's Peak Plaza roof continues to damage his plot.**

The complaint has previously received extensive media coverage numerous times since 1996 and the Pigg's Peak Town Council has also been approached various times throughout the years but nothing has happened.

King Mziyako approached this publication again last week, saying even though the Pigg's Peak Plaza constructed new water drainage system in 2018, the water damage to his building was still visible.

"I own a residential and commercial plot in Pigg's Peak that I constructed in 1996. A few months later, the Pigg's Peak Plaza was also constructed and labourers forgot to construct proper water drainage system.

This oversight resulted in storm water collected on the Plaza roof being dumped on my plot, which is located below the building. As we speak, the value of my building and plot continues to fall as it is being devalued by the water. My building already has wall mould caused by the water," he said.

Mziyako added that he was receiving no help from the authorities. "I saw in your publication that you mentioned the new storm water drainage, however, they are useless because the damage has occurred already.

As I said before this is a very old issue and it was reported at various times by different media houses. All the media coverage has not helped me as I am stuck in an even worse situation, due to the time it has taken to fix the problem.

I really need help and cannot afford legal representation as many people have told me that this is a civil matter that will require expensive lawyers. My only option now is to sell my plot but I need the money to find an individual who will value it for me," he added.

When approached again for comment, manager of the Pigg's Peak Plaza Costa Ginindza said the new storm water drainage was actually constructed in 2017 and not 2018 as first reported by Mziyako.

"As the Pigg's Peak Plaza, we constructed new storm water drainage in 2017. The last time this story was published you reported that the drainage were constructed in 2018, which is not true.

The new storm drainage connects to the Pigg's Peak Town Council system away from the plot in question. As we speak no storm water is being dumped on to the Mziyako plot. I hope this issue ends as I keep repeating myself every few months," he said.

Pigg's Peak Town Council Clerk/CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa said the issue was between two owners of private land hence after careful consideration an official statement from the council was not necessary as the council did send an engineer to the site in question.



**JACKPOT: Woman from Pigg's Peak managed to win E5 000 after using E50 at a lotto machine at Super Slots Lotto shop in Pigg's Peak Town. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)**



**The Mziyako plot is located behind the Pigg's Peak plaza.**



# E142 000 WORTH DAGGA BUSTED AT MANANGA BORDER

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

## ROYAL Eswatini Police Services busted dagga weighing 178kg at Mananga.

According to a source, the dagga was packed in eight bags.

It is not clear whether the dagga was hidden or was abandoned by people

who were scared off by patrolling soldiers at the border line.

The dagga was found near a fence separating Eswatini and the Republic of South Africa.

According to the source, the place where the dagga was discovered is a hotspot used by the illegal drug dealers who smuggle dagga to the neighbouring country.

Meanwhile, the police information

and communications office confirmed that eight bags of dagga weighing 178kg with a street value of E142 400 were discovered abandoned by an unknown person at Mananga near the fence separating Eswatini and the Republic of South Africa last week Friday.

The police are still investigating the case.

Meanwhile, a local kombi operator was busted with drugs at Oshoek Bor-

der Gate on the South African side last Tuesday. It is reported that the kombi driver operates cross border transport. He had already crossed the Eswatini side when he was busted with the drugs.

Details of his arrest are sceptical. However according to an impeccable source he was taken to custody for being found with the drug.

Meanwhile, Matsapha police are

investigating a suicide case whereby it is reported that on Friday at around 1730 hours police were called to a scene after a 43-year-old woman of Luve was found lying dead inside a rented house at KaHlobile in Matsapha.

It is suspected that the woman ingested weevil tablets and died.

Investigations are still on-going, police reported.

# Heartbroken woman's 4-year sentence suspended

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A dejected woman has been sentenced to four years in prison after she stood accused of house-breaking charges for allegedly breaking into her lover's home and repossessing items she had bought with her hard-earned money.

This was after her trial came to conclusion on Monday, after she submitted documents proving that the items she 'stole' from her ex-lover's home lawfully belonged to her.

When the trial began on March 6 before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu, Khetsiwe Mamba of Mobeeni led evidence to the fact that she was young and in love when, in June 2016, her boyfriend Sabelo Dlamini asked her to purchase household items on credit, with the promise that he would start a business to pay off the monthly instalments.

"Although Dlamini was unemployed at the time, I believed that he would make enough money selling sour milk (*emasi*) to pay the monthly instalments and as a woman in love, I proceeded to Best Electric store in Mbabane to enter into a hire purchase agreement with the store," Mamba claimed.

Mamba is said to have, on her lover's request, purchased a refrigerator valued at E10 000 and additional items including a hot plate stove, a kettle and an iron.

The total value of the items amounted to E13 268. As Dlamini hadn't started his business as yet, he then borrowed an additional E500 to stock his *emasi*.

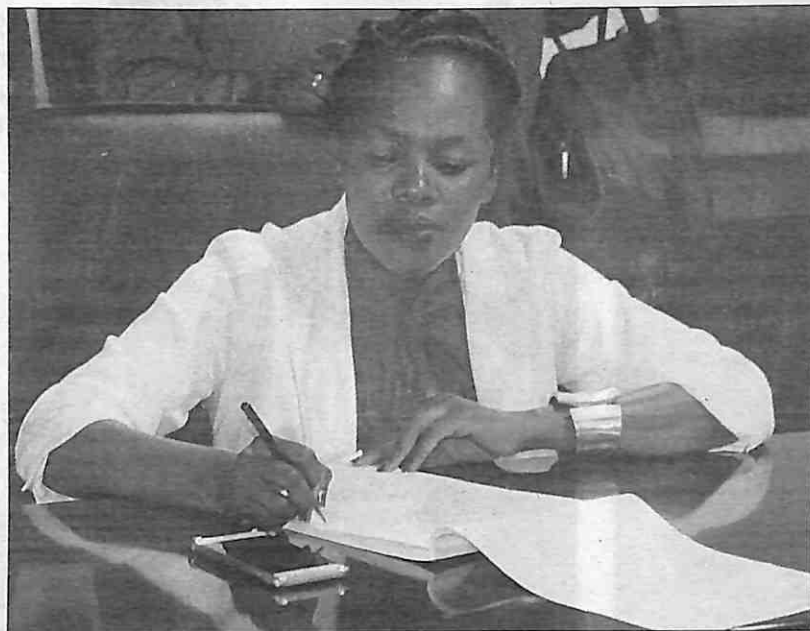
Mamba admitted that for the first two months (June and July 2016) after the purchases were made, Dlamini paid off the monthly instalments as per their agreement.

However, unbeknownst to Mamba, Dlamini started defaulting payments with the furniture store, until September of 2016, when she received a call from the store, informing her that it was taking legal action against her for breaching the hire purchase agreement.

"As we were not living together at the time, with him living in Mangwaneni and in Mobeeni, I proceeded to his place to question him about breaching the agreement we had.

When I arrived, I was stunned to find that the fridge I had bought was no longer there, instead he was in possession of a smaller fridge I was unfamiliar with.

When I questioned him about this, he admitted to me that he had to surrender



Magistrate Lenhle Zulu.

the fridge to a woman he owed copious amounts of money to," she reacted.

Mamba then informed the court that an argument ensued, to which Dlamini started physically assaulting her, claiming that it was none of her business where the second fridge came from.

"I then asked him to return the documents pertaining to the fridge I purchased, to which, when I perused through the said documents, I came across a similar hire purchase agreement with another furniture store, this time purchasing the second fridge in question. The documents suggested that the buyer was one Sibongile Maseko," she testified.

As she revealed this new information to the court, Mamba was overwhelmed by emotions, as she was seen wiping her tears.

After Mamba approached Dlamini with the new discovery, she decided to seek his mother's advice, who further urged her son to pay Mamba her money so she could avoid being blacklisted.

"Even after his mother's intervention, Dlamini refused to pay back the money. I then decided to approach the Swazi National Court with the issue, who then ordered him to pay the money. Again, Dlamini did not make good on the court's orders," Mamba submitted, with her voice breaking at each word.

As she had had enough of being passive about the whole debacle, Mamba is then said to have, in the company of her brother, hired a van and preceded to Mangwaneni to take back the items under her name.

"A few days after I left for school in South Africa, a female police officer

called me and informed me that I was to be arrested and charged for house breaking and robbery.

I saw no alternative but to end this mess as I was left with no fridge and no money, yet Dlamini was still making money off of my name," Mamba concluded.

## MITIGATION

During the continuation of her trial on Monday, the prosecution made closing submissions to the effect that, although Mamba had taken similar items to the ones stated in her higher purchase agreement, they were not the exact items she had bought.

In her mitigation, Mamba admitted that when she arrived at Dlamini's house, when she saw that the actual items she had purchased were no longer at his house, she decided to take the ones that were already there.

"Your Worship, I apologise for having taken the law into my own hands. I admit that the items that I took were not the ones I had initially purchased, however the reason I took them was because I wanted to open a dialogue with Dlamini about breaching our verbal agreement. I was of the view that if I took his items, he would approach me and we would come to an amicable agreement to see things through," Mamba mitigated.

After hearing her sincere mitigation, the court found Mamba guilty of having committed the offence.

Mamba was further sentenced to serve four years in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E4 000. Her sentence was wholly suspended, on account that she was to conduct herself in a respectable manner.

## Driver taking friends to Moza fined E800 for permit

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

A trip to Mozambique was cut short when a driver of a seven-seat Toyota Voxy was arrested for not having valid public transportation documents.

The accused person, James Khumalo (51) of Manzini appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula where he faced a charge of contravening Section 32 of the Road Transportation Act of 2007.

He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully transported seven passengers from Manzini to Mozambique for financial gain whilst not a holder of any public transport documents.

Particulars of the offence included that the vehicle which he was driving was also said to have been without a fitness certificate.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge.

His plea was accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.

The accused person pleaded with

the court to give him a lenient sentence.

He told the court that he was approached by a group of friends who asked him to take them to Maputo.

As a norm, the accused person said he asked the group of friends to contribute money towards the expenses of the trip.

Each of the seven passengers were said to have contributed E200. Nonetheless, the accused person was accordingly found guilty by the court.

He was sentenced to six months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E800 fine.

Meanwhile in the same court, Sihle Maseko faced a similar charge of contravening the Road Transport Act.

He was said to have driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

The accused was said to have had 0.61 mg/l in his system, an amount which is above the legal limit which stands at 0.37 mg/l.

The court found him guilty according to his own plea.

He was fined E1 000 for the offence.

## Two charged with attempted murder

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man who was stabbed by two men will finally see justice served as the men have been arrested and charged with attempted murder.

James Dlamini (35) and Lungelo Maphosa (26) of Kupheleni were arrested and charged with attempted murder, after they were said to have stabbed one Zwakhie Sebaka simultaneously with two knives all over his body, inflicting near fatal wounds.

According to their charge sheet, Maphosa and Dlamini were said to have, on August 24 at Kupheleni area, acted jointly in the furtherance of a common purpose, did wrongfully and unlawfully stab one Zwakhie Sebaka with two knives several times all over the body.

The duo were also said to have kicked Sebaka while he was lying on the ground.

During their appearance before the court, the prosecution applied for the duo to be remanded back into custody until September 27, pending their committal to the High



Court, to which the court granted the application.

The duo was also advised that, if they so wished, they could make a bail application at the High Court while they awaited his trial date.

Magistrate Lenhle Zulu informed that the duo due to the severity of the offence that they had committed, she had no choice but to allow the highest court of law to grant them their bail application, thus advising them to make that application.



# MEDSCHEME LAUNCH



**IN CHARGE:** Medscheme Managing Director Ntokozo Ndzabulelwako speaking during the re-launch of Medscheme at the Happy Valley Hotel on Thursday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**ATTENTIVE:** Some of the invited people following the proceedings.



**PROGRAMME DIRECTOR:** Eswatini Mobile Chief Customer Executive Gciniwe Fakudze directing the proceedings.



**TELL ME MORE:** Ndzabulelwako and The Clinic Group CEO Dr N. Mark Mills share a light moment.



**SUPPORT:** Ministry of Finance Principal Secretary Sizakele Dlamini making her remarks.



**SMILE:** Some of Medscheme staff members posing.



**FOLLOWING:** A section of the invited people listening to speeches.



**SISTERS:** Gcinekile and Philisiwe among the invitees.



**ELABORATING:** The MD makes his presentation.

**RIGHT - MUSIC FOR YOU SOUL:** Local artist Bholoja Ngubane entertains the guests.





What's in Your Mind

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## Features &amp; Opinions

Refresh What You Think



SOCIAL media and the 'media of gossip' was abuzz with the story of an ex-Mp who bought a top of the range car; brand new from the box.

The debate was that, according to them, it is not news and even if it is 'news', it is not news-worthy.

This story was covered by this newspaper and had headlines all over the country. As a media practitioner and a critical analyst, the debate would not have escaped my attention.

Let me start by saying BRAVO to the editor; the story is 101 per cent news and worth reporting. I will qualify this later.

This story has a historical legacy that qualifies it to be news.

When a politician loses elections it is END GAME. Because that is a TERMINATION of the five-year CONTRACT that drastically changed his life. Worse, as a politician, he is not in any other job but in a job that has so many expectations.

One of the expectations is that he attains STATUS in society. And this comes with a heavy price to pay. Politics is a profession; a job just like any other job. For five years he has been in gainful employment with a salary every month. After end of term he goes for election to procure a new tender for a job. AND HE LOSES.

## LOSES

He does not only lose a job. He loses a face; a profile; a bargaining power. And the SKY FALLS on top of him as he loses STATUS.

This is a life of a politician and the trend is the same in many parts of Africa. I know this practically.

Just last week I dined with three ministers in different meetings from a country I won't mention and they were telling me that they were proposing a 100 000 Dollar (1.5 million rand) handshake after term of office.

They have benchmarked this with Kenya where politicians are taken care of compared to many parts of Africa.

## NEWS AND THE EX-MP?

To interrogate the topic in discussion we have to understand what news is all about. I don't mind if a Professor of Media can dismiss this story as not newsworthy; that's his opinion anyway; mine is that this story is news and the public deserves it. Two things that make this story news; EX and EXPENSE.

The 'EX' has a historical legacy as I mentioned above.

Had I not travelled extensively in Africa I would have made too much reference to Eswatini about the state of ex-politicians; their lives outside politics.

Fortunately, I have travelled. In just two weeks

## YES...IT IS NEWS THAT AN EX-MP BUYS 'LUXURY' CAR!



NEWSWORTHY: A former Member of Parliament bought a luxury car from the CTA auction sale of government vehicles last week.

I have been to three African countries; Tanzania, Malawi and Zambia; where I mingled; engaged; many hours; with ministers, Mps; EX and Present.

## GLARING

What is glaring in all these countries is that politics leave many in ruins; dump them in the dustbin of history or at worse, bury them in shallow graves.

Many join politics well off and leave empty-handed.

Unlike CEOs and other dignitaries; elected politicians spend their money with the electorate who 'employed' them; funerals, weddings, school fees, soccer games; the list goes on and on.

Yet the social enterprise count for nothing COME ELECTIONS TIME.

In Eswatini, since 1993 direct representation,

80 per cent Mps lose elections. With the full blown fiscal crisis it looks scary. And when I say the obvious there "he goes with his MACFORDISM." Yet God gave me the ability to see things that people do not see.

I wrote in this very newspaper that Donald Trump would win.

Others thought I needed help from the mental sanatorium. But I stood my ground even when a renowned prophet 'prophesied' that Hillary would win.

Sometimes I have stubborn faith and it is easy to fathom; my grandmother from the side of my mother; Edith Groening was a German. I am not saying anything.

## EX WITH AN X-FACTOR

After attending to the needs of the community in the five years; spend money in elections; and LOSE. Where do you go; to the BOTTOMLESS PIT OF DESPAIR. So if any ex elected Mp can rise from these ruins of politics then he has an X-FACTOR.

And it is the role of the media to shine this light; to INSPIRE those who want to ASPIRE not EXPIRE dreams as the media often does.

The media is a business which sells news as a commodity.

Who doesn't like stories of an EX politician who is DOWN and OUT?

But now the media has a story that shifts thinking and want aspirants to emulate this politician with nine lives. You just wonder what makes him tick because life after losing elections is FREEZING COLD. NO SAUNA! NO STEAM!

## EDITOR

So why don't we PRAISE THE EDITOR for a story that brings HOPE. How many headlines have we come across that scream BOITY BUYS TOP OF THE RANGE BEEMER or BONANG BUYS BEEMER FOR COUSIN? Lots! And we enjoy them. But when the media writes about our own we complain. Is this not a cynical contradiction?

Or we want the EDITOR to publish stories of ex-Mps who hitch hike or at worse; who travel on public transport; so that we expand the footprint of our gossiping. Not this time around; Thanks to the EDITOR; we have something positive to talk about an ex-politician; in bars and salons.

## EXPENSE

Again, this is not just a story about an Ex-politician buying a car that has seen better days; battered or brand new second hand. NO! The Mp goes for the jocular and buys a car that is expected of people who eat LIZAMBANE LAMPONDO by our standards.

My gosh; this is the same car the minister was driving in this country I won't mention as I waited for him. We had a one-hour friendly discussion inside the car in the evening. Don't laugh... this is Africa; meetings can be held in cars. But this is a sitting minister with two terms so it is not news that he rides on this car. Back home, an ex-Mp, who lost elections after spending too much money; buys a luxury car. If this is not news then all my lecturers should bury their heads in shame.

To interrogate the topic in discussion we have to understand what news is all about. I don't mind if a Professor of Media can dismiss this story as not newsworthy



## ON THIS DAY

...SEPTEMBER 18

1895 - Daniel David Palmer gave the first chiropractic adjustment.

1927 - Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System made its debut with its network broadcast over 16 radio stations. The name was later changed to CBS.

1940 - "You Can't Go Home Again" by Thomas Wolfe was published by Harper and Brothers.

1946 - Mound Metalcraft was founded in Mound, MN. On November 23, 1955, the company changed its name to Tonka Toys Incorporated.

1947 - The United States Air Force was established as a separate military branch by the National Security Act.

1955 - The "Ed Sullivan Show" began on CBS-TV. The show had been "The Toast of the Town" since 1948.

1963 - "The Patty Duke Show" premiered on ABC-TV.

1965 - The first episode of "I Dream of Jeannie" was shown on NBC-TV. The last show was televised on September 1, 1970.

1981 - A museum honoring former US President Ford was dedicated in Grand Rapids, MI.

1984 - The 39th session of the UN General Assembly was opened with an appeal to the US and Soviet Union to resume arms negotiations.

1991 - US President George HW Bush said that he would send warplanes to escort UN helicopters that were searching for hidden Iraqi weapons if it became necessary.

1994 - Haiti's military leaders agreed to depart on October 15th. This action averted a US-led invasion to force them out of power.

1997 - Ted Turner, US Media magnate, announced that over the next ten years he would give \$1 billion to the United Nations.

1998 - The US House Judiciary Committee voted to release to videotape of President Clinton's grand jury testimony from August 17.

1998 - The FDA approved a once-a-day easier-to-swallow medication for AIDS patients.

2003 - Robert Duvall received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Jada Pinkett Smith**  
(Movie actress) -  
September 18, 1971  
(48 years old)



**Angela Simmons**  
(Reality star) -  
September 18, 1987  
(32 years old)



## WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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## Small claims court Act 2011

## PART III

## 9. Presiding officers.

The officer presiding at a court shall be known as a Commissioner for Small Claims Court and shall be appointed under section 10.

## 10. Appointment of commissioners.

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), the Minister in consultation with the Chief Justice, may appoint one or more commissioners for any court under this Act.

(2) An officer in the employ of the Government, with the exception of the Law Officer, shall not be appointed as a commissioner.

(3) A principal magistrate who establishes a court in terms of Section 3(2), may, subject to the provisions of this section, appoint a commissioner for such a court.

(4) A person shall not be appointed as a commissioner unless that person is qualified —

(a) To be or is admitted as an attorney of the High Court in terms of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1964;

(b) As an admitted advocate of the High Court in terms of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1964;

(c) To be appointed, at least, as a senior magistrate; or

(d) As a law lecturer, and for an uninterrupted period of at least five years practised as an advocate or attorney or occupied the post of senior magistrate, or for that period was involved in the teaching of law at a higher level in a recognised university, and is a fit and proper person in the opinion of the Minister to be appointed as a commissioner.

(5) A commissioner shall hold office at the pleasure of the Minister.

(6) A commissioner may resign by notice in writing to the Minister.

(7) The Minister may at any time withdraw the appointment of a commissioner if in the opinion of the Minister there is sufficient reason for doing so.

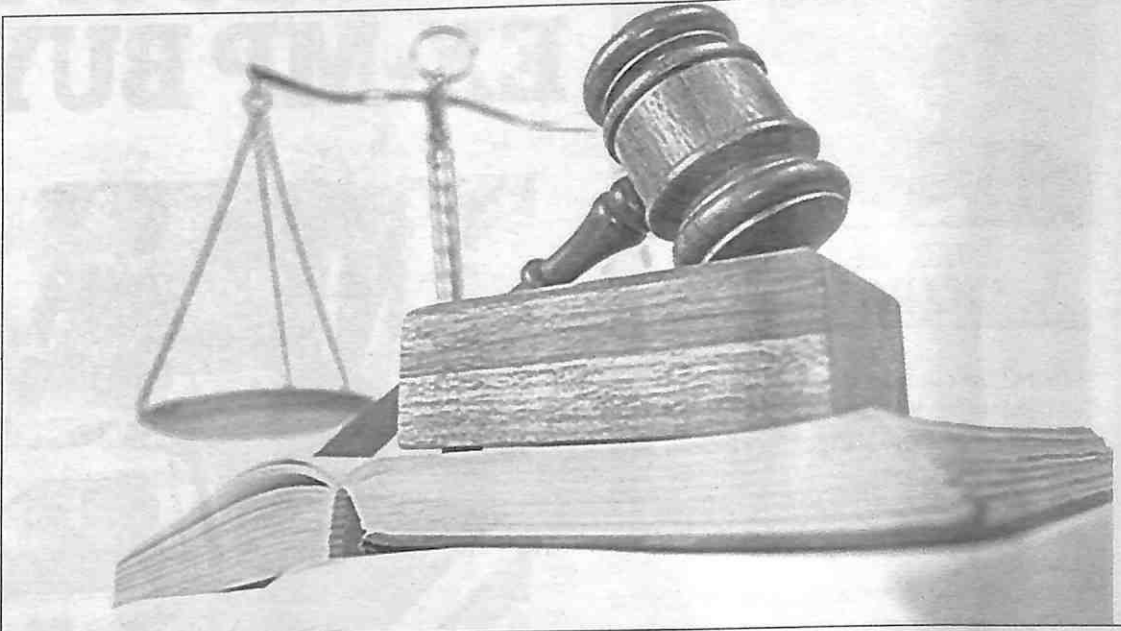
(8) A person appointed under subsection (1) or subsection (3) shall, before commencing with the functions of a commissioner, take an oath or make an affirmation subscribed by that person in the form set out in the First Schedule.

