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Slain inyanga-cum-pastor laid to rest



Throngs of people from Nkonjwa and beyond came through to pay their last respects to slain inyanga Gcina Vilakati who was laid to rest at his parental home in Nkonjwa yesterday morning. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini) MORE ON PAGES 2, 5

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Over 1 500 at Nkonjwa double funeral

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Nkonjwa

IT was a full house at a Vilakati homestead as people from almost all corners of the country turned out for a double funeral at Nkonjwa.

The double funeral was that of a well-known traditional healer (*inyanga*) Gcina Samson Vilakati (42) and his mother Liphinah Gumbi (78). Both individuals were shot dead allegedly by members of the Vilakati extended family at Nkonjwa.

The incident happened on January 6, 2019. Vilakati (Gcina) also doubled as a bishop at his church, Sambulo Church in Zion. The highly-emotional funeral was held at Nkonjwa under Sithobelweni Inkhundla in the Lubombo region. The funeral, which was attended by people estimated to be over 1 500, was preceded by a night vigil, which started at about 10pm. The night vigil was held at Vilakati's homestead, which is about one kilometre from Gumbi's (Gcina's mother) homestead.

The night vigil was conducted by Sambulo Church in Zion members and was characterised by more singing and less talking. Zionist songs were sung for the better part of the night vigil, by members of Vilakati's church and some other churches under the Zionist faith. They were dressed in different Zionist gear, with some being white, while others were navy blue and green.

However, what was slightly different here was that all of the songs rendered during the funeral service, including the night vigil, were sung with an aid of Swazi traditional drums.

Two tents, which were rented for the



IN NUMBERS: Throngs of people from Nkonjwa and beyond came through to pay their last respects to slain *inyanga* Gcina Vilakati who was laid to rest at his parental home in Nkonjwa yesterday morning. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini)

Nkonjwa residents now concerned of their image

THE community of Nkonjwa is now known for being a rural place full of violent people who are prepared to kill at any time.

This was said by some of the residents during Gumbi's funeral. They said this as they talked among themselves, wondering what could have triggered the killings in that place.

One lady, who was speaking to her friend, said encountered such a situation a week ago when she told other people in Siphofaneni that she was from Nkonjwa.

"When I told them I am from Nkonjwa,

they wondered why my fellow community members had resorted to killing one another. They said Nkonjwa was now a violent rural area and I was totally embarrassed at that moment," she said.

The other two ladies who were listening stated that they would now be afraid of identifying themselves as Nkonjwa residents because of the violence. Another resident who had attended the funeral said he was afraid that more incidents of violence were still to follow because people were very angry. "The community is of the view

that the children and relatives of the assailants should move away from the community," he said.

The attendant said this was because the assailants were now known and anyone could pounce on the assailants' relatives. "The community is of the view that the assailants possibly discussed the assassination with their relatives and friends and their children could have been involved.

"Remember that Gcina was helpful even to people beyond our borders. Anyone can just come and do anything to the assailants' relatives," he said.

event, couldn't house the many people who attended. The speakers who spoke during the night vigil spoke highly of the two deceased individuals. They stated that they were both helpful to the community and the church members. Vilakati was described as a person whose work was noticeable even in South Africa, where he played an instrumental role in re-uniting Emaswati

that worked in South Africa with their families in Eswatini.

Gumbi was the first to be buried and her funeral lasted until about 7am. She was buried just next to her home. Vilakati's casket was lowered to his grave at about 8am, just next to his home.

The night vigil and the funeral was attended by people from Eastern Cape

and Gauteng in South Africa, who all spoke highly of Vilakati's work while he was still alive. Vilakati is survived by his wife, who was identified as LaMamba, his 14 children, his grandchildren, brothers, and sisters.

Gumbi, on the other hand, is survived by seven children, 51 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Vilakati's wish not granted

VILAKATI'S wish of being laid to rest at noon could not be granted as he was laid to rest at about 8am yesterday.

Many attendants at Gcina Samson Vilakati and his mother Liphinah Gumbi's funeral were heard talking to each other, stating that Vilakati had expressed his wish to be buried at noon. This resulted in many attendants deciding to leave the funeral service before it ended because they could not be able to wait until noon to bury Vilakati. Some claimed they had other pressing matters they had to attend.

One could tell though that the intention to implement Vilakati's wish was there. The night vigil was held for both Vilakati and Gumbi at Vilakati's homestead. At about 5am, both caskets were taken down to Gumbi's homestead, which was about a kilometre from Vilakati's homestead.

Gumbi's funeral lasted up until about 7am and the attendants took Vilakati's casket up to his homestead, where it was initially placed for the duration of the night vigil. Vilakati's casket was driven in a white Isuzu van, which had a canopy.

Upon reaching Vilakati's homestead, the attendants took his casket to one of the houses where the night vigil tents were attached. Members of Vilakati's church sang with the casket for sometime inside the house. They then took the casket to the gravesite, just next to Vilakati's home. His casket was lowered to his grave at about 8am.

Jealousy main cause of death

JEALOUSY has been identified as the main cause of the death of Gcina Samson Vilakati and his mother Liphinah Gumbi.

This was contrary to the view that was doing the rounds among other people, who believed Vilakati could have been suspected of witchcraft. Many people who attended the funeral stated that Vilakati was killed by relatives from his very own extended family.

Vilakati's cousins, according to some related attendants, became jealous of the fact that Vilakati was becoming successful because of his ability to treat people in a traditional way. What irked the other Vilakatis, it was alleged, was that they were also traditional healers and were not that successful as Vilakati (Gcina).

This was what allegedly led them to

kill Vilakati and his mother. It was stated that on the fateful day, the assailants invaded Vilakati's home. They allegedly found Vilakati with his family and that was when, it was said, they killed Vilakati, in full view of his wife and children.

Failed

The assailants are said to have been wearing balaclavas on their faces, trying to hide their identities. Gumbi was at her home at that time, not aware of what was coming her way.

Attempts to save Gumbi failed because the people who tried to alert her were very late in doing so. Some attendants stated that a phone call was made to Gumbi, telling her that assailants were on their way to attack her, so she should run away.

When Gumbi bolted out of one of her houses, the assailants were already



PRESENT: Mourners at the funeral.

within the vicinity of her home, waiting for her so that they could shoot her to death.

Attendants

However, the assailants were not wise enough to cover their tracks in their assassination attempts.

They could have been successful in killing Gumbi, but were not successful in killing her grandchild, who was present during the incident. The attendants stated that the assailants were

not accurate in shooting the grandchild, whom they thought was dead after shooting her.

In a sheer act of carelessness, the assailants removed their balaclavas and were not aware that the grandchild, whom they thought was dead, was actually still alive.

The grandchild was able to identify the assailants without their knowledge. This, according to the attendants, led to the arrest of some of the assailants.

Security tight at event

Members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) played a sterling role in ensuring safety during Gcina Vilakati and Liphinah Gumbi's funeral.

Two police vans were visible during the night vigil and the funeral of the two individuals. The police were there to ensure no violence of any sort took place and were successful in doing so as the highly-emotional event was peaceful.

It was anticipated that violence could take place at the funeral, judging from the way the two died.

Even though the event was peaceful, some people who attended the event could not contain their emotions, as they cried hysterically, especially when the caskets were lowered to their respective graves.

One could see that the two people played a very special role in the lives of many who attended the funeral.

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Ex-SwaziBank MD Kuhlase hacked

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FORMER Eswatini Bank (formerly Swazi Bank) Managing Director Sam Kuhlase is in a critical condition after he was hacked all over the body with objects suspected to be bush-knives at his residence, Esiphumelele outside Nhlango.

Because of the seriousness of his injury, he was immediately transferred from Nhlango Health Centre to Hlatikulu Government Hospital where he was again moved to Mbabane Government Hospital where he is currently battling for his life.

Kuhlase is a businessman who owns properties and also operates Ekupholeni Bar and Restaurant in Nhlango and resides at Esiphumelele, a fast growing suburb past the notorious and crime infested Mathendele Township.

It is still unclear what could be the motive of the incident but others said these could be the work of criminals who targeted Kuhlase by attacking him while at the gate to his residence the previous Wednesday night. He was allegedly kidnapped and discovered the next morning dumped in a forest with deep wounds all over the body and he could not even talk. It is reported that Kuhlase could have been mugged by the criminals while entering his residence at night on his way from transporting home one of his helpers. Unconfirmed reports are that the criminals pounced on Kuhlase as he was still preparing to open the gate leading to his home.

It is said when taking one of the helpers home, Kuhlase left behind the TV set on with the hope of coming back to watch some programmes before going to bed. It is said his gardener was also at the residence but in another room. Other claims are that the crim-



**CONFIRMED: Chief PICO
Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.**

inals probably took advantage when Kuhlase drove out of his residence to take home the helper as they broke into the house and ransacked it. Everything was found turned upside down. A TV set he had left on, drew the attention of the gardener when it was suddenly switched off. The gardener went to check what could have happened, and found it missing at the lounge.

It is believed the TV was among the items the criminals took with them when they ransacked the house.

"It's highly likely that when Kuhlase drove out of his residence, the criminals sneaked inside and ransacked it. They took whatever they were looking for and then camped somewhere close to the residence, waiting for him to come back. It is believed Kuhlase was probably preparing to open the gate when the criminals pounced on him," said a source.

It is believed that after mugging Kuhlase

they kidnapped him to an unknown place and later dumped him in a forest where he was later found with serious injuries and soaked in blood.

"The gardener who was waiting for his boss to return from taking the other helper home was first amazed how the TV set suddenly went off. When he checked if it was his boss who switched it off, he did not see it at the sitting room and when he looked around the house, to his shock he found almost everything turned upside down.

Curious

"It was then that he went out of the house for further inspection and a little while later; he noticed his boss' vehicle by the gate. He went to the gate and to his surprise; he did not find Kuhlase in the car. It was then that he became curious and wondered what exactly was happening," said a source.

After searching for his boss all around the premises, the gardener then raised an alarm and a search began. The search started in the evening and went on until Thursday where he was found in a forest with injuries all over the body.

"He was taken to Nhlango Health Centre and because of the critical state he was in, he had to be transferred to Hlatikulu Government Hospital and then later to Mbabane Government Hospital. By the time he was transferred, he was still unable to utter a word," said a source.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the attack of the businessman, adding that he is presently admitted at Mbabane Government Hospital in a critical state.

"We are told that his house was ransacked and we are not yet sure what was taken. No arrest has been made as of yet but police are doing all they can to find the culprits," said Supt. Vilakati.

Former soldier brutally murdered at KaLanga

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

A former member of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) was yesterday brutally murdered by unknown men while at his home at KaLanga.

The former soldier, identified as Mandla Ntuli, died after he was hacked several times with bush-knives on the head and body. Ntuli (47) is said to have retired from the army some years ago on medical grounds. According to a relative, Ntuli was attacked by four men in the early hours of yesterday, just after midnight. He is said to have been at his home together with his wife and children when the unwelcome visitors arrived and headed straight to the main house.

The brutal killing of Ntuli was confirmed by his cousin, Sikelela Mabuza. Information gathered was that the alleged assassins arrived and knocked once on the door, before forcing their way into the house. After noting that the men were already forcing their way in, the deceased is said to have attempted to block them as he rushed to the door while still half-naked.

However, he was met with vicious blows as the men started assaulting him with un-identified weapons, and further hacked him with the bush-knives. This unfolded in full view of his wife and children aged between three and 15. Ntuli is said to have attempted to escape from his assailants as he ran towards the gate. He, however, fell onto the ground before he could get out of the premises after he had already sustained gaping wounds on the head.

"The assailants are said to have been overheard uttering some words which suggested that they had unresolved disputes with him. 'They were overheard saying words like 'usicaphatelani', before they hacked him with bush-knives," said a relative who asked not to be named.

Some additional information gathered was that Ntuli had recently sold the same homestead to another family about a year ago. Ntuli and his family vacated the homestead early last year, but only to return in December after it became evident that the said buyer was failing to pay the agreed amount. This means the sale of the homestead remained incomplete as Ntuli had only received about half of the agreed amount. However, this is not to suggest that the killing of the former army man had anything to do with the sale of his homestead.

Chief PICO Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the murder incident, saying they were currently investigating the matter.

'Fake' Form 5 results hit social media

BY SAMKELISIWE KHOZA
Mbabane

EXCITEMENT and anxiety sparked as a 'fake' list of top 50 excelled 2018 SGCSE pupils hit social media yesterday.

SGCSE is the Swaziland General Certificate of Secondary Education.

The fake list surfaced just when every parent who has a child in Form Five patiently awaits the release of the results at the edge of their seats. Some parents who had the chance to have a glimpse of the fake list began celebrating and posted on social media platforms, mostly Facebook and WhatsApp.

However, members of the public wondered if the list was really fake or it was an authentic one but leaked from the Examinations Council of Eswatini (ECESWA).

ECESWA Registrar Dr Edmund Mazibuko refuted those sentiments and clarified that the Council had not met yet regarding the Form Five results.

"The top excelled SGCSE pupils' list

...It is so troubling that people go as far as creating a fake list of passes while parents and pupils are nervously waiting for the results. Swazis should not consider the circulating fake list but wait for the official release of the results through the correct platforms

has not been compiled as of yet, the Council is scheduled to meet this week regarding the results. That list is not official," Dr Mazibuko said.

Dr Mazibuko said the Council had the proper forum to release results and that was through local newspapers, radio and television stations. He said Swazis should not consider the circulating fake list but wait for the official release of the results through the correct platforms.

Moreover, the Minister of Education

and Training, Lady Howard-Mabuza said it is so troubling that people go as far as creating a fake list of passes while parents and pupils are nervously waiting for the results. "It is impossible that results can be released to the public without touching base with the ministry of education and training together with Cabinet," Mabuza said.

Results

The minister said the Form Five results had not even reached the ministry and the Cabinet. She said there was a scheduled meeting with the ECESWA on Thursday, regarding the release of the results.

Mabuza explained that usually, the ministry and the ECESWA indulged in a meeting during the early hours of the morning, 8am before she delivers them to the Cabinet thereafter. She said it was only then that media houses were engaged at a press conference, where the well-performed pupils are announced.

Without the minister saying it, calculations are that the Form Five results will be released on Thursday and the members of the public will receive them the following day, Friday.

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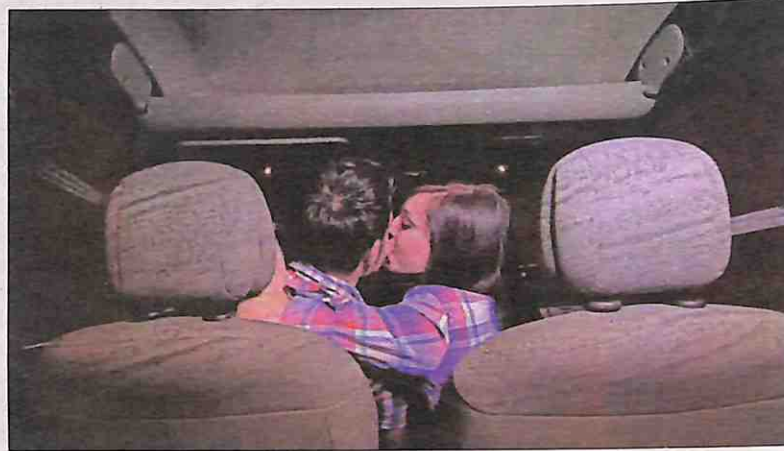
BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

A shocked father (53) from Pigg's Peak pelted a married pastor with stones (34) after he caught him kissing his teenage daughter (17).

The father, who had gone to buy a few groceries at a nearby shop spotted the pastor kissing his daughter inside the pastor's blue Mazda.

The Mazda was parked at a secluded area near Killarney Sports ground last Friday.

The name of the pastor as well as the name of the father are known but have been withheld to protect the identity of the minor.



Speaking to this publication yesterday sources said after the father spotted the two kissing he approached the Mazda and opened the driver's side door to confront the pastor.

The father saw the two kissing and confronted the pastor. The angry father pulled the surprised pastor out of the car. The pastor started explaining himself only to be slapped multiple times. After, the pastor decided to flee the scene only to be pelted twice on the back with stones.

Escape

The pastor managed to escape and came back about 30 minutes later to get his car," the source said.

"After the incident a man who is very close to the pastor approached the angry father asking that the incident be forgotten or the pastor would open up an assault case," he added.

When asked to comment about the incident the father said the pastor was now blackmailing him.

"I am really disappointed, the pastor is now threatening to report me to the police for assault. I really hope this sick man reports me to the police so that I can also tell the police why I committed the assault in the first place," he added. When reached for comment the pastor said the whole incident was a fabrication. At the time of compiling this story, chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakazi said the incident was not reported to the Pigg's Peak police.

"The father saw the two kissing and confronted them. The angry father pulled the surprised pastor out of the car. The pastor started explaining himself only to be slapped multiple times."

Under attack cop bites off man's cheek

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

A hospitalised member of the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) is being investigated by his colleagues for biting and then assaulting a man with a wheel spanner.

The incident happened outside the Pigg's Peak Club last Friday evening.

The name of the assaulted policeman as well as the name of the complainant are known but have been withheld so as to not impede ongoing police investigations.

Speaking to this publication yesterday sources said the whole incident had two versions, resulting in police recording two different statements.

"In the first statement the complainant alleges that he was assaulted by the uniformed policeman who had been arguing outside the club with a young lady. The lady in question is romantically connected to the complainant. During the argument the complainant confronted the policeman and a fight ensued. During the fight the policeman bit the complainant on the cheek



and then pulled out a wheel spanner from his car," said the source.

He added, "the policeman then used the spanner to assault the complainant on the back. The incident ended when members of the public intervened and rushed the complainant to the Pigg's Peak Police Station to open an assault case against the police officer."

However when asked for comment other sources claimed that the policeman was in fact hospitalised after the assault.

"The information we have is that the policeman was standing outside the club talking to a young woman, during this time four bar patrons who know the lady approached the scene,

When approached the policeman said something that angered the men and the assault happened. The policeman was kicked and punched multiple times. The assault was so serious that the policeman's uniform was torn. Eventually the policeman fled the scene but left his boots behind. After the incident the policeman opened an assault case against the men who assaulted him," they said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakazi confirmed both incidents, saying police were investigating the matter as both the policeman and the complainant opened assault cases against one another.



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Slain inyanga Gcina Vilakati laid to rest



REST IN PEACE: Zionists leading their late member to his final resting place. This was during the slain inyanga Gcina Vilakati's funeral at his parental home at Nkonjwa yesterday morning. (Pics: Sifiso Dlamini)



SOMBRE: Members from different Zionist groups came from near and far to support the bereaved family.