(9) The oath or affirmation referred to in Subsection (8) shall be taken or made in open court before a Commissioner of Oaths and the Commissioner of Oaths shall at the foot thereof make a note to the effect that it was taken or made, before that Commissioner of Oaths, and of the date on which it was so taken or made, and append a signature thereto.

## 11. Procedure in case of absence or incapacity of commissioners.

Where by reason of absence or incapacity a commissioner is unable to complete the hearing of an action, that hearing shall be commenced afresh before another commissioner.

## PRESIDING OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF THE COURT



## 12. Officers of court.

(1) The Civil Service Commission, or such other authority prescribed by law, shall appoint clerks and assistant clerks of the court, interpreters and legal assistants for any court as may be necessary for the performance of the prescribed functions.

(2) The messenger of the court appointed under Section 10 of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1938, for the Magistrate's Court exercising jurisdiction over the Small Claims Court, shall act as messenger of the Small Claims Court.

(3) The Government, a clerk of the court, an assistant clerk of the court or a legal assistant shall not be liable for any damage or loss resulting from assistance given in good faith by that clerk of the court, assistant clerk of the court or legal assistant to any party or prospective party to an action before a court or to the enforcement of a judgment or order in terms of Section 42 in the form of legal advice or the compilation or preparation of a summons, statement or other document.

(4) The Commissioner shall not be liable for any civil claim, damage or loss arising from any matter he has presided over in good faith.

PART IV  
JURISDICTION

13. Area of jurisdiction.  
The area of jurisdiction of a court under this Act shall be the area or region for which it is established.

## 14. Transfer of actions.

An action may, with the consent of all the parties, or upon the application of one of the parties who satisfies the court that the hearing of the action in that court may result in undue expense or inconvenience to one or such party, be transferred by the court to any other court under this Act, and in such a case the latter court shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act contained, have jurisdiction to hear that action.

## 15. Jurisdiction in respect of persons.

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), a court shall have jurisdiction in respect of —

(a) Any person who resides, carries on business or is employed within the area of jurisdiction of the court;

(b) Any partnership, as defendant, which has business premises situated or any member of the partnership who resides within the area of jurisdiction of the court;

(c) Any person in respect of any proceedings incidental to any action instituted in that court by such person;

(d) Any person, whether or not that person resides, carries on business or is employed within the area of jurisdiction of the court, if the cause of action arose wholly within that area;

(e) Any defendant, whether in convention or reconvention, who appears and takes no objection to the jurisdiction of the court;

(f) Any person who owns immovable property within the area of jurisdiction of the court in actions in respect of such property or a mortgage bond over that property.

(2) An action shall not be instituted against the Government in the court.

(3) A court shall not have jurisdiction in respect of any claim or counterclaim based in whole or in part upon a cession or assignment of rights.

## 16. Jurisdiction in respect of causes of action.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a court shall have jurisdiction in respect of causes of action in —

(a) Actions for the delivery or transfer of any property, movable or immovable, not exceeding in value the sum of E10 000 or such an amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time by notice in the Gazette, after consultation with the Attorney General and the Chief Justice;

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), actions for ejectment against the occupier of any premises or land within the area of jurisdiction of the court;

(c) Actions for ejectment where the right of occupation of the premises or land is in dispute between the parties, that right does not exceed in clear value to the occupier the sum of E10 000 or such an amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time as provided in paragraph (a);

(d) Actions based on or arising out of a liquid document or a mortgage bond, where the claim does not exceed the sum of E10 000 or such an amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time as provided in paragraph (a);

(e) Actions based on or arising out of a credit agreement, sales, purchases, loans, recovery of monies paid over or delivered and such similar debts where the claim or the value of the property in dispute does not exceed the sum of E10 000 or such an amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time as provided in paragraph (a);

(f) Actions other than those already mentioned in this section, where the claim or the value of the matter in dispute does not exceed the sum of E10 000 or such an amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time as provided in paragraph (a);

(g) Actions for counterclaims not exceeding the sum of E10 000 or such an amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time as provided in paragraph (a) in respect of any cause of action mentioned in paragraph (a) to (e).

(2) No person shall eject another person from land which is on Swazi National Land unless the cause of ejectment is a transaction involving a lease agreement on the land and that right does not exceed in clear value to the occupier the sum of E10 000 or such an amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time as provided in paragraph (a).



# 1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

THERE is a lot to be said about the feeling of entitlement and actualisation that one feels over the purchase or acquisition of land or property.

Deemed as one of the ultimate in investments, land ownership in Eswatini as in most places around the world, advantageous when it comes to accrued wealth. This is why when the High Court of Eswatini ruled that women married in community of property can now administer matrimonial property; it was considered a victory for not only just Eswatini's women, but the country as a whole.

## IN TIMES PAST

Outside of a prenuptial or an out of community of property marriage, women married in community of property under customary law were not permitted the rights to attain land unless their husbands were involved. This stripped women of their rights to form contractual agreements as the country's citizen, an obstacle that their husbands did not face.

## DISCRIMINATION

The judgment has been in law for decades and served to perpetuate the societal discrimination against women. The fact that women needed the consent of their husbands to attain property only served to instil the biased notion that women are inferior to men. This discrimination seeped into family ties as well since many a time, widowed women would be robbed of their rightful inheritance after the passing of their spouses by their in-laws who would

# High Court of Eswatini Empowers Women

...through Property Acquisition



claim such possessions as their own. A practice observed under the guise of "protecting the family wealth for the benefit of the children of the deceased".

## KUNGENA

This practice birthed the common practice of *Kungena*, which was observed after the passing of a woman's husband where the family would take it upon themselves to give the widow a husband from within the family. This was often the deceased's brother, uncle or any male within the deceased's immediate family. The widow's consent was at times forgone, but in cases where her consent was sought, she would be advised that should she refuse this practice, she would then be asked to leave the homestead — with no inherited possessions and at times, without her children.

Given the odds against them, widows would often accept the "order" to remarry within the family. This was due to the fact that for them, parting with their children was no option at all. With the new law in effect and more and more women

owning property, this practice may very well be on its last legs as it too exacerbated this discrimination.

## POT OF GOLD

The possibilities that come with this ruling are great. Perhaps one that is paramount is the fact that Eswatini is turning a tide in recognising the role that women play in society. This is testament to the importance they put in empowering women for the betterment of our economy and the healthy perception of women in power. A judgement of this nature has far reaching effects on a women's standing in society as it not only empowers women but through their endeavours of accumulating wealth through the purchase and owning of property, women too can reach the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and use it to better their families and raise self-reliant children who will steer Eswatini to great heights.

The ripple effect that comes with this ruling is that; women will finally get the long overdue respect and acknowledgement from their fam-

ily members as worthwhile members of the family to be custodians of their children's legacy, this will in-turn curb the biased practice of marrying them off to family members outside of their will and thus ensuring that this country's future in the form of the children raised by widows and women married in community of property is bright.

## FIRST WORLD STATUS

For many, His Majesty King Mswati III's dream of seeing Eswatini being counted as one the world's first world countries by the year 2022 has merely become a slogan. In order to reach this status, it is imperative that all of the basic human rights of the citizens of Eswatini are met. Dignity is one such right, a right that was grossly infringed upon when women married in community of property were deprived of the ability to purchase property without their husband's consent or involvement. In the case of Sacolo vs Sacolo that was brought forth and heard by the High Court of Eswatini in July 2019, a reference was made to Misra CJ that stated "life without dignity is like sound that is not heard." To live your life as though you never existed is what women of Eswatini faced as they often had no legacy to leave their family, particularly their children after they have passed on.

## HAPPY ENDING

The issue of dignity is now thankfully a thing of the past as the judgement that was passed by the high court of the country has directly restored it to all women across the country, giving a happy ending to a matter that had pained Eswatini's women for decades.

# Wit and Wisdom

● "I'm not telling you it's going to be easy — I'm telling you it's going to be worth it."

— Art Williams

● "It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

— Theodore Roosevelt

● "I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down."

— Abraham Lincoln

● "Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world."

— Lucille Ball

● "Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

— Mother Theresa

● "Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

— Joshua J. Marine

● "Love is a serious mental disease."

— Plato

● "Our greatest fear should not be of failure... but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."

— Francis Chan

● "It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."

— Leonardo Da Vinci

● "Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

— H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

● "It is our choices, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

— J. K. Rowling

● "Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone."

— Pablo Picasso

● "If you want to be happy, be." — Leo Tolstoy

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

— Thomas A. Edison

## BOOK review

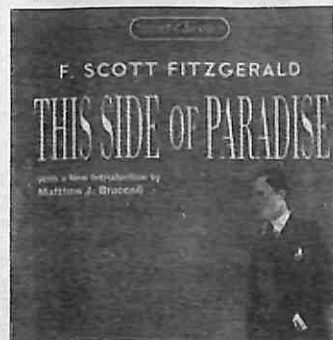
## MBABANE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

By Bongani Mkhonta

### This Side Of Paradise - By F Scott Fitzgerald

CONSIDERED scandalous and brilliant when it was published in 1920, this side of paradise describes the intellectual, and sexual education of young Amory Blaine in the tumultuous America of the early 1900s.

Highly sophisticated yet hopelessly romantic, Amory flounders from prep school to Princeton to glittering Jazz Age New York, confident that he is destined for greatness but unsure how to go about it. Fitzgerald's razor sharp re-creation of a defiant, disillusioned generation 'grown up to find all Gods dead, all wars fought, all faiths in man shaken' makes this side of paradise



a timeless autobiographical novel of youth and alienation. It moves from tenderness to cynism to hope with the grace and power that make Fitzgerald one of the greatest of American writers

### THE CIDER HOUSE RULES - BY JOHN IRVING

FIRST published in 1985, The Cider House Rules is set in rural Maine in the first half of the twentieth century.

The novel tells the story of Dr Wilbur Larch — saint and obstetrician, founder and director of the orphanage in the town of St Cloyud's ether addict and abortionist.

This is also the story of Dr. Larch's favourite orphan, Homer wells, who is never adopted.

The book is superb in scope and originality, a novel as good as one could hope to find from any author, anywhere, anytime.

It is engrossing, moving and



thoroughly satisfying.



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 17 SEP 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.7125	14.7625
British Pound/SZL	18.2538	18.3158
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3287	7.3516
Swiss France/SZL	14.8117	14.8561
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3462	1.3567
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0575	10.0946
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.1071	11.1415
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.1955	16.2506
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VISION 2022: Montigny Investments Chief Executive Officer Andrew Le Roux with His Majesty King Mswati III during the Shiselweni Business Dinner held last Thursday.

# MONTIGNY PROMISES 12 500 JOBS BY 2022

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE

IN line with His Majesty the King Mswati III's vision of the 2004 Job Creation Summit and government's National Strategic Roadmap 2019/2023, Montigny Investments has undertaken to have created 12 500 jobs by 2022.

Currently, the company employs 11 600 people. This means between now and 2022 the company has guaranteed to add 900 jobs.

Montigny Investments Chief Executive Officer Andrew Le Roux made this undertaking when addressing His Majesty King Mswati III during the Shiselweni Business Dinner held last Thursday.

Apart from creating jobs the com-

pany also remains committed to the successful implementation of the Strategic Roadmap as drawn by government early this year.

"We have added value by continuing to create employment opportunities, from 6 700 in 2016 to 11 600 in 2019, and aiming to reach 12 500 by 2022, in rural areas with few employment opportunities," said the CEO.

Montigny has also added value by increasing the tons of wood fibre, processed annually, from 600 000 tonnes in 2016 to 800 000 tonnes in 2019, and ultimately 1 100 000 tonnes by 2022, which has taken place across numerous processing facilities in Nhlanguano and Bhunya.

Le Roux told the king that everybody knew that the only truly sus-

tainable economic turnaround is one driven by the private sector, with government providing the enabling and supporting environment for investment and economic growth.

"At a time of almost unparalleled global uncertainty, increasing protectionism and increasing trade tensions, you, Your Majesty, have been the unwavering champion of our Business Community and Private Sector," said Le Roux.

Le Roux appreciated the King, and the entire government of the Kingdom of Eswatini for pioneering the Strategic Roadmap, saying government has done well to align the initiative, to achieve this objective, as they work towards Vision 2022. He acknowledged that the government has already achieved

milestones this year, which includes a fully-funded budget, sending out a strong message of fiscal certainty and confidence.

Other moves achieved by government are the outlining of commitment to improving the economy, Ease of Doing Business and the lives and future of the nation.

Le Roux also thanked the King for the ratification of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area, giving the nation an unprecedented access to one of the largest, and fastest-growing, economic blocks in the world, and, the championing of the Regional E-Commerce Platform, preparing Eswatini for the Fourth Industrial Revolution and positioning Eswatini to take the lead in regional digital platforms and trading.

## ...Eswatini good standing with the world acknowledged

MONTIGNY CEO Andrew Le Roux has acknowledged that Eswatini remains in good standing with the EU, USA and International Labour Organisation, saying the country's relationship with the Republic of China on Taiwan is stronger than ever.

He expressed excitement that the United Kingdom is re-establishing its High Commission in the country.

"Let us now unite in supporting the Strategic Roadmap by announcing that we are a safe, secure and a stable destination for investment," said Le Roux, adding that they need to tell their development partners that, while there is much to be done, they continue to make progress.



WELCOME: Shiselweni RA Dr. Vincent Mhlanga making his welcoming remarks at the dinner.



PRESENT: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku at the dinner.

Le Roux added that the company has lived true to the dictates of their slogan, "We Add Value", which he said over the past three years the company has

made significant progress and has added value in working towards the growth of the business and economic turnaround in Eswatini. "We have added value by grow-

ing our regional and international markets, culminating in long-term contracts with Global Multi-National Companies, such as the recent signing of a 15-year export contract with Sumitomo Corporation in Japan," said Le Roux.

Montigny now has a National Footprint with regional and international reach, but with their hearts and roots still firmly planted in Shiselweni.

The company has added value to its institutional shareholders, the Public Service Pensions Fund and the Eswatini National Provident Fund, as the custodians of National Pensions, by representing some of their best investment returns, creating broad-based benefits for tens of thousands of Emaswati.



# Banks in SSELGS expected to appraise MSME projects

BY BAHLE GAMA

**Banks involved in the Small Scale Enterprise Loan Guarantee Scheme (SSELGS) are expected to appraise MSME projects, ascertain viability and ensure that only fully Swati SMEs that operate in the country benefit.**

This was disclosed by Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg when responding to a question asked by Senator Busi Dlamini during the debate of the ministry's first quarter performance in parliament. The response is contained in the ministry's report of the first quarter.

The minister said credit guarantee mechanism is a commonly used risk transfer instrument to overcome constraints.

He further stated that in many countries, the demand for the collateral increased significantly during the financial crisis and the sharp drop in property prices has had a strong negative impact on the availability of credit to SME.

"CGS is key economic tool that helps SMEs to obtain credit due to unavailability of collateral and lack of positive credit history and audit-

ed financial statements.

The lack of sufficient information required by banks to finance SMEs causes banks to be hesitant to lend to MSMEs as they are perceived as high risk. The Government of Eswatini response was the establishment of the SSELGS in 1990 as a catalyst to financial institutions to increase their lending portfolio to small-scale enterprises, by de-risking with a guarantee of 75 per cent," he said.

## Capitalisation

He further stated that having been created together with the now dormant Export Credit Scheme (ECS), initially the capitalisation made by the government of Eswatini was E5 million for SSELGS and E13.5 million for ECS.

Over time, E12.4 million was reallocated from ECS to SSELGS in light of the few demands for export credit guarantees.

"As at June 2016 the total number of guaranteed loans was 1 191 for global value of loans amounting to E100.5 million.

The outstanding loan portfolio guaranteed amounts to E40.5 million for a maximum liability of E35 million as at June 30, 2016.

The SSELGS objectives are to fos-



**DISCLOSED: Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg.**

ter the effective localisation of small-scale businesses that is preserving certain industries for local MSMEs especially in commerce, construction, tourism, agriculture and services," he said.

He also mentioned that achieve-

ment of this objective was through the provision of adequate capital to take over existing shops or workshops and establish new ones.

He added that the SSELGS would further enhance the appetite of the financial institutions to lend to the

**ABOUT THE SSELG:**  
The Small Scale Enterprise Loan Guarantee Scheme (SSELGS) is managed by the Central Bank of Eswatini on behalf of the ministry of commerce, industry and trade and the ministry of finance.

A new MoU was entered into in May 2019 and aims to improve the uptake of the scheme and promote visibility of it.

MSME sector through reducing the perceived risks incurred by the financial institution associated with MSME ending.

Rijkenberg also highlighted that the SSELGS requires a securitisation of 25 per cent and the loan term may not exceed 10 years in the long term with a maximum credit of E50 000 per customer. The interest levied may not exceed three per cent of the prime lending rate.

"The loan portfolio guarantees on current capitalisation or leverage of 3.2 and is low on comparison to similar instruments globally.

There is no precise accepted leverage amount but the global trend ranges between eight and 12.

One such issue is that the scheme is competing with commercial banks ordinary SMEs lending practices and therefore is not being advertised by the banks.

The banks have noted that the process of claiming the guarantee is cumbersome and therefore it is not worthwhile," he added.

## Tourism role in job creation often undervalued

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE

**The Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) has noted with concern that the sector's part in job creation, not only in Eswatini but other countries is undervalued, and many have ignored opportunities that come with the sector.**

Despite that tourism generates 10 per cent of world jobs and is included in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 8 for its potential to create decent work, a lot are ignorant of the impact the sector plays and the potential to do more if given the attention.

The 2019 World Tourism Day Concept Document has issued that tourism is a leading people-to-people sector, with growth rates outpacing world economic growth and international trade.

### Impact

It says tourism is one of the main global export categories and with such a high impact on human workforce it serves as a natural ally of ILO's human-centered agenda for the future of work.

However, new policies are needed to maximise tourism's potential to create more and better jobs, especially for the often prejudiced and vulnerable groups in women and youth.

"New policies are also needed



**NEW POLICIES NEEDED: ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo.**

to reflect and incorporate ongoing advances in technology, with policies and actions being geared towards addressing the current mismatch between tourism skills that are taught and those that tourism employers need," says an extract from the 2019 World Tourism Day Document.

The document says this requires a holistic approach to the future

of work in tourism, with heightened cooperation between all actors, including the public and private sectors.

### Ensuring

"Creating and ensuring equitable employment is essential to increasing social inclusion, peace and security. The potential of every economic sector to provide decent jobs should be utilised to its fullest,"

reads the document, which adds that the emergence of new technologies has led to the development of new forms of work that are rapidly changing production processes worldwide.

"This both provides opportunities for, and puts pressure, on existing employment, welfare and education agendas," reads the document.

In addition, it is stated that making the new wave of technological breakthroughs as inclusive as possible will require considerable investment in training and skills for life and work and everyone should have a chance to develop their full potential so as to benefit from the new technological era.

### Growth

To do this the need to examine the impact of technological change on socio-economic growth, jobs and inequality is essential, and the need to provide tools and skills to those who are looking for a job and as well as to those whose jobs are at risk of automation.

According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), global unemployment remains high, reaching more than 190 million in 2018.

All sectors and countries, therefore, need to create the conditions for more and better jobs and embracing new technology can play a key role in achieving this goal.

## No great performance expected despite good rains – Agbiz

**CAPE TOWN – The agricultural sector is set to underperform in the 2019/2020 season despite the prospects of predicted adequate rainfall, data shows.**

The Agricultural Business Council (Agbiz) confidence index released yesterday rose to 46 in the third quarter, after easing to 44 in the second quarter, still at a level below the neutral 50-point mark, which implies that agribusinesses have a bleak view of business conditions in South Africa. The Agbiz composite index comprises 10 sub indices, most of which are still generally subdued compared to the long-term average levels since its inception in 2001.

Four of the 10 sub indices that make up the composite index underpinned the slight improvement in sentiment in the third quarter. These positive sub-indices were general agricultural conditions, volume of exports, market share of agribusiness and employment sub-indices.

### Expect

Wandile Sihlobo, the Chief Economist at Agbiz, said: "It signals a potential mild uptick in SA agriculture gross domestic product in the third quarter, but we generally expect South African agribusiness to underperform in 2019. We see a two per cent year-on-year contraction in South African agricultural fortunes this year."

He noted that although the uptick in confidence was always a welcome development, it was important to be mindful that the Agbiz/IDC Agribusiness Index had been hovering at levels below the 50-point mark for the past five quarters.

"We worry that remaining at these levels for a prolonged period could lead to declining investment in the sector, albeit this is not the case at the present moment," he added.

**Business Report**





## COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRADE ESWATINI

LAST week was a historical week for SADC's Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as the Kingdom of Eswatini hosted the 25th Session of the Inter-Governmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) of Southern Africa.

Under the theme 'Strategies and policies for the integration of micro, small and medium scale enterprises (MSMEs) in the industrialisation process in Southern Africa', delegates from the SADC region and other Regional Economic Communities (RECs) such as COMESA met at Royal Swazi Spa from September 10-13 to discuss the challenges and opportunities faced by MSMEs and what roles SADC member states should play to ensure the sustainability of the sector.

Under the theme; several presentations were made; including reports on the economic and social conditions in Southern Africa; the implementation of regional and international agendas and other special initiatives in the sub-region; such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), as well as panel discussions on the integration of MSMEs into agro-processing value chains; the growing MSMEs in Southern Africa and the role of regional institutions in promoting MSMEs.

There was also a high level discussion on financing models for MSMEs as well as a presentation of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on the harmonisation of regional industrialisation strategies and policies in Southern Africa. On the sidelines of the meeting, the 2018 Eswatini STEPS (Structural Transformation considering three dimensions of Employment, Production and Society) Profile and the Economic Report on Africa were also launched.