ESCORT: Close family members escorting the deceased to his final resting place.



SUPPORTIVE: A section of the relatives and friends who were at the funeral service.



BURIAL SITE: Some of the people making their way to the burial site.



HAMBA KAHLE: A section of the many people who attended the funeral service.



PRAYER: A section of the many people who were at the funeral in prayer.



FROM NEAR AND FAR: The parking space which was littered with vehicles as people came in their numbers to pay their last respects to the inyanga.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

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LUNGILE P DLAMINI
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DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR SEX PEST MANAGER FAILS TO TAKE OFF

MELUSI MLOTSA
Mbabane

THE disciplinary hearing of the ramp manager who allegedly sexually abused two employees at King Mswati III International Airport was a non starter last Thursday.

An impeccable source said the manager failed to show up on Thursday after reporting that he was not feeling well.

A ramp manager is a supervisor responsible for assisting with scheduling ramp agents. He also assists

the general manager by overseeing, coordinating and participating in all activities related to ramp operations.

The ramp manager, was suspended last year after reportedly sexually abusing two employees of Specialists Pest and Control, a cleaning company based at King Mswati III International Airport.

The source said the manager allegedly sexually abused the employees and threatened to report them to their superiors in Mbabane that they were failing to do their cleaning job.

He would take pictures whenever

there's litter on the ground and threaten to send it to the Specialist Pest and Control boss in Mbabane, showing him that the female employees were not doing their job.

Demand

For deleting the pictures from his cell phone, the ramp manager would demand sex from the poor employees and they obliged," said the source.

The source revealed that after some time the employees became tired of the ramp manager's shenanigans and decided to report him to their superiors.

An internal investigation was

launched at the airport and the ramp manager was suspended.

Specialist Pest and Control Supervisor Fikile Mavimbela refused to comment when contacted. All she could say was that the matter was supposed to be heard last Thursday.

"I'm not aware if the disciplinary hearing took place or not, better contact my manager for more information," she said.

Friday Mdluli, the Specialist Pest and Control Manager could not be reached for comment as his phone was off for the better part of yesterday.

Speeding vehicle knocks down two kids, one killed

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

TWO children were last Friday knocked down by a speeding vehicle along the Lonhlopheko-Simunye road, killing one of them.

The children aged 11 and 15 years were knocked down by a Toyota Hilux van near KaMartin bus station. This was reported by the Police Information and Communications Office yesterday.

The vehicle which is said to have been travelling at high speed along the pothole riddled road was on its way from Simunye while the two girls were on their way to a nearby shop. The driver was a 30-year-old man of Lukhetseni.

Information gathered was that the girls were walking on the yellow barrier line when the vehicle came from

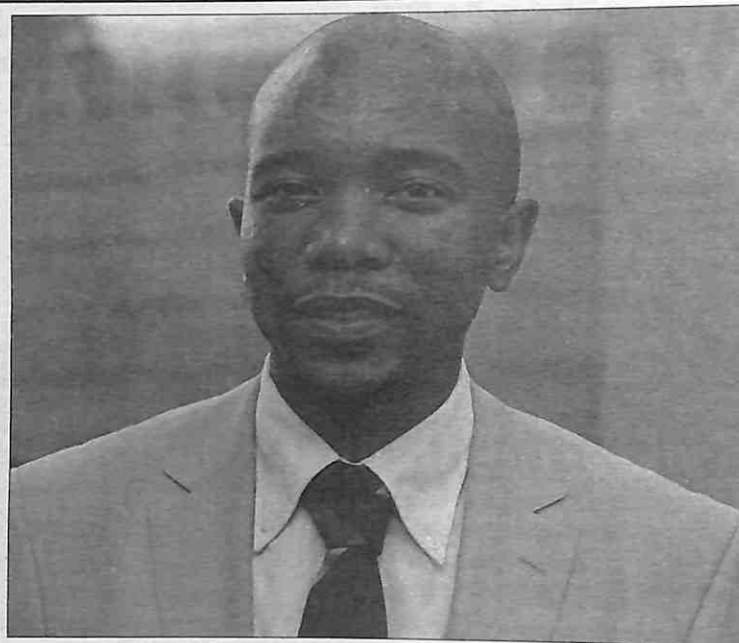
behind, knocking both of them onto the tarmac. One of them, a 15-year-old of Lomahasha sustained serious internal injuries which resulted to her death.

Confirmed

The child is said to have been confirmed dead upon arrival at Good Shepherd Hospital. Meanwhile, the 11-year-old sustained bruises, and was treated and discharged at the same hospital.

Police spokesperson Phindile Vilakati said the driver was subsequently arrested and charged with culpable homicide. Worth noting is that there has been a number of similar accidents taking place at or near the same spot where the two children were knocked down by the said vehicle. The road is characterised with potholes, a condition which is said to have contributed to some of these accidents.

NEWS EXTRA



INDEPENDENT AUDIT: DA leader Mmusi Maimane.

Maimane calls for independent audit on govt contracts with Bosasa

JOHANNESBURG- The Democratic Alliance on Sunday called on President Ramaphosa to institute an independent audit on all ANC government contracts with Bosasa.

Former Bosasa COO Angelo Agrizzi's testimony before the Zondo Commission into state capture "shattered the myth that corruption in the ANC was simply a feature of [former president] Jacob Zuma and the Gupta family", DA leader Mmusi Maimane said in a statement.

"A system of corruption that builds a wall between insiders and outsiders - the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' - is in the very DNA of the ANC," he said.

It should come as no surprise that the awarding of ANC government contracts to Bosasa was tainted with allegations of bribery, corruption, and fraud. Many of these contracts remained active.

In this light, the DA's legal team

had written to Ramaphosa to "immediately call for an independent audit on Bosasa's dealings and contracts held with government and state-owned enterprises (SoE) by instructing your cabinet to audit their individual departments"; instruct functionary "We have requested that the president respond with these undertakings by no later than 29 January 2019 as this matter is urgent. Criminal charges should be brought against (Bosasa) CEO Gavin Watson with haste," Maimane said.

The president could not continue to sit on his hands, being selective on investigating corruption. Swift action was required.

"If the president will not act, the electorate have the opportunity to punish the ANC government at the polls in the coming months," he said.

African News Agency

Man run over by two cars, dies

BY SAMKELISIWE KHOZA
Mbabane

A 30-year old man of Mahlanya died after he was run over by two vehicles, first by a Mercedes Benz sedan then by a Honda sedan.

Information gathered by the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) suggests the 30-year old pedestrian was knocked by the above mentioned vehicles near Vickery along 27 public road, Mahlanya to Malkerns lane.

Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Inspector Nosipho Mnguni said the accident occurred on Saturday around 0100 hours.

On Saturday, January 19 at 0100 hours near Vickery along MR 27 public road Mahlanya/Malkerns lane, a 30-year-old male pedestrian of Mahlanya was knocked down by a Mercedes Benz sedan. He was then run over by a Honda sedan which was driven by a 38-year-old man of Dweleni," Insp. Mnguni said adding that the Mercedes Benz was being driven by a 38-year-old man of South Africa.

Mnguni said the pedestrian sustained multiple injuries on both legs and head. She said he was conveyed to the Raleigh Fiklin Memorial (RFM) Hospital where he was certified dead on arrival.

Safety tips for pedestrians

Be safe and make yourself visible to drivers;

- Wear bright/light coloured clothing and reflective materials.

- Carry a flashlight when walking at night.

- Cross the street in a well-lit area at night.

- Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars, or other obstacles before crossing so drivers can see you.

Be Alert: Avoid dangerous behaviours

- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

- Stay sober; walking while impaired increases your chance of being run over.

- Don't assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers; don't just look at the vehicle. If a driver is on a cell phone, he or she may not be paying enough attention to drive safely.

- Don't rely solely on pedestrian signals. Look before you cross the road.

- Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.

Be careful at crossings: Look before you step

- Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.

- Obey traffic signals such as walk/don't walk signs.

- Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street.

- Watch for turning vehicles. Make sure the driver sees you and will stop for you.

- Look across all lanes you must cross and visually clear each lane before proceeding. Even if one motorist stops, do not presume drivers in other lanes can see you and will stop for you.

- Don't wear headphones or talk on a cell phone while crossing.

Additional information sourced from the Internet.

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HOT WEEK AHEAD

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
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Today, morning fog is expected at places otherwise clear skies and warm to hot all over the country.

Expected

Temperatures are expected to start from 10 degrees Celsius in the Highveld rising to 29 degrees Celsius in the Lowveld. Tomorrow, clear skies are

Today

Mbabane
10/25

Mankayane
13/30

Manzini
12/27

Siteki
14/26

Mhlume
14/29

Big-bend
16/31

Tomorrow

Mbabane
13/30

Mankayane
4/34

Manzini
16/32

Siteki
17/30

Mhlume
18/34

Big-bend
14/36

Wednesday

Mbabane
15/28

Mankayane
15/30

Manzini
17/31

Siteki
17/29

Mhlume
17/32

Big-bend
20/34

expected becoming very hot in the Lowveld.

Temperatures are expected to rise

from today's temperatures. Temperatures will start from 13 degrees Celsius in the Highveld rising 36 degrees Celsius.

On Wednesday, morning showers are expected at places, otherwise sunny and hot.

BY SAMKELISIWE KHOZA
Mbabane

THE illegal possession of guns seems to be worsening as, in a period of a month, the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) has arrested seven men for the offence.

Data collected from the weekly police press release statements, states that there were six suspects arrested for the illegal possession of guns last week.

Adding to the list is a 30-year-old man of KaPhunga who, according to the REPS press statement released yesterday, was arrested for the unpermitted possession of a 7.65 mm pistol.

"On January 19 at about 0630 hours, KaPhunga police arrested a 38-year-old man of KaPhunga for being found

More guns in wrong hands

in possession of a 7.65mm pistol which was loaded with four live rounds of ammunition without a licence while at Mbosi area," Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Inspector Nosipho Mnguni said yesterday.

On December 7, a 22-year-old man of Ka-Nkonjwa in the Lubombo region was arrested and charged for the unlicensed possession of a berretta pistol. The pistol was loaded with eight live rounds of ammunition.

The 22-year-old man is part of the suspects arrested for allegedly shoot-



ing to death a 46-year-old traditional healer and a 79-year-old woman of the same area. The incident was reported to have occurred recently and had also left a 17-year-old pupil injured.

On Christmas Eve, the REPS nabbed

a 48-year-old man for the possession of a pistol without a permit.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Phindile Vilakati previously reported that the man was arrested at 23:45 hours by the Manzini police officers on December 24. She said the suspect was originally from Ngwane Park.

She said upon arrest, the suspect had the pistol loaded with seven live rounds of ammunition while next to Riverstone Mall road.

On a similar note, nearly three weeks ago, Pigg's Peak police officers arrest-

ed three men for being found in possession of a single barrel shotgun (12 Bore).

The trio was nabbed while at Nkonjaneni area in the Hhohho region.

Three men aged 45, 25 and 29 of Zibonele and Nkonjaneni, respectively, were arrested for being found in possession of a single barrel shotgun (12 Bore) without a licence or permit while at Nkonjaneni area, previously stated a police press report.

Meanwhile, Insp. Mnguni said the KaPhunga suspect is yet to appear before court.

SATISO SESIVUMELWANO LESIPHAKANYISIWE SESINYATSELO LESITSETFWE LICEMBU LEBASEBENTI

Uma kwanyalo usisebenti noma BEWUSEBENTI SEMAYINI YEGOLIDE eNingizimu Afrika, noma ngunini emva kwamhlathi-12 Indlovlenkhulu 1965, kantsi uke wahogela lutfuli lwesilica noma wangenwa sifo isilicosis noma sifo sesifuba ("i-TB") NOMA ungu MONDLIWA (sib, umfati, umntwana noma umlingani) walesisebenti semayini yegolide lesesashona, SICELA UFUNDZISE LESATISO NJENGOBA SINGATSINTSA EMALUNGELO AKHO.

Uma kukhona letinye tinto lofuna kutati kulesivumelwano lesiphakanyisiwe ungaphindza ufundze lesatiso.

SIVUMELWANO LESIPHAKANYISIWE

Tinkampani letisithupa, i-African Rainbow Minerals, i-Anglo American SA, i-AngloGold i-Ashanti, i-Gold Fields, i-Harmony, i-Sibanye-Stillwater naletinye letibhale kubo ("tinkampani letimayini tegolide letingenenele") tike kusivumelwano lesiboshwe ngekwemsetfo kukhokhela sincipheteliso kubasebenti basemayini yegolide labafanelekile kanye nalabo bababondliwa balabo basebenti basemayini lesesashona. Lesivumelwano lesiphakanyisiwe sitawulungisa ticolonkhokhelo kuleto tinkampani letimayini yegolide letingenenele kusuka kusinyatselelo semsetfo lesabekwa embi kwenkantolo Lesetulu ngeku:

- Iimala nekushona lokwafolwa tisebenti tasemayini ngekwemsetfo isilicosis neTB ngesikhatsi sekusebenta kwabo etimayini letisite tegolide eNingizimu Afrika; ne
- Iimala nekushonela lokwafolwa ngulabo bababondliwa betisebenti tasemayini tasemayini letashona ngalelito.

Lesivumelwano lesiphakanyisiwe sitawuya ngetimo letisite kantsi kufanele samukelwe yiKantolo Lesetulu ngembi kwekucala kusebenta.

Uma lesivumelwano samukelwe kantsi futsi sekulhangabwetwano nato tonke letinye timo, Sikhama lesibitwa i-Tshiamiso Trust sitawusungulwa kantsi sitawuba khona iminyaka lokungenani leti-13 sebenta.

Onkhe emalunga elicembu, ngaphandle kwalabo labakhetsi kuphuma kulesivumelwano, bona batawutfula sicolonkhokhelo ku Tshiamiso Trust kukhokhela sincipheteliso semali.

Bafakiticelo labafanelekile batawutfula imali letikhokhela kanye lesemkhatsini wetinkulungwane leti R10 000 na R250 000, kuya ngesimo kanye nibeumtata besifo. Kuletinye timo letingenhla, lesamba singenyuswa siyofika ku R500 000. Umfakisicelo lofanelekile ngumuntu lolilunga lanoma ngabe nguliphi licembu abe angulohambisana netidzingo teTshiamiso Trust kutfola sincipheteliso semali.

Tinkampani letingenenele letimayini tegolide nato tintidzeleke kutsi tikhokhele bammeli labamele lamacembu imali lebekwe yetindleko temsetfo kanye nekukhokhela kulawulwa kwe-Tshiamiso Trust.

NGUBANI LILUNGA LELICEMBU?

Utlunga lelicembu, kantsi utawutfula sicolonkhokhelo ku-Tshiamiso Trust, uma uhambisana nato tonke tidzingo tanoma nguwaphi lamacembu lamane:

Licembu lebasebenti leku 1:	Bonkhe bantfu: 1. Iabebenti umsebeni loyngoti, kusukela ngellanga sivumelwane sesivumelwano sicala kusebenta. Ngekwesivumelwane sesivumelwano, umsebeni loyngoti usho "umsebeni loyngoti" njengoba uchazwe kuTsetfo Wetfo Tasemebenti Etimayini naseMsebeni, (i- Occupational Diseases in Mines and Works Act, 1973), wanga 1973 noma ngumuphi walemisebenti lelandzelako: (i) umsebeni ngaphansi kwemhlaba emayini yegolide; (ii) umsebeni elondolo lapho kuwashwa khona timphahla tebasebenti ngodini bemayini; (iii) umsebeni edamini lemaslayimi lemayini yegolide; (iv) umsebeni elabhorathri ye-assay yemayini yegolide lapho kwakheka kwelibheringi lepolide kukubungulwa khona, nalapho kutfolakala khona ngeyunteli lutfuli loluhogelwako kumasempuli ebantfu; (v) umsebeni kuplant yekwakha tinsimbi temayini yegolide, kufaka kusila, kugaya, kutfusa nekuncibilikisa insimbi; ne (vi) msebeni kumisebenti yelibhande lelilambisa umtfulo lowenteka kuhambisa emadwala laphukile labuya kulomsebeni lowentiwa ngaphansi kwemhlaba wemayini yegolide kuya ngotulu. 2. Ioyi loye wangenwa isilicosis noma lobekasebentela elutfulwini lwesilica, ngaleldanga noma ngembi kwelusuku sivumelwane sesivumelwano sicala kusebenta; 3. Iowente noma lowente umsebeni loyngoti kuyinye noma kutimayini letinyenti libhalwe kuSengetelelo A salesatso emva kwamhlathi 12 Indlovlenkhulu 1965; na 4. Ioyi longamange alungise ticolotikhala tabo kuletivumelwane letengcile letaphelisiwa ne Anglo American South Africa Limited ne AngloGold Ashanti Limited mhlathi 14 Indlovlenkhulu 2016 ne Anglo American South Africa Limited mhlathi 19 Inyoni 2013, ngekweluhlaka.
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Licembu lebasebenti lesi 3:	Bonkhe bantfu: 1. Iekusukela ngellanga sivumelwane sesivumelwano sicala kusebenta bebenti umsebeni loyngoti; 2. Iabangena sifo sesifuba, i-TB ngembi noma ngemva kwelilanga sivumelwane sesivumelwano sicala kusebenta; na 3. Iabatsatso noma labatsatse umsebeni loyngoti, emva kwamhlathi 12 Indlovlenkhulu 1965, kuyinye noma kuletinyenti timayini tegolide letibhalwe kusengetelelo A salesatso.
Licembu lebasebenti lesi 4:	Labo bababondliwa banoma ngumuphi kulabantfu labasebenjini lebasebenti lesi 3 ngenhla lesesashonile kusuka ngellanga sivumelwane sesivumelwano sicala kusebenta.

USIFAKA NJANI SICOLONKHOKHELO SEKUNCSEHETELISWA KUTSHIAMISO TRUST?

Kufanele ube ngumfakisicelo lofanelekile kutfola sincipheteliso kuTshiamiso Trust.

Uma sivumelwane sesivumelwano sicala kusebenta, wena njengellanga lebasebenti kutawuzingeka utfumele lifomu letigcaliswe ngakuphelele kuTshiamiso Trust, ngelwato lwakho kanye nomlandvo wetemsebeni noma, unga katimeli usondlwa, umlandvo wetemsebeni wesibenti sasemayini lesishonile. Kungadzingeka kutsi uyoholwa ngekwetempilo uma usisebenti noma bewusebenti sasemayini.

Uma lesivumelwane samukelwe yinkantolo Lesetulu, imininingwane yekutfula sicolonkhokhelo itawutfulwa kuleto timayini tegolide letisasebenta letibhalwe kuSengetelelo A. Imininingwane itawutfulwa kubetindzaba nakuwebesayithi: www.silicosissettlement.co.za

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NGUBANI LABAMELE LAMACEMBU EBASEBENTI KANYE NEBAMMELI LABAMELE?

Inkantolo Lesetulu yamukela bantfu labangama 48 kutsi babe NGULABAMMELE EMACEMBU kantsi batawumela emacembu ebesebenti kulesivumelwane. Labantfu laba bahala eNingizimu Afrika kantsi ungatfola imininingwane yabo yetekuchumana ngekweshayela sikhungo setincingo ngaleminingwane lenketwe ngentasi.

BAMMELI LABAMMELE EMACEMBU EBASEBENTI labemukelwa yiKantolo Lesetulu bo: RICHARD SPOOR INCORPORATED ATTORNEYS, ABRAHAMS KIEWITZ INCORPORATED kanye ne SIKHUNGO SETINSITA TEMTSETFO. Buka ngentasi imininingwane yabo yetekuchumana.

SIVUMELWANO SEKWAMUKELWA KWEKUKHULUNYWA KWELICALA
Kulalelwa kwelicala kubuka kwamukelwa kweSivumelwane kutawuba mhlathi 29 kuya kumhlathi 31 Inkhwekhweti 2019 eKantolo Lesetulu eJozi, ekhoneni kwemigwaco iPrichard neKruis, ngensimbi yeli 10:00 ekuseni.

Inkantolo Lesetulu ikhiphe sicondizo seKantolo lesisho loko lekufanele ukwente uma ufuna kuba yincenye yalokukhulunywa kwelicala.

Ungatfola ikhiphi yesicondizo seKantolo, sivumelwane sesivumelwane kanye nemakhophi emaphepha lafakwe enkantolo lesetulu kusukela kunoma ngubaphi bammeli belicembu (imininingwane yetekuchumana ngentasi). Emakhophi e-elektroniki alamadokhumeni atawuba khona ku: www.silicosissettlement.co.za.

Uma ufisa kuniketa Inkantolo Lesetulu tiphawulo takho ngesivumelwane lesiphakanyisiwe noma uma ufuna kuphikisa lesivumelwane lesiphakanyisiwe, kufanele:

- Umkise satiso senhloso yekungenelela kanye ne-avidiyithi ku-Richard Spoor Inc Attorneys uwaletse enkantolo Lesetulu ngamhla 20 Indlovlenkhulu 2019; bese
- Utlumelele siphikiso sakho lesibhalwe, uma sikhona, kuRichard Spoor Inc Attorneys ngetinhloso tekukhulunywa kwelicala, lekufanele naso setfulwe eKantolo ngamhla 24 Mabasa 2019.

Lamadokhumeni labaliwe ngenhla angatfuyelwa ngesandla ka Richard Spoor Inc Attorneys, ngefeksi noma nge-imeyili (imininingwane ebhokisini lelingentasi).

Inkantolo itawubuka onkhe ema-avidiyithi kanye netiphikiso letibhalwe ekuncumeni ekutseni yasanukela noma ayisamukeli lesivumelwane. Inkantolo itokwatisa uma ifisa kuva inkulumo yakho yemlomo nakukhulunywa licala.

Uma singekho satiso sekungenelela lesifakwe mhlathi noma ngembi kwamhlathi 20 Indlovlenkhulu 2019, inkantolo itawulalela lendzaba mhlathi-3 Mabasa 2019.

SIVUMELWANO SEKUGCINA

Uma inkantolo yamukela lesivumelwane, sibutsetelo sitawutfulwa emaphephandzabeni, kutitshi temsakalo kanye nakumahovisi lamanyenti (kufaka ekhatsi lawo etimayini tegolide labhalwe kuSengetelelo A labasebenti kanye namahovisi ekuniketa lusito, emahovisi emtsetfo kanye netinhlangano temphakatsi).

Sikhatsi lesigcwele sesincumo seKantolo kanye nesivumelwane sekugcina sita:

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- kutfuyelwa kumuntu ngamunye lonikete satiso sekubakhona ekulalelweni kwelicala lekuvunywa.

KUPHUMA KUTINCHUBO TESINYATSELO SEMACEMBU EBASEBENTI

Uma utlunge lelicembu kantsi awuphumi, sivumelwane sekugcina sitawuba sikubophelela nawe kantsi utawukhona kutfula sicolonkhokhelo kuTshiamiso Trust mayelana nesincipheteliso semali. Uma ungaphuma ngeke ukhona kuchubeka nekufaka sicolonkhokhelo sakho noma sinyatselelo selicembu mayelana netindleko temali tesilicosis noma i-TB kuleto tinkampani letimayini tegolide letingenenele.

Lolwato lwekutsi uphuma njani lutawutfulwa uma ngalesikhatsi inkantolo lenkhulu yamukela lesivumelwane sesivumelwane.

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69 NABBED FOR DD

BY SAMKELISIWE KHOZA
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AT least 69 motorists were arrested over the weekend for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Inspector Nosipho Mnguni issued these statistics through a press statement released by the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) yesterday.

"There were at least 69 drink-driving cases reported over the past weekend," she said.

Drink-driving suspects have either appeared in court for their troubles or will be greeting the magistrate this morning.



Inspector Mnguni said driving while impaired by alcohol puts not only the driver's life at risk but also others who use the road, including pedestrians.

Alternatively

"We would like to advise motorists to plan ahead by leaving the car at home, share a taxi or even use public transport or alternatively get a designated licenced sober driver," Inspector Mnguni said.

She advised motorists to be drug free at all times since members of the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) are all out to arrest offenders of drink and driving.

The Deputy PICO said driving under the influence of alcohol makes drivers reckless and that other drivers could also be obstructed.

"Safely driving a car is difficult even when you are sober, adding alcohol into the mix is putting your life and the lives of others on the road at risk. Make sure you make the right choice and not attempt to drive drunk," Mnguni said.

'I was not aware I had traces of booze in my system'

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Manzini Magistrate's Court

A man told the Magistrate's Court yesterday that he was not aware that he still had traces of alcohol in his blood when he was nabbed by the police.

Sifiso Mabuza appeared before

Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo. He was facing a charge of contravening Section 91(1) as read with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Act of 2007 in that on January 20, 2019 along MR 23 public road near UNESWA, he was driving a Toyota Altezza registered RSD 798 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug thus contradict-

ing the said Act. Mabuza's breath specimen was 0.61mg/l, which exceeded the legal limit of 0.38mg/l. He pleaded guilty of the charge. In his mitigation before sentencing, he told the court that he was a first time offender and would not commit the same offence again. He was fined E1 200 or 10 months imprisonment.

Man with high alcohol content fined E3 000

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

SIPHO Ngwenya (52) who was three times above the legal blood alcohol limit was fined E3 000 at the Pigg's Peak Magistrate Court for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Ngwenya, who was driving a Daihatsu sedan, was arrested by patrolling police officers on Saturday evening near Buhleni.

At the time of his arrest, the police noticed that Ngwenya was swerving his car dangerously in-between lanes.

This negligent driving caused the patrolling police officers to stop Ngwenya and administer a breathalyser test on him.

Ngwenya failed the breathalyser test as his blood alcohol content read 1.26ml.

This reading is well above the legal blood alcohol limit of 0.37ml of alcohol for every 1 000ml of blood. Speaking in court yesterday, Ngwenya said he did not know who drove his car back to his homestead after the arrest.

"I was enjoying some alcoholic beverages at my homestead when my girlfriend told me she was having severe chest pains. I then decided to rush my girlfriend to Mkhuzweni Health Care Centre for treatment. While racing to Mkhuzweni, the police who were driving behind me ordered me to stop. I did what I was told and the police administered a breathalyser test. After the test, the police arrested me and I have no idea who drove my car back to my homestead," he said.

After hearing the submission made by Ngwenya, Principal Magistrate Joe Gumede said the Marula season was quickly approaching so members of the public should avoid driving under the influence of alcohol or they will be arrested.

"His Majesty King Mswati III is coming to Buhleni next month to celebrate the 2019 Marula season. This celebration does not mean people should abuse alcohol and then drive. Today I will use you as an example to members of the public so that they can avoid drinking alcohol and driving after. I will sentence you to two years in a correctional facility or to pay E3 000 fine," he said.

Drink-driver fights cops

A Honda fit driver fought police officers when they tried to arrest him for drink driving over the weekend.

Nhlanhla Mabuza was nabbed driving under the influence of alcohol. Mabuza appeared before the court charged with three counts.

In his first count, he was charged with contravening section 91 (1) of the Road Traffic Act of 2007. On January 19, 2019, he was found along First Street in Manzini along William Pitcher driving a



Honda fit registered HSD 486 AM under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug.

He recorded 0.5mg/l on his breath specimen which is above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l.

His second count was that upon the same road and street, he refused to board a police van and fought police officers.

Upon mitigation, he pleaded for leniency before the magistrate and said he had a sickly child admitted in hospital. He was fined E1 000 or eight months imprisonment on the first count.

On the second count, he was fined E800 or six months imprisonment.

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A weekend of highly **intoxicated** drivers

STORIES BY **BAHLE GAMA**
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THIS past weekend was a weekend of highly intoxicated drunk drivers, as readings of suspects that appeared before the Magistrate's Court showed to be dangerously high, resulting to many being fined over E2 000 each.

A drink and driving suspect pleaded not guilty to all counts that he was charged with after he was arrested allegedly for drinking and driving on Saturday. He made his appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu yesterday morning.

Simangaliso Maphumulo (40) of Msunduzi was charged with three counts for contravening the Traffic Act, including that for drink-driving.

Influence

He is said to have been arrested at Four Square by the old police station by Dlanubeka, where he is alleged to have been driving under the influence of alcohol as his alcohol content read 0.59mg/l hence contravening Section 91 (1) as read with Section 122 (2) of the Road Traffic Act No. 6 of 2007.

He told the court that he was called in the police station because his brother had been arrested and was told to drive his brother's car, whilst they saw that

he was also under the influence of alcohol.

He was thereafter arrested immediately as he vacated the police station and charged with two counts for contravening Section 70 (a) as read with Section 122 (7) of the Road Traffic Act of 2006, whereby he is alleged to have driven through two red lights that being Four Square traffic lights and Asakhe traffic lights.

He is also alleged to have failed to stop at two stop signs at Dlanubeka stop signs and by so doing he contravened the said Act.

He pleaded not guilty on all counts and was granted bail fixed at E500.

Drink-driver gets E2 500 bail

MTFOKOTISI Dlamini (34) of Makhlokholo was arrested and charged with the offence of drink and driving yesterday morning. He was highly intoxicated as he had 2.0mg/l of alcohol in his blood stream.

He was charged with contravening Section 91 (1) as read with Section 122 (2) of the Road Traffic

Act 6 of 2007.

He pleaded for leniency and told the court that he was unemployed and was a father of two.

He also told the court that he had spent a night in prison.

He was sentenced to two years in prison with an option of a fine of E2 500.

E3 000 bail for unemployed intoxicated driver

CHRIS Gama (29) of Nkoyoyo was charged with two counts after being nabbed for drink-driving at Sidvashini yesterday morning. He made his court appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu.

Gama being a driver of a VW Polo Sedan is alleged to have been driving under the influence of alcohol as 2.0mg/l of alcohol was found in his system, thus contravening Section 91 (1) as read with Section 122 (2) of the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007. He was also charged with the offence of driving on a public road without a driver's licence. He pleaded for leniency and told the court that he



was a first time offender and would not repeat such. He also stated that he is unemployed and has two children.

He was sentenced to two years in prison

with an option of a fine of E2 500 on the first count and five months in prison with an option of a fine of E500 on count two.

2 counts for highly intoxicated driver

SAM Dingizwe Nkambule (56) of Motjane was nabbed for drink-driving yesterday morning and was charged with two counts.

He appeared before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu.

He is said to have been driving along the Siteshi road whilst under the influence of intoxicating liquor and the alcohol content read 1.46mg/l, thus contravening Section 91 (1) as read with Section 122 (2) of his Road Traffic 6 of 2007. He also contravened Section 23 (1) as read with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007, whereby he is alleged to have been driving without a driver's licence.

He pleaded for leniency from the court and stated that he was a first offender and unemployed.

Ordered

He also stated that he has children who are at school and had spent all his money on their school fees.

He was sentenced to two years in prison with an option of a fine of E2 500 for the first count and five months in prison or pay a E500 fine.

However, the court was lenient enough to allow the accused to only pay for the first count in installments.

He was ordered to pay E1 000 yesterday and that the balance is to be paid by July 2.

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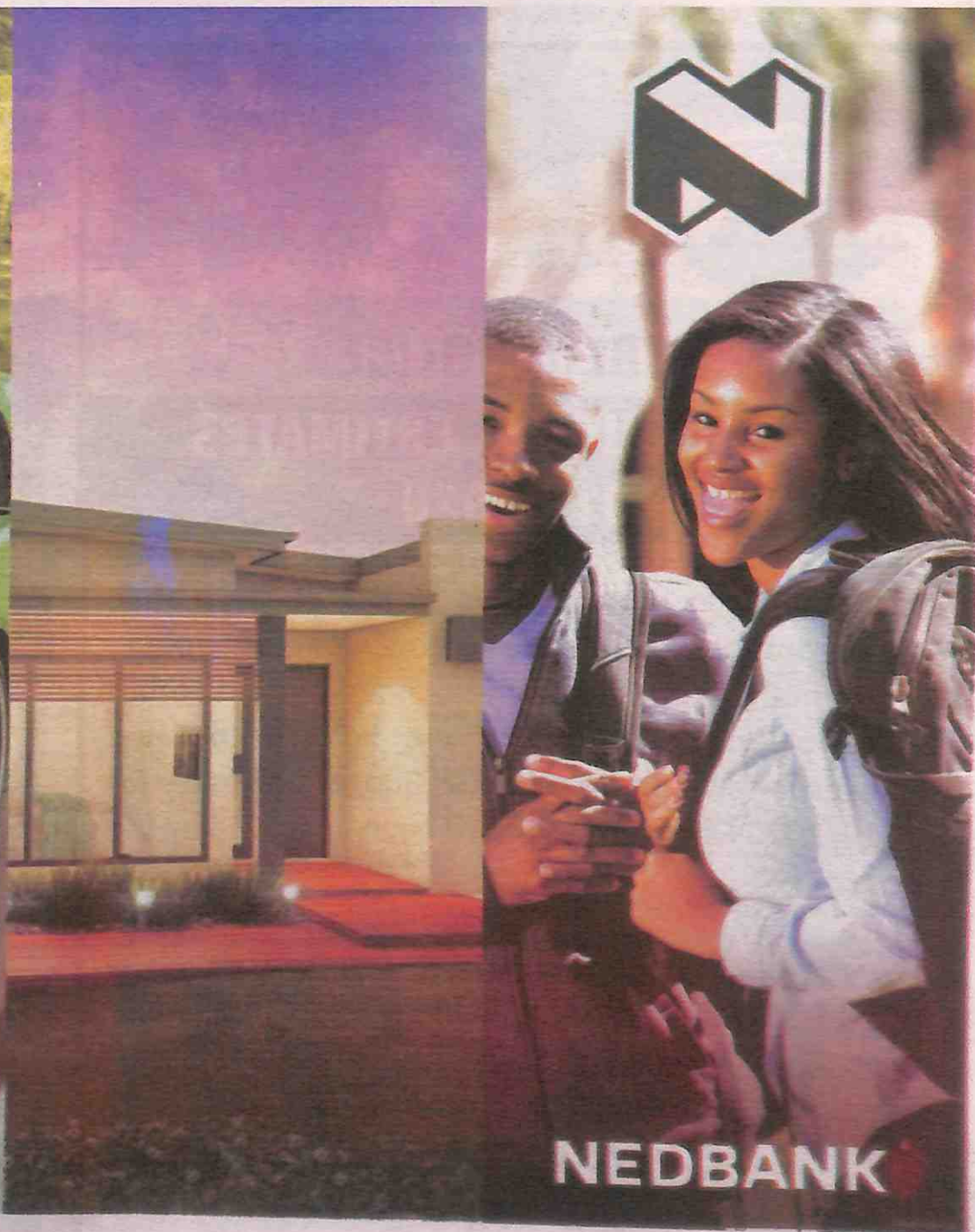
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MP BOMBER MAMBA THANKS ELECTORATE

BY SIMON SHABANGU
Matsanjeni

MATSANJENI South Member of Parliament Bomber Mamba has hosted a thanksgiving ceremony for the electorate to appreciate them for entrusting him as their MP for the next five years.

The ceremony, held at the Inkhundla on Thursday, was attended by Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, Members of Parliament, representatives of different government ministries, partners and stakeholders of the MP who supported him during his campaign and beyond.

In an interview, MP Mamba said the day was meant to appreciate the people from all the six chiefdoms for the support extended to him during his campaign. He said the event was a great success with over 1 000 people from the different chiefdoms in attendance.

Mamba said the next step after the thanksgiving would be consultations with the communities at chiefdom level for him to meet the people and get the mandate in as far as enrolling the projects is concerned.

"During the consultations, we will be able to draw our strategic plan in order to bring service delivery according to the needs of the people," he said.

He said during last week's event they brought a number of stakeholders, with over 10 different partners and the stakeholders in attendance



Minister of Tinkhundla David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala and Lavumisa Chief GasaWaNgwane among dignitaries as they follow proceedings of the day.

were able to share with the people the kind of assistance and support they will bring to the Inkhundla.

He said the stakeholders included World Vision, MSF, Micro Projects, Dups Funeral Home, Imbita Swaziland Women's Finance Trust, Youth Fund and Eswatini MTN.

"They came in their numbers and the idea to host them was to unpack the programmes which we will be implementing. Once Parliament is opened, we will focus on the different sectors,

for example, issues related to farmers, entrepreneurs, social welfare of the elderly people, etc. We also want to establish funeral covers for the elderly people of the area, among other many issues," he said.

Activities

We also discussed issues around international events and activities which we will be commemorating as an Inkhundla which include World AIDS Day, World Food Day and World Environment Day, to name a few.

He said these activities would be hosted in the six different chiefdoms namely Dinabane, Nkonka, Qomintaba, Kwaluseni, Nsalitje and Bambitje. He said all these would be visited for consultation purposes.