### Recommendations

Following four days of intense discussions, the following recommendations were made under each of the main areas of deliberation:

(a) Strategies and policies for the integration of Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) in the industrialisation process in Southern Africa

(i) Member states should;

● Set conditions to enable MSMEs to tap into and strengthen regional value chains capitalising on the regional industrialisation strategy and the AfCFTA;

● Strengthen platforms and networks to enable collaboration, peer learning, nurturing entrepreneurship and scaling up of private investment;

● Develop support mechanisms such as preferential public procurement, local content policies, venture financing and tax incentives to promote the growth and sustain-

# SADC UNITES TO ADDRESS INTEGRATION OF MSMEs IN INDUSTRIALISATION

ability of MSMEs;

● Support MSMEs to harness innovative and creative approaches to improve productivity, quality of products, competitiveness and enhance market access;

(ii) Concerted efforts should be made to support the development and implementation of transboundary projects to facilitate the growth and participation of MSME's in the regional value chains.

(b) Harmonisation of regional industrialisation strategies and policies in Southern Africa

(i) ECA should continue supporting COMESA and SADC develop a regional framework to assist member states to integrate MSMEs in the industrialisation process; and

(ii) ECA should continue supporting the harmonisation of regional industrialisation policies with country industrialisation policies.

(iii) Member states should,

● Strengthen institutional arrangements including inter-ministerial collaboration and private sector and other stakeholders' engagement to develop and implement industrialisation strategies and policies; and

● Adopt and implement effective monitoring and evaluation frameworks for regional and national industrialisation frameworks in order to ensure that these frameworks are dynamic and responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities.

### Way Forward

Further, the Committee underscored that: -

(i) Then Sub Regional Office for Southern Africa (SRO-SA) should strengthen collaboration with regional economic communities in implementing its annual work programme;

(ii) SRO-SA should continue supporting member states in developing evidence-based policies and strategies in a fully consultative

manner;

(iii) SRO-SA should continue working closely with member states and other stakeholders to facilitate implementation of the recommendations of the 25th ICSOE; and

(iv) SRO-SA should, in liaison with the Bureau, commence discussions with the government of the Kingdom of Lesotho on the theme and logistics of the 26th ICSOE.

The session was officially opened by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini. Also in attendance were Said Adejumobi, the Director of the Economic Commission for Africa's Sub Regional Office for Southern Africa (SRO-SA); UN Resident Coordinator for Eswatini Nathalie Ndongo-Seh; Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection of Mauritius Bibi Fatuma Abdool Raman Ahmed, SADC Executive Secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax, and

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Senator Manqoba Khumalo.

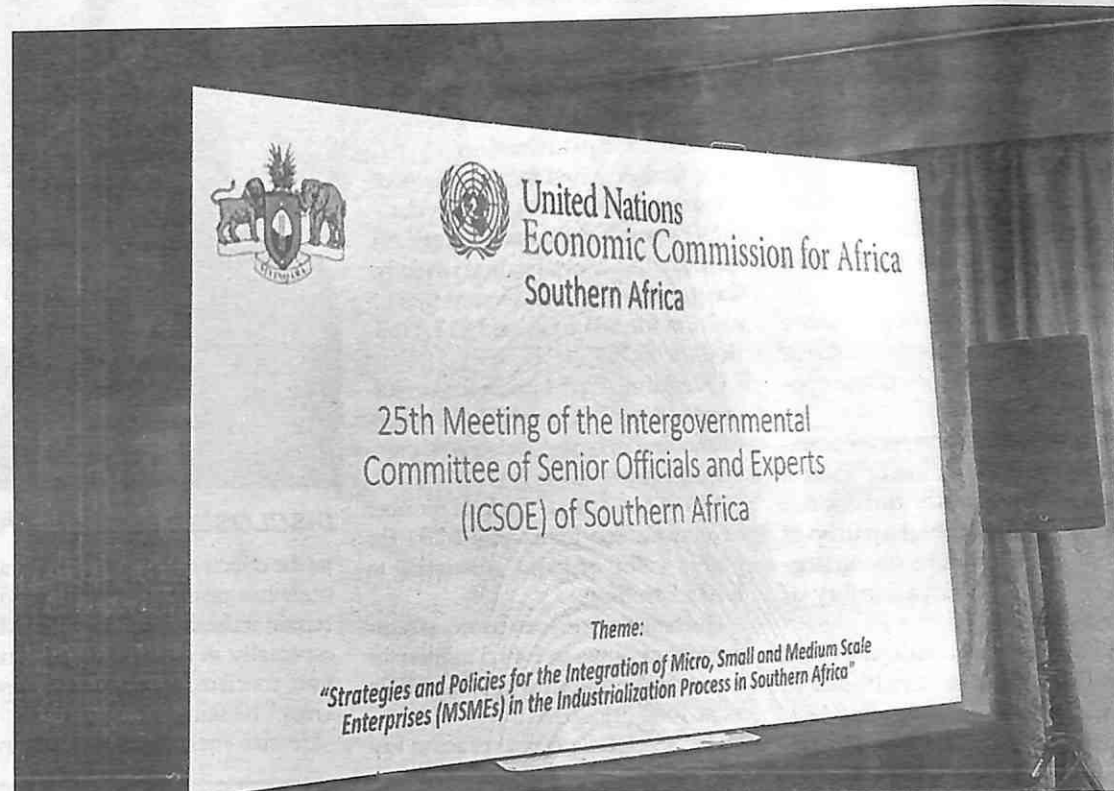
### Development

Delegates came from Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe and representing United Nations entities were the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). Also represented were Oxfam International, the Botswana Small Scale Enterprises and Exporters, British Chamber of Business in South Africa, Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), FINNACO Consulting, HIVOS, Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, Industrial Development Corporation of South

Africa, Informal Cross Border Traders of Malawi, Kaizen Institute, Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Association of Zimbabwe, Southern African Business and Technology Incubation Association, South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry, National Federation of Women in Business of Mozambique, Private Sector Foundation of Lesotho, Southern Africa Trust, Zambia Development Agency, Zambia Union of Farmers and Zambia Young Emerging Farmers, among others.

Eswatini was also elected the Chair of the ICSOE Bureau; a position the Kingdom will be holding for the next one year. Lesotho is next in line to host the ICSOE as they were elected Vice Chair of the Bureau.

For more information on MSME development in Eswatini, send an email to our Communication Officer Thabile Mdluli at [jehovaunami@gmail.com](mailto:jehovaunami@gmail.com) or call 2404 3201.



**JOHANNESBURG - International media, marketing and advertising conference Advertising Week has postponed its inaugural African edition to 2020 due to concerns about xenophobic violence in South Africa.**

Earlier in September Gauteng was rocked by violence that left at least 12 people dead, as foreign-owned shops were looted, and vehicles and property destroyed. According to police, close to 700 people were arrested.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has apolo-

## Global advertising conference halts SA launch over xenophobia fears

gised for the violence, including at a memorial service for Zimbabwe's former President Robert Mugabe.

Advertising Week Africa was set to take place from October 28 to 31 in Johannesburg. The other editions of the event take place in the US, UK, Japan, Mexico and Australia.

Advertising Week Africa is now set to take place in the first half of

2020, with the new date to be confirmed, organisers Stillwell Partners said in a statement yesterday.

"Advertising Week - the world's largest annual gathering of advertising, creative, entertainment, marketing, media and technology industry leaders - has shifted its maiden Africa edition to 2020," the statement said.

"The date change comes after a joint decision by the event's Africa-based Advisory Council and other local and international stakeholders, following unrest in South Africa and the resulting reprisal attacks across several African countries."

Stillwell said the commitment to launching Advertising Week Africa was "only stronger" despite the post-

ponement, and several events that had been planned for the lead-up to Advertising Week Africa elsewhere would go ahead as planned. These include a gala reception honouring the 20th anniversary of the Nelson Mandela Foundation in New York on 25 September, as part of Advertising Week in New York.

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# Focus on World News

Global News

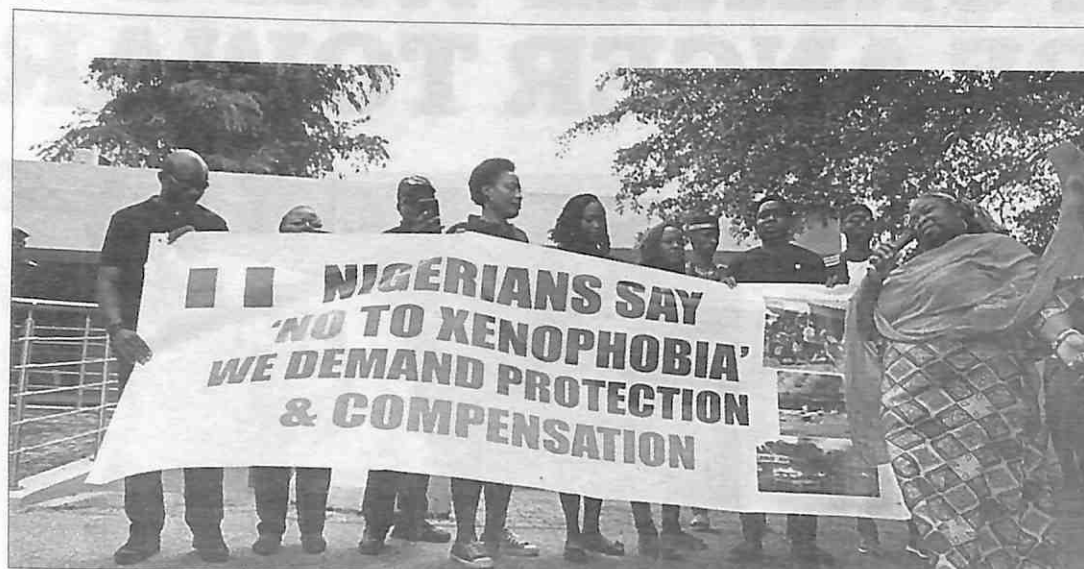
## RAMAPHOSA SENDS RADEBE TO NIGERIA TO APOLOGISE

**JOHANNESBURG** - A South African envoy expressed the country's "sincerest apologies" to Nigeria on Monday, after a wave of anti-migrant attacks swept through Johannesburg and surrounding cities in recent weeks, fuelling diplomatic tensions.

A meeting with Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari in the capital Abuja was held to convey President Cyril Ramaphosa's "sincere apologies about the incident that has recently transpired in South Africa," the special envoy, Jeff Radebe, told reporters.

"The incident does not represent what we stand for," he said, adding that South African police would "leave no stone unturned, that those involved must be brought to book."

In a statement after the meeting



**APOLOGY:** South African President Cyril Ramaphosa sent Jeff Hadebe to apologise to Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari and his people over the recent attacks.

Nigeria's presidency said "President Buhari responded to profuse apologies from the South African pres-

ident, pledging that relationship between the two countries will be solidified."

Johannesburg and surrounding areas were rocked by a series of deadly attacks on foreigners in



recent weeks, with many directed against Nigerian-owned businesses and properties.

At least 12 people were killed in the violence that left hundreds of shops destroyed.

No Nigerians were killed according to South African authorities but the violence led to condemnation across Africa, particularly in Nigeria, fuelling diplomatic tensions between the continent's two leading nations.

The violence also prompted reprisal attacks against South African firms in Nigeria and the temporary closing of South Africa's diplomatic missions in Lagos and Abuja.

Last week, almost 200 Nigerian migrants were repatriated back to Lagos, Nigeria's commercial capital, following the unrest.

AFP

## Will Donald Trump back off on Iran again?

**WASHINGTON** - Donald Trump famously canceled a missile strike on Iran in June, but Tehran will not be resting easy following the unpredictable president's warning that the United States is again "locked and loaded."

After giving diplomats whiplash last week with reversals on Afghanistan, Trump now has the world on tenterhooks over his response to a weekend attack on Saudi oil facilities that his top diplomat has blamed on Iran.

"We'll see?" he tweeted Monday in a phrase that encapsulated the lack of clarity.

Just last week, the White House dangled out the possibility of a



meeting between Trump and President Hassan Rouhani, which would mark an extraordinary thaw in US-Iranian relations.

Even though the Iranians showed little sign of being ready, Trump

aides and Trump himself hinted at openness to at least an informal encounter during the UN General Assembly in New York next week.

As Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said: "The president has made very

clear he is prepared to meet with no preconditions."

Then came Saturday's attack by drones setting ablaze oil processing facilities in Saudi Arabia, both a close US ally and a bitter enemy of Iran.

### Forces

Iranian-backed Huthi rebels fighting Saudi-backed forces in Yemen claimed responsibility. The Saudis and Pompeo pointed the finger at Tehran, which in turn insisted it was not responsible.

The intensifying back and forth put Trump in the role of referee and, as is his style, he's leaving the players in suspense.

AP

## Israel votes in second general election this year

**JERUSALEM** - Israelis began voting yesterday in an unprecedented repeat election that will decide whether longtime Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stays in power despite a looming indictment on corruption charges.

Netanyahu, the longest serving leader in Israeli history, is seeking a fourth consecutive term in office, and fifth overall.

But he faces a stiff challenge from retired military chief Benny Gantz, whose centrist Blue and White party is running even with Netanyahu's Likud. AP

## BRIEFS

### Rescuers search for 39 after accident

**NEW DELHI** - Indian authorities were engaged in a major search and rescue operation Monday to find 39 people missing after their tour boat capsized in a fast-flowing swollen river. Police told AFP that eight bodies have been recovered, down from a previous tally of 12, after the accident on the Godavari river in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh. The boat was carrying a total of 73 passengers, of whom 26 have been rescued, local police official Adnan Asmi said. Almost 300 personnel using boats and a helicopter were engaged in the search operation on Monday including from the Indian Navy and the National Disaster Response Force. AFP

### US legal battle victory for Arizona artists

**PHOENIX** - Two Arizona artists who refused to create invitations to same-sex weddings due to their Christian beliefs were within their legal rights, the US state's top court ruled. The state Supreme Court's decision invalidates previous judgments against the two women for violating a "human relations ordinance" introduced by the southwestern city of Phoenix to safeguard LGBTQ rights. According to their lawyers, the two artists could have faced up to six months in prison and a \$2 500 fine each time they refused to make invitations to gay weddings. AFP

### Militiamen death toll rises to 38

**CENTRAL AFRICA** - The death toll of militiamen killed in rival group fighting in the Central African Republic at the weekend has risen to 38, according to an internal United Nations report seen by AFP on Monday. The UN Mission in Central Africa (Minusca) initially put the death toll at 23. The two armed groups had signed a peace deal in February. Fierce clashes between militias in recent months have raised concerns about whether the peace accord aimed at ending years of violence in CAR will hold. The country's President, Faustin-Archange Touadera, this month told AFP that the agreement was "quite strong" -- but Minusca on Saturday said fighting had broken out in Birao, a city close to the Sudanese border. AFP

### Prosecutor appeals acquittal of Gbagbo

**HAGUE** - The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court appealed on Monday against the shock acquittal of former Ivory Coast leader Laurent Gbagbo over post-electoral violence that killed around 3 000 people. Gbagbo, the first head of state to stand trial in The Hague, and his deputy Charles Ble Goude, were both cleared of crimes against humanity in January and released the following month. "The appeal will demonstrate that the trial chamber committed legal and procedural errors which led to the acquittals of Gbagbo and Ble Goude on all counts," Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda's office said. AFP



# Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

**JOHANNESBURG** - Zimbabweans who booed President Cyril Ramaphosa during former statesman Robert Mugabe's funeral on Sunday were expressing their anger, frustration and disappointment in South Africa, and not at him personally.

That's what Ramaphosa told delegates on Monday when he addressed hundreds of Southern African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union (SACTWU) members during their 14th national congress held in Durban.

Ramaphosa began his address by reiterating the government's stance on gender-based violence, and again condemned violent attacks which in the past weeks have claimed the lives of foreign nationals.

He said Parliament will today convene to discuss ongoing violence within the country. When speaking about the hostile reception he received from the crowd in Harare at the weekend, he said: "They expressed their disappointment. They expressed their unhappiness. They expressed their anger against us as South Africans, and they saw me as representing all of us in South Africa.

## BOOING AT MUGABE'S FUNERAL WAS SYMBOL OF ANGER TOWARDS SA

Their reaction was against us. The whole stadium, some 40 000 people, booed me.

"It was only when I said I regret what has happened in our country and apologised on behalf of all of us in South Africa, that is when they responded positively. I have apologised on your behalf, and I hope it does sink into our consciousness that the world expects us to act in a way in which we will respect the rights of people of other nations."

Ramaphosa called on South



Africans to desist from resorting to any sort of violence against foreign nationals, citing the importance other African countries play in the role of the economy. Ramaphosa said the clothing and

## 'Don't remind us of apartheid'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Gauteng MEC for education Panyaza Lesufi has slammed an Afrikaans university that is set to open late next year.

Taking to social media on Monday, Lesufi said that a "race-based institution" would fail in SA. Lesufi insisted that the university intended to segregate and remind the country of the past.

TimesLIVE reported that Lesufi had spearheaded efforts to rename schools in Gauteng that had the names of apartheid leaders.

Last month he removed former prime minister Hendrik Verwoerd's name from a school in Pretoria, changing it to Rietondale High School.

Lesufi also slammed the university for representing only one group of people, saying that "we have been here before don't remind us what your ancestors used to say to us".

Responding to a comment that the intentions of the university are innocent, Lesufi said "non-racialism is the future".

According to Cape Talk, the R300m university in Pretoria has been funded by donations and trade union group Solidarity.

Speaking on the radio station, Lesufi said the idea of the university was started "out of anger" when universities across the country began changing their language policies to promote inclusivity.

"It's very important to understand where we come from, that there was a certain language that was used to oppress people in this country," he said.

He also defended himself against accusations that he was anti-Afrikaans, adding that he believed all languages should be treated equally.

"We're not saying this because we are attacking Afrikaans but because the message of 'we only need one language' is bad."

Times Live

## Breaking down the costs of the State Capture inquiry

**JOHANNESBURG** - Justice and Correctional Services Minister Ronald Lamola has revealed that R356,127 million has been spent since the establishment of the Zondo Commission of Inquiry into allegations of State Capture.

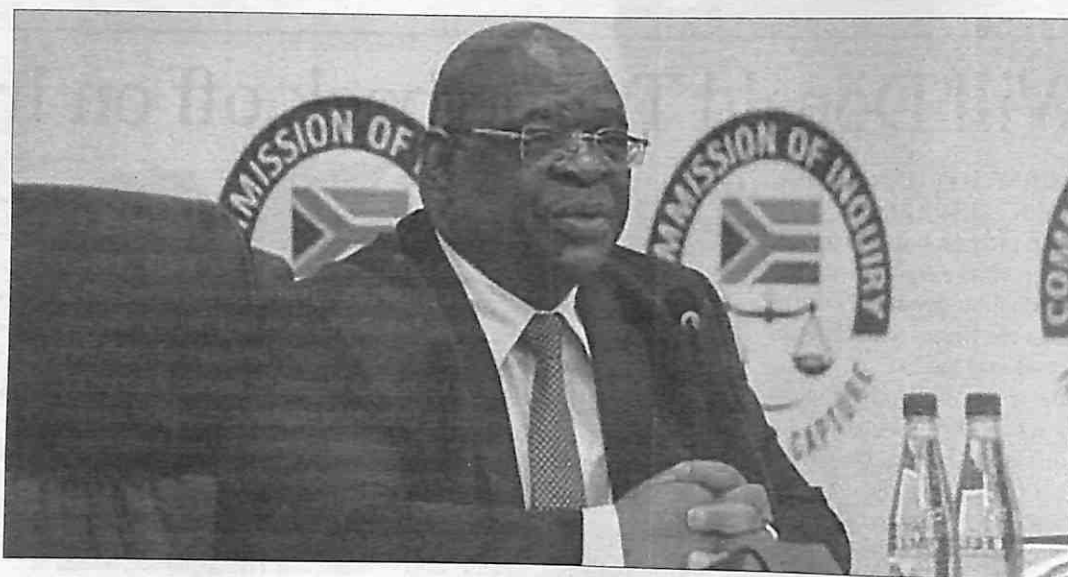
In a written response to a parliamentary question from DA's Mergan Chetty, Lamola said R244.573m was spent in 2018-19 financial year and R111.553m as at August 2019.

His response showed that R15.5m was spent on compensation of employees, R286.4m on goods and services, R88.4m investigators, R52m legal services, R1.9m travel and subsistence, R10.5m communication and R53.6m machinery and equipment.

Lamola also said the Nugent Commission into tax administration and governance by the SARS cost the state R8 106 113.

He was responding to DA's Solly Malatsi who asked for total cost and breakdown of costs incurred by the Nugent Commission.

He said R7 114 421 was paid in 2018-19 with R205 838 towards compensation of employees and R6 908 582 for legal advisory ser-



**COSTS BREAKDOWN:** Justice Raymond Zondo, who heads the Commission of Inquiry into State Capture.

vices while R991 692 was paid for legal advisory services.

The cost on the commissioners come in the wake of an Independent Media report last week that Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille said R14.8 million has been paid to a media company and property group for the housing of the Zondo commission of inquiry.

"The total amount paid to date is R14 837 975.97," she said.

A breakdown of the cost also shows that monthly rental for offices at Tiso Blackstar building was R72 846.52 and the rental of the media company's auditorium was R796 950.

The monthly rental of offices from Redefine Properties was R374 900.61.

De Lille said the lease agreement between the government, Redefine Properties and Tiso was signed between May and July last year.

"The lease agreements with Tiso Blackstar were signed for 12 months and have been extended for a further period of seven months. The lease agreement with Redefine was signed for three years," she said.

Political Bureau

## Herman Mashaba in multimillion-rand conflict-of-interest scandal

**JOHANNESBURG** - Allegations of a multimillion-rand conflict-of-interest scandal have again rocked Joburg Mayor Herman Mashaba over claims he influenced the funding of an NGO that he chaired for years.

Field Band Foundation (FBF), which Mashaba chaired for more than 10 years, received an R11 mil-

lion three-year contract beginning in December 2017, apparently after a recommendation from the mayor to the city's social development department.

Following an uproar within the city council, a decision was taken in March last year to suspend the contract pending a forensic investigation into allegations Mashaba used

his influence and knowledge of FBF to benefit the organisation.

However, there seems to be confusion over when FBF were informed about the suspension. The NGO claimed to have been told eight months after the council resolution was taken.

Despite the resolution halting the lucrative funding, Mashaba's office

confirmed that R3.5m was given to FBF. This followed a council question asked by ANC councillor Raynet Moabi on August 22. The Star sent questions to Mashaba and City Manager Ndivhoniswani Lukhwareni's offices.

Responding on their behalf, Joburg spokesperson Nthatisi Modingoane confirmed that FBF had received



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textile industry was a sector facing enormous challenges in the country, but a "new bright future is opening up in terms of the African continent".