He said he was blessed because the event was graced by Lavumisa Chief GasaWaNgwane, Members of Parliament, the office of the Regional



THANKFUL: Matsanjeni South Member of Parliament Bomber Mamba addressing the gathering during the thanksgiving ceremony he hosted for the electorate at the Inkhundla on Thursday. (Courtesy pics)

Administrator which was represented by the Regional Secretary Zwakele Dlamini, among other dignitaries. Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors led by MP Timothy Myeni also entertained the gathering together with a number of cultural performances and competitions.

Minister of Tinkhundla David Cruiser Ngcamphalala congratulated the people of Matsanjeni for electing a man of Mamba's calibre, noting that he had the interest of the people at heart.

He told the gathering that his ministry was ready to assist the MP and the people of Matsanjeni in bringing services to them.

He urged the people to work with the relevant structures for them to get the services from government. He also urged the MP to consult with the people and be responsive to their needs at all times.



Lutsango showcasing their dancing skills to the gathering.



Residents watching proceedings from a distance.



Emajaha from the area showing the audience a thing or two in cultural flair.



NATSA CEDZA: Hosea MP Bacede Mabuza (holding microphone) leading the Coca-Cola drinking competition.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2019/2020

In accordance with Section 91 (2) of the Urban Government Act 8/1969, the general public, residents, rate payers, business community and other stakeholders of the Board are notified that the Malkerns Town Board's Annual Budget Estimates for 2019/2020 Financial Year have been approved by the Board.

They are now open for inspection at no cost at the Town Board offices during working hours (8:00am to 4:45pm) from the 21st to the 25th January 2019.

MELUSI HLANZE
TOWN CLERK/CEO

SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL TO HIKE RATES THIS YEAR

STORIES BY
WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

PROPERTY owners within the boundaries of Siteki town must get ready for a hike in rates this year.

The urban rates hike is likely to be effected upon commencement of the 2019/2020 calendar after an urban rate survey, which has already been launched, is completed. This was disclosed by Siteki Town Clerk Sithembile Simelane during a



PRESENTATION: Siteki Town Clerk Sithembile Simelane making her presentation during the consultation meeting on Saturday.



PARTICIPANTS: Ratepayers Association Chairman Richard Mavimbela, Councillor Mvila Dlamini and Councillor Gugu Makandanje following proceedings. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)

town. Simelane reported that the council has engaged a surveyor to evaluate the value of properties within town. The report will then determine the percentage hike of rates, against the value of properties. Simelane explained that the survey was a normal exercise which is done once in five years. She stated that the council found it proper to engage the ratepayers so that they have a clear understanding of the process so that they know what is expected from them.

"This is a normal exercise which we use to determine the percentage of raising rates, which is the main source of income for the council. However, we can assure ratepayers that when the hike is effected, it will be a reasonable one as we understand that the town is still developing and has a very low income," said Simelane.

Meanwhile, Mayor Bhekumuzi Ngomane said the council was working tirelessly to bring devel-

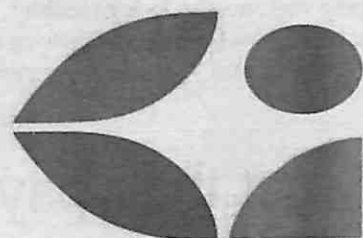
opment into the town. Ngomane acknowledged that the town was faced with a high rate of unemployment and poverty. As a result, the mayor said the council was looking at a possibility of establishing exhibition sites where residents would manufacture and sell their wares. He disclosed that, for instance, councillors were currently working on a strategy to develop Mabhodweni Dam into a tourist attraction centre. The dam is situated along the road to Mhlumeni Border Gate, near the textile factory.

Residents blast council for inefficiency, corruption

A consultation meeting between the Siteki Town Council and the community was almost thrown into disarray when residents started throwing verbal missiles at the council, accusing it of being corrupt and incompetent.

The residents alleged that the councillors were the very same architects of the under development which has been witnessed over the past many years. This was after the residents were given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the valuation process which will be carried out by the council to determine a hike in rates. The residents used this platform to voice out their grievances which ranged from being evicted from some plots, to the town having seen very little development over the years.

A resident Sebenle Maziya alleged that over the past years, councillors seemed to be more concerned about their own interest instead of that of the town. Maziya went to the extent of naming some former councillors, saying they delayed development of the town by rejecting some development projects as they claimed ownership of land right within the town centre. "The council has absolutely no intention to develop the town as each councillor appears to be protecting his or her own personal interests," said Maziya, throwing the room into silence as he named and shamed some councillors.



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HELP COMES THROUGH FOR 6KG BABY

BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlanguano

THE young mother who gave birth to a baby weighing over 6kg has been assured

of assistance in the form of food and clothing for the baby.

Nondumiso Mndzebele (18) of Makhosini outside Nhlanguano gave birth to a bouncing baby boy with an unbelievable weight of over

6kg which, according to nurses, is something unusual. She delivered the baby at the Hlatikulu Government Hospital last Wednesday.

The boy has been named Thabiso Masimula. To enable her deliver the baby, Mndzebele had to undergo an operation due to its size.

This is her second born child. She said she never experienced any complication when giving birth to the first born as it was of normal size.

After Mndzebele's story was published by this publication, calls poured in from some members of the public who were interested to know where Mndzebele could be found so she could be assisted. One of the callers who contacted this publication requested to be furnished with the family's contact details as she (caller) was interested in finding out how she could be of help.

Clothing

Because of the size of the baby boy, the family explained that clothing prepared for him did not fit him and the family had to get new clothes. The mother it is said, will not produce enough milk to breastfeed the baby because of it's size.

Mndzebele confirmed having received a call from people interested in assisting her with what the baby might need.

"People contacted us with the view of finding out how they could be of help.

This was after reading the story, they promised that they would provide us with clothing and milk.

I am still looking forward to what has been promised as some callers wanted to know how easily the family could be accessed," said Mndzebele.

About the condition of the baby since being discharged from hospital, Mndzebele said it



ASSURED: Nondumiso Mndzebele with her baby weighing over 6kg.

was coping well and also looking healthy.

"So far he still looks healthy and showing no signs of not being well," said the young mother.

STD V markers finally get their pay

BY MELUSI MLOTSA
Mbabane

"PATIENCE is the mother of all virtues and a godmother of all madness."

This famous quote by author Carlos Ruiz

Zafon rings true for Standard Five exam markers who have finally received their pay after a long wait and frustration.

Worth noting is that Form Five markers received their payment in December while JC markers were paid early January. The Standard Five teachers were the only markers

who had still not received their payment and, as a result, frustration was gaining momentum amongst them. Some of the teachers would always be glued on their cell phones with the hope that they would receive in-contacts text messages from their various banks, alerting them that their accounts have been credited.

All teachers in the country received their salaries last week Tuesday. One of the teachers who spoke on condition of anonymity said they were happy that at last they had received payment.

The teacher said they were expressing gratitude to the examination council of Eswatini. "Although we got it late, it arrived on time and we shall be able to pay school fees for our children.

We're also happy that the SRA didn't impose the 33 per cent but 27.5 per cent tax," she said.

The teacher said some of them were able to net E3 500 while others received about E3 800. He said the difference was due to the fact that some of the teachers managed to mark a higher number of scripts than others. Examination Council of Eswatini Registrar Dr Edmund Mazibuko said he was happy that all the teachers had received their payments. "We're happy if they appreciate our work," he said.

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Mkhulu channels his elderly grant money to gym

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Manzini

A 69-year-old man has done the unexpected by taking his elderly grant money to build a make-shift gym at Ngwane Park in Manzini.

As part of reducing the high number of young people roaming the streets, Sunny William Byrnes decided to offer gym services to the young people of the area. Byrnes, who serves as a community police officer and senior citizen of the township, provides gym services for free.

The reason the fit as a hurdle senior citizen said he wished everyone could be part of a gym to stay fit and healthy. This will also contribute to their well-being, thus prolonging their days on earth.

Byrnes added that what also pushed him to open the gym is that he wanted to keep fit after he had an Asthma attack early last year. The doctors advised him to exercise. Upon trying to find a professional gym membership, he realised that he could not afford the costs. Then he opted to open his own gym to keep himself fit.

However, upon working as a community police, he noticed that there were so many young people roaming the streets and caught in wrong places at the wrong time. He then invited the youth to the gym. Currently, the gym is utilised by eight young people around Ngwane Park area.

Thulasizwe Vilakati (21), who is a regular at the budding gym, said he started using the gym last August. He said since he joined the gym, he noticed a huge change in his life. He is not easily attacked by sicknesses like flu. In addition, he has learnt self-discipline since he started using the gym.

"Spending time at the gym saves me from a lot of bad things that my peers engage in," he said.

Byrnes dreams of expanding his gym to make it a community owned facility.

"My dream is to make the facility a community gym. However, I am short of funds because even the small equipment that we use I bought it using my elderly grant which is not enough," he said.

Furthermore, he made some of the equipment himself from recycled material.

Byrnes further pleaded with the public to help to improve his facility so that it can accommodate quite a number of people.

"I would like to ask for assistance from the nation. We do not have enough equipment, limiting the numbers of people who can join the gym. As you can see, the structure we are using is not big enough," he said. He went on to plead with hardware stores to sponsor them with equipment to build a proper structure.

Benefits of exercising

- It reduces the stress, one of the most common mental benefits of exercise is stress relief. Working out can reduce stress and boost the body's ability to deal with existing mental tension.
 - It boosts the brainpower and sharpens our memory
 - Exercise releases endorphins, which creates the feelings of happiness
 - One can improve self confidence
 - It also helps in controlling addiction. Our brain releases dopamine, in response to any form of pleasure be that exercise, drugs, alcohol or food. Unfortunately some are addicted to dopamine and they depend on substances that produce it like alcohol, food or drugs. So by working out we can control over the chemical.
 - By exercising it increases the relaxation.
 - A heart-pumping gym session can boost our creativity
- Gym instructor Sunny William Byrnes demonstrating how the gym sessions are conducted



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TWO DESTITUTE CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL AS...

KUBUTA MP DISHES OUT SCHOOL FEES

KUBUTA Member of Parliament (MP) Musa Mabuza has pledged an undisclosed amount towards school fees for a destitute child to be identified at Ehlobana, an area which falls under the neighbouring Nkwene constituency.

The lucky pupil's name will be known today and will have his or her education fees catered for from Form One up to Form Five, courtesy of the Kubuta MP.

According to Nkwene MP Philemon

Vulimpompi Nhleko, his counterpart from Kubuta was part of a gathering in a thanksgiving ceremony which he (MP) hosted for the community of Ehlobana on Saturday.

He said there were MPs who had come to give him moral support during the ceremony which was attended by over 350 people.

MP Nhleko is currently visiting all the chiefdoms under the constituency to celebrate winning the 2018 national elections and he was at Ehlobana on Saturday.

The last lap of the thanksgiving is billed for Ebuseleni on a date yet to be announced. Ebuseleni is MP Nhleko's stronghold.

Indication

Thanking Mabuza for his generosity, MP Nhleko said this should be viewed as an indication that Mabuza is carrying out the directive of His Majesty King Mswati III that children should be at school. He said MP Mabuza should be applauded for being a 'visitor' at another constituency who found it proper to

make a difference to a needy child.

"I don't have a better way of thanking my colleague as what he has done is an indication that we are one and whatever I do, he is fully behind me. I never expected that a colleague I had only invited to be part of the thanksgiving could do this. I think this should be applauded," said MP Nhleko.

Caring

He said his Kubuta counterpart has a caring heart and stated that what he has done should be cherished by not only the pupil who is to be identified but the whole community of Ehlobana.

"I am personally happy for the pupil but we should know that this is also something that will benefit the community and the constituency in general," said MP Nhleko.

He stated that elders of Ehlobana will identify the deserving child to benefit from MP Mabuza's sponsorship.

"On Monday (today), I am expected to present the name to MP Mabuza. He will sponsor the child from Form One to Form Five," said MP Nhleko.

CEO IMPRESSED WITH THE SHOW UP

"If we can keep recording such an impressive number of attendees during meetings, I see progress for this town in terms of cooperation and forging a way forward."

These were the words of Nhlangano Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Apollo Maphalala who applauded the residents and ratepayers for attending a meeting which was meant for the presentation of an evaluation roll last Friday.

The meeting took place at the Swaziland Water Services Corporation auditorium and it recorded a full house.

The CEO said at times, failure by residents and ratepayers to show up in meetings causes delays in implementing decisions which at times should be endorsed after everyone's input.

"Today (Friday) I must say the attendance is impressive. This is what should be happening. It is here where it's easy to tell whether we are making progress or not. If we can continue in this way, I see all of us moving together, in one direction and achieving something," said Maphalala.

Rumours

About the meeting, Maphalala said it was necessitated by rumours that were circulating which touched on the alleged increment of rates. He said the town council decided to take it upon itself to set the record straight as a way of allaying fears and stated that there were known channels and procedures whenever a rating process has to be effected and applied. Following a val-

uation team which has been moving door to door, there were talks that others ended up concluding that the evaluation of the properties was a step towards effecting rate increment.

"The meeting was meant to present the draft of the valuation roll and also explaining several other issues. The town council wanted to clarify on the misleading information where it was thought we have effected the rate increment.

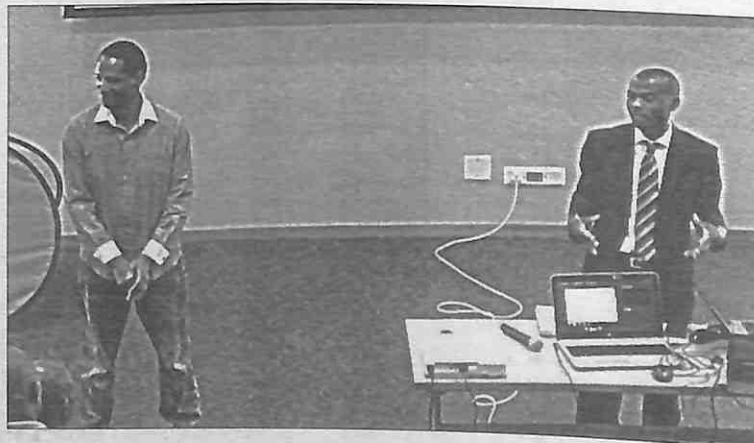
"The rumours that circulated were misleading and unfounded and baseless. Valuation of properties does not mean automatic rate increment. It's what we also wanted to clarify to the residents and ratepayers as some were already panicking," said Maphalala.



GOOD WORK: Ward Five's Siyambonga 'Shuba Dibaba' Dlamini and Ward One's Councilors Mkhonta exchanging pleasantries after the meeting last Friday at the Swaziland Water Services Corporation building. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)



ATTENDED: The residents and ratepayers seen leaving after the meeting.



STRESSING: Nhlangano Mayor Deon Anderson and CEO Apollo Maphalala were happy with the turn up.



MY POINT: Nhlangano CEO Maphalala speaks at the meeting.

Kingdom Life Restoration retreat next month

THE Kingdom Life Restoration Ministries is planning to hold its annual retreat for its pastors towards the end of February, the senior pastor Musa Mabuza has announced.

The church has close to five branch-

es in the Shiselweni region and its headquarters is in Nhlangano.

Pastor Mabuza said a venue for the retreat was still to be announced. He said certain topics would be featured during the retreat.

He said retreats empower pastors

and revive and sharpen them in their calling.

Retreat

"To others, if you talk about a retreat, they think it's when we spend time in resorts or hotels enjoying ourselves. It's more about getting

our act together.

"During this period we outline our programme of action. It's here where we also look at whether we are still carrying out God's mandate," said the senior pastor.

Important

Pastor Mabuza said it was important for church leaders to meet specifically to discuss issues tainting their

image and how to avoid falling into temptation.

"As pastors, we are human beings and therefore we need to meet to refresh and also introspect and see to it that we are still on the right track.

"It is during the retreats where we plan how we can go about our work and unpack visions we have as a church," said Pastor Mabuza.

Man stabs lover at drinking spot

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

A man from Makhewu has been arrested for allegedly stabbing his girlfriend with a broken beer bottle while at a drinking spot.

Bongani Mathunjwa (33) has been charged with contravening Section 77 of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act 15 of 2018. According to the charge sheet, the accused person, being in a domestic relationship with the complainant, did physically abuse her as he stabbed her with a beer bottle.

He is said to have further hit her with

fists and open hands several times on the body, intending to cause her serious injuries.

This is said to be the most common form of abuse against women in the hands of their lovers.

The accused person appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso. When informed of his right to legal representation, the accused person elected to conduct his own defence.

Intends

He further told the court that he intends to plead not guilty to the charge.

The Crown, which was represented by Prosecutor Zanele Mabila filed an application to have the matter set for trial. Mabila stated that the Crown intends

to lead evidence to prove commission of the offence.

The matter was therefore ordered to return to court on February 27 for commencement of trial.

Meanwhile in the same court, Mcolisi Matse faced a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted one Ayanda Dlamini by hitting him with fists and a stick several times on the body.

The accused person told the court that he intends to plead guilty to the charge. The matter was however postponed to a later date as the Crown intends to lead evidence to prove commission of the offence.

I WAS TEMPTED TO STEAL CELL PHONE

BY BAHLE GAMA
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A theft suspect informed the court that he couldn't resist the temptation when he stole a cell phone belonging to one Fiona Milling.

He made his appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu.

Linda Mabuza (24) of Elangeni under chief Mshudulwane was arrested and charged with the offence of theft, after

allegedly stealing a Samsung cell phone valued at E2 500.

He is said to have stolen the phone inside a trolley full of parcels belonging to the complainant on January 18.

"Kube kulingeka Nkhosi yenkatolo, the phone was on top of the trolley when I took it, I sincerely apologise," he said.

Accused

Magistrate Zulu told the accused that stealing was a serious offence, for it was an inconvenience to the property

owner and was a selfish act.

"Do you have any idea how inconveniencing it is to lose a cell phone Mr Mabuza? People work hard for their property and you have the audacity to steal. That is just not right," she said. He pleaded for leniency and told the court that he is a painter and lives by getting piece jobs, he also stated that he is the breadwinner in his family. He was sentenced to 10 months in prison with an option to pay a fine amounting to E1 000.

SHISELWENI REGIONAL PRAYER ON THURSDAY

BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlango

THE annual Shiselweni regional prayer service will be January 24, 2019, the Regional Secretary (RS) Zwakele Dlamini has announced.

Dlamini said preparations for this year's prayer service were at an advanced stage and held at Bethesda Church in Nhlango.