He placed emphasis on the Africa Free Trade Area agreement which would service a huge market of a billion people across the continent. "I see this as growth in the sector. It is important that the clothing and textile industry contributes to the manufacturing sector in the economy, and that it should be improved from the current three per cent." He said over the past decade, the government had invested much on improving the prospects of the sector. The president made specific reference to the recent interventions made by his office in the Edcon deal.

In March the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF), debt holders and landlords came to the rescue of the Edcon group, which

owns Edgars, Jet and CNA, in a deal which Ramaphosa said saved the loss of 140 000 jobs in the industry. "We want to save current jobs and create more jobs. This is what we are committed to as the government. We want to be an entrepreneurial government directly involved in every sector of our economy."

Ramaphosa said government had been working tirelessly to rid the country of illicit goods, which mainly hurt the clothing and textile industry.

He said the impact of Chinese imports, both legal and illegal, was being addressed: "We have raised these issues with the Chinese authorities."

The president said a number of operations undertaken by SARS had resulted in the confiscation of goods worth more than R1bn, with most of these connected to the illicit side of the clothing and textile industry. *Times Live*

## AfriForum and Roets win in apartheid flag case

**JOHANNESBURG** - AfriForum and its deputy CEO, Ernst Roets, have won in a court case brought against them by the Nelson Mandela Foundation (NMF), after Roets tweeted the old South African flag hours after gratuitous displays of it were ruled to be hate speech.

The foundation believed the lobby group was in contempt of court following the hate speech ruling, but Judge Colin Lamont has dismissed the NMF's application, ruling yesterday morning at the Equality Court sitting in the Gauteng High Court that Judge Phineas Mojapelo's earlier ruling was a declaratory order, and contempt of court only applies to a court order where someone is instructed to do something.

This isn't AfriForum's first victory with Lamont presiding, with the judge having ruled in the lobby group's favour when they argued that Julius Malema's singing of struggle song *Dubula iBhunu* - often translated as "kill the boer" - was hate speech back in 2011, when the EFF leader was still president of the ANC Youth League (ANCYL).

The Nelson Mandela Foundation filed the application after Roets took to Twitter and posted the apartheid flag, asking: "Did I just commit hate speech?", just hours after a scathing judgment banned its gratuitous display.

Arguing before Judge Colin Lamont on September 4, the foundation submitted that Roets had insulted the dignity of the courts and should be found in contempt.



Deputy Judge President Phineas Mojapelo declared that the "gratuitous display" of the flag constituted hate speech in terms of Section 10(1) of the Equality Act, unfair discrimination in terms of Section 7 of the act, and harassment in terms of Section 11 of the act.

Roets, however, claimed that he had posted the flag for academic purposes and in his own capacity and not that of AfriForum.

He also argued that he and AfriForum could not be held in contempt of court because no order was granted against them specifically and that his tweets fell under the proviso that the display of the flag must be confined to genuine artistic, academic, or journalistic expression in the public interest, in terms of Section 2 of the Equality Act.

Arguing on behalf of the foundation, advocate Tembeka Ngcukaitobi said

there was no way that AfriForum and Roets were not aware that the judgment prohibited the gratuitous display of the flag.

He also argued that Roets' argument in the matter had no academic context and questioned why it was necessary for Roets to have an academic enquiry.

"They commit contempt the moment they conduct themselves in a way calculated to bring about disrepute to this court," Ngcukaitobi said.

Roets' lawyer, senior counsel Cedric Puckrin, argued that his client's version stating why he tweeted the picture of the apartheid flag after there was a judgment banning its gratuitous display should not be ignored, News24 previously reported.

He also argued that the matter had nothing to do with AfriForum because Roets tweeted in his personal capacity. *Citizen*

## DA livid over Bathabile's 'new post'

**CAPE TOWN** - The DA has warned President Cyril Ramaphosa against appointing former minister Bathabile Dlamini into any diplomatic position, threatening to sue if he goes ahead with the rumoured plans to deploy the ANC Women's League president.

DA lawyers wrote to Ramaphosa on Friday amid media reports that Dlamini would be appointed into SA's foreign service as an ambassador for the country.

They cited International Relations and Co-operation Minister Naledi Pandor's response to DA MP Darren Bergman's parliamentary question on whether Dlamini was being considered as an ambassador. Pandor said she did not appoint ambassadors and Ramaphosa would announce a new ambassador at an appropriate time.

She said: "But seeing that I'm smiling, I'm sure you know why I'm smiling," which some interpreted as an indication that Dlamini would get a diplomatic posting.

The letter from Minde Schapiro and Smith Inc argues that Dlamini's possible appointment as a diplomat concerned the DA because "it would seem ambassador positions are reserved for those politicians who have failed their country and who



**NOT WANTED: Former minister Bathabile Dlamini.**

have been proven to be guilty of misconduct, inter alia, during their term of service in high executive office".

The lawyers called on Ramaphosa to "apply his mind rationally". They referred him to a Constitutional Court finding in the Black Sash Trust (Freedom Under Law Intervening) vs minister of social development and others case of 2018, in which it was revealed Dlamini had withheld information.

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payments despite the suspension but said that Mashaba and Lukhwareni had no knowledge of this.

"Given that such payments fall outside the purview of the executive mayor as an administrative function of the city, Mayor Mashaba had no knowledge of such payments and informed council that he would request the city manager to urgently look into this mat-

ter and compile a report on payments to the foundation, which will be tabled at the council meeting later this month.

"Until this matter was raised at the August 2019 council (meeting), the city manager was also not aware that a payment had allegedly been made to the foundation post the March 2018 council resolution," Modingoane said.

*Times Live*

## 'Public protector has ulterior motives for investigating me'

**JOHANNESBURG** - President Cyril Ramaphosa has reportedly questioned Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane's political motives for investigating him for money laundering in relation to donations for his ANC presidential campaign.

According to Business Day, Ramaphosa believes Mkhwebane was motivated by an "ulterior purpose" in her inclusion of details of his ANC election bank accounts. These were reportedly irrelevant to her investigation into whether he misled Parliament about a R500 000 donation from facilities firm Bosasa.

Mkhwebane found Ramaphosa had violated the executive code of ethics by not declaring

donations to his presidential campaign in 2017, News24 reported.

She also found the statesman had deliberately misled Parliament when he responded to a question in the National Assembly about the R500 000 donation from former Bosasa boss Gavin Watson.

### Report

Ramaphosa has since decided to take Mkhwebane's report, which found he had violated the executive code of ethics, on urgent judicial review. He said the report contained "numerous factual inaccuracies of a material nature" and was "fundamentally flawed".

Ramaphosa is not the first to question Mkhwebane's competence.

Fin24 previously reported that calls have intensified for Mkhwebane to be fired and that the DA was seeking to revive a parliamentary process to remove her from office.

COPE called for Mkhwebane's head, describing her as "incompetent".

Trade union federation COSATU said Ramaphosa should set aside all Mkhwebane's reports until her competency and trustworthiness have been ascertained.

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**SHINE:** Eswatini artists landed safe from the fair courtesy of Eswatini Tourism Authority. (R) Ngihle Ngikhohlwa Ngihle Ngikhumula artwork. (Courtesy pic)

## Eswatini artists shine at FNB Art Joburg Fair!

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

... Yebo Gallery receives an international recognition!

### ESWATINI well-represented at the FNB Art Joburg.

For starters, FNB Art Joburg is a prestigious annual event for the top art galleries of Africa and this year, Eswatini's Yebo Contemporary Art Gallery was invited to participate and hoisted the Kingdom's flag high.

FNB Art Joburg was this year taken over by Mandla Sibeko, he rebranded the event and the selection was by invitation only.

The fair was at Sandton Convention Centre over this past weekend.

A new addition to the fair was the Gallery Lab, a 600sqm pavilion where galleries and art spaces from across Africa staged their works.

The new platform was curated by FNB Art Joburg Fair Manager Nicole and Eswatini's Banele Khoza of BKhz.

Exhibitors in the main section, according to Aleta Armstrong, included all South African top galleries: blank projects, Everard Read, Gallery MOMO, Goodman Gallery, Kalashnikov, SMAC Gallery, SMITH, Stevenson and WHATIFTHEWORLD.



**ART: Mama Africa by Phindile Mamba.**

"It has been a great honour for our small gallery to be invited to participate at this year's event. The artists who we selected to participate were

Khulekani Msweli, Mbongeni Dlamini, Mesuli Mamba, Tony Marshak, Phindile Mamba, Thabo Lukhele and Sakhile Gumbi. Khulekani and I curated the

exhibition together and his installation 'Ngihle Ngikhohlwa Ngihle Ngikhumbula' (Loosely translated 'Sometimes I Forget Sometimes I Remember') was the focal point of our stand," said Yebo Art Gallery Director Aleta Armstrong on their arrival from the trip on Monday.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of FNB Eswatini, DHL Eswatini and Eswatini Tourism Authority as they sponsored transport for the artists.

"We thank these entities for their support of the growth of the local creative economy. We were inspired by the amazing work that was on display and meeting well known artists like Zanele Muholi and Nelson Makama was wonderful!

"We had thousands of visitors to our stand and received such positive feedback from everybody who was extremely impressed with the work by Eswatini artists.

"It was a proud moment for Yebo, after 10 years of hard work to receive international recognition that our artists so richly deserve.

There were sales and following the fair a huge growth in inquiries from international art collectors," expressed

Armstrong.

"We are still digesting it all and are sure there will many more exciting updates we will share in the following months.

Now I will start working on our forthcoming exhibition Eswatini NOW#5 which will open on November 2," she added. Speaking some of the artists about the experiences, they all shared the same sentiment that it was a memorable experience.

"The FNB Art Joburg was an amazing experience for me, as an exhibiting artist, curator and a spectator. Seeing work that is aesthetically and intellectually stimulating offered great pleasure and inspiration.

"The important take away, from it all, is that Eswatini has outstanding artists producing contemporary art and we will need greater support as we progress," said the thrilled renowned artist Khulekani Msweli.

"The ideas, approaches and techniques by all the artists exhibiting were overwhelmed. It was an amazing experience," said Melusi Mamba.

Seni Mdluli said she loved their freedom of expression and she came back home very inspired.

## Seytainment's talent show a hit

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

**SATURDAY'S talent search show hosted by Seytainment saw hundreds of fun lovers and upcoming musicians turning up at the host venue, Gamula Hall.**

There were four judges on the day; Stan Mabuza (Art teacher at Ezulwini Community High School), Samkelo 'Sam' Dlamini (the best dancer at Sjaiva Snomakanjani), M Age Lepoet (Ngwane Mahiya) and Thamsanqa 'Beggar' Mkhonta (musician). Organiser of the event Mr Sey thanked all their sponsors for supporting the inaugural talent

search event, dubbing it a resounding success. "We thank our sponsors Super Buddies from Big Bend for the refreshments, Jaiva Ngwane stable from Matata for the quality sound, World Vision for the trophies and medals for winners on the day and T-shirts from 'It takes Eswatini to end sexual violence against children', ESWADE, as well as community leaders for the venue (hall) which they provided to us free of charge. "We further thank the youth committees of Gamula and Ndzevane for the thorough preparations that saw a successful event. They were doing the running around as I only conceived the concept and the rest

was on their shoulders to ensure smooth flow of proceedings," Mr Sey said.

Proceeds from the event have been channelled to a special fund for the youth set up by Mr Sey to assist the youth in taking their talent to the next level.

He described the resolve of Sey Entertainment as being to keep the youth active as well as avail a platform for them to display their talent at their communities and the nation at large.

"I'm happy that I managed to assist the youth set up a fund to ensure sustenance of the youth talent in the community. This event was dubbed Ndzevane meets Gamula fun/talent day," Mr Sey concluded. Mr Sey, Sibusiso Gwebu, is a teacher at Ndzevane High School.



**UNITED:** Chief Organiser Mr Sey with Popzin's Manager Kenneth Tsabedze, MC Prudence-Boss Madam, Popzin, MC Choppa, Immortal 7 and Ncamiso 'Slwane' Ntjingila. (Courtesy pic)



# FREE DRIVING LESSONS FOR ESWATINI SPRING SPIN BASH WINNERS

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**THE Viwas Driving School team will be giving out free driving lessons to lucky winners on the day of the Eswatini Spring Spin Bash, which will be held on Saturday at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.**

According to organiser of the event Ndumiso Dlamini, as the event was sponsored by the Viwas driving school, it is only necessary that they give away what they are well known for, which is teaching people how to drive. He said the competition was for all Eswatini Spring Spin Bash Ticket Holders

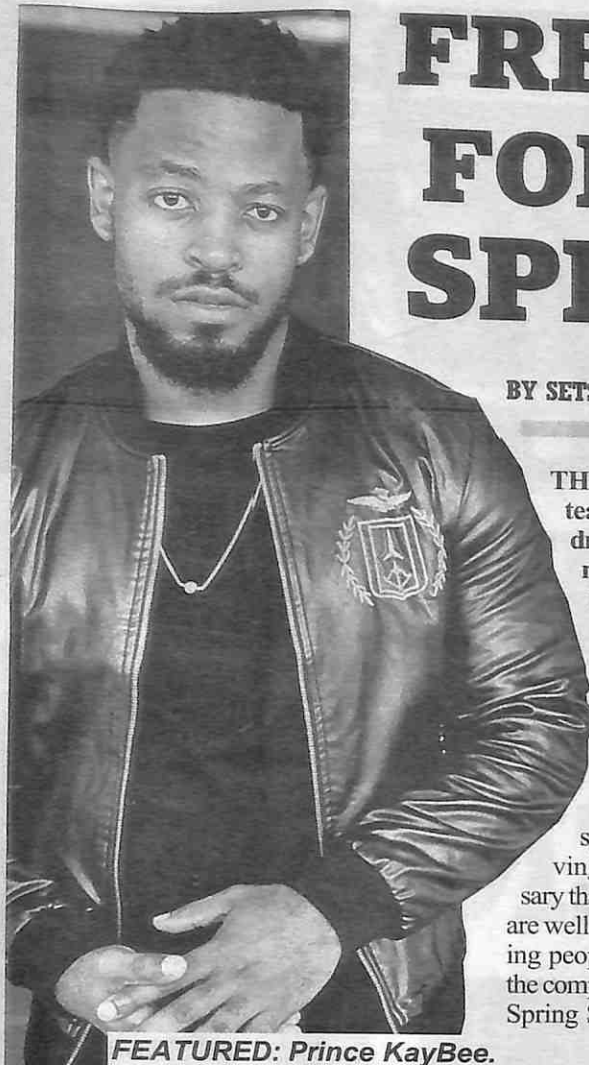
as once one buys the ticket, they automatically qualify for the competition.

Dlamini said if it happens that the winner already has the drivers license they would be able to pass the prize down to any person of their choice. "When buying them, customers should try but make sure they leave their details, like name and cell number, which will be written on the overleaf of the ticket piece that is left behind.

"The draw will be held on the day of the event in the afternoon where one lucky person will win a full driving course courtesy of Viwas driving school. We encourage people to buy the pre-sale tickets," he said.

The annual Eswatini Spring Spin Bash will feature South African artists Prince KayBee and Kokota

his maker's Bizizi and Zodwa Wabantu. Local artists to perform will be Popzin, DJ Mbo, 711, DD, DJ ZuluD, KB DA DJ, Comedians Gedlembane, Mdura and Smallz, to name a few. The event will start from noon untill 6am the next day. Tickets are already out and being sold at E100 pre-sale, E150 at the door and E50 for children. Galitos, Sausage salon, Ocean Basket, Viwas Driving schools office in Mbabane are some of the places people can find the tickets.



FEATURED: Prince KayBee.



COMING: Zodwa Wabantu.

## Little Miss Eswatini submission deadline month end

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

**CLOSING date for applications for Little Miss Eswatini is on September 30.**

This was confirmed by Pageants Eswatini President Catherine Potgieter yesterday.

She further advised interested young beauty queens with their guardian's permission, to submit their application before the deadline to the beauty pageant director Nokuphila Masangane and herself.

The finals for Little Miss Eswatini will be held on December 7 at a

venue that is yet to be announced.

The event will be sponsored by Spur, Movie zone, Second Wind Foundation and Rotary Club Manzini.

"We urge more companies to come on board for the first ever little Miss Eswatini," Catrine said.

Masangane who is the co-ordinator of Little Miss Eswatini said that there were only 14 pageants that have applied, yet they were looking for more, hence the applications are still open untill month end.

Only girls ages 9 to 13 years old can enter. Prizes to be won include tablets, movie tickets, Spur vouchers, clothing vouchers and books.

## ILLA PENBOY EMBARKS ON CLOTHING LINE

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**NOTHING is stopping Illa Pen Boy from touching all the loopholes of the industry, as he has embarked on a clothing line business.**

The award winning rapper has dropped his very first clothing line called 'Aaaaachuuu'.

According to Illa, this was because of his love for fashion and hip hop, hence the decision to give his urban fashion lovers and fans clothing too look good in at an affordable price.

"I think I'm also a creative designer, 'Aaaaachuuu' is a Relaxed Urban Style and Attitude.

"It is a new level logo mania, every cool kid must wear. It is a classic tailoring complemented by the unique fabric, 2019 - 2020 collection," he said.

He said his inspiration came from the wonderful designs of some dedicated brands in the fashion industry.

He however felt he was not satisfied enough because no matter how hard he searched, he couldn't find what he would envision because of issues like sizes, cuts, colours, fabric or sometimes the unreasonable prices.

He said such issues inspired him to start his own clothing line where everyone could get what they desired at a reasonable price.

"My goal is to meet customers' interests in all major factors, to be different and unique and to sell specialised merchandise that will stand out from giants.

Running a clothing brand where you have your own fabrics can be fun because you can design anything. There's so much competition in the fashion industry, so one needs to have an intimate understanding of tbusness in order to succeed," he said

Aaaaachuuu line offers T-shirts, caps,



**AAACHUU: Illa Pen Boy and some displays of his clothing line.**

suits, tracksuits, jeans, dresses, shirts, swimwear, socks, jackets to name a few.

He said the clothing line will be avail-

able from next month, October and would be available at selected boutiques, which he would be revealing soon, country wide.

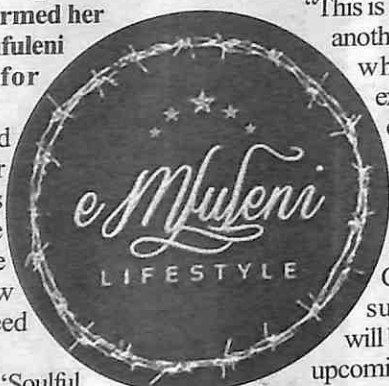
## Lizwi Buthelezi confirms Emfuleni Gig

BY DELISA THWALA

**SOUTH African Singer Lizwi Buthelezi has confirmed her performance at Emfuleni Lifestyle slated for Saturday.**

The singer confirmed the show through her social media pages where she posted the official poster of the show and wrote below it that she was indeed coming.

The show is dubbed 'Soulful Chill' and will also see performances from radio hosts Lindiwe Mafa and recently debuted deejay Slotta alongside DJ Cup.



Another act promising to deliver the best was Cup who said they were looking forward to a very good show and good vibes with the crowd.

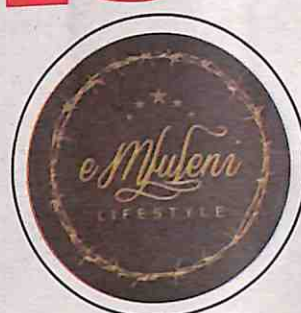
"This is going to be yet another lively show where we are expecting another packed area and we will do our best to deliver a good show," shared Cup. Another supporting act will be a young and upcoming singer who

won the MTN Firefly competition Sarnilo. The show will commence from 2pm until 10pm, entrance to the place is free.





# SLOTTA **DEBUTS** SUPERBLY AT EMFULENI



STORIES BY DELISA THWALA

**EMFULENI Lifestyle came alive on Sunday with electric and vibey house music.**

This was during the producer and photographer Slotta's debut set as a deejay at the chill spot.

The highly packed event saw a number of house heads come out to play and witness this rare opportunity of Slotta.

Starting in the afternoon, warming the turntables was DJ Cup who as usual played a calm set with his deep house set. By late afternoon the hangout spot was already packed with fun lovers and some were mostly Slotta's friends, who had come to witness the producer's debut. Speaking to Cup who has played a role in Slotta's life, he said he was happy for the deejay and that he wished him well in the industry.

"It was a great response from our patrons and the



**FEEL IT :** Slotta and Fakazi feeling the music. This was during Slotta's debut as a Deejay at Emfuleni Lifestyle on Sunday. (Courtesy pics)

show played out as we had expected and we are happy for the work done by the deejay as New Life Entertainment. We look forward to such beautiful shows," said Cup.

The crowd went into raptures of cheer when Slotta took to the decks and prepared to dish out his set to

the highly anticipating crowd.

"Slotta Slotta," screamed the crowd even before he could twist a knob on his decks.

The artist was accompanied by renowned saxophonist Fakazi Samuel. He started off with a repetitive and minimalistic set and later



**DECKS DADDY:** Karly B dishing out sounds.

went deep with mixes and house music all the while with Fakazi blowing his saxophone.

Speaking to the man of the moment, he said last night was nerve wrecking and he spent most of his day contemplating if he wants to play. "Firstly can I just say that the support system I have is amazing. My church mates, cousins, my girlfriend and almost everyone was there I'm truly blessed," said Slotta.

## ...Next show slated for Saturday

**THE** next show for Slotta is going to take place on Saturday at Emfuleni Lifestyle courtesy of New Life Entertainment.

This was confirmed by Slotta during an interview after his set.

He will also be sharing the stage with Lizwi Buthelezi. "I cannot wait for the next show and there will be a singer this time performing during my set and we are promising a good show," concluded the photographer.



**BOYS:** Ace and Slotta posing for the camera after performing.



**CHILLED:** Mmeli and Tenele chilling at the event



**REINDS:** Slotta's church friends came through to support him.



**DEEP IN IT :** Czar and Makhosi feeling the music during Slotta's performance.





# 10 000 VOTES RECEIVED IN A DAY FOR THE SPOTLIGHT

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

COMPETITION is heating up for The Spotlight top 30, as 10 000 votes were casted in 24 hours after the lines open on Sunday.

By the end of Monday, The Spotlight had registered a staggering 10 000 votes and still counting. Since there are 30 finalists thus far, this means each contestant registered about 333 votes on average.