"It's a service that is jointly organised by the regional offices in collaboration with NATICC (Nhlango AIDS Training Information and Counselling Centre). It is during this period of the year where as a region, we seek God's guidance and protection as the year progresses. We have identified areas which we will be praying for and will ask God to continue granting Their Majesties wisdom to lead this nation. We will also pray for Cabinet

to be able to execute the mandate given by Their Majesties such as seeing to it that corruption is curbed and completely uprooted. Other prayer topics lined up include crime, issues of gender based violence and many others," said Dlamini.

The RS said pastors from all dominations would be part of the prayer service. He said it would be a prayer open to everyone.

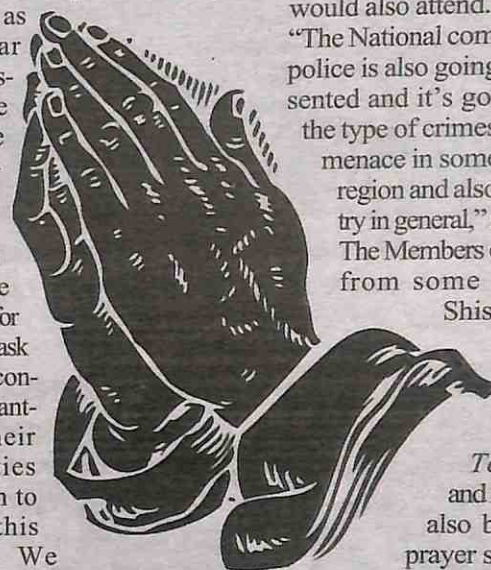
"Even people from other places are welcomed as this is a prayer not just for the region but for the country," said the RS.

Dlamini said there would also be motivational speakers and further stated that traditional leaders from areas around the region would also attend.

"The National commissioner of police is also going to be represented and it's going to detail the type of crimes which are a menace in some parts of the region and also in the country in general," said Dlamini.

The Members of Parliament from some of the 15 Shiselweni constituencies as well as Tindvuna

Tetinkhundla and Bucopho will also be part of the prayer service.



SUPPORT: Minister of Health, Lizzy Nkosi addressing attendees last week.



UNITED: The Ministry of Health's Thamary Silindza, Dr. Velephi Okello, UNFPA Eswatini OIC Margaret Thwala-Tembe, Minister Lizzy Nkosi and Dr. Simon Zwane.

Minister pledges support in improvement of midwifery services

BY SAMKELISIWE KHOZA
Mbabane

THE Minister of Health, Lizzy Nkosi has pledged her support in the improvement of midwifery services in the country to ensure quality maternal and neonatal health services.

She was speaking during the first visitation by the United Nations

Populations Fund last Friday.

Nkosi expressed government's appreciation regarding the partnership with UNFPA and the ministry's undeniable support in the implementation of the compact of commitment.

She also showed passion in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CVRS) as the ministry plays a critical role and was of the view that her ministry could do a lot more to improve the system.

UNFPA Eswatini Officer in Charge, Margaret Thwala-Tembe said the organisation impacts greatly the lives of women and girls in promoting maternal health.

Tembe mentioned that 2019 would be a significant and critical year at UNFPA as the organisation turns 50 years. She said this translates to 50 years of midwives saving lives and ensuring that every young person's potential is fulfilled.

The OIC said the UNFPA also marks 25 years of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).

Empowerment

ICPD being cognition that reproductive health and rights, as well as women empowerment and gender equality are cornerstones of population and sustainable development.

She also mentioned the compact of commitment which is a technical

agreement between the ministry of health and UNFPA, on ending preventable maternal deaths.

"Through this agreement, UNFPA Eswatini renews its commitment to address maternal health issues in the country.

This will contribute to the achievement of one of the three transformative results of the 2018-2021 UNFPA strategic plan of zero preventable maternal deaths," Tembe said.



HONOURED: His Majesty King Mswati III presenting a trophy to Sikhonyane who was leading Emajaha from Mkhuzweni who were the winners of the category last year.



YOU ARE THE BEST: Inkhosatana Senteni receiving a trophy from the King on behalf of Elangeni Lutsango who won the category.



INGADLA: Ingadla from Ngculwini in action during the finals in last year's competition.

Registration for Ingwenyama Cup Culture opens

STORIES BY SIMON SHABANGU
Mbabane

REGISTRATION for this year's instalment of the Ingwenyama Cup Culture Competition is now open and dates for regional eliminations have been revealed.

The registration forms, according to the committee's mouthpiece Sandile Nxumalo aka Nkondlo, would be available at the Regional Administrator's offices across all four regions from tomorrow. He urged culture groups to collect and fill the forms and submit them to the RA's offices before February 1.

"The registration forms should be filled and stamped at the local chiefdom as a sign of recognition and approval by the local authorities. A form that will not have a stamp from the chiefdom will not be entertained. Chiefs are expected to encourage their culture groups to participate in this important competition which is aimed at promoting culture around the country. We are very strict this year about the participation. All entries and entrants must go via their local chiefdoms. We

encourage people to adhere to this one because we are very strict this year. Ingwenyama Cup Culture promotes culture from the chiefdom levels, hence the chiefs must endorse the competing groups to represent their communities," he said.

He added that the competition starts on February 3 at Buhleni for the Hhohho region which will take place on the same day with the Lubombo region, which will happen in Siteki.

Competing

The following weekend will be the Shiselweni region on February 9 at the Mbangweni Army base with the last one staged at the Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre where the Manzini region will be competing.

He said there were five categories to compete at each region being Sibhaca, Ingadla, Lutsango, Timbongi and Emajaha. "Groups are reminded that there are special songs to be competed for in each of the five categories. All the information is contained in the registration forms they will get from the RA's offices. For praise singers, they are expected to either do for His Majesty King Mswati III or for Her

Majesty Indlovukazi," he said.

Nxumalo, who is also the King's praise singer, said Lutsango would compete with the song *Inyoni Kamabonabulawa*, song for Ingadla is *Kwaphela Bamfwabani*, Sibhaca is *Abeze Bonkhe Abamthathe* and *Inkhosi Iyahlonishwa* for Emajaha.

Initiative

The Ingwenyama Cup is an initiative by His Majesty King Mswati III supported by Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund. This is the fourth instalment of the competition which brings together soccer and culture in one stadium. The regional finalists of the culture competition compete for the top prizes on the same day of the soccer competition which is currently at quarter finals stage. Just like the culture competition, the soccer includes teams from the Premier League, First Division and Super League who play in a knockout competition to eliminate each other until the last two finalists meet at the spectacular finals held at Somhlolo National Stadium, which for the past three instalments, were good by His Majesty King Mswati III.



THE WINNER: Indvuna Yemajaha Lutfwacula Fakudze announcing the winners in last year's regional eliminations while Chairman of Ingwenyama Cup Senator Prince Hlangabeza, Chairman of Culture Prince Bukhosi and PRO Sandile Nxumalo listen.

2018 WINNERS WHO WILL BE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

Lutsango	1: Elangeni	88.3	points
	2: Malindza	86	points
	3: Bhekinkosi	80.3	points
Sibhaca	1: Maphalaleni	92.3	points
	2: Mkhwelli	70	points
	3: Ngculwini	69.6	points
Ingadla	1: Mcengeni	87	points
	2: Ngculwini	81.5	points
	3: Mdumezulu	72.5	points
Lacwebetelako	1: Mkhuzweni	95.5	points
	2: Buseleni	66	points
Timbongi	1: Mpumelelo Nkambule	73	points
	2: Nhlakanipho Dlamini	67	points
	3: Nkosikwanele Dlamini	63.5	points

Chairman grateful to King for reviewed prizes

MEANWHILE, Chairman of the committee, Prince Bukhosi who is also the Director of Culture at the King's Office, thanked the King for the reviewed prize monies for winning culture groups.

Interviewed recently, Prince Bukhosi, a staunch traditionalist of note, said he was hoping this would be a good motivation for culture groups to come out in their numbers and participate in this year's competition. He said before the competition starts, they would announce the prize packages for this year at both regional and final stages so that the groups know what they will be competing for. "We thank His Majesty King Mswati III who in his wisdom saw it important that the culture groups also receive better prize packages from what they have been getting over the years. We hope this will motivate more groups to gear up and take part in this competition. In every sport, the motivation for participation is always the prize money at stake. We hope culture groups will come out in their numbers and be part of this competition. I would also like to encourage Emajaha to stand up and be counted because we usually experience a low turn-out in the category of Emajaha," he added.

The prince noted that this year would be a bit different as they have added more categories for the junior teams.



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KENYA'S SECURITY FORCES DID BETTER THIS TIME

...But there are still gaps

THE Riverside terror attack on January, 15, 2019 was staged to reclaim the ground that terrorists have lost in Kenya's geo-political territory.

But this time, the attack had fewer casualties compared to other ones. This was despite the fact that the Dusit D2 complex hosts a great number of offices as well as business outlets, including the luxurious Dusit D2 hotel.

The attack could have gone down as one of the worst in modern African history were it not for the fact that Kenya's security apparatus sprung into action with amazing speed.

And despite word going around that terrorists had struck again, people in the area didn't panic as was the case in previous attacks. I know this as I was at the University of Nairobi's Chiromo campus which is just blocks away from the complex where the attack occurred.

This latest attack came on the same date as the El Adde attack on the Kenya Defence Forces in Somalia in 2016, and five years after the Westgate Mall attack.

Because Kenya has become a frequent target of terror, the government has taken steps to prevent and contain the attack.

COUNTER TERRORISM EFFORTS

Since the Westgate attack in 2013, Kenya has put in place stringent measures to counter terrorism.

This has included state of the art surveillance equipment and the establishment of the National Counter Terrorism Centre.

The centre has overseen the adoption and implementation of both hard and soft power policies to protect Kenyans from external attacks.

Today, Kenya has an anti-terrorism police unit specifically charged with detection and neutralisation of terror threats.

Authorities also run programmes to counter violent extremism, including deradicalisation and rehabilitation projects for potential and repented terrorists.

As a result, Kenyans are much more informed about what to do in the event of a terror attack. This was seen in the recent attack where it was possible for the rescue operation to save more civilians compared to the Westgate fiasco.

The Riverside operation was also hugely successful due to the swift and precise security response and proper inter-agency cooperation. The security operation went smoothly with officers helping to evacuate a majority of the people.

First responders were on hand to support the security apparatus with ambulances, evacuation assists, personnel and medical staff on standby.

The coordination between the various response agencies was well done when compared to previous attacks. For example, in the Westgate attack, there was a marked failure in coordination especially among the security forces who didn't have central line of command.

After the Westgate attack, attempts were made to enhance real-time coordination between



GUNS IN THEIR HANDS: Kenyan police continue security measures a day after the terror attack in Nairobi. (EPA-EFE/Dai Kurokawa)

the National Police Service, the National Intelligence Service, Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), and other security organs.

As a result, during the Riverside attack security officers from the Special Forces of the Kenyan Defence Force, the General Service Unit's Recce Squad, and investigators from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations worked together under one commandant.

FIGHTING TERROR WITH INTELLIGENCE

After the Westgate attack, Kenyan authorities realised they needed to improve intelligence if they were to become more effective in the fight against terrorism.

A number of new policies were put in place. Community policing was beefed up, intelligence collection approaches were rethought and surveillance systems were upgraded.

Despite these advances, there are suggestions that security operatives didn't act on terror intelligence in subsequent attacks.

For instance, it has been reported that Kenya's security agencies failed to heed warnings of an impending attack in the weeks before the Dusit D2 complex was hit.

In the end, Kenyan security launched a reac-

“The Riverside operation was also hugely successful due to the swift and precise security response and proper inter-agency cooperation.”

tionary response rather than intelligence-led preemptive action.

Security agencies also ignored the warning of a terrorist attack 19 days before the Westgate attack. A general warning was issued on impending terror attacks on malls. It was not acted on.

Clearly, Kenya's security apparatus needs to work on this as the country assesses the Riverside attack.

This is particularly urgent given that the ter-

ror threat to Kenya and the East African region could be getting worse. For example, there is now an active ISIS cell spreading from Somalia through Kenya to other East Africa states.

This new development has been triggered by the international pressure on ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

ISIS is committed to establishing an Islamic caliphate. This gives it a stronger ideological foundation than al-Shabaab whose main grievances seems to emanate from Kenya's 2011 incursion into Somalia.

The group has also claimed that this latest attack was in retaliation against US President Donald Trump's declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

WHAT NOW?

Kenya has made remarkable efforts to put into practice lessons learnt since the Westgate attack. But there's yet a lot that needs to be done to improve security and effective counter terrorism.

The country must put more effort into collecting, disseminating and implementing intelligence briefings so that it can effectively prevent and counter future terror attempts.

The Conversation

ON THIS DAY

...January 21

1941 - The British communist newspaper, the "Daily Worker," was banned due to wartime restrictions.

1946 - "The Fat Man" debuted on ABC radio.

1954 - The Nautilus was launched in Groton, CT. It was the first atomic-powered submarine. US First Lady Mamie Eisenhower broke the traditional bottle of champagne across the bow.

1954 - The gas turbine automobile was introduced in New York City.

1970 - The Boeing 747 made its first commercial flight from New York to London for Pan American.

1970 - ABC-TV presented "The Johnny Cash Show" in prime time.

1976 - The French Concorde SST aircraft began regular commercial service for Air France and British Airways.

1977 - US President Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

1980 - Gold was valued at \$850 an ounce.

1986 - Former major-league player, Randy Bass, became the highest-paid baseball player in Japanese history. Bass signed a three-year contract for \$3.25 million. He played for the Hanshin Tigers.

1994 - A jury in Manassas, VA, acquitted Lorena Bobbitt by reason of temporary insanity of maliciously wounding (severing his penis) her husband John. She accused him of sexually assaulting her.

1997 - Newt Gingrich was fined as the US House of Representatives voted for first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

1998 - A former White House intern said on tape that she had an affair with US President Clinton.

1999 - The US Coast Guard intercepted a ship headed for Houston, TX, that had over 9 500 pounds of cocaine aboard. It was one of the largest drug busts in US history.

2002 - In Goma, Congo, about 50 people were killed when lava flow ignited a gas station. The people killed were trying to steal fuel from elevated tanks. The eruption of Mount Nyiragongo began on January 17, 2002.

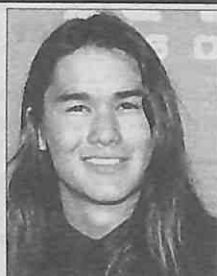
2002 - In London, a 17th century book by Capt. John Smith, founder of the English settlement at Jamestown, was sold at auction for \$48 800. "The General History of Virginia, New England and the Summer Isles" was published in 1632.

2003 - It was announced by the US Census Bureau that estimates showed that the Hispanic population had passed the black population for the first time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Henrikh Mkhitaryan:
Football player -
January 21, 1989
(30 years)



Booboo Stewart:
Actor - January 21,
1994
(25 years)



'Giving us jobs,' one of the ANC's most broken promises

IF the ANC goes ahead with its latest command economy plans, it will preside over the biggest disinvestment in SA's history.

In 1994, the promises on the ANC's first-ever election posters were 'Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!' and 'Jobs, Peace, Freedom'.

The bold pledges of 'peace and freedom' have been pretty much fulfilled. Jobs, not so much success.

The 1994 undertaking was between two million and five million new full-time jobs. In addition, there would be part-time employment and training of "about 2.5m people over the next 10 years" through a national public works programme.

It didn't work out like that. While joblessness briefly fell sharply, work creation soon ran out of steam and by mid-1997 the unemployment rate was hitting new highs. Since then, the rate has only

twice momentarily dropped to what it was when the ANC gained power.

That hasn't discouraged the ANC spinners of fairy tales.

In the 1999 election, the ANC promised to halve unemployment within 10 years. This would mean almost seven million new jobs. It didn't happen.

In 2004, despite unemployment having grown from 16.5 per cent in 1995, to over 25 per cent, the ANC implausibly claimed to have created two million new jobs. It still promised to halve unemployment, as well as to provide 1 million "job opportunities" - brief, low-skill, casual work.

The 2004 manifesto conceded that although the ANC could conjure "some employment" through public service jobs, "long-term employment depends largely on higher rates of private investment".

In 2009, under the fantasist Jacob

Zuma, the ANC boasted it had created half a million new jobs per year since 2004. Henceforth the emphasis would be on creating "decent" jobs and, following the worldwide failure of neoliberal policies, this would be achieved under the guidance of the "developmental state".

In his 2010 address, Zuma said the SA economy was now "creating jobs rather than shedding them". In 2014, the ANC manifesto emphasis was on the public works programme, which would create six million job opportunities by 2019 - "many of which will be of a long duration" - as well as 275 000 real, full-time jobs. In 2017, Zuma promised to deliver six million job opportunities by March, 2019, with an additional one million jobs specifically for youth, as well as 61 000 jobs through environmental programmes like Working For Water.

President Cyril Ramaphosa's 2018 state of the nation address was more sober. SA had created jobs, he said, "but not at the pace required to absorb new entrants to the labour market".

The 2019 ANC manifesto promises to create 270 000 real jobs a year. The manifesto launch coincided with the release of the latest Spectator Index, which identifies SA's youth unemployment rate as the world's highest at 52.8 per cent. How does Ramaphosa's "new dawn" ANC intend to deliver on a quarter century of broken promises? By heavy-handed state interference: expropriate land; possibly nationalise the Reserve Bank; and possibly force financial institutions to place a prescribed percentage of investor and retirement funds towards government-designated "social and economic development".

The Conversation

The real story of life in Matatiele

us in Matatiele, here your hope will be restored".

Over December, I finally took him up on his offer and took the long drive there. Andrew and his wife Deidre are one of those epic, A-type personality, super couples that make you question your life choices. While Andrew juggles farming, lawyering and pastoring a small community church, Deidre is a medical doctor at the local hospital, the mother of three attractive children and runs something of a care centre for local horses. In line with their dedicated involvement in the community, Deidre also coaches the first team hockey at the King Edward High School and Andrew is head of the

governing body.

On their farm, the Duminy's have built a few rondavels that are almost permanently occupied with guests. Some are looking to retreat; some are going through drug rehabilitation and others are there because they were expelled from the school hostel and need a place to stay. The result is that on any given night, supper around the table is an event with all kinds of interactions and conversations.

On one supper night, we learnt that their eldest son is head boy at King Edward (of course he is) and he is dating the head girl (of course he is). We also learnt that his black friends are mocking him about his

upcoming lobola payment because his girlfriend happens to be Xhosa. It was the type of scene that would make any right winger furious, but for the rest of us, it was highly entertaining, experiencing the banter.

Rob is another farmer in the community that we met. He looks a bit like a white beggar given his vicious tan and lack of shoes, but as it turns out, he is quite a successful farmer. Skipping the small talk I asked him the sensitive question of farm murders and he gave me an answer I could never have anticipated.

According to Rob, the farm attacks (of which there have only been two that he can recall more than 10 years ago) in his area are, not entirely

Reconsidering deployment, place of politics in public service

THE appointment of Advocate Shamila Batohi as the National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP) in December 2018 can be regarded as the first shot in what is likely to be a long running battle against graft, incompetence and political meddling in the public service.

It will be recalled that the National Prosecutions Authority (NPA) is one of those institutions regarded as having been instrumental in enabling the rot in government and society in general to go unchecked for a very long time under former president Jacob Zuma. The manner of her appointment is instructive of the difficult task that she faces in restoring the credibility of the organisation.

The president has sought to distance himself from the fallout that will ensue when she pursues senior politicians in the ANC for their role in degrading the South African state. The establishment of an advisory committee to advise the president on who to appoint to the role, despite the power to appoint being vested solely in him, also speaks of his quest to curb the unholy interference of the ruling party in the running of the state, particularly the employment of senior civil servants.

During his January 8th address at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban on 12 January 2019, President Ramaphosa once again reiterated his commitment to running a public service that is free from corruption and responsive to the needs of South Africans. This is encouraging in an environment in which the vast majority of citizens cannot afford to



TOUGH TASK: Newly-appointed NDPP Advocate Shamila Batohi. (Reuters)

procure private services for health, security and many other vital areas of their lives.

2 priorities for meaningful progress

In my view, there are probably two overarching priorities that South Africa ought to be obsessed with to achieve meaningful progress; one is the provision of quality education for all. The other is the establishment of a competent and responsive public service.

On the former, much has been said in the recent past. It thus does not warrant a repetition in this piece. However, it would appear to me that not much focus is paid by society at large on the need to have a fully functioning, competency driven public service that is capable of carrying out the many important tasks

that confront South African society.

At the core of South Africa's policy conceptualisation and implementation weaknesses is the ANC's deployment policy. By itself, deployment is a necessary mechanism to ensure that the ruling party's objectives are translated into programmes of action by government and that all are focused on the same vision. However, over the years, the practice has become bastardised with successive administrations in the ANC using the public service as a place to park senior party members who could not be deployed in political roles.

Strategic roles in government have in the past been used as a reward mechanism for those who support the president or some sort of loyalty retainer.

The result is that capable civil servants have been pushed out of their important roles in favour of politically networked individuals who do not necessarily have the skill nor the inclination to carry out the job at hand.

In the process, the performance of government against set objectives has consistently come in below government's own expectations.

Being deployed from one of the most important institutions in the land (Luthuli House), employees tend to come into their government positions with an oversized ego and know-it-all attitude. On arrival at these institutions, they encounter highly capable public servants who have been overlooked for leadership positions despite their extensive experience in their portfolio. Inevitably, conflict ensues. In such cases, the experienced public servants tend to either retreat to the sidelines and do as little as possible. Some are pushed out of the service entirely. Think of the likes of Lungisa Fuzile and Vusi Pikoli.

To add fuel to the fire, ministers and their advisors tend to involve themselves unduly in matters of departmental administration. In the worst cases, this includes ministers seeking to influence the employment of lower level managers such as assistant directors and deputy directors.

This disempowers the director-general who is the accounting officer of the department to the detriment of general discipline and focus on policy objectives. *News24*

unprovoked. He told stories of white farmers being killed and after a bit of context, I almost thought to myself that the farmers had it coming. He qualified his statement saying that he can only speak for the few instances in his area and that he wasn't trying to make a blanket statement, but I thought that his response was rather fresh given the AfriForum type campaigns that we are used to. After challenging white victimhood, he also told me of some interesting initiatives he is part of to try and fast track effective land reform.

When we changed topics, it was only to rant about white people in the community sending their children to Durban and Pietermaritzburg schools. He resents the so-called 'white flight mentality' in the community and gave a raving endorsement of the local school: "My chil-

dren are far better equipped to handle South Africa, because they went to a school where they encountered the real South Africa. They have the cultural intelligence to not only survive in this country but to enjoy it".

I had to poke myself every now and then to make sure I was awake. To further my state of disbelief, a farmer called Louis joined the conversation. He is the first team rugby coach at King Edward and a stereotypical Afrikaner boer - big, loud and badly dressed.

Surely this guy will 'sort out' this liberal snotie-farmer. As it turned out, this boer tried to convince everyone at the table to vote ANC in the upcoming election. I thought the guy must be drunk, but he was adamant that he was going to vote for them and the rest of us should

join him. Asking Andrew about him later that day, he smiled and showed me photos of Louis embracing his almost entirely Xhosa rugby team.

In our time in Matatiele, I didn't get to meet the special folks who own the local hardware store. The Whittle family have taken five lovely Xhosa children into their home some of whom I've met in Gauteng. These kids are doing tremendously well at university and beyond. Their back story is a tragic one, but their story turned when the Whittles took them in and raised them as their own.

I'm sure these farmers, adoptive parents and coaches also make mistakes and I'm also sure there are many intellectuals in our country who would call them patronising whites with a messianic complex. But what I experienced was a com-

munity who are not making plans to immigrate but are passionately pouring themselves into this country. If more people can have their attitude then I have tremendous hope for our beautiful country.

All of the above makes it very ironic that the Sunday Times picked a school and community that is actually an example of progress to try and fabricate more #2019election-sheepgateschweizerrenene sensation and division. Perhaps we should really start shining the spotlight on some journo who pose as justice crusaders, but in fact break the fragile hope others try to build.

Instead of trying to push a predetermined agenda, why not tell the real story of this school in Matatiele? Unless there is no real interest in real life progress?

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Wit and Wisdom

● Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man, but for one man who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity.
- *Elvis Presley*

● "Democracy... while it lasts is more bloody than either aristocracy or monarchy. Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There is never a democracy that did not commit suicide."
- *US President John Adams*

● "We must be very careful not to assign to this deliverance the attributes of a victory. War's are not won by evacuations."
- *Winston Churchill - To Parliament - June 4, 1940*

● If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.
- *Ronnie Lott*

● Many a man's reputation would not know his character if they met on the street.
- *Elbert Hubbard*

● A genius is a talented person who does his homework.
- *Thomas Edison*

● I'll always be Number One to myself.
- *Moses Malone*

● One day the great European War will come out of some damned foolish thing in the Balkans.
- *Otto von Bismarck*

● "You can have no conflict without being yourselves the aggressors."
- *US President Lincoln in his inauguration address on March 4, 1861.*

● "I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."
- *Thomas Jefferson*

● "I didn't leave the Beatles. The Beatles have left the Beatles--but no one wants to be the one to say the party's over."
- *John Lennon*

● A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool.
- *William Shakespeare*

● "The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter. 'tis the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning."
- *Mark Twain*

● "I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to be one."
- *Mark Twain*

● "We can't reach old age by another man's road. My habits protect my life but they would assassinate you."
- *Mark Twain*



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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	5.2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.65 per litre
Engen Garage	

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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.6928	13.7428
British Pound/SZL	17.7767	17.8416
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.9591	7.9859
Swiss France/SZL	13.7741	13.8230
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3008	1.3179
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.8451	9.8838
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.3194	10.3540
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ENPF acquires 25% Medscheme shares

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STORIES BY MHLENGI MAGONGO

ESWATINI National Provident Fund (ENPF), formerly SNPF, has acquired a 25 per cent stake in Medscheme Eswatini.

The share acquisition was announced by Medscheme Eswatini Chairman Prince David during a share certificate signing ceremony between the two entities on Friday at Happy Valley Hotel. The chairman said Medscheme's ultimate shareholder, Afrocentric Investment Corporation, mandated them to sell up to 49 per cent of Medscheme Eswatini's shares to local

partners as part of the turnaround strategy for the business. "Parallel to obtaining the licence and introducing our product, we have been engaged in negotiations with a number of potential investors with regards to shareholding in Medscheme Eswatini," he said.

The prince commented that ENPF had performed very well since its inception, further expressing confidence that the partnership would be of great benefit to the health sector in Eswatini. He also said they were happy that the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) had granted Medscheme a licence to operate with-

in the kingdom.

He lauded FSRA for guiding the industry towards operating at high business and ethical levels by fostering healthy competition amongst players. The Medscheme licence was granted in December 2017.

"I would like to also thank Afrocentric and Medscheme Holdings for their desire to remain invested in the kingdom, thus contributing positively to the economy of the country through job creation, skills transfer and providing an investment opportunity for local investors like ENPF," said the chairman.



Medscheme Eswatini MD Ntokozo Ndzabukelwako, Chairman Prince David, Sabelo Mngomezulu, Prince Lonkhokhela, Anthony Pedersen and an executive member of ENPF during the signing ceremony.

ACQUISITION IN LINE WITH INVESTMENT MANDATE - ENPF

SPEAKING on Friday during the share certificate signing ceremony between Eswatini National Provident Fund and Medscheme Eswatini, ENPF Board Chairman Sabelo Mngomezulu said acquiring 25 per cent of Medscheme shares was in line with the investment mandate of the Fund.

He said the share acquisition seeks to diversify ENPF's portfolio whilst stimulating the economy of the Kingdom of Eswatini. Mngomezulu added that the Provident Fund had maintained steady growth over the years which was especially enhanced by exposure to the private sector.

"Whilst the property sector has been profitable and stable over the years and has provided steady growth for members of the Provident Fund, the SNPF board found it prudent to diversify the Fund's investment portfolio by invest-

ing in investments that not only provide returns but also generate social and environmental impact," he said.

The chairman said it was a natural movement for the Fund to find an investment in the health sector.

He said ENPF had invested in various sectors in the economy, including hospitality, agriculture, telecoms, financial services manufacturing and property.

"When the opportunity to invest in Medscheme Eswatini came our way, we took it seriously as it was our desire to contribute positively to the health systems of the country and as such found it benefitting to invest in Medscheme Eswatini. We believe that through the 40 years of experience the Medscheme group has in healthcare, the kingdom will benefit immensely in the long run," he said.

As a way forward, Mngomezulu said they look forward to contributing positively in the fight against HIV and AIDS through Aid for Aids (AFA), a sister company to Medscheme Eswatini.

AFA is a fully fledged HIV management company that has been offering comprehensive solutions towards the HIV and AIDS pandemic since 1998.

He concluded to say they pride themselves in investing in Medscheme Eswatini because their investment initiative is not reactive to the proclamation by the regulator as they are above the required local investment requirements.

"We have currently invested 56 per cent in Eswatini. Note that this percentage is not taking into account this fresh investment and we look forward to a long prosperous relationship with our new partners," he said.

COMESA condemns Kenya attack

BY HLENGIWE NDLOVU

CHAIRPERSON of COMESA Rivo Rakotovao has sent a message of condolence and solidarity to the President of the Republic of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta and Kenya on the recent terror attacks in Nairobi where more than 20 people were killed and several others injured.

COMESA is the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa. In the message sent by

Secretary General Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe, Rakotovao who is also President of Madagascar, condemned the attack describing it as an unacceptable affront to all humanity.

He called on all COMESA member states and the international community to continue supporting Kenya in the fight against terrorism.

"Your Excellency, during this difficult period, we reaffirm our solidarity with you personally, the government and people of Kenya and our resolve in the fight against terrorism in all its forms and wherever it occurs in the region,"

the statement reads in part.

COMESA has also commended the Kenyan security forces for taking instantaneous action to neutralise the attackers.

Kenya plays a leading role in the region combating terrorism as well as promoting peace and security in COMESA and on the wider African continent. The message adds that COMESA remains resolute and united with the African Union and other regional economic communities in combating terrorism.

MEDSCHEME NOW AT PEACE WITH SWAZIMED

STORIES BY MHLengi MAGONGO

MEDSCHEME Eswatini Chairman Prince David said they ultimately accepted the fact that their contract with SwaziMed came to an end.

The chairman recounted how in 2016, Medscheme Eswatini received notice of non-renewal of their contract from SwaziMed who were their only client at the time. He said whilst they engaged in negotiations with them to try retain the contract or portions of it, it was eventually apparent that SwaziMed was deter-

mined to continue with implementing self-administration of their fund.

"During that process, a dispute erupted on the actual date of the termination of the contract. This led to the much publicised dispute that was ultimately referred to arbitration, as per the provisions of the contract," he recalled.

He said the loss of their only client threatened the existence of their administration business in Eswatini, a business that had successfully operated in the kingdom since 1980.

"Given the length of time, investment and potential loss of employment, the ultimate shareholder of Medscheme Eswatini, Afrocentric Investment

Corporation, expressed their desire to remain in the Kingdom of Eswatini," said Prince David.

Medscheme Eswatini eventually formulated a turnaround strategy with three pillars which are:

- Establishment of Medscheme Eswatini's own fund to compete in the medical aid sector in the Kingdom of Eswatini

- Finding local shareholders that would be strategic partners in the turnaround strategy.

- Implementing a diversified business approach that would mirror that of Afrocentric which Medscheme Eswatini would implement together with their partners in the short to medium term.

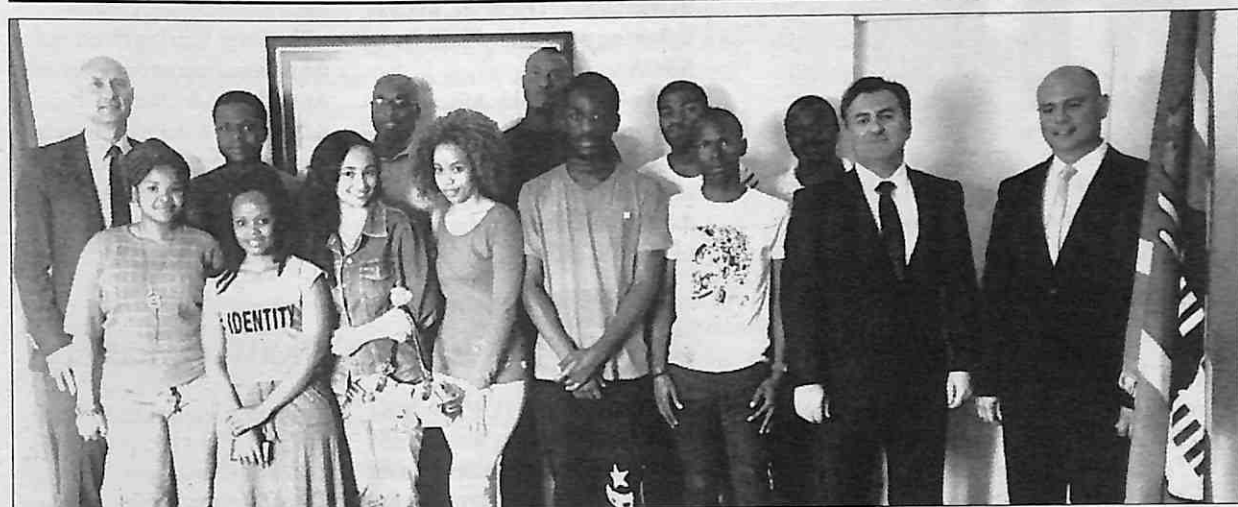
Only 6 per cent Swazis have medical aid

VERY few Emaswati actually have access to medical aid as only six per cent of the entire population is covered under medical aid or private insurance.

These statistics were announced on Friday by Medscheme Eswatini Chairman Prince David.

The prince did not hide the fact that in their quest to aggressively grow the business over the past 12 months of operation, Medscheme observed a real gap in the market in terms of medical aid cover. Sabelo

Mngomezulu, the Chairman of Eswatini National Provident Fund (ENPF), said through Pharmacy Direct, which is a sister company of Medscheme Eswatini, they believed they would, in the short term, be in a position to offer door-to-door delivery of chronic medication to the nation. "It is for such reasons that we were attracted to acquiring a stake in Medscheme Eswatini and we believe our investment would be worthwhile to the fund and the nation at large," he said.



TOGETHER: Swazis who are currently studying in Turkey with officials from the government of Turkey.

TURKEY SCHOLARSHIPS WINDFALL

....Honorary Consulate Ismail Olmez announces scholarships for both under-graduate and post-graduate programmes

STORIES BY MHLengi MAGONGO

TURKEY has opened its doors to local pupils by availing scholarships to study in that country's prestigious universities.

This was announced by Turkey's Honorary Consulate General to Eswatini Ismail Olmez on Wednesday at their offices at Sidvashini in Mbabane. Interestingly, local pupils who only possess the Swaziland General Certificate of Secondary Education (SGCSE) qualification are also eligible to gain entry to Turkish universities. National

Senior Certificate (NSC) and The Independent Examination Board (IEB) exams students are also eligible to apply.

The scholarships are both for under-graduate and postgraduate programmes, specifically Bachelors, Masters and PhD qualifications.

Age

The consular said under-graduate applicants should be less than 21 years old and be Swazi citizens.

There are currently over 30 students from Eswatini who are studying in Turkey, 10 of whom are graduating this year. Encouraging local students to apply, the consular said: "With the help of such scholarships, you will be able to study at some of the best universities in Turkey and gain very useful insight, skills, and perspectives.

All of these things will prove to be

extremely useful as you move on with your career and go into a more demanding phase," he said.

The scholarships are not only limited to mere financial support as university placements are also provided to awardees at all levels of higher education.

In the meantime, the consular also assured that students who secure scholarships would be provided with necessary services and procedures in order to feel at home once in Turkey.

Such assistance includes providing a dormitory, health insurance, student bank account, and a student residence permit, as well as a one-year language course.

The consular expressed his country's eagerness to improve mutual relations and understanding with other countries, including Eswatini. All applications are for free and are strictly online based.

ENACTUS finance managers drilled on record keeping

STORIES BY HLENGIWE NDLOVU

FINANCE managers of the different ENACTUS teams on Friday received training on how to properly manage their team's financial records.

The training took place at the ENACTUS offices in Mbabane, near Queensgate. Different financial managers from Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT), VOCTIM and other tertiary institutions attended the training session aimed at equipping them with critical skills on how to properly manage their financial records to ensure profitability of their enterprises.

In an interview, ENACTUS

Country Manager Wonderboy Khumalo said in 2019, each ENACTUS team would be expected to make a minimum profit of E14 400, hence the training of finance managers.

He also explained that ENACTUS teams had adopted the intended impact business model which is commonly used by social entrepreneurs.

"The new business model has three important Ps-which are people, planet and prosperity. The teams in this training will focus on prosperity because this P covers the economic value of teams," he said, also explaining that the training of finance managers was preceded by a meeting with ENACTUS faculty advisors last week.

Faculty advisors to present academic papers this year

FOR the first time ever, lecturers who are ENACTUS faculty advisors in local tertiary institutions, will be presenting academic papers in the national competition.