These votes were recorded between Sunday after the episode of The Spotlight on Eswatini TV at 9:30pm and the end of the day on Monday. Episodes of The Spotlight are aired every Sundays at 5:30pm on Eswatini TV.

MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko said this was a good start, just above their projections. "We really thank members of the public for accepting the judging button graciously. We never expected the type of response we got in the first day of voting," he said. "Let us keep the votes pouring. There is still time for the public to vote and keep their favourite artists on The Spotlight and those involved to step up their voting



Y'ELLO: The MTN Spotlight top 30 contestants.

campaigns," he said.

The voting window will close on Friday at 3pm making way for the live show of the top 26.

Four contestants that will attract less votes will be going home. The next round voting window will open after the top 26 episode on

Eswatini TV at 5:30pm.

Maseko said voting can be done online on the website; [www.thespotlight.co.sz](http://www.thespotlight.co.sz), or by SMSing the contestant's number to 7768. SMS cost 50 cents per vote and the online vote charges the same rate. "Voting is exclu-

sively available to MTN customers," said Maseko. The lucky winner of the first season of The Spotlight will drive home in a brand new Kia Picanto worth about E200 000, a cover for a year from Momentum, a recording deal and data for a year.



## THE SPOTLIGHT TOP 30

● Sambulo Matse	- 001
● Melusi Mndzebele	- 004
● Nontsikelelo Dlamini	- 006
● Gcobani Sisekelo Masuku	- 009
● Quinton Sibisi	- 016
● Samkele N Dlamini	- 002
● Mballi Gamedze	- 003
● Nontsikelelo Magongo	- 007
● Thabiso Makhanya	- 010
● Siphosemusa Simelane	- 018
● Nsika Nsizakalo Mazibuko	- 008
● Mpendulo Mndvoti	- 011
● Clive Herbst	- 013
● Dick da Cunha	- 015
● Madoda Bongani JR Nsibandze	- 022
● Phetsile Sihle Nkosi	- 025
● Zweli Gule	- 012
● Rina Mthethwa	- 014
● Lindelwa Tsabedze	- 017
● Philile Motsa	- 019
● Namisa Nhlengetfwa	- 021
● Khethokuhle Sibandze	- 020
● Lunga Mabizela	- 026
● Eyethu Gama	- 027
● Celimphillo Mphilwenhle Dlamini	- 028
● Nosipho Shelembe	- 029
● Ncamiso Dlamini	- 030
● Kwanele Magongo	- 023
● Nompandulo Nsibandze	- 024

## ...Buy MTN Pulse Bundles to watch contestants live

IF you have a wish to watch The Spotlight contestants live during their performances, then this is your chance.

By dialing \*411#, purchasing MTN Pulse bundles and tagging The Spotlight on Facebook, the public will be able to watch the contestants at the Mahlalekhukhwini House on Saturday.

The contestants are currently waiting for the voting results which opened last Sunday after the top 30 performances. To vote for your favourite contestant, 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.



THE HOST: KrTC gives contestants instructions for the day.



ATTENTIVE: A section of the contestants listen to Ndamiso Dlamini in the waiting area.

## Vote for your favourite contestant

on The Spotlight.

The decision on Eswatini's next music star is in your hands. Vote for your favourite contestant and move them forward to the next round of The Spotlight. To vote, simply SMS their code to 7768 or visit [www.thespotlight.co.sz](http://www.thespotlight.co.sz). Voting costs 50c per vote.

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# Celebville

International Celebrity News

## SK Khoza is leaving The Queen

**PRETORIA** - After three years of being on the show, the creators of

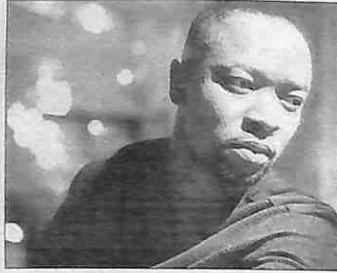
The Queen have confirmed in a statement that actor SK Khoza has left the series, with his last appearance on screen set for next month.

The actor plays the role of Shaka on the popular Mzansi Magic telenovela and was part of the original cast when the show launched in 2016. Ferguson Films said in a statement on Monday that the star had

shot his last scenes on August 27 and will make his last appearance on October 28.

"SK has been a great contributor to the show, and remains on Ferguson Films top list of actors. We wish him the very best in his future endeavours, and have no doubt that he will continue to inspire

as one of the most talented young actors in the country," the statement read. *Times Live*



LEAVING: SK Khoza.

## The Zumas are getting their own reality show

**CAPE TOWN** - Move over Kim K and Queen B, Jay Z is set to get his own reality show soon.

Former president Jacob Zuma and his family will soon make their debut on TV screens, giving Mzansi a unique look at their lives.

Award-winning producer Legend Manqele hinted at the project recently, posting a series of snaps from a shoot at Nkandla, alongside the caption: Meet the Zumas.

Legend is known for producing the popular reality television shows

including Living the Dream with Somizi and Being Bonang.

Legend confirmed the project to Sunday Tribune, explaining that he is shooting "a season of something" with the Zumas.

UNIQUE LOOK: Jacob Zuma.

One of the teasers featured Zuma's partner Nonkanyiso Conco's, legend said the show would also feature her journey. *Times Live*



## Kevin Hart's Sex Tape accuser promised not to sue

**NEW YORK** - Kevin Hart's sex tape partner who just filed a \$60 million lawsuit against him said back when the story first broke, Kevin, like her, was a victim and she was not going to sue him.

Montia Sabbag stood by attorney Lisa Bloom's side as Bloom stated their case, that Kevin had no idea their sexual liaison was being secretly filmed in a Las Vegas hotel suite. Bloom also made Sabbag's position clear, she didn't want a cent from Kevin, rather she wanted to hunt down the perpetrator and bring him

to justice.

Our sources say a subsequent lawyer for Sabbag her third recently made a secret financial demand to Kevin, asking for "low six figures," and Kevin's lawyer rejected it and didn't offer a



A PROMISE: Kevin Hart' and Montia Sabbag.

penny. TMZ broke the story, that the lawyer who now represents Sabbag has filed a \$60 million lawsuit against Hart and J.T. Jackson Kevin's former friend who was arrested for and charged with extortion. *TMZ*

## Ex-Blink-182 Singer Tom DeLonge files for divorce

**HOLLYWOOD** - Ex-Blink-182 singer Tom DeLonge and his wife are NOT staying together for the kids, he's calling it quits after nearly 2 decades of marriage.

According to docs obtained by TMZ, DeLonge filed for divorce in San Diego County Superior Court after 18 years of marriage to Jennifer DeLonge. They've known each other since high school and got married on



IT'S OVER: Tom DeLonge and Jenifer.

May 26, 2001 in San Diego. They have 2 kids together, 17-year-old daughter Ava and 13-year-old son Jonas. As for why they're splitting up, the founding Blink member cited "irreconcilable differences." They list December 29, 2017, as the date of separation. He's asking for joint legal and physical custody of their kids. *TMZ*

## Somizi and Mohale to tie the knot 'next week'

**PRETORIA** - According to City Press sources,

the couple will hold the first of two wedding ceremonies on September 28, with a white wedding set for January.

The traditional ceremony will apparently be held at Mohale's parents' home. Details surrounding the white wedding in are sketchy.



IT'S HAPPENING: Somizi and Mohale.

With an event as big as this, some of Mzansi's biggest names are set to attend.

A few months ago, the couple revealed that they had invited President Cyril Ramaphosa to their white wedding.

While the full guest list is a secret, Somizi has spilt the tea on who will

perform. *Times Live*

## Moja Love axes 'FBK Millionaires' after four episodes

**CAPE TOWN** - Is it just 'technical issues' or is DJ Coach faking his

millionaire lifestyle?

Moja Love has pulled reality show, FBK Millionaires off air after just four episodes amidst claims that its star is faking his lifestyle.

Reality show FBK Millionaires, which follows businessman Kgopotso Tsekeleke Mmutlane, popularly known as DJ Coach, started airing on August 17.

Fans of the show were greeted with a message this weekend stating that

the series had been cancelled by the channel - with no further explanation.

The series sparked debate across Mzansi since its launch for DJ Coach's flashy lifestyle.

Some swore that his business had made him rich, while others labelled him a scammer. Social media was filled with videos claiming to have caught

him in a lie. Many have suggested that the show has been cancelled because DJ Coach has been found to be a fraud. *Tshisa Live*



OFF AIR: Kgopotso Tsekeleke Mmutlane.

## The Cars frontman Ric Ocasek died of heart disease

**HOLLYWOOD** - Ric's family says he was home recuperating from an unspecified surgery

when he unexpectedly, but peacefully, died in his sleep.

His wife, Paulina, says she discovered he had passed when she went to bring him his Sunday morning coffee. Ric Ocasek's cause of death has been revealed The Cars frontman died of heart disease.

According to NYC's Chief Medical Examiner Ocasek died of hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular

disease. In layman's terms, that means he had heart disease caused by high blood pressure.

Pulmonary emphysema is also listed as a contributing condition to his death, and law enforcement sources tell us he had a history of cancer. His manner of death is listed as natural. As reported, The Cars lead singer was discovered

unresponsive Sunday at his townhouse in NYC and pronounced dead at the scene. *TMZ*



RIP: Ric Ocasek.

## Lyfe Jennings defends his 'Slave' song

**NEW YORK** - Lyfe Jennings says Charlamagne

tha God and others who are crucifying his new song which invokes the word "slave" don't have a clue, 'cause it's just naughty sex talk.

We spoke with the R&B singer a few days after Charlamagne and comedian Amanda Seales teamed up on social media to put a spotlight on Lyfe's new tune, entitled "Slave." It's got some seemingly questionable

lyrics, which CTG and AS mocked mercilessly. For the record, Lyfe

sings the following, "Got your ass hoppin' like a frog / Got your legs shakin' like two wet dogs / This ain't the part we fall in love / This is the part we kiss"

Then he explicitly mentions slaves, saying, "I'm gon' beat it like a slave / So you don't run away / Got the whips and chains / Call me master." *TMZ*



DEFENDS: Lyfe Jennings.

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



DESPERATE ESCAPE: Mabuyi.

While Jabu and Qaphela scramble to find a way to handle MK, Mabuyi leads a desperate escape attempt. Melusi upsets Thokozani when he tries to offer brotherly advice about Leo's ulterior motives.



TODAY

Lincoln ups the ante with KwaNomzamo residents. The dynamic between Morongwa, Gatanga and Florence changes. Lalage regards Obakeng with new eyes.



REGARDS: Lalage



TODAY



OBSESSED: Senamile

Senamile's obsession with Azwindini increases to a new level. Gugu and Imani's relationship threatens to be damaged for good. Warona and Shaz's venture brings about challenges.



TODAY

Mzi reaches out to Pearl. Jamaica causes trouble between Khulekani and his wife. Sabelo feels bad about the way he's behaved and says he has Sindiwa's back. They agree to ignore Boyce he's just some Sandton cheeseboy.



TROUBLESOME: Jamaica.



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## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Too much stress from overwork could have your nerves on edge today, Capricorn. When someone makes an offhand remark, you might see insult where none is intended. Don't get so jumpy that you imagine traitors behind every door. Work alone if you can, and take a walk to clear your head. This will put you in a better frame of mind and a more relaxed space.



## Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Squabbles may break out among members of your group, Aquarius. You might wonder what the big deal is since what they're arguing over seems rather silly. Apparently it's important to them! If you feel up to it, get your friends out of their emotional chaos and view the subject more objectively. It might not calm them down, but at least you'll have done something!



## Pisces February 19 – March 20

Someone may skip out on responsibilities today, Pisces, causing extra tasks to fall to everyone else, including you. This might stir up some anger and resentment and it's definitely going to cause more stress. Delegate tasks if you can. Put yours in order of urgency and then take them one at a time slowly and carefully. If the less important ones have to wait until tomorrow, so be it!



## Aries March 21 – April 19

If you've been planning to set off on a trip soon, Aries, make a list of what you need to do beforehand and check off each task as you complete it. Otherwise you might panic at the last minute because you've forgotten something important. Stay calm even if it seems impossible. You're less likely to forget anything if you stay focused.



## Taurus April 20 – May 20

You may have been worried about money lately, Taurus. Today a family member could make an expenditure that you view as unnecessary and irresponsible. Before you become angry know that all may not be as it seems! If you look at the situation objectively, you may see that you aren't in dire financial straits and the expenditure didn't take that much out of the family coffers.



## Gemini May 21 – June 21

Today you might find it necessary to turn down an invitation to a social event, Gemini, and the host might for some reason seem offended. Your friend is probably overworked and stressed and apt to overreact to just about any situation. Relax a little. Explain things to your friend



and then propose that you get together at another time. That's all you can do now.



## Cancer June 22 – July 22

Have you been doing a lot of walking lately? If so, Cancer, your feet may be sore. This could affect your energy level considerably, not to mention your ability to get any work done. Concentrate on routine tasks that require little thought and can be done sitting down. Stay out of any squabbles! Relax in a hot bath tonight.

## Leo July 23 – August 22

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## Virgo August 23 – September 22

Do you sometimes go about things backward, Virgo? Are you caught up in the rat race of trying to have more money and security with the idea that eventually you'll earn the freedom to do what makes you happy? The happiness factor actually works in reverse. You must first be who you are and then take the necessary actions in order to have what you really want.



## Libra September 23 – October 23

An angry call from someone who lives far away might catch you off guard today, Libra. In your mind, the person has no reason to be angry and is blowing things out of proportion. They probably won't listen to reason. Say as calmly as you can that you'll get in touch tomorrow and then hang up. Give this person time to calm down before even trying to straighten things out.



## Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Today you might spend a lot of time looking for a lost object, Scorpio. This item may only have sentimental value. Still, it's important to you that you find it. This isn't a good day to search.



## Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

A minor quarrel or separation could take place with a love partner, Sagittarius, probably over something that seems trivial. It's likely to get your dander up to the point where you may never want to see this person again. Go for a workout or brisk walk to clear your head, get the endorphins going, and view the situation more objectively.



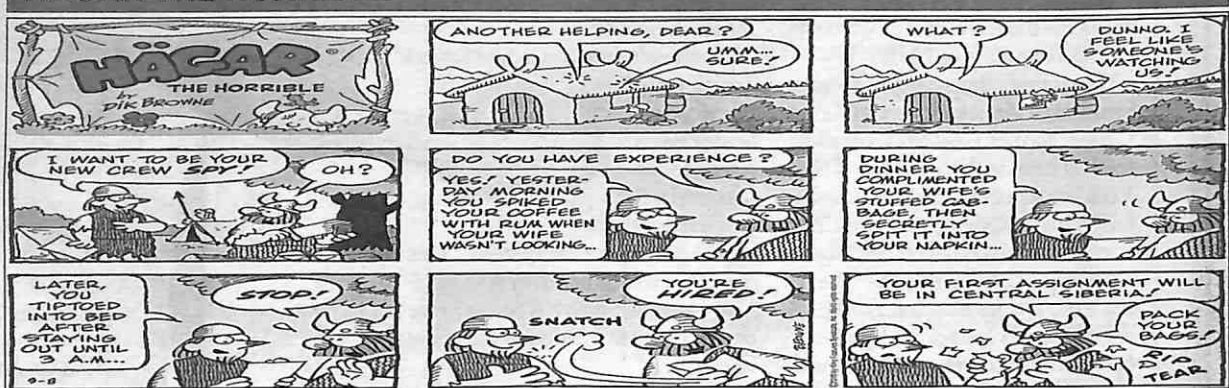
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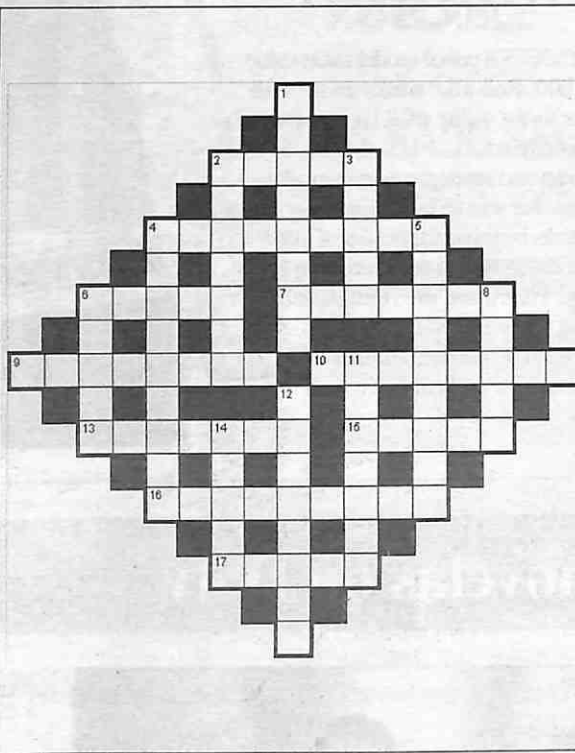


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## DIAMOND CROSSWORD 03

Can you fit the words correctly into the grid?



## Down

1. Cosmos (8)
2. Arms (7)
3. Australian wild dog (5)
4. Savage (9)
5. Inactive (9)
6. Board game (5)
8. Sews (5)
11. Endanger (7)
12. Fixed securely (8)
14. Measuring device (5)

## Across

2. Uncanny (5)
4. Brotherly (9)
6. Freight (5)
7. Yelled (7)
9. Fitness activity (8)
10. Differ (8)
13. Pouch worn with a kilt (7)
15. Folios (5)
16. Type of acid (9)
17. Of country life (5)



## Artist gets noticed

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time. "I have good news and bad news," the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman enquired about your work

and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings." "That's wonderful!" the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?" "The guy was your doctor."

## Did You Know?

1. In the 1920s, women in several US cities organised Anti-Flirt Clubs in to combat catcalling.
2. Toilet seat covers are basically pointless.
3. There is an island in the Bahamas that's inhabited only by swimming pigs.
4. Richard Nixon once smuggled a suitcase full of weed through the airport for Louis Armstrong.
5. Ancient Greeks came up with the idea of cyclops after they found a fossil of a mammoth, and had no idea what it was.

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## Yesterday's Quiz

1. Which artist sang the hit "Unchained Melody" from the film Ghost? Answers: A. The Righteous

## Today's Movie Quiz

1. What movie was Robin Williams' first animated film? (Hint: It's not Aladdin.) Answers: A. Aladdin Rainforest B. Ferngully: The Last





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## STRICTLY COME DANCING REVEALS DANCER PAIRINGS FOR 2019

**DUST off your dancing shoes, Strictly Come Dancing UK is waltzing back onto BBC Brit (DStv channel 120) for its 17th series from September 29 at 7pm.**

The multi-award winning entertainment show produced by BBC Studios returns with more sparkle, glitz and glamour than ever.

To kick-off the new season, Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman hosted an exclusive UK premiere and rolled out the red carpet to welcome the celebrity class of 2019.

The pairings this year are: veteran broadcaster Anika Rice and Kevin Clifton; former England Lionesses' football captain Alex Scott and Neil Jones; soapie actress Catherine Tyldesley and Johannes Radebe; comedian Chris Ramsey and Karen Hauer; BBC Radio 1 presenter Dev Griffin and Dianne Buswell; former England goalkeeper David James and Nadiya Bychkova; EastEnders soapie actress Emma

Barton and Anton Du Beke; Viscountess Emma Weymouth and Aljaz Skorjanec; Olympian gold medalist rower James Cracknell and Luba Mushtuk; soapie actor Kelvin Fletcher and Oti Mabuse; CBBC children's presenter Karim Zeroual and Amy Dowden; RuPaul judge Michelle Visage and Giovanni Pernice; BBC sports presenter Mike Bushell and Katya Jones; social media star Saffron Barker and AJ Pritchard; and Paralympian Will Bayley and Janette Manrara.

The show's fabulous judges Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Shirley Ballas return to the panel and will be casting their expert judgement every week. This year, they will be joined by new judge Motsi Mabuse, who has been a judge on the German version of the show since 2011.



## Feisty new arrival, more drama - The Throne

**SELLO'S wife arrives at the wedding and causes a stir.**

There's a feisty new addition to The Throne and by the look of things, more drama is headed to the tiny village of Kweneng.

Let's just say, Tshegofatso Morule knows how to make an entrance! Nobody expected to see her at the wedding. Certainly not the happy couple, Sello and Odirile!

Tshegofatso Morule – played by Tema Sebopedi Tshegofatso (Tshego) is a Tswana woman, who was born and bred in Mmabatho, North-

West. As an only child born from a middle-class family of a doctor and teacher, Tshego has never had to experience what it is like to be poor.

Tshego is a fashion designer and studying towards an MBA abroad. She met Sello Morule in her 20s and decided that he was the man for her. He was from a prestigious family and a prince. Moreover, had an interest in travel which

drew her to him.

Tshego married Sello when she was just 25 years old. She has a penchant for finer things in life. She loves spicy food, and has a fiery nature, but she is also very good at playing sweet and innocent.

Sello's secret is out! Is Sello and Odirile's marriage legit? Does this mean Tshegofatso is the rightful queen? Yoh, so many questions!

Stay tuned to #TheThroneMzansi every Monday – Thursday at 7pm!



## A double win for M-Net's Survivor SA's kingpin

**FAN favourite Rob is the Sole Survivor.**

After surviving 39 harsh and hungry days – and the ruthless scrutiny of the fierce jury members on M-Net's Survivor SA: Island of Secrets – Rob Bentele (28) from Richard's Bay, nabbed the title of Sole Survivor at the live finale tonight (Thursday, 12 September) in Cape Town.

Not only did Rob win the R1 million prize money and the prestigious title, season seven's beloved kingpin also received the most votes in the Mahindra Fan Favourite competition, making him the new owner of a sporty Mahindra

KUV100 NXT K8 petrol model to the value of R205 000. Rob also walks away with a voucher to the value of R10 000 from Cape Union Mart.

The robust and strategic Survivor player attributes his win to his ability to control the game, by using the power of information and the Island of Secrets to his advantage. He trusted the right people within the game and stayed true to his alliance which enabled him to predict every vote and control it with precision.

## Telenovelas on DStv

### Lord of the Skies

**Genre:** Drama, Action, week-days on Telemundo  
When confronting Alba and Rutila for having lied to him, Victor lets them know that Monica is with him. Aurelio receives news of Nazareno's death.

### The Heir

**Genre:** Drama, Soap daily on Zee World  
Mohini gives out an order to have Amrit attacked, while Manu calls a priest to perform weird rituals.

### Mehek



**Genre:** Drama, Soap daily on Zee World

Eddie's grief finally catches up with him following Leleti's death. It's also Nehal and Vicky's wedding day, while Armaan is adamant in his mission.