The faculty advisors will also step out onto the global stage as they will also present their academic papers in the ENACTUS World Cup which will once again be held at Silicon Valley in the United States this year.

The last World Cup was also held at the prestigious Silicon

Valley which is home to some of the biggest names in the technology spectrum, including Google. In an interview, ENACTUS Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo said it was time faculty advisors moved out of the side-lines because there is a lot that they do with their teams, hence the idea of academic papers. Also, for the first time this year, the ENACTUS alumnus which already has established businesses, will be competing alongside the teams based in tertiary institutions".



ATTENTIVE: Finance managers representing different ENACTUS teams following presentations of the day. (Pic: Mhlengi Magongo)

Advantages of Turkey scholarships

THESE are some of the benefits which students wishing to enroll in Turkish universities through the recently announced scholarship programmes will benefit:

Free accommodation: One of the best things about turkey scholarships is that it handles student accommodation in the best way. All the students are accommodated in the university dormitories, the students can live free of charge. However, if the students do not want to live in these dormitories they can easily move to a location of their liking, although in this case, the student must pay for his own accommodation. No tuition fees: Students are encouraged to study at their full potential and there is no responsibility on their shoulders. The students do not have to pay for any tuition fees, the education is completely free and this is something that cannot be taken for granted.

Health expenses covered: The health expenses

of all the students are covered by public health insurance. Healthcare is a pretty big issue around the world, especially if you are a foreigner. Luckily, this is not the case if you are a scholarship student in Turkey. Even if you get sick, all the expenses will be covered by public health insurance and you do not have to pay a single penny.

Travel Expenses covered: The turkey scholarships programme even pays for the travel expenses of the students. Two tickets will be provided to the student during his studies, once will be for their arrival and the other will be for their departure after the students have completed their studies. However, if the students decide to purchase their own tickets, the amount will be returned to the students later on. Undergraduate scholarship programme

University and programme placement
Monthly stipend: 700 Turkish Lira (TL) per month (E1 790.11)

Tuition Fee
Once-off return flight ticket
Health insurance
Accommodation
One-year Turkish language course
Post-graduate scholarship programme
University and programme placement
Monthly Stipend:
Master's: 950 TL per month (E2 429.43)
PhD: 1400 TL per month (E3 580.22)
Tuition Fee
Once-off Return Flight Ticket
Health Insurance
Accommodation
One year Turkish Language Course
Length of award:
Master's: One year Turkish language course + two years
PhD: One year Turkish language course + four years
The list of universities is listed in their website
<https://turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/>

WTM Africa 2019 registration begins

BY SIMON SHABANGU

REGISTRATION for the B2B Travel Trade Show, an initiative of World Travel Market (WTM) Africa 2019, is officially open.

Local tourism industry players led by the Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) are also expected to join the thousands of international industry players and stakeholders at the WTM Africa hosted in partnership with the City of Cape Town from the 10-12 April this year. In previous years, a number of locals travelled to Cape Town to partake in this fast growing and popular trade show which attracts industry players from all over the world. The trade show brings together travel exhibitors, buyers, experts, media and stakeholders from across

Africa for three intensive days of meeting,

networking, interacting and learning to drive the growth of the continental industry,

on a global scale. The conference will once



POSE: Happy Valley Hotel Room Division Manager Kingdom Magagula, Sales Personnel Phumi Simelane, Marketing Officer Noxolo Nkabinde and GM Luigi Rossi during last year's trade show in Cape Town. (Courtesy WTM Gallery)

more host presentations and interactive sessions with global travel influencers, covering the topics that shape travel trends in the tourism industry.

Responsible

The WTM responsible tourism conference will be led by Dr Harold Goodwin, Managing Director of the Responsible Tourism Partnership and Emeritus Professor and Responsible Tourism

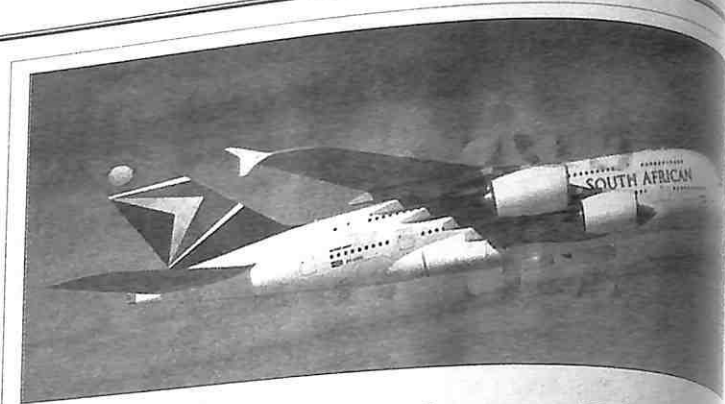
Director at Manchester Metropolitan University. The trade show comes just a few weeks before the Durban Tourism Indaba which is considered as 'fertile hunting ground' for local tourism and hospitality industry players. However, the focus is shifting to Cape Town while most of the players prefer to attend both shows as they offer a variety of consumers.



DISPLAY: A section of the exhibitors attending the show.



ALSO THERE: The then mayor of Cape Town Patricia de Lille addressing the gathering at the official opening.



SAA shuts down Blantyre operations over safety concerns

JOHANNESBURG - The self-imposed sanction was the airline's reaction to a Level 1 finding raised by SACAA following a base inspection of SAA operations in Malawi.

In a statement on Saturday, the SA Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) said SAA had shut down its operations in Blantyre, Malawi, following poor safety findings by SACAA.

"In what the South African aviation regulator has described as a welcomed move and an expected response from a responsible operator that understands the importance of aviation safety, SAA has opted

to cancel its operations into and from Blantyre," said the authority.

A Level 1 finding can be described as a severe noncompliance that poses a serious safety risk and requires the licence holder to adequately address the findings, and failure to do so necessitates immediate enforcement action by the regulator.

The Level 1 finding raised against the national carrier primarily related to the inadequacy of aviation infrastructure facilities and related emergency support services offered at Chikela International Airport, one of the two Malawian bases utilised by SAA. *Citizen*

SOEs a risk to the economy - Treasury

JOHANNESBURG - The National Treasury has warned that state-owned entities remain a risk to the economy with the entities owing creditors billions of rand.

In the report on the financial statements of national departments and SOEs tabled in Parliament last Friday, the Treasury said the government must get the SOEs on the right track before damage was done to the economy.

The government has issued

guarantees amounting to R60 billion to SOEs and most of the guarantees have been used up.

The Treasury report came in the week that Eskom admitted in the public hearings on electricity hikes in Cape Town that it was expecting to suffer a loss of R15bn this year. This will be one of the biggest losses of SOEs in the country after PetroSA incurred a similar loss of R15bn four years ago, prompting a probe in Parliament. *Fin24*

Debt-laden Edcon in 'rescue' deal

JOHANNESBURG - Debt-laden retail giant Edcon reached a non-binding agreement with unidentified investors to recapitalise and avoid selling some of its businesses, the Sunday Times reports, citing Chief Executive Grant Pattison.

Basic terms have been agreed and the company is putting in place "detailed clauses of the final agreement", Pattison said, according to the Johannesburg-based newspaper. The 89-year-old company has about 21 000 employees in South Africa where more than one

in four people don't have jobs.

Edcon, with more than 1 100 stores across southern Africa, has struggled amid weak consumer spending and slower economic growth in South Africa. It was taken over by banks and bondholders in 2016 to avoid failing.

Edcon's net third-party debt climbed 67 per cent to R7bn (\$445m) at the end of June, from R4.2bn a year earlier, as the currency weakened against the euro and interest charges increased after converting some of its debt, it says on its website. *Fin24*

OVER 44 000 MSMES UNREGISTERED

BY MAJAHU NKONYANE

MICRO, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Unit Director Muleki Dlamini in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade has disclosed that a total of 44 518 of local

SMEs are not registered. The unregistered small businesses represent 75 per cent of MSMEs in the country.

Speaking during a Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) public lecture, Dlamini said this was a problem for the ministry, which is currently unable to trace what these MSMEs are doing. The lec-

ture was hosted by Eswatini Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre (ESEPAC) at Happy Valley Hotel on Friday.

Dlamini pointed out a need for formalisation of these businesses and a formulation of partnerships between the government and the private sector.

This, according to Dlamini, could also help in bringing about innovation and skills development. "We have a challenge in knowing the challenges of these unregistered MSMEs as we are unable to assist where they are facing challenges. We are tasked with research and compiling information on poten-

tial markets amongst other responsibilities," he said. The unregistered businesses are missing out as they are unable to benefit from budgetary support for activities of the unit.

They also do not get support from the implementation of the MSME national policy and miss out of crucial strategic guidance on the operations of the unit. Dlamini said his department aims to strengthen the domestic and international competitiveness of MSMEs.



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DRC court declares Tshisekedi winner of disputed elections

KINSHASA - DR Congo's top court yesterday declared opposition leader Felix Tshisekedi the winner of disputed presidential elections after throwing out a legal challenge by the runner-up.

Announcing the final results of the much-delayed poll, the Constitutional Court said Tshisekedi had won by a simple majority, paving the way for him to take over from longterm leader Joseph Kabila.

Runner-up Martin Fayulu, who has previously described the outcome as an "electoral coup" forged by Tshisekedi and Kabila, immediately called on the international community to reject the results. "I ask the entire international

community not to recognise a power that has neither legitimacy nor legal standing to represent the Congolese people," he said of Tshisekedi, declaring himself "the only legitimate president".

Victory

Tshisekedi's victory was provisionally announced earlier this month by the Independent National Election Commission (CENI) but it was challenged both at home and abroad, with the African Union appealing for the final results to be delayed.

Yesterday, the Constitutional Court said Fayulu's claims were "unfounded" and he had failed to prove any inaccuracies in the figures, describing his call for a recount as "absurd".

"Only the CENI has produced authentic and sincere results," judge Noel Kilomba said.

The head of the court, Benedict Lwamba Bindu, went on to declare Tshisekedi as the "President of the Democratic Republic of Congo by simple majority".

The ruling was considered unsurprising, with the court made up of Kabila's allies.

Hundreds of supporters of Tshisekedi had gathered outside the court holding placards saying "No to interference" and "Independent country" as riot police stood nearby.

The CENI had previously scheduled the swearing-in of the next president for tomorrow.

AFP



VICTORIOUS: DR Congo's opposition leader Felix Tshisekedi.

Trump offers concessions on immigrants in return for wall funds

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump on Saturday offered to temporarily shield a million immigrants from deportation if Congress authorises funding for his Mexican border wall — an idea Democrats rejected, making the US government shutdown likely to continue.

Trump attempted to seize the initiative in ending the 29-day partial shutdown, a funding freeze that has left many important government departments relying on unpaid or highly reduced staff.

His bargain, announced in a televised White House address, held out the carrot of protection from deportation for two categories of immigrants.

These include 700 000 so-called "Dreamers," children of people who settled illegally in the US, and who have become a favourite cause of the Democrats, as well as 300 000 other immigrants whose protected status is expiring, Trump said.

The president said these concessions would "build the trust and goodwill necessary to begin real immigration reform."

In return, Trump demanded the \$5.7 billion he says is needed to extend fences on the border with Mexico, something the opposition Democrats have repeatedly refused to authorise. That has prompted the president to retaliate with the government shutdown, which he triggered by not signing off on funding to swaths of departments.

"I'm here today to break the logjam and provide Congress with a path forward to end the government shutdown and solve the crisis on the southern border," Trump said in his address.

Trump describes the US-Mexico border — for decades a magnet for migrants and asylum seekers, as well as a major drug smuggling route — as overwhelmed, posing a threat to US national security.

Democrats, who accuse Trump of using his illegal immigration crackdown to score political points with his right-wing base, spurned the latest negotiating offer as soon as it was leaked in the media prior to the speech.

AFP

May pushes Britain towards a chaotic no-deal Brexit after refusing to budge

LONDON - After the historic defeat of her Brexit deal in the House of Commons this week, there was widespread speculation that the prime minister would swiftly make major concessions to her opponents in a bid to salvage something from the wreckage of her deal.

At first, it appeared that such a move may be on the cards, with May announcing to Parliament that she would seek talks with opposition parties about finding "a way forward."

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However, responding to her statement, the opposition Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn surprised many by refusing.

"Before there can be any positive discussions about a way forward, the government must remove clearly, once and for all, the catastrophe of the prospect of a no-deal Brexit with the EU," Corbyn said. His refusal was immediately jumped on by May, who later staged a late-evening speech from the front steps of her Downing Street residence in which she lambasted the Labour leader for refus-

ing to talk.

Commentators also rounded on Corbyn, comparing his unwillingness to speak to the prime minister with his previous public support for talks with Hamas and President Assad of Syria.

However, Corbyn's team sensed straight away that May's request was not a serious attempt to reach out, with sources close to the Labour leader telling Business Insider that there had never been any real intention to engage in a discussion between the two leaders, and absolutely "no attempt to reach out through the back-chan-

nels." And as the talks began, the Labour leader's decision to boycott the talks was arguably vindicated after MPs from all parties described a prime minister and her advisers who refused to give ground. At the meetings organised by May, opposition MPs all had their own lists of demands and conditions for backing a Brexit deal rejected. The Liberal Democrats, Scottish Nationalist Party, Plaid Cymru and Green Party all demanded a second Brexit referendum and called on the prime minister to promise to rule-out a no deal Brexit. AFP

BRIEFS

Death toll in fuel pipeline blaze rises to 73

TLAHUELILPAN - An explosion and fire in central Mexico killed at least 73 people after hundreds swarmed to the site of an illegal fuel-line tap to gather gasoline amid a government crackdown on fuel theft, officials said.

Hidalgo state governor Omar Fayad announced that the toll had increased to 73 after the discovery of five additional bodies.

The blast — which Fayad said injured 74 people — occurred near Tlahuelilpan, a town of 20 000 people about an hour's drive north of Mexico City.

AFP

Uneasy calm returns in some parts after protests

HARARE - An uneasy calm has returned to parts of Harare after a week of deadly protests and a security clampdown.

But some activists are in hiding, the army is still out of the barracks and WhatsApp and Twitter remains blocked for many users. Today's Triathlon is going ahead in Harare's Mount Pleasant suburb. On Saturday, a popular farmers' market was bustling in Harare's upmarket Alexandra Park suburb and supermarkets were busy. Despite this semblance of normality, tension and uncertainty are high. Reports say soldiers and police set up road blocks on a road between Harare and the nearby town of Chitungwiza, and that some commuters were assaulted. Reuters

Leader vows to combat widespread corruption

ANTANANARIVO - Madagascar's new president has been sworn in and vows to establish independent bodies to combat the Indian Ocean island nation's widespread corruption.

Andry Rajoelina, who led the country from 2009 to 2014 in a transitional government after a military coup, told a crowd in the capital on Saturday that for the first time since independence Madagascar is seeing a peaceful, democratic transfer of power between two elected leaders.

AFP

Students in Trump hats mock Native American; school apologises

KENTUCKY - A Catholic school in Kentucky condemned a group of its students, many of whom wore "Make America Great Again" hats, after they were recorded harassing a Native American Vietnam veteran in a video that went viral on Saturday. The students from private, all-male Covington Catholic High School in northern Kentucky were in Washington for an anti-abortion rally on Friday when they were filmed surrounding Nathan Phillips and mocking the Native American's singing and drumming.

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DA: 'Failing ANC' to blame for porous borders, rise in cross-border crime

BLOEMFONTEIN - The ANC government has failed border communities and must be held directly responsible for the trauma suffered by victims of cross-border crimes, the Democratic Alliance said on Sunday.

In a statement following a DA oversight inspections of the Ficksburg

border post in Mantsopa and Van Rooyen's Gate border post in Wepner by DA Free State premier candidate Patricia Kopane and Team One SA spokesperson on immigration Jacques Julius, Kopane said South Africa's borders had become "free for all".

"If you live in a community close to the Lesotho-South

Africa border, you are likely to be robbed in your home or brutally murdered because the ANC government has no regard for your life. These sentiments were shared by residents, local business owners, and rural communities who live with the everyday reality of rampant cross-border crimes such as robbery, murder, smuggling

of illicit goods, and stock theft as a result of the country's porous borders," she said.

"The ANC government has failed border communities and must be held directly responsible for the trauma suffered by victims of cross-border crimes."

The ever present danger of falling

victim to these crimes was made worse by the ANC's chronic inability to deploy sufficient and fit-for-purpose immigration officers, military personnel to guard the borders, and an honest, professional police service to clamp down on crime.

At the Caledon River, the border fence had been broken down and this allowed Lesotho nationals to come into South Africa without proper documentation. *ANA*

I don't buy Msimanga's reasons for resigning - Malema

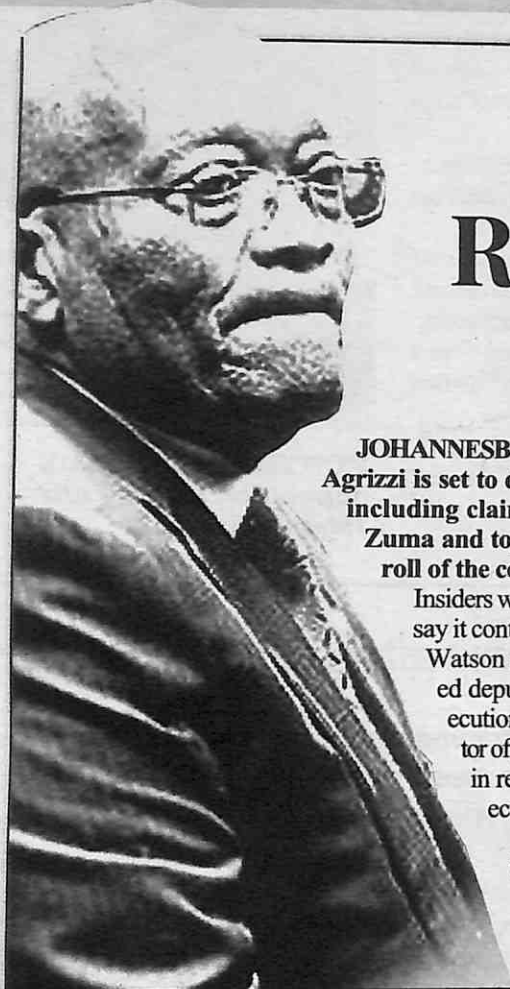
JOHANNESBURG - 'So it looks like there are rules of whites and rules of blacks when it comes to DA leadership.'

EFF leader Julius Malema has rubbished Tshwane mayor Solly Msimanga's reason for stepping down from his position, saying it was "bizarre". Msimanga announced last Friday that he was stepping down from the position to focus on his run for Gauteng premier.