### Betty In New York

**Genre:** Drama, Comedy week-days on Telemundo  
Armando lies to Marcela about where he's been, and she decides not to argue. Marcela is offered

an interview and photoshoot with a magazine.

### Hold The Sunset S2

**Genre:** British Sitcom on BBC Brit

Edith, a widow who dreams of retirement in the sun and finally marrying her boyfriend, is dealt a blow to her plans when her 50-year-old son Roger arrives home, announcing he's left his family and is back at his childhood home to try and find the same happiness he had growing up. Edith and Phil, her neighbour as well as former-turned-current partner,

have to put a halt on their wedding designs and hopes of moving somewhere tropical to work through things with Roger, including what, and where, his next steps will be.

### The Shadows of Death S1

**Genre:** Actuality, Crime on Investigation Discovery

When Pastor Remington is shot dead in broad daylight at his church police launch a manhunt. Across town, the Odom family fear their own missing son is in danger.

### The Murders S1 (Brand New)

**Genre:** Drama, Crime on Universal TV  
Rookie cop Kate Jameson is partnered with Detective Mike Huntley as they investigate a serial killer who uses music in destructive ways.



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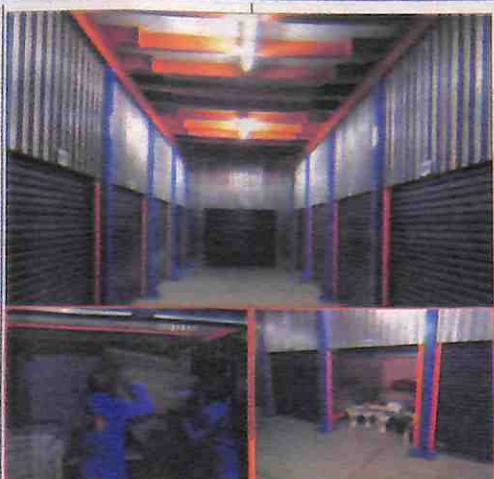
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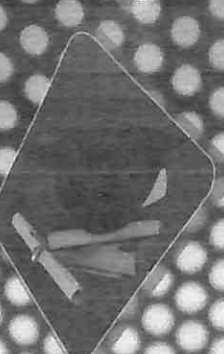
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# Ronaldo 'embarrassed' by rape allegations

**LONDON** - Juventus star Cristiano Ronaldo has admitted he felt "embarrassed" as he tried to shield his family from allegations he raped a woman in the United States.

Ronaldo was accused of sexually assaulting Kathryn Mayorga in a Las Vegas hotel in June 2009.

The Portugal forward, a five-time Champions League winner, strongly denied the claims and the investigation was originally closed 10 years ago.

It reopened in August 2018, shortly before Mayorga filed a civil lawsuit in September and offered details she initially withheld.

Prosecutors announced in July this year that they would not be prosecuting the case because the allegations could not "be proven beyond a reasonable doubt."

The former Manchester United great revealed the allegations had taken a mental toll on him as he sought to protect his

children from the reports.

"They play with your dignity," Ronaldo told 'Good Morning Britain' in an interview with Piers Morgan that will air on Tuesday.

"It's hard. You have a girlfriend, you have a family, you have kids. When they play with your honesty, it's bad, it's hard."

"I remember one day I was at home in the living room with my girlfriend watching the television to see the news and they speak about 'Cristiano Ronaldo this and that'."

"I listened to my kids coming down the stairs

and I changed the channel because I was embarrassed."

"I just changed the channel for Cristiano Jr not to see that they speak bad about his father about a very bad case."

AFP



**SHAMMED:** Juventus star Cristiano Ronaldo.

## All Blacks attack game against Boks

**CAPE TOWN** - Renowned New Zealand rugby writer Phil Gifford, in his book *Loose among the Legends*, writes that in 1996 he celebrated his wife's 50th birthday at the Summer Yacht Club.

The invitation asked people to come dressed as their fantasy.

Gifford recalls being one of those tragedies who came as an All Black, while former New Zealand prop Richard Loe, infamous for being nasty on the field, came as the devil.

Gifford writes: "Former All Black flyhalf Andrew Mehrtens arrived clothed from head to toe in a real Springbok uniform, complete with the No 10 on the back of the jersey."

"When there was a chance to have a private word with him, I said: 'Mehrts, I know you were born in South Africa, but please don't tell me your fantasy is to be a Springbok?' Mehrtens responded: 'No, not at all.'"

This is Joel Stranksy's gear, when we swapped after the 1995 World Cup final last year.

My fantasy is to be the guy who kicks the winning goal in a World Cup final, not the di\*\* who misses it."

### Famous

Mehrtens is also famous for his exchange with Springbok flyhalf Henry Honiball, who had announced his retirement after the Boks had beaten the All Blacks in the 1999 World Cup third-place playoff. Mehrtens thanked Honiball for their battles and asked him never to come back to international rugby.

Such was the relief Mehrtens felt that he wouldn't have to line-up opposite the Bok hard man.

There was such respect back then for the rivalry and there was equal respect in 2009 when Richie McCaw described the Springboks as the best team he had ever faced and admitted in his autobiography that in 2009 he doubted if the All Blacks would find a way to beat the Boks after three successive defeats.

The Bok formula in 2009 was a well-conditioned and powerful pack, the line kicking genius of Fourie du Preez and two wings in Bryan Habana and JP Pietersen whose chase game could turn any kick into a good one.

It took the All Blacks an entire year to find a way to combat the Boks' game plan and win again.

Now the All Blacks find themselves doubting their attack again, with the rivalry at a peak after two decades of one-sided results.

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## Disgraced Russian footballers freed from prison

**MOSCOW** - Russian footballers Pavel Mamaev and Alexander Kokorin were released on Tuesday after spending nearly a year in prison over a night of drunken assaults.

Russian state television showed Krasnodar midfielder Mamaev, 31, and Zenit Saint Petersburg forward Kokorin, 28, leave the prison where they were held in the southwestern Belgorod region.

Russian news agencies reported that Zenit Saint Petersburg has already signed a new contract with Kokorin.

"We decided to conclude a contract with Kokorin to run to the end of the season," the club's general director Alexander Medvedev told the RIA Novosti news agency. The football season ends in May next year.

Wearing black hoodies, the

pair rushed to a car while refusing to take questions from the media gathered outside the prison.

A court this month granted the footballers early release following their convictions in May for last year's attacks in Moscow.

Including time in pre-trial detention, they had served 11 months of their 17-18 month sentences for hooliganism.

In a booze-fuelled night last October, Mamaev and Kokorin first assaulted the chauffeur of a TV presenter as he waited in a car park.

In an assault caught on video, they then attacked two government officials in an upmarket cafe, hitting one of them with a chair.

The assaults sparked outrage in Russia, where the pair had previously caused scandal when a video

emerged from a Monte Carlo nightclub showing them cavorting at a champagne-fuelled party shortly after Russia's early exit from Euro 2016.

AFP



**FREE MAN:** Russian footballer Pavel Mamaev.



**DARK CLOUD:** Carina Horn.

## Shock as sprint queen Carina fails drug test

**JOHANNESBURG** - The legacy of Carina Horn, South Africa's fastest woman, is under a cloud after she was provisionally suspended after testing positive for banned substances on Friday.

The first South African woman to dip below 11 seconds in the 100m dash, Horn will miss out on this year's International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Championships after an adverse analytical finding in a sample she provided.

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) which operates the IAAF's anti-doping programme yesterday revealed that Horn had been provisionally suspended for the presence of the growth hormone Ibutamoren and LGD-4033.

Horn, 30, was suspended pending an IAAF disciplinary tribunal outcome.

Her suspension comes a month after Springbok wing Aphiwe Dyantyi tested positive for multiple anabolic steroids and metabolites. He was charged with a doping offence after his B-sample returned the same results.

Horn is the first South African woman to dip below 11 seconds over 100m, when she clocked a new record of 10.98 at the 2018 Doha Diamond League meeting.

The Star

## 'Kolisi lifting World Cup would be 'hugely symbolic'

**TWICKENHAM** - Springbok captain Siya Kolisi receiving the Rugby World Cup trophy would be a "hugely symbolic moment" for the country, South African coaching guru Alan Solomons told AFP.

If the 28-year-old flanker, the first black player to captain South Africa at a World Cup, were to lift the Webb Ellis Cup on November 2, it would become one of the most iconic images in World Cup history.

It could even rival the picture of the white Springbok captain Francois Pienaar receiving the trophy in 1995 from South Africa's first black president Nelson Mandela in a country where rugby was considered a pillar of apartheid.

"Siya has done really well, he is a



**SYMBOLIC:** Siya Kolisi.

fabulous player and it would be fantastic for him to win the World Cup," said Solomons, who was assistant to

Springbok coach Nick Mallett during the 1999 World Cup.

"It would be a great thing for the

country to win and a hugely symbolic moment if he lifted the trophy.

"It would have positive connotations all round for the country and the people."

Solomons, who is director of rugby at English Premiership side Worcester Warriors, believes the final will be between the Boks and the two-time defending champions New Zealand but says this is the most open World Cup of all time.

"It is massively competitive," said the 69-year-old, who helped Mallett's Bok side win the 1998 Tri-Nations title and beat the All Blacks in the third-place playoff in 1999.

"In 1999 our pool games were a joke, we knew our first serious game would be England in the quarter-finals."

AFP



# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## Felix leading the charge for revenge against Ronaldo's Juventus

**MADRID** - Young gun Joao Felix will lead the charge today as his Atletico Madrid seek revenge on Juventus and their old enemy Cristiano Ronaldo in a potentially fiery Champions League opener.

Felix, touted as the heir to Ronaldo's throne, will make his debut in Europe's top competition when the Portuguese pair meet at the Wanda Metropolitano, with the La Liga outfit keen to shoot down the five-time Ballon d'Or winner.

Juventus dumped Atletico out of the competition last year as Ronaldo scored a sensational hat-trick that

overturned a 2-0 first-leg deficit and put the Italian champions in the quarter finals.

The former Real Madrid man rounded off the evening by celebrating provocatively in front of the away fans at Juve's Allianz Stadium. Now Felix is charged with bringing the old master down a peg or two.

The 19-year-old has been hailed as the new 'CR7' after his breakout season at Benfica last year, scoring 20 times as the two-time European champions won the Primeira Liga and reached the Europa League quarter finals.

Ronaldo's former manager at Madrid

Jose Mourinho is convinced that Atletico bagged a "an incredible player" for a club record fee of 126 million euros (\$142 million).

"I think he can cope. He seems to have a good personality," said Mourinho. "He's in a good team, surrounded by experienced players, with a manager who knows what he wants. Probably Atletico is a good place for his development."

The noise surrounding Felix was amplified after a sublime pre-season that included a brace in a 2-1 win over Juve, but Felix has shied away from the comparisons.

A poor display in Saturday's 2-0



La Liga loss at Real Sociedad showed that, despite the obvious promise, it

is still too early to speak of Felix and Ronaldo in the same breath. **AFP**

## Coutinho expected to spark Bayern CL charge

**BERLIN** - As Bayern Munich launch their Champions League campaign against Red Star Belgrade tonight, Bavarian hopes of reclaiming European club football's top prize rest to a large extent on the shoulders of Philippe Coutinho.

Following seven semi-final appearances in the last decade, the former Liverpool midfielder has been hailed as the man who can take Bayern the extra step in European football's flagship competition this season. Last season's defeat to Liverpool

in the last 16 sparked fears that Bayern's Champions League aura was fading.

The departure of veteran stars such as Franck Ribery and Arjen Robben seemed to confirm the end of an era, but Coutinho's arrival on loan from Barcelona has prompted fresh hope that Bayern can be restored as one of the continent's most feared sides.

"There are always big expectations at Bayern and of course the Champions League is a goal," said Coutinho at his unveiling in August.

Many believe that the 27-year-old can inspire Bayern to their first Champions League title since 2013. Earlier this month, his Brazil teammate and Manchester City goalkeeper Ederson told German newspaper Bild that Coutinho's arrival put Bayern among the title favourites this season. Fellow Bayern midfielder Corentin Tolisso echoed that sentiment in an interview with Sky last month, saying that the loan signings of Coutinho and Croatian winger Ivan Perisic would be decisive for Bayern. "Before those two arrived,

we didn't necessarily have a team that was capable of winning the treble," said Tolisso. "With this team, we can go very far in the Champions League. I think the title is possible." Such expectations could weigh heavy on Coutinho, who is looking to reboot his career after struggling to hold down a first-team spot in a year and a half at Barcelona.

**AFP**

## Neymar's suspension cut to two games

**LAUSANNE** - Neymar's Champions League ban for insulting match officials on social media has been reduced from three games to two following an appeal, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) ruled yesterday.

The world's most expensive player following his move from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain for 222 million euros in 2017 will miss the fixtures against Real Madrid today and Galatasaray in two weeks' time due to the original ban from UEFA.

However, he will now be free to face Belgian side Bruges on October 22.

"The Sole Arbitrator partially upheld the appeal and reduced the suspension imposed by UEFA on Neymar Jr. to two UEFA competition matches for which he would otherwise be eligible," CAS said in a statement.

The Brazilian criticised the referee and his assistants after PSG's last-16 collapse against Manchester United in March which he watched from the stands due to injury. United were awarded a penalty deep into injury time after a protracted VAR decision, which Marcus Rashford scored to knock the French side out in the last 16 of the Champions League. "It's a disgrace. They get four guys who don't understand football to watch a slow motion replay in front of the TV," Neymar posted on his Instagram account after the 3-1 defeat. **AFP**

## Guardiola chases CL vindication

**MANCHESTER** - After a series of painful Champions League failures, Pep Guardiola is on a mission to seal his Manchester City legacy by finally getting his hands on the trophy again.

City start their latest bid to win the club's first European Cup with a trip to Shakhtar Donetsk in the Group C opener today.

The long flight to the Ukraine will give Guardiola plenty of time to ponder his curious streak of Champions League flops in recent years.

Guardiola has conquered English football

spectacularly after winning the last two Premier League titles, the first in record-breaking fashion and the second as part of an unprecedented domestic treble last season. Yet the Champions League has proved impossible for Guardiola to master since he arrived at the Etihad Stadium.

In fact, Europe's elite club competition has been a cruel mistress for Guardiola for most of the last decade, with a series of frustrating exits during his spells in charge of Barcelona, Bayern Munich and City. Guardiola first won the Champions League as a manager in 2009 with Barcelona. **AFP**

## Time ticking for Spurs to prove they are winners

**LONDON** - Tottenham's improbable roller-coaster run to the club's first ever Champions League final last season has masked a steady decline in results for Mauricio Pochettino's men stretching back to February.

The tension, emotion and elation of the late drama that saw Spurs past Manchester City in the quarterfinals and Ajax in the last four will live long in the memory.

But having ultimately fallen short in the final against Liverpool, Pochettino remains without a trophy after five seasons in charge.

That does not diminish the impact the Argentine has had in transforming Tottenham from

Europa League regulars to Champions League contenders.

Yet, it may well be that the window for this Spurs squad to win the Champions League closed with defeat to Liverpool on June 1.

Last season's remarkable Champions League campaign began in the group stages when Pochettino's men seemed down and out after picking up just one point from their opening three games against Inter Milan, Barcelona and PSV Eindhoven. **AFP**







## 'I AM NOT ONE TO BEG FOR A JOB'

**JOHANNESBURG - AXED Chippa United coach Clinton Larsen admits to having learnt the hard way that "patience is not a fair trade in a small club", following his parting of ways with the Eastern Cape PSL club.**

Their 2-1 loss to Orlando Pirates, which was the first win for Rhulani Mokwena, at the weekend was the last straw for the trigger-happy Siviwe Mpengesi, the well known Chippa army commander, who released his silver bullet on Larsen.

Well, the firing of Larsen doesn't come as a surprise to many football fans in the country. They always associate Mpengesi with firing of coaches, something that

can be seen as his pleasure in pulling a trigger on people's careers.

Late on Sunday night Mpengesi held a short meeting with Larsen and apparently told him: "Look, it is not working for you and I. We must rather part ways."

This is what the 48-year-old Larsen told SunSport yesterday that Mpengesi said to him when they untied the knot that was united last season.

"We, as coaches, are getting used to it. You will always be surprised when you are told bad news that you never expected. But all was purely based on the results, and as always, people panic - like in this case," Larsen said.

"I have brought in a lot of

changes to this club and things were starting to look good. But patience is not a fair trade with small teams. People don't consider what others have been doing behind the scenes. Life is not fair. "I always remind people of Pitso (Mosimane) at his stay at Mamelodi Sundowns where things did not start well, but they stuck with him, and look at them today.

"The same can be said about Gavin Hunt at Bidvest Wits. In the eight months I have been at Chippa, I developed a youth structure that is now more functional. I whittled down their bloated squad from 35 players down to a manageable 27. There is a lot of positives that I leave behind at Chippa." *Daily Sun*

## Bobby welcomes stick from Chiefs fans

**JOHANNESBURG - The club's ongoing trophy drought dating back to 2015, which is unprecedented in their 49-year history, is one that leaves a bitter taste in the mouths of the Amakhosi faithful.**

Chiefs have a track record of having introduced some of the best and most enterprising talents in South African football in years gone by but seem to have gotten in wrong more often than not over the past four seasons, judging by their annual squad

overhauls.

It is no secret that the quality has not been appreciated by the club's fans, who were often seen remonstrating towards the VIP suites at FNB Stadium when things were not going well.

But Motaung is confident these are gestures of love both for himself and the Kaizer Chiefs brand, while the performances of the new signings such as

Samir Nurkovic and Kearyn Baccus have so far been "making it" according to the football manager.



"The fans love me. For the mere fact that they criticise what I do, or the job that I do, it encourages me," said Motaung.

"It's not that they don't like me, but they love the club and

they want the club to succeed. When they are happy, it pleases me and makes me a better person every day.

"It's for the sake of the club, I mean if there's no performance in the team, somebody must take the stick and unfortunately, with my responsibility, I take the stick.

"The players that have been acquired, I always say, some players you bring in with high pedigree would come to the club and the jersey and badge is too big for them.

"But some players make it, which is a good thing now with these players - they're making it.



## Pienaar following Benni's footsteps

**JOHANNESBURG - Former Bafana Bafana captain Steven Pienaar has followed the path of Cape Town City Manager Benni McCarthy by completing his UEFA A Licence.**

Currently in his first senior coaching role with the Citizens, McCarthy completed the highest level of coaching badges in Europe with the UEFA Pro certificate and Pienaar is seemingly following suit.

The former Premier League star confirmed on social media that he attained his UEFA A Diploma qualification through the Irish Football Association.

After leaving Ajax Cape Town in 2001, Pienaar enjoyed 16 seasons in European football with Ajax Amsterdam, Borussia Dortmund, Everton, Tottenham and Sunderland - before a short stint back in the ABSA Premiership with Bidvest Wits.

Now as he embarks on the next phase of his career since announcing his retirement from professional football in 2017.

However, it remains to be seen whether he ventures into management like his former international teammate.



**NEXT PHASE: Steven Pienaar.**

## In-form Mbule keen to dominate Downs in crunch semi-final

**JOHANNESBURG - Sipho Mbule credits the support he has received from his teammates, and the challenges they have thrown at him for his growth at SuperSport United this season.**

The Matsantsantsa a Pitori midfielder has been their talisman, weaving his magic in the middle of the park to create goals as well as score a stunning strike against Cape Town City. Before that goal, coach Kaitano Tembo challenged him to score more if he is to retain his place in the starting XI. Mbule did just that in the entertaining 3-3 draw with the Citizens on Saturday at Mbombela Stadium.

Tembo will be asking for more of that when SuperSport visit Mamelodi Sundowns tomorrow in the second leg of the MTN8 semi-final clash at Lucas Moripe Stadium. The first leg ended 1-1 in SuperSport's home

leg, with Mbule bossing the midfield. "The performances that I have been able to produce are due to the

guidance and help I have received from my teammates," Mbule said. "The likes of Dean Furman, Teboho Mokoena and Bradley Grobler have been really helpful, but the whole team has really taken me under their wing.

The ones that I mentioned are the ones that are

pushing me all the time. They know my strength as well. *The Star*

**ON FORM: SuperSport United midfielder Sipho Mbule.**

## How Pirates paid their 'school fees'

**JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates may have just turned the corner with their victory over Chippa United at the weekend, but Rhulani Mokwena admitted they still paid "school fees".**

Pirates came out of the FIFA break with plenty to prove after enduring a run of six matches without a win across all competitions, and they showed signs of life as they beat The Chilli Boys 2-1 at Orlando Stadium.

The win was also a milestone for Mokwena, who has been under severe scrutiny since taking over the helm from Milutin Sredojevic a few weeks ago. While the result was pleasing for the young coach, he admitted the late surge from Chippa nearly cost his side all three points as they paid the price for having introduced 19-year-old Thabiso Monyane and 22-year-old Zakhele Lepasa in the second half.

"Nyauza unfortunately had to come off due to injury and we were forced to change the structure, and not only that but we took a bit of a gamble by bringing on the young boy Monyane," explained Mokwena.

"He did very, very well by bringing us a bit more width and some speed and depth to get behind them, and we were solid and controlled - no threats.

"Once we went 2-0 up, that's the price you pay for having Lepasa on the pitch; you have Thabiso on the pitch - a lot of youngsters, so you're going to pay school fees because they play the moment instead of the game.

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# DE GEA FINALLY SIGNS NEW LONG-TERM MAN U CONTRACT

MANCHESTER - David de Gea has become Manchester United's highest-paid star after finally signing a new £375 000-a-week contract at Old Trafford.

The deal, which runs until June 2023 with the option for United to extend it by another 12 months, was confirmed on Monday after two years of talks between de Gea's camp and the club. It guarantees the 28-year-old Spaniard £75million in salary and makes him the biggest earner at United ahead of Paul Pogba on £290,000 following Alexis Sanchez's loan move to Inter Milan.

It also cements de Gea as the highest-paid goalkeeper in world football above Real Madrid's Thibaut Courtois, Kepa Arrizabalaga of Chelsea, Bayern Munich number one Manuel Neuer, and Atletico Madrid's Jan Oblak.

De Gea, who came within minutes of joining Real Madrid in 2015 before signing a new contract, could have



LONG TERM: David de Gea.

left as a free agent next summer.

Negotiations over his latest deal have been protracted, not least because Sanchez's £500 000-a-week contract - which is now shared between United and Inter - disrupted the pay scale at Old Trafford and has led to the club's other stars demanding parity.

De Gea also wanted assurances over

United's direction and ambition before committing himself to another long-term deal. However, he was impressed by the loyalty shown by Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer at the end of last season when there were calls for the former Atletico Madrid keeper to be axed over a loss of form.

*Daily Mail*

## UTD'S TOP EARNERS

- David de Gea - £375k
- Anthony Martial - £160k
- Phil Jones - £120k
- Paul Pogba - £290k
- Marcus Rashford - £160k
- Marcos Rojo - £125k
- Harry Maguire - £250k



## SUNDOWNS FLOP RESURFACES IN EGYPT

CAIRO - Mamelodi Sundowns flop Fiston Abdul Razak has resurfaced in Egypt after restoring his reputation as one of Africa's most prolific strikers.

BACK: Fiston Abdul Razak.

Razak arrived in South Africa with Sundowns in 2015 from Kenyan Premier League side Sofapaka in a reported R3 million deal.

However, he made just one start in the ABSA Premiership before being sent out on loan to Bloemfontein Celtic in two separate spells.

While he's since rekindled the form that made him one of the hottest prospects in Africa with his form for Burundi and more recently JS Kabylie - Razak found his career at a crossroads once again at the end of last season.

After helping the 14-time Algeria Ligue 1 champions to a runners-up finish with seven league goals in 20 appearances, it was reported Razak was not

paid for four months.

And over the off-season, the 26-year-old saw his contract terminated and on the lookout for a new club once again.

Egyptian Premier League side ENPPI have since confirmed the signing of the Burundi star on a three-year contract, as per their official website.

Despite his nomadic journey that's taken him from South Africa to North African football via Angola - Razak holds an incredible record at international level.

In 45 caps for The Swallows, he's netted a credible 19 goals, seven of which helped them qualify for their maiden Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt this year. *Kick Off*

## Hlanti returns, foreign duo not in Wits' CAF Squad

JOHANNESBURG - On Saturday, Bidvest Wits travelled to Eswatini to face Young Buffaloes in the CAF Confederation Cup first-round, first-leg tie.

They lost 1-0 but welcomed back key Bafana Bafana man, Sifiso Hlanti. Meanwhile, two new foreign signings have not been registered for the competition.

With little media coverage of the game, the lineup selected for the match by Gavin Hunt has been something of a secret with the club's official social media channels not providing any updates on the match. However, Soccer Laduma have got their hands on the teamsheet. One welcome

return to action was for Sifiso Hlanti, who injured his knee on Africa Cup of Nations duty with Bafana Bafana. He returned to the starting XI just in time for Wits' key clash against Orlando Pirates next Saturday. Meanwhile, newly signed foreign central defenders Joseph Douadji and Kenneth Sebastian have not been registered for the competition and are yet to appear in a matchday squad for The Clever Boys this season.

### The Wits line-up on Saturday was as follows:

Ricardo Goss; Siyanda Zwane, Thulani Hlatshwayo, Lehlohonolo Nonyane, Sifiso Hlanti; Thabang Monare, Cole Alexander, Elias Pelembe, Haashim Domingo, Sameehg Douthie; Carl Lark. *Soccer Laduma*

## UCL: TAU MAKES AFRICAN SUPERSTARS LIST

JOHANNESBURG - South African forward Percy Tau has been named amongst 10 African superstars to look out for in the 2019/20 UEFA Champions League group stages.

Tau, 25, looks set to make his Champions League group stage bow with Club Brugge yesterday when they host Galatasaray at the Jan Breydel Stadium.

While the Bafana Bafana star is just one of several Africans who will showcase their talents in Europe's elite club competition, French publication *Afrique Sports* listed Tau as one of the key players to look out for.

Scroll through the gallery above to view all 10 Africans to look out for in the 2019/20 Champions League season

Liverpool duo Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah, who were integral to the Reds' success last season, headline the list while 'the wall of Napoli' Kalidou Koulibaly was also included.

The trio were all nominated for the FIFPro World11 and are widely considered as

some of the best talents in world football due to their consistency at the upper echelons of European football.

Another notable name was AFC Ajax playmaker Hakim Ziyech, who played a crucial role in the Eredivisie side's surprise run towards the semi-final of the competition last season.

It's interesting to note, all ten players included represented their respective countries at the recent 2019 Africa Cup of Nations.

*Kick Off*



SUPERSTAR: Percy Tau.

## Nomadic Cosmos move to Giyani

JOHANNESBURG - Fortright Jomo Cosmos owner-coach Jomo Sono says the reason they are moving their home games to Giyani Stadium is that Dobsonville Stadium is expensive.

While their base is in Johannesburg, over the years Cosmos have made it a habit of being wanderers, playing their home games all over the country.

Ezenkosi have largely used stadiums situated on the East Rand such as Makhulong, Vosloorus, Huntersfield and Thokoza among others, as their main home venues. Cosmos also used to play at Olen Park in Potchefstroom.

At the weekend Cosmos took their maiden home game of the season against Real Kings to Soweto's Dobsonville Stadium, sharing it with fellow second-tier side Moroka Swallows. After the match that ended 2-1 in favour of Kings, Sono confirmed that their next three home fixtures are billed for Giyani Stadium in Limpopo. "We are going to Giyani; we do not have a venue. Here it's too expensive," said Sono,

who wasn't keen to reveal why they cannot play at either Makhulong or Vosloorus Stadium.

"We cannot get to Makhulong and Vosloorus, but we do not know what's the problem there. We will go [to Giyani] for three games only for now; in the meantime we will be trying to find a home. If we get the support we want, we will stay there longer."

### Uninspiring

Makhulong and Vosloorus arenas are managed by Ekurhuleni municipality. Municipal spokesperson Zweli Dlamini couldn't be reached for a comment.

Meanwhile, Cosmos have had an uninspiring start to the season, with three draws and a defeat. However, Sono sees no reason to press the panic button, insisting there's nothing to alter in their approach.

"To be honest, we are not going to change anything in our play, we are going to play the same way we play because if we didn't hit the post, if the keeper didn't make the saves, we could've won [against Kings]. *Sowetan Live*



## REGIONAL 100

## STANDINGS

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## MTN Premier League log

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Mbabane Swallows	4	4	0	0	12	1	11	12
Royal Leopards	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
Mbabane Highlanders	4	2	2	0	4	2	2	8
Black Swallows	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
Moneni Pirates	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
Tambuli	4	1	2	1	5	9	-4	5
Manzini Wanderers	4	1	2	1	6	8	-2	5
Mhlume Peacemakers	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
Green Mamba	4	1	1	2	5	4	1	4
Young Buffaloes	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Malanti Chiefs	4	1	0	3	2	6	-4	3
Sea Birds	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
Denver Sundowns	4	0	1	3	2	8	-6	1
Milling Hotspurs	4	0	0	4	0	7	-7	0

## MTN National First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Callies	4	3	0	1	9	1	8	9
Madlenya	4	3	0	1	3	1	2	9
Tycoons	4	3	0	1	6	5	1	9
Tinyosi	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7
Illovo	4	2	1	1	3	2	1	7
Citizens	4	1	2	1	10	6	4	5
Seven Dreams	4	1	1	2	9	9	0	4
Vovovo	3	1	1	1	3	6	-3	4
Movers	3	1	0	2	6	10	-4	3
Rangers	4	0	2	2	3	6	-3	2
Killers	4	0	1	3	2	6	-4	1
Umbebebe	3	0	1	2	1	6	-5	1

## Swazi Trac Hhoaho Super League E77 000

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
H. Shooting Stars	4	4	0	0	9	3	6	12
Billy Ocean	4	3	0	1	6	3	3	9
Community	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
Sidwashini Utd	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
Imbumba	3	2	0	1	3	3	0	6
Swazi Sun	4	2	0	2	6	7	-1	6
Emajukujuku	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	5
L. Sunrise	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
Junior Stars	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
Burning Spear	4	0	3	1	4	5	-1	3
Corporation	4	0	1	3	3	7	-4	1
Mbabane City	3	0	0	3	2	6	-4	0

## Northern Zone

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Manchester	4	3	1	0	12	4	8	10
Seven Stars	4	2	2	0	8	6	2	8
Vultures	4	2	1	1	6	4	2	7
Muma Hotspurs	4	2	0	2	10	8	2	6
Kappa Kappa	4	2	0	2	5	4	1	6
Stone Breakers	4	2	0	2	4	4	0	6
Pigg's Peak Rangers	4	2	0	2	8	10	-2	6
Horo Spinners	4	2	0	2	3	7	-4	6
Khanjama Rovers	4	1	1	2	4	4	0	4
Mshweni	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
Machibini Rovers	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1
Sigodlo	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0

## Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League E70 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Pot O Gold	4	3	1	0	16	6	10	10
White City	4	3	0	1	10	5	5	9
Sandia	4	3	0	1	7	5	2	9
Mvakwelitje	4	3	0	1	6	4	2	9
Interstars	4	2	1	1	6	4	2	7
PG Dribbling Stars	4	2	0	2	8	5	3	6
Amawele	4	2	0	2	6	4	2	6
FC Vaal Stars	4	2	0	2	7	8	-1	6
Freestyle	4	2	0	2	4	6	-2	6
Mpolonjeni Y. Stars	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	5
Real Tec	4	1	1	2	7	7	0	4
Multi Classic	3	1	0	2	5	8	-3	3
Double Action	4	1	0	3	9	19	-10	3
Mbabane Celtics	3	0	2	1	2	4	-2	2
Mbabane D. Wizards	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
Village Stars	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0

## B. Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Hurricane	4	4	0	0	19	4	15	12
Royal Dynamos	3	3	0	0	19	3	16	9
Dangerous Darkies	3	3	0	0	8	4	4	9
Real Stars United	4	2	2	0	8	3	5	8
Mbabane United	4	2	1	1	6	6	0	7
Mangwaneni	4	2	0	2	10	13	-3	6
Lusoli	4	1	1	2	10	9	1	4
Red Stars	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4
Mantsholo fc	4	1	1	2	5	11	-6	4
Veni Cosmos	2	1	0	1	7	4	3	3
Mphalati	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Mbabane Movers	3	1	0	2	7	9	-2	3
Junction Stars	3	0	1	2	5	7	-2	1
Mantsholo United	4	0	1	3	7	14	-7	1
Mbabane Arsenal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National Rangers	3	0	0	3	3	11	-8	0
Mpolonjeni Y. Fighters	3	0	0	3	1	16	-15	0

## Futis Nkhaba Regional League E30 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Ngwenya Utd	4	4	0	0	9	1	8	12
Lubhedze	4	3	0	1	13	6	7	9
Majotini	3	2	1	0	5	3	2	7
Majotini Rebels	4	2	1	1	8	7	1	7
White Rhinos	4	2	0	2	15	4	11	6
Kasie XI	3	2	0	1	10	4	6	6
Fast Movers	3	2	0	1	9	4	5	6
Crocodiles	4	2	0	2	5	7	-2	6
Super Stars	4	1	2	1	12	12	0	5
Hawane Arsenal	4	1	1	2	4	8	-4	4
Nkoyoyo Jnr	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Atletico	4	1	0	3	5	6	-1	3
Bafana	2	1	0	1	4	6	-2	3
Manyisa Utd	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
Mahangeni Cosmos	4	1	0	3	2	7	-5	3
Barcelona	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Nkoyoyo Utd	2	0	1	1	5	6	-1	1
Mhlosheni Celtics	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Real Rovers	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
Dribbling Stars	2	0	0	2	1	13	-12	0

## Pots Construction Sigangeni League E30 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Bhunya Black Aces	2	2	0	0	9	2	7	6
Rea United	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
Mighty Chiefs	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4

## Sibovini

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Young Fighters	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4
Nsetse Flyers	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4
Sigangeni	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Kupheleni	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
Kangaroo	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Lusushwana Nationals	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Usushwana Eagles	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
Real Touch	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1

## Bakhanysile &amp; Gongz Maphaleni League E50 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Young Lovers	4	3	1	0	8	4	4	10
Professionals	4	3	0	1	13	4	9	9
Blue Birds	4	3	0	1	8	2	6	9
Young Stars	4	2	2	0	9	4	5	8
Hot Spurs	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
Stone Breakers	3	2	1	0	6	3	3	7
Umkhokha	3	2	0	1	9	6	3	6
Thuluzobana	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	5
Manchester United	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
Rangers	4	1	0	3	3	6	-3	3
Barcelona	4	0	3	1	1	4	-3	3
XI Experience	3	0	2	1	6	7	-1	2
Killers	4	0	1	3	1	7	-6	1
Khulungwane	4	0	1	3	6	13	-7	1
Liselesele	4	0	1	3	3	15	-12	1

## Western Stream

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Happy Tigers	3	2	1	0	13	1	12	7
Love & Peace	3	2	1	0	10	0	10	7
Sunrise	3	2	1	0	7	5	2	7
Lunkanka	3	2	0	1	4	2	2	6
Academy	3	1	2	0	4	2	2	5
Happy Fighters	3	1	0	2	12	6	6	3
Rollers	3	1	0	2	7	12	-5	3
Jubukweni	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Hill Stars	3	0	1	2	0	4	-4	1
Top Classic	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Mighty Birds	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Young Aces	3	0	0	3	0	18	-18	0

## South Star Mzimba Regional League E65 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
N Cosmos	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
Mzimba Rhinos	2	1	1	0	5	1	4	4
Kasiko	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
Ntsintsa Rebels	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Sibuyeni	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Green Sea	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Vusweni Killers	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
Mzimba Arsenal	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
Timbongulu	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Young Swallows	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Real Monaco	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
Rangers	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
Mzimba Achievers	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Amacabane	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
Rumba Stars	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
Young Chiefs	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0

## B. Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Bush Bucks	2	2	0	0	10	1	9	6
Africa Stars	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6
All Stars	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Sundowns	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
United Bombers	2	0	2	0	6	6	0	2
Drikopies	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Highlanders	2	0	1	1	4	6	-2	1
Top Centre	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Barcelona	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0
City Stars	1	0	0	1	0	8	-8	0

## Milky Max Pigg's Peak U-13 Log



# MY GAME

AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SPORTS ISSUES

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DEAR reader, allow me to dedicate today's article to the country's CAF Confederations Cup envoys, Young Buffaloes, who demonstrated a high level of determination to beat much fancied ABSA Premiership side, Bidvest Wits in the first leg match of the continental competition.

The army side might not have played the best of football, but the fact that they were able to put their opponents to the sword is really encouraging for the image and standard of the country's football. In Bidvest Wits' last visit to the country they were beaten by another armed forces side, Royal Leopard in one of the dramatic comebacks to be ever staged by a local side in tournament of this magnitude. As the South African side came to our shores for the match on Saturday I am made to believe that many commentators had given the locals zero chances of winning the game, especially when considering the gulf in class, in the standard of football between Eswatini and RSA. Yes I was one of those who gave the locals no chance but we were forced to eat a humbled pie as they scored an early goal and successfully protected their lead. Just in the week where our national team Sihlangu seMnikati dismally failed against lowly ranked Djibouti at the selfsame Mavuso Sports Centre, expectations were that 'Amathole Ezinyathi' will

## BUFFALOES ON GOOD COURSE



GOOD COURSE: Young Buffaloes FC players.

have it tough against the Gavin Hunt side and they had it tough. They had to endure a series of attacks from the tactically savvy Wits side which also possess danger in the return match slated for next weekend. This brings me to the gist of this article. This is not yet time to celebrate. There is still an arduous task ahead. They are 90 minutes away in reaching the play-offs, and emulate their fellow forces side Leopard who did in 2016 before they were ousted by a Tunisian

side. This is the time Buffaloes which is under the tutelage of Dominic Kunene, to stage a brave fight and show the rest of the continent that Eswatini football is no longer taken for granted.

### Match

Buffaloes might be leading by a goal going to the return match, but they have to admit that they are facing one of the most arduous tasks. They have to do their homework well and never be buoyed by the first leg

victory. This would be a new game with new expectations. Having watched them on Saturday I could draw their loopholes that need to be attended to by the technical bench. They have to play their style of football and never try to adapt to the opponents style lest they are exposed, tactically. They might not have conceded but truth be told, they had to use everything they have to defend and protect their lead. A combative defence and organised midfield is what they

need if they want, to match their opponents pound for pound. This is the game of their lives, which they need to come with another approach. Beating the South Africans will not be a walk in the park, but this is not to say it is impossible. I'm just encouraging them to put their foot down and complete a double over their opponents. I'm trying to make them aware of the task ahead. As a nation we are fully behind them as they seek to progress and beat their own record in CAF Inter club competitions. Nothing other than victory can appease this glory starved nation and this is their time to shine. They have proven to be one of the dominant forces in local football, hence this is the right time to take their game to another level. Playing against a side from a competitive and professional league like the money-spinning ABSA Premiership, always comes with advantages which they have to grab with both opportunities not only for them but for the country. As we wait with bated breath for the second leg match, one cannot help but wish the army side all the best in their important assignment. They have to bear in mind that they are the only remaining team representing the country in this continental competition.

## SPORTS MEDICINE SOLUTIONS

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REFEREE instructors are attending a course that started on Monday at Thokoza Church Centre.

The course which will run until Friday is aimed at improving the technical know-how of local referees. We welcome Carlos Henriques, who is the facilitator from South Africa. Today we are looking at referees medical needs. The football referee, also considered the 23rd player in a football match, is supported by two assistant referees. Together, the three officials play a crucial role in officiating a match by ensuring that players follow the laws of the game.

Like the players, the referees show a mixed walking and running profile low, medium, and high intensity. Therefore, high demands are put on the cardiovascular and musculoskeletal system of the referees, who are on average ten to fifteen years older than the players. But, in addition to being older than the players, the referee exhibits further unique characteristics, he is rarely a full-time professional, he does not play the ball and he normally cannot be substituted during the match exception if an acute injury occurs. During a match, a referee may cover a mean distance of 11.5km which is comparable to the distance covered by a midfielder. 16-17 per cent of this distance is run at high intensity, while up to 12 per cent of the total match distance is covered in a sprinting manner. Referee needs to be prepared to perform at high intensity throughout the

## REFEREES MEDICAL NEEDS



match. Elite referees may perform up to 1,270 activity changes and make more than 130 decisions during a match, this indicates the high level of physiological and cognitive demands experienced by the referee.

### Injuries and musculoskeletal complaints

While contact injuries are not a major consideration, non-contact injuries and overuse injuries may be a concern. The most common acute injuries are hamstring strains, calf strains, and ankle sprains, knee lesions meniscus and cartilage injuries, and quadricep muscle strains. In general, more injuries occur during training than during matches, which might be explained by the greater

exposure time in training than in matches. Problems in the thigh and lower leg muscles are common in referees, while problems in the groin/adductors and calf muscle are more common in assistant referees. Possible explanations for these is related to the different movement patterns that are typical of the two positions: the referee's job involves a considerable amount of changing direction,

sprinting and backwards running often with rotated trunk and head neck, during which the dorsal muscle chains lower back, hamstring must control the eccentric load, and the knee and ankle joints have to master the rotational movements. The movements of the assistant referee are, in contrast, characterised by rapid lateral shuttle runs often on their toes, which stress in particular the groin area, the calf and the knees.

### Nutrition and hydration

Without an appropriate training programme and good nutritional preparation, the referee may become fatigued and may not be able to exert proper control over a match. The referees should tailor their intake prior to and during a match to the demands of the game.

### Pre-competition medical assessment

As many referees are 'older' athletes, an exercise ECG is often recommended. The leading cause of sudden cardiac death in people over the age of 35 years is related to coronary artery disease. An exercise test should be conducted for all athletes with an increased cardiovascular risk profile, and for individuals above the age of 35, or both. Finally let's treat referees as professionals thus love and respect them. They are humans they do have mistakes like everyone. Till next week, *God bless you all.*





# HUB HARDWARE FINALS

AT SIGANGENI SPORTS GROUND



**BIG TROPHY:** Tiki-Taka FC captain Mlamuli Zandamela being presented with his teams trophy, this was during the finals of the Hub Hardware tournament at Sigangeni sports ground on Monday. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



**YOUNG BUT A WINNER:** Tiki-Taka FC's youngest player also got awarded.



**JOB WELL DONE:** Referees of the day after being presented with their gold medals.



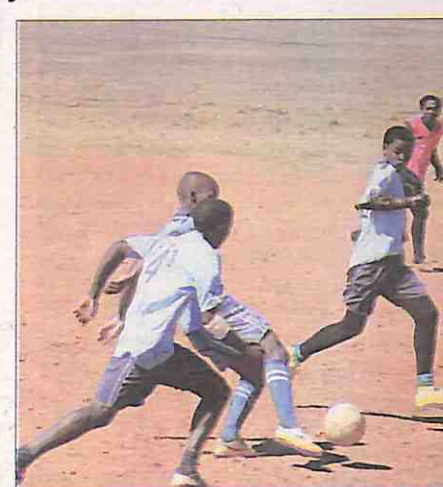
**CELEBRATION :** Tiki-Taka FC players celebrate their trophy.



**HARD LUCK:** Real Touch FC players pose for a group photo after their match which they lost 3-2 in the penalty shootout.



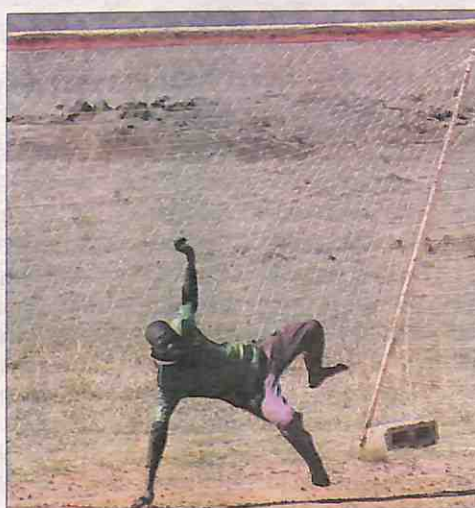
**GOAL:** Tiki-Taka FC goalkeeper makes a save during the final at Sigangeni sports ground.



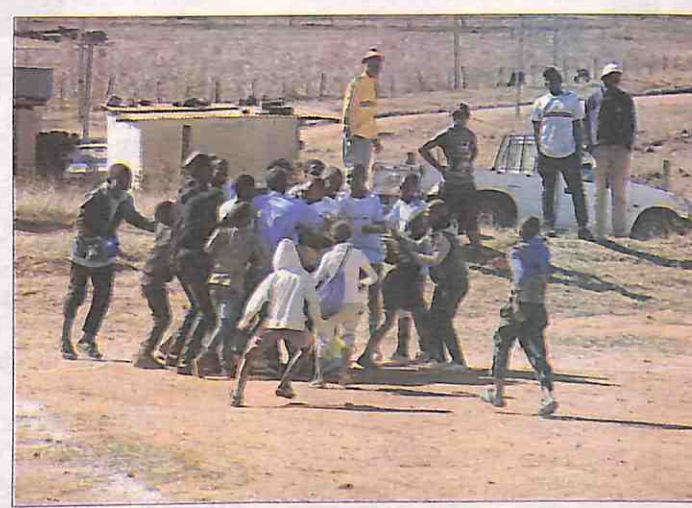
**SHOOT:** A Real Touch player takes a shot at a goal.



**WELL DONE:** Hub Chief Customer and Brand Manager Khumbuzile Dlamini presenting players with gold medals while HRFA Chairman Nigel Shongwe and Sigangeni League Chairman Gcinumuzi Mavimbela look on.

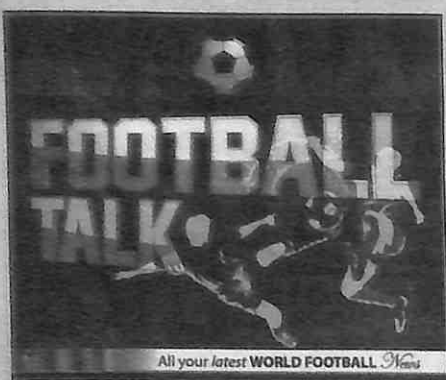


**TOUCH THE GROUND:** Real Touch goal keeper flexing before the penalty shootouts.



**CELEBRATE WITH THE CHAMPS:** Tiki-Taka FC players celebrate with their goalkeeper Buswayinkhosi Mavuso after making a save.





■ Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer will continue to target British players next summer, with Borussia Dortmund and England winger Jadon Sancho, 19, and Leicester City's 22-year-old English midfielder James Maddison his priorities. (ESPN)

■ AC Milan, Inter Milan, Juventus and Borussia Dortmund are all interested in signing Manchester United's Nemanja Matic, 31, when the Serbia midfielder's contract expires at the end of the season. (Calcio Mercato - in Italian)



■ Celtic could make a move for out-of-favour Tottenham and Kenya midfielder Victor Wanyama, 28, in January, says Bhoys boss Neil Lennon. (Team Talk)

■ Ajax and Netherlands defender Joel Veltman, 27, says he wanted to sign for West Ham United this summer, but the Dutch champions would not let him leave. (NOS - in Dutch)

■ Liverpool would have signed Napoli's Senegal defender Kalidou Koulibaly if they had failed to buy Netherlands centre-back Virgil van Dijk, also 28, in January 2018. (Goal)

■ Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp said his friend was joking when he said the British weather could play a part in negotiations over talks to extend his deal with the Reds. (Mail)

■ Bournemouth are prepared to give Ryan Fraser a new contract worth £100,000 a week, with Arsenal, Everton, Chelsea and Wolves all interested in the 25-year-old Scotland winger. (90min.com)

■ Watford and Belgium defender Christian Kabasele, 28, has revealed he is close to signing a new deal at Vicarage Road. (Sport Witness)

■ Everton, Southampton, Bournemouth, Sheffield United, Bristol City, Barnsley and Sunderland have all watched Motherwell's Scotland Under-21 winger James Scott, 19. (Team Talk)

■ Former England manager Sam Allardyce would be willing to return to manage Sunderland if the League One club is taken over by an American consortium. (Sun)

■ Arsenal keeper Bernd Leno says the Gunners will continue to try the "risk" of playing out from the back, despite the side letting a 2-0 lead slip against Watford. (Mirror)



■ Russia midfielder Aleksandr Golovin revealed he moved from CSKA Moscow to Monaco and turned a move down to Chelsea in 2018 because he did not think he would get regular first-team football at Stamford Bridge. (Match TV - in Russian)

## Birds face Green Mamba in Women Football League

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER - THE 2019/20 Women Football League (WFL) season will kick off with exciting fixtures as Mbabane Swallows will take on Green Mamba.**

The Women League is sponsored by the Eswatini Football Association

The clash is slated for Manzini Club on Saturday, starting at 1:30pm.

There will be no love lost when Kappa Ladies take on Sikhuphe Ladies later on in the day, in another entertaining clash.

Police side Royal Leopard Ladies will lock horns with AS Interladies at Lobamba Technical Centre.

Another exciting encounter will see defending champions Young Buffaloes who will begin their title defence against lowly rated side Mbekelweni Ladies.

2018/19 Eswatini Bank semi-finalists Siteki Ladies will face-off with unpredictable side Happy Girls in what is expected to be an exciting match on Sunday.

Week 1				
DATE	TEAM A	TEAM B	VENUE	TIME
21.09.19	Swallows	Green Mamba	Manzini Club	1330
21.09.19	Kappa Ladies	Sikhuphe	Manzini Club	1530
21.09.19	R.Leopards	As Interladies	Lobamba	1530
21.09.19	Langeni	S.Roses	Lobamba	1330
21.09.19	Y.Buffaloes	Mbekelweni	Phocweni	1500
22.09.19	Illovo	S.Divas	Mayaluka	1300
22.09.19	Siteki	Happy Girls	Siteki	1300

Week 2				
DATE	TEAM A	TEAM B	VENUE	TIME
28.09.19	Happy Girls	Swallows	Mpofu	1330
28.09.19	Green Mamba	Langeni	Correctional	1330
28.09.19	S.Roses	Kappa Ladies	King Sobhuza	1330
28.09.19	Sikhuphe	Illovo	Entandweni	1330
29.09.19	S.Divas	M.Wanderers	KING SOBHUZA	1300
28.09.19	As Interladies	Siteki Ladies	Lobamba	1300
28.09.19	R.Leopards	Y.Buffaloes	Lobamba	1500

Week 3				
DATE	TEAM A	TEAM B	VENUE	TIME
05.10.19	Mbekelweni	R.Leopards	Lobamba	1330
05.10.19	Y.Buffaloes	Siteki	Phocweni	1530
05.10.19	Kappa Ladies	Green Mamba	Manzini Club	1330
05.10.19	Swallows	As Interladies	Manzini Club	1530
06.10.19	M.Wanderers	Sikhuphe	Manzini Club	1500
06.10.19	Langeni	Happy Girls	Lobamba	1300
06.10.19	Illovo	S.Roses	Mayaluka	1300

**WANTED**  
Some chess players in full concentration during a tournament held recently. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)



## Chess club members get registration discount

BY JONGILE XUBA

**CHESS - MEMBERS of the seven clubs under the Eswatini Chess Federation (ECF) will be given discount on their registration fee for the upcoming Siteki Open.**

This was revealed by ECF tournament Director William Siame, who said the decision was taken by the treasurer's office.

"The Siteki Open is beckoning with only two days left until the last grand prix event of the year. We are happy to announce

that a few days ago the treasurer's office announced revised entry fees and offered a massive discount to players, who belong to the affiliated clubs. New fees are now E120 for men, E100 for ladies and E50 for the development section. Those who do not belong to clubs will have to pay E150," he said.

Members of Lubombo, Nhlanguano, Manzini, UNESWA, Ngwane, Mbabane and Lovefield Chess Club will all be eligible for the discounts.

Siame said the deadline for registration was tomorrow with

a couple of participants already registered.

"We have about 25 people, who have registered so far with more trickling in. Participants are reminded that Thursday (tomorrow) at 8pm will be the closing of registration, so they must register as soon as possible. We also encourage them to pay via Mobile Money at 7627 6443 to avoid penalties," he said.

For more information on registration and the competition, interested parties can contact the tournament's director at 7617 6916.

## INDIAN WARRIORS JUMP TO SPOT IN ECA LEAGUE

BY JONGILE XUBA

**CRICKET - INDIAN Warriors jumped to first spot in the Eswatini Cricket Association (ECA) Spring T20 League, after beating Cricket Mbabane in the league match on Saturday.**

The matches were played at Malkerns Country Club and Cricket Mbabane won the toss and opted to field. The Indian Warriors posted a formidable target of 134 runs in their full quota of 20 overs with five wickets in hand. In the target chase Indian Warriors soon got Cricket Mbabane in trouble by dismissing their captain Sibongiseni Dlamini on a duck in 1.2 overs. None of his successors was able to fix the misfiring batting innings. Cricket Mbabane's batting crumbled in 3.5 overs as they were at a pathetic 17/4. After five overs the lighting condition was declared not safe for play, hence the match was stopped which called for the application of the Duckworth-Lewis method. As per the revised target, Cricket Mbabane was supposed to be at 57 runs in the fifth over. Cricket Mbabane was 27 runs short to reach the target. Indian Warriors won by 27 runs via Duckworth-Lewis method securing first place in the ECA Spring T20 League log. The second match of the day had Cricket Mbabane locked horns with Lowveld Gladiators. Cricket Mbabane won the toss and inserted Lowveld Gladiators. Lowveld Gladiators managed to accumulate 94 runs for the loss of seven wickets in their 20 allotted overs. Cricket Mbabane chased and reached the target in 13.1 overs with seven wickets in hand. This meant Cricket Mbabane won by seven wickets against the Lowveld Gladiators.

### ECA SPRING T20 LEAGUE LOG

Team	Matches	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	Points	NRR
Indian Warriors	3	2	0	0	1	5	4.860
Cricket Mbabane	3	2	1	0	0	4	0.563
RSSC	3	0	1	0	2	2	-0.305
Lowveld Gladiators	3	0	2	0	1	1	-3.459
UNESWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Way Inn dislodge MPC

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**POOL - WAY Inn have made great strides in the Manzini Regional Pool League after dislodging Manzini Pool Club for the summit of the log.**

After defeating Garrison 13-8, Way Inn are now perched in position one with 55 points. On the other hand, Correctional are now third after beating Manzini Pool Club 13-2. Other matches saw Mankayane beat Figaredo 13-9 while Academy got the better of Figa, winning 13-5.

Figa Five lost 5-13 in another exciting encounter. The league is sponsored by Dixie's International to a tune of E30 000. There are four matches remaining before the league curtain falls down.

### THE FULL RESULTS BELOW:

Mankayane	13-9	Figaredo
Figa Five	5-13	Stairs
Academy	13-5	Figa
Manzini Pool Club	12-13	Correctional
Garrison	8-13	Way Inn
Academy	13-12	France

### Dixie's International pool League:

Team	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
1. Way Inn	19	15	4	238	164	74	55
2. MPC	19	14	5	236	154	82	55
3. Correctional	19	14	5	231	173	58	53
4. REPS	19	14	5	217	156	61	51
5. Garrison	19	15	4	220	175	45	50
6. Figaredo	19	9	10	191	178	13	36
7. France	19	8	11	194	205	-11	35
8. Bhunya	19	8	11	199	206	-45	32
9. Nicks	19	7	12	161	206	-45	32
10. Mankayane	19	5	14	187	231	-44	23
11. Stairs	19	4	15	154	222	-68	21
12. Figa Five	19	0	19	122	247	-123	7



# HIGH FLYING 'BIRDS' FACE GREEN MAMBA

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER** – MTN Premier League week five fixtures will be headlined by the match between current log leaders Mbabane Swallows and defending champions Green Mamba.

This is according to a fixture released by Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chief Executive Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati.

The 'Beautiful Birds' take on Inyoka Eluhlaza at Somhlolo National Stadium next Wednesday at 8:30pm in the second match of a double header. The first match will see Manzini Sea Birds take on Mbabane Highlanders at 6:30pm.

Mavuso Sports Centre will also host a double header next Wednesday where Milling Hotspurs will clash with Manzini Wanderers while Denver Sundowns have a date with Moneni Pirates in a hub derby at 8:30pm.

Royal Leopard will travel to the Lubombo region to face-off with Mhlume Peacemakers at Mayaluka



**FACE-OFF:** Mbabane Swallows and defending champions Green Mamba will headline the MTN Premier League week five fixtures.



Stadium at 6:30pm. Young Buffaloes take on Malanti Chiefs at Somhlolo Stadium next Tuesday at 6:30pm. Soccer fans who feel that next week is too far away not to despair as Tambuti FC take on Pigg's Peak Black Swallows at Mayaluka Stadium this Saturday at 3:30pm.

**MTN Premier League fixtures**  
Saturday at Mayaluka Stadium  
Tambuti FC vs Black Swallows 3:30pm  
  
24/09/19 at Somhlolo National Stadium  
Young Buffaloes F vs Malanti 6:30pm  
  
25/09/19 at Mavuso Sports Centre  
Milling vs Wanderers 6:30pm

Denver Sundowns vs Moneni 8:30pm  
  
At Mayaluka Stadium  
Peacemakers FC vs leopard 6:30pm  
  
At Somhlolo National Stadium  
Sea Birds vs Highlanders 6:30pm  
Swallows vs Mamba 8:30pm

## Key Sihlangu players doubtful for Zambia clash

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

**SOCCER** – THE nation's pride Sihlangu Semnikati have suffered a major blow ahead of their 2022 CHAN Qualifiers first leg match against Zambia on Sunday as three key players have sustained serious injuries.

The duo of Young Buffaloes defenders Siboniso Ngwenya and Siboniso 'Gaxa' Mamba is said to have sustained serious injuries ahead of the match. A source close to the matter revealed that 'Gaxa' has sustained a muscle pull while Mamba tore his ligament. The other player is Mbabane Highlanders midfielder Menzi Sithole, who is also out with a torn ligament.

"It's even worse for Menzi as his injury looks more serious. If you remember very well, he played with an injury during the MTN Premier League match against Milling Hotspurs on Sunday. So he will definitely be out of action for some time," said the source.

Meanwhile, it has been gathered that Pigg's Peak Black Swallows' Mbuso Mabuza and Mbuso Dladla have received a national call-up. The players are said to be already in camp at the Lobamba Technical Centre.

Eswatini Football Association Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said he was waiting for the doctors' report when contacted yesterday afternoon.

"I am yet to get a doctor's report about the injured players. Probably, today I will get proper feedback," he said.

## Chiyangi names strong squad for Sihlangu clash

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

**SOCCER** – CHIPOLOPOLO stand-in coach Aggrey Chiyangi has named a strong squad for the CHAN Qualifiers match against Eswatini.

Chiyangi was quoted in one of the Zambia daily newspapers yesterday saying that they will be aiming for a win in the first leg of the final qualifying round. Speaking after their morning training session at Sunset Stadium, Chiyangi said Zambia would be cautious when playing against Eswatini.

"The most important thing for us as we go there is to focus on a win. But again we have to be cautious, we cannot just go there to play an open game, because we know that all these teams have improved," he said.

Chiyangi added that Eswatini were playing good football, so they needed to be careful not to lose the match. He said they just needed to ensure that their main focus was to win away and come back home to make things easier.

"Winning the tie away will ease the pressure in the final leg of the match on October 19. We are not going to say we want to come and win here at home. For us we want to go and finish the game in Eswatini so that the game becomes easier," he said. Zambia qualified to the final round after beating Botswana 3-2.

Zambia Final Squad	Midfielders
<b>Goalkeepers</b>	Benson Sakala, Rally
Sebastian Mwange (Green Eagles), Lawrence Mulenga (Power Dynamos), Toaster Nsambatha (Zenaco)	Bwalya (Power Dynamos), Amity Shamende (Green Eagles), Paul Katema, Bruce Musakanya (Red Arrows)
<b>Defenders</b>	Kelvin Kupumnu (Zenaco), Kelvin Kampamba (Nkana)
Andrian Chama, Clement Mwape (Zesco United), Gift Zulu (Nkana), Lawrence Chungu (Zenaco), Benedict Chepeshi (Red Arrows), Isaac Shumujompa (Buildcon FC), Luka Banda (Napsa Stars)	<b>Strikers</b>
	Emmanuel Chabula (Nkwazi), Topson Kaseba (Green Eagles), Akakubwelwa Mwachiba (Kabwe Warriors)

## THANDAZA GETS 4 YEARS SUSPENSION FOR DOPING

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

**ATHLETICS** – CORRECTIONAL Athletics Club athlete Thandaza Zwane has been suspended for four years by Athletics Eswatini (AE) following a doping violation.

This was revealed by AE President Zakhele Dlamini during a press conference held at Eswatini Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (EOCGA) premises yesterday.

The suspension comes after the athlete was found to have a banned substance in his system following an out of competition doping test by the Regional Anti-Doping Organisations (RADO). The substance is listed under the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as banned for use by professional athletes.

### Findings

"We would like to confirm that the top athlete Thandaza Zwane has been suspended following findings by RADO that the athlete had a prohibited substance GW1516 in his system. The test was conducted on the 25th of May with a hearing conducted by RADO held on August 30. Following its findings, his suspension period of four years will end on July 16, 2023," he said.

Dlamini went on to clarify that the athlete did not intentionally take the banned substance.

"Due to his level of experience and exposure to extensive anti-doping education, Zwane was found to have been negligent and, there-



**BANNED:** Correctional Athlete Thandaza Zwane has been banned for four years competing by the Regional Anti-Doping Association (RADO). (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

fore, at fault. As an association we understand what happened but do not under any circumstances condone doping," he said.

The president also said as a member of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), the association would conform to the ban as stipulated by article 40 of the AE constitution.

His Majesties Correctional Services (HMCS) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Gugu Dlamini said they would support the athlete and they would meet to figure a way forward in due course.

"Zwane is our athlete and we stand behind him.

We cannot comment on what our next step is at the moment and are just here in show of support," she said.

This means that Zwane is banned from participating in any athletics



**TO STEP UP:** Athletics Eswatini (AE) President Zakhele Dlamini making his remarks during the Press conference.

## AE to step up anti-doping educational programmes

**ATHLETICS** – IN an effort to ensure that such a case never occurs again Athletics Eswatini (AE) will do more to provide more educational programmes on anti-doping.

This was revealed by AE President Zakhele Dlamini during the press conference yesterday. He said in an effort to preserve the integrity of the association they would be holding programmes led by their medical commission.

"We are in the rebuilding phase

as the AE and hope that this case doesn't tarnish the association's image.

We further acknowledge that more efforts are needed towards the education of athletes and coaches which will be led by Dr Zabenguni Mkhathshwa from our medical commission," he said.

Zwane's case is the first recorded case of its kind in the country after an ever increasing clamp down on doping by various associations.

competitions under the AE, Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) and IAAF. Zwane will there-

fore miss out on the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the World Championships next year.



# RESULTS:

## Yesterday CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Napoli	2-0	Liverpool
Salzburg	6-2	Genk
Inter	1-1	Slavia Prague
Dortmund	0-0	Barcelona
Lyon	1-1	Zenit St. Petersburg
Benfica	1-2	RasenBallsport Leipzig
Ajax	3-0	Lille
Chelsea	0-1	Valencia

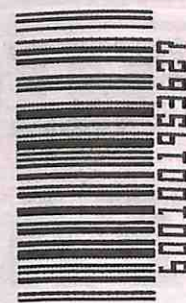
MTN8		Polokwane City
Highlands Park	0-0	(Penalties 4-3)

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# SIHLANGU MUST BE EXTRA CAREFUL - JANZA

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

## SOCCER - FOREWARNED is forearmed.

This adage hold true as capital city giants Mbabane Swallows newly appointed head coach Honour Janza has advised Sihlangu Semnikati to be extra careful when playing against Zambia on Sunday in the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers.

The two sides will lock horns at Mavuso Sports Centre at 3:30pm with the second leg match to be played seven days later in Zambia.

Janza is a former Zambia national team coach. He was appointed 'Chipolopolo' coach in 2015, replacing Patrice Beamelle.

He is regarded as one of the most qualified coaches with a UEFA coaching badge. In 2015, he led Zambia to the Africa Cup of Nations finals where they lost against

Tunisia.

Speaking yesterday ahead of the CHAN qualifiers encounter, Janza said it would be an interesting match between the two nations as they would be parading local based players.

"I don't want to say much about

this match since Eswatini is now my second home. However, what I can say is that Zambia has players, who are young and very skilful. They also have speed, so Sihlangu must be extra careful in this encounter. Having said that, may the best team win on Sunday,"

he said. Janza urged the players to grab the opportunity with both hands as they would be representing their respective countries. "Like I said, I don't want to say much about this match because I haven't got the opportunity to watch Eswatini play. What

will make this match exciting is the fact that only local based players are allowed to take part in this tournament."

He said a number of countries had improved including Eswatini, so no team can be taken for granted.

"All I can say is that this will be an entertaining encounter and the better prepared team will win on the day," he said.

Meanwhile, the Zambian national team is currently in camp in Lusaka.

'Chipolopolo' head coach Oswald Mutapa has urged his players not to undermine Sihlangu.

He told his players to take the match seriously. On the other hand, the nation's pride Sihlangu Semnikati is also in camp in preparation for the epic clash. The Papi boys are still licking their wounds after a shocking defeat at the hands of Djibouti in the 2022 World Cup Qualifiers.



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## Liverpool begin defence of Champions League title with defeat

**SAN PAOLO** - Liverpool began the defence of their UEFA Champions League title with a 2-0 loss away to Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli last night.

Roberto Firmino passed a late fitness test to join Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah in the fearsome front-three for the Reds, while Kostas Manolas made his Champions League debut alongside Kalidou Koulibaly in the heart of the Partenopei defence.

The sides were attacking each other with pace in the early stages but Jurgen Klopp's army had a better clear chance in the 21st minute after Mane was given space inside the box to aim at goal, but his strike was kept out by goalkeeper Alex Meret.

However, the reigning champions picked their moments after the half-hour mark, preferring to sit back and keep their shape at the back as Carlo Ancelotti's men were unable to turn their defence in that mode.

On the stroke of halftime, Firmino almost broke the deadlock with a free-header in the the box that sailed past the post by a whisker.

### Under siege

Liverpool were under siege early in the second-half and were saved five minutes after the break by shot-stopper Adrian, who denied Dries Mertens the breakthrough from close range with a superb finger-tip save at the far post.

Salah almost silenced the home

crowd in the 65th minute after going clear on goal on the left side of the box but his fierce diagonal shot towards the bottom corner was parried away by Meret.

There was controversy in the last ten minutes as Napoli were awarded a penalty after Jose Callejon was brought down by Andrew Robertson, which allowed Mertens to convert from the spot to hand the home side the lead.

Former Tottenham Hotspur defender Fernando Llorente grabbed the second goal for Ancelotti's men in second-half stoppage time as the Serie A outfit walked away the spoils on matchday one.

Daily Mail