Msimanga's term in the mayoral office will come to an end next month, giving him more time to campaign for the position of premier of the Gauteng province as he is the DA's candidate. Though the ANC believes Msimanga was pushed out of the party, Msimanga told the Sunday Times that he had been advised by the federal executive to resign and focus on campaigning to become Gauteng premier.

"The party said, if you continue doing the mayoral work you are going to short-change the people of Tshwane because you will be out there campaigning. They said, let's get a replacement within the DA. They did not force me out. I could have said no, but at the same time I needed to make a decision.

Citizen



Bosasa 'paid Zuma R300,000 a month' to avoid prosecution

JOHANNESBURG - Former Bosasa COO Angelo Agrizzi is set to drop more bombshells this week, including claims that former president Jacob Zuma and top NPA officials were on the payroll of the controversial company.

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Agrizzi is going to claim Zuma received a R300,000 monthly payment. Bosasa paid Jiba and Mrwebi R100,000 and R10,000 a month respectively, Agrizzi will claim.

Contacted for comment, Jiba denied stalling the Bosasa case, saying she tried to fast-track it. This was echoed by Mrwebi, who said he has approached the commission to refute Agrizzi's version.

Zuma's spokesperson, Vukile Mathabela, did not respond to questions. *News24*

Four high-profile names Agrizzi is set to drop... including Zuma's

JOHANNESBURG - Facilities management company Bosasa's former chief operating officer (COO) Angelo Agrizzi's testimony before the Commission of Inquiry into State Capture this week will reportedly leave the country in disbelief as he is set to drop high-profile names who allegedly also benefited from the company.

Earlier in his testimony, Agrizzi took the commission through his black book which he used to record all the names and amounts of bribes paid to individuals. It included former SA Broadcasting Corporation boss Hlaudi Motsoeneng, who allegedly received R1.1 million from the controversial company for his legal woes following his axing from the SABC, and President Cyril Ramaphosa's son Andile Ramaphosa.

Also read: Agrizzi confirms Hlaudi Motsoeneng received R1.1 million from Bosasa.

City Press says it has obtained a document that contains names of senior politicians and civil servants who Agrizzi claims received money from the controversial company. Two of his friends reportedly told the publication Agrizzi had a hard drive that contained CCTV footage, videos, photographs and emails from Bosasa's server he obtained before the system was apparently wiped.

News24 further reports that Agrizzi will implicate former president Jacob Zuma.

Secretary at the National Prosecuting Authority Jackie Lepinka will reportedly also be named in Agrizzi's testimony this week for allegedly receiving R130 000 a month - R20 000 for her, R100 000 for deputy national director Nomgcobo Jiba

and R10 000 for specialised commercial crimes unit head Lawrence Mrwebi. Environmental Affairs Minister Nomvula Mokonyane allegedly also received R120 000 a year as a Christmas gift.

Mrwebi denied the allegations and said he received no money from either Bosasa or Lepinka. Jiba reportedly told the publication she had been informed her name would come up at the Commission. She said she never asked Lepinka to collect money for her. "There is absolutely nothing that I have done that is untoward, for which I would have been paid," she was quoted as saying.

Lepinka called the allegations "utter rubbish", while Mokonyane's spokesperson, Mlimandla Ndamase, was quoted as saying: "The minister denies such allegations and the accuracy of information provided. *eNCA*

Matshela Koko questions Eskom's failure to meet demand

JOHANNESBURG - Former Eskom head of generation Matshela Koko, who is now consulting for several African countries, is questioning how the embattled power utility can fail to meet the demand for electricity.

Koko left Eskom after an inquiry into irregular contracts linked to the Gupta family. In the light of recent episodes of load shedding, Koko this week told The Sunday Independent that something was amiss with Eskom failing to supply power during plant breakdowns and planned maintenance. In November, Eskom reportedly shut down 11 power stations which were due for major maintenance because of a lack of funds to fix them. According to Koko, Eskom delayed the maintenance process because the utility planned to spend R200 billion on Independent Power Producers (IPP). "Think about it. You are saying you put aside R11.5bn for maintenance and you said to the public 59 units are due for maintenance, and you prioritise them.

News24

Cyril Ramaphosa gets ANC KZN on his side

DURBAN - The warm reception enjoyed by ANC President Cyril Ramaphosa at the party's 107th birthday celebrations and the elections manifesto launch in KwaZulu-Natal shows he has won over the province, although former president Jacob Zuma still enjoys more support.

This is the view of political analysts, who have also attributed Ramaphosa's warm welcome to the efforts of the ANC in the province to forge unity.

Ramaphosa, accompanied by ANC KZN Provincial Chairperson Sihle Zikalala and Zuma, crisscrossed KZN over a week ago and received a warm

welcome in a province, which is a well-known Zuma stronghold.

Supporters

At the weekend, as more than 100 000 ANC supporters and members descended upon the Moses Mabhida Stadium, there were no disruptions to Ramaphosa's January 8th Statement despite concerns that pro-Zuma sup-

porters might disrupt proceedings.

Imraan Buccus, a political analyst from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, said Ramaphosa was trying really hard to assert his authority in the province, knowing fully well that it was a fractured and fragmented province.

eNCA

FOCUS ON ZIMBABWEAN FUEL HIKE PROTESTS

Horrors Zimbabwe doesn't want the world to see:

● Hundreds are beaten and killed in protest crackdown by Mugabe's successors that has been hidden behind a news blackout

HARARE: Hundreds of Zimbabweans have been beaten, detained or killed in recent days as the government cracks down on protesters speaking out against the regime.

Violence has erupted in the country after a huge fuel price hike which saw the cost increase by more than 200 per cent to \$3.31 (£2.57) per litre.

Children as young as ten are reported to have been injured by police and soldiers after people took to the streets to vent their anger.

In a bid to hide the state sanctioned violence the internet is being shut

down and foreign journalists are being forced out of the country, The Sunday Times reports.

Hundreds of people have been seen by the paper in safe houses, hospitals and courts after being attacked and having dogs set on them, while a diplomat said there had been reports of '200 deaths'.

The current President Emmerson Mnangagwa is heading to Davos in Switzerland this weekend for an international summit as he seeks investment in his bankrupt nation.

He had promised a better Zimbabwe after seizing power from dictator Robert Mugabe but witnesses to the

latest violence say it is more of the same for the nation's people.

The Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition said the President is 'using murder of unarmed civilians as a tool to retain power' in the country.

A medic in the capital Harare, at the city's biggest hospital, said the morgue was 'full'.

Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum reported 844 human rights violations while others in the country say people have been detained and refused bail.

The Zimbabwe Association for Doctors for Human Rights said they have attended to 172 people, 68 of

whom have been treated for gunshot wounds.

Other injuries include dog bites from people in police custody and injuries from beating with sticks and sjamboks which are a type of leather whip.

Among those arrested is prominent pastor and activist Evan Mawarire. He faces 20 years after being accused of inciting the protests which the government has likened to 'terrorism'.

Outrage has spread across the nation of the killing of 22-year-old Kelvin Tinashe Choto from Chitungwiza.

Daily Mail



INJURED: A victim of police and army brutality during the fuel price hike protests shows the injuries he suffered on his back, at a local clinic in Harare.



HORROR: Estimates say at least 200 are dead while hospital staff said the morgues were full. Protests began after a government fuel price hike by more than 200 per cent.



BRUTAL: Football teammates of Kelvin Tinashe Choto. His body was dumped at a police station after he was shot in the head.

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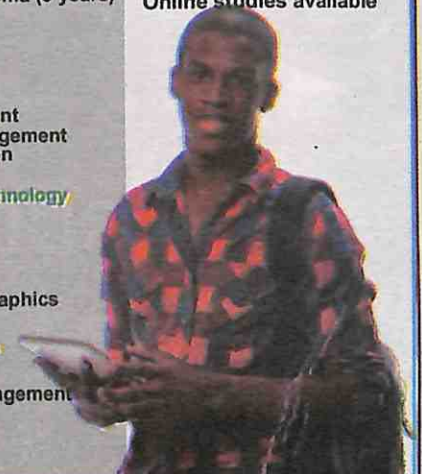
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Taking SWAMA to grassroots

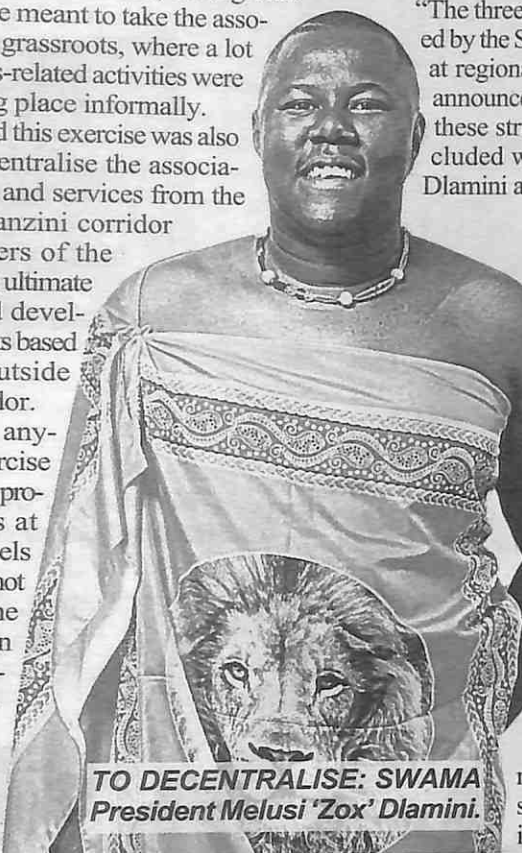
STORIES BY AYANDA DLAMINI

FOLLOWING the SWAMA Executive's first scheduled meeting of the year which was held last Saturday in Mbabane; the association in its membership mobilisation, as well as decentralisation drive, has decided to establish its regional branches with immediate effect.

According to the President of the association, Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, the regional branches were meant to take the association to the grassroots, where a lot of arts and arts-related activities were already taking place informally.

Dlamini said this exercise was also meant to decentralise the association's impact and services from the Mbabane-Manzini corridor into all corners of the country for the ultimate nurturing and development of artists based within and outside the said corridor.

"More than anything, this exercise is also meant to promote the arts at grassroots levels into becoming not just a past-time activity but an alternate economic activity; hence comprehensive arts business development plans



TO DECENTRALISE: SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini.

modelled around each region's socio-economic profile will be developed and implemented," said Dlamini.

To implement this exercise, the association has drafted a plan.

"SWAMA Regional Committees (RCs) will be elected by SWAMA members or artists in Hhohho, Manzini, Shiselweni, and Lubombo regions. The RCs will consist of a regional chair, who will be appointed by the SWAMA National Executive Committee (NEC), and three elected members.

"The three elected members will be elected by the SWAMA members and/or artists at regional AGMs, whose dates will be announced in due course. Setting up of these structures is expected to be concluded within the first half of 2019," Dlamini articulated.

Interested

The SWAMA NEC has also invited interested and capable SWAMA members, artists, arts managers, arts activists, and interested individuals who wish to be considered for appointment as regional chair to send in their Expressions of Interest (EOIs) with immediate effect, attaching their arts profile or CV, as well as a brief cover letter that motivates why they should be considered.

"Aspirants should note that the position is a voluntary post not a remunerated one. Aspirants should state the region they are interested to head as regional

chair, and should preferably reside in or originate from that region. They should send to Bongani 'Tizalami' Dube or me," said the president.

From the EOIs received, Dlamini said the NEC would use its own discretion to appoint the regional chairs.

The NEC and the successful regional chairs would then work on the dates for the regional AGMs where the SWAMA membership would choose the rest of the SWAMA Regional Committees (RCs).

The full mandate of the Regional Committees will be unveiled and openly discussed at the regional AGMs, and will be duly adopted through a constitutional amendment.

SWAMA throws weight behind independent arts initiatives

THE SWAMA National Executive Committee (NEC) has noted with great pleasure various programmes and projects by independent arts stables and entities.

These activities include the forthcoming arts workshop by Leserato Events, past arts workshops by Platinum Events, and past arts workshops by the MTN Bushfire Festival, among others.

The NEC implores artists to capitalise on the availability of such a wide array of development platforms and

use them effectively to develop themselves individually and collectively.

Meanwhile, the SWAMA NEC has identified 2019 as the year for intensive arts education, and would therefore conduct vigorous and holistic educational workshops throughout the country.

This is in readiness of, and in line with, various pieces of arts legislations which were recently passed, some of which include the Copyright Acts, and the Intellectual Property Act, among others.

...SWAMA NEC RESHUFFLE

THE SWAMA NEC:

1. President – Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini
2. Vice President and Artists Liaison – Lindelwa 'Lindz' Mafa
3. Secretary General – Bongani 'DJ Tizalami' Dube
4. Secretary for Legal Affairs – Tiyamike 'Tiyas' Maziya
5. Secretary for Finance and Resource Mobilisation – Nqobile Simelane
6. Secretary for Publicity, Information and Communication – Penny Bouwer
7. Secretary for Arts Education and Development – Thabile Mdululi
8. Secretary for Events Logistics and Support – Sicelo 'DJ Chuidy' Zwane
9. Executive Committee Member – Brian 'Staycool' Mdululi

THE SWAMA National Executive Committee (NEC) has made internal changes to its structure, in preparation for the imminent expansion projects.

These include taking the association to the grassroots and capacity building and arts development for members.

In this regard, the NEC has renamed some of the positions; established some, and re-assigned roles. These changes have been invoked through a constitutional amendment clause 1 of 2019, passed unanimously by the executive, and have been submitted to the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENCAC).

Notably, the entire executive team was retained in the NEC, as mandated by the SWAMA members in elections that were held on November 4, 2017.

The music industry is in tatters - Mshikishi

BY DELISA THWALA

VETERAN traditional music singer Mshikishi Mndzebele said the music industry was in tatters.

He complained about how the music industry was being degraded by people.

This was during a brief interview with the Life Achievement award winner last week.

"Firstly, the message carried in these songs is no longer the same. The music these young people make nowadays no longer carries the right messages," said the singer.

He said what killed the music industry was that musicians were focusing on one genre and they were no longer doing the traditional genre which has always been part of the music industry of the country.

"Traditional music is neglected. It was the most popular genre during our times because it carried more cultural information, more meaningful messages about respect and all that had to do

with social values and society norms. But now they sing about drugs, sex and all sorts of things that are crippling the youth. Even the music videos they make promote nothing but explicit content," he explained.

Bribing

He went on to voice out his concern about how people and artists were bribing associations' leaders to get awards and bribing radio DJs to have their songs played on air, which he described as unfair to the other artists who don't have enough funds to do same.

"This goes on to ruin the country if we have people who had never been heard of winning awards over people who were seen promoting their brands," he added.

He shared that he

was currently in the studio working on a fully fledged album which was to drop mid-year.

He promised to wow the entire country with the upcoming album.

"I am calling upon all traditional music singers whether they sing *maskandi*, *mbhaqanga* and *mbholoholo* on January 20 at Careters Manzini. This meeting will promote all artists and we will then record a DVD which will be aired on national television," said Mshikishi.

The veteran musician said all Swazis must support all upcoming and existing stars. "They need to be supported and paid fully. This is because we have seen squabbles before, between artists and events' organisers who fail to pay for service delivered by these artists," he said.



MY VIEW: Mshikishi Mndzebele.

Size Killa drops 'Depression/Obsession' video

BY DELISA THWALA

SIZE Killa has, together with a DJ based in Limpopo, DJ RanX, dropped a video of the song titled 'Depression/Obsession'.

Size Killa said the latest death rate caused by sadness and depression was a cause for concern, hence he penned down this song.

He said he has lost quiet a number of close friends due to depression.

He went on to say the recent death of his rapper friend Marcus was just the tipping point.

"I thought of a way to send out a message of hope and comfort to everyone who has lost a loved one. I did this the only way I know how through a song in which I have worked together with the Limpopo deejay who has done a volume one of the song," said the rapper.

Inspiration

Real name Sizwe Mthethwa, Size Killa has temporarily suspended his music career to focus on school.

The rapper said he draws his inspiration from the late Tupac.

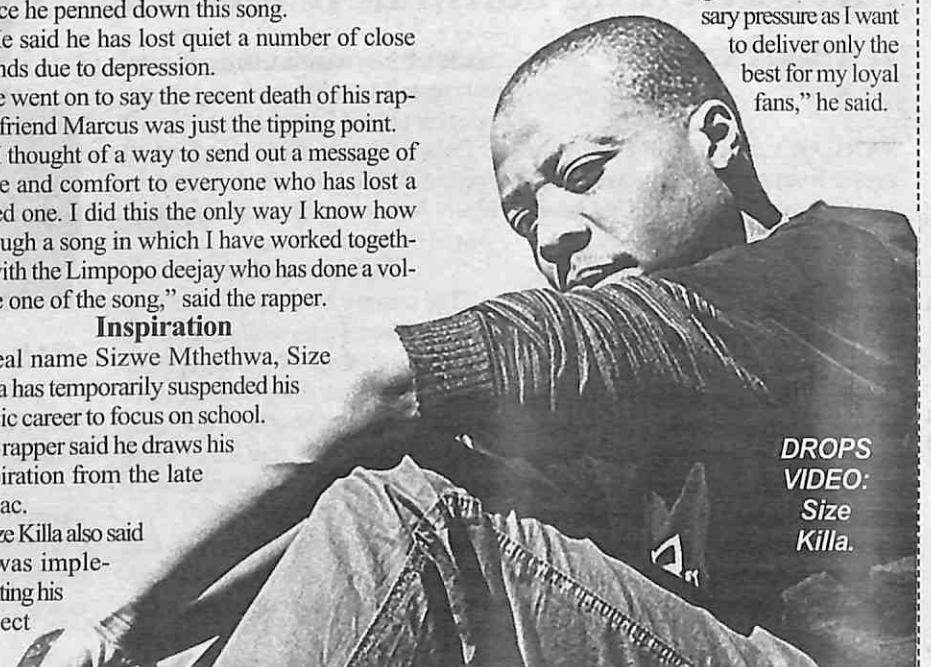
Size Killa also said he was implementing his project

'Killa Su-preme,' a seven track EP, which dropped last year on November 30.

Pressure

"I have also dropped a teaser visual for this and have been getting positive reviews from my fans that can't stop raving about it. I can also hint that I'll be dropping something in the coming months but I don't want to put a date on anything to avoid unnecessary pressure as I want

to deliver only the best for my loyal fans," he said.



DROPS VIDEO: Size Killa.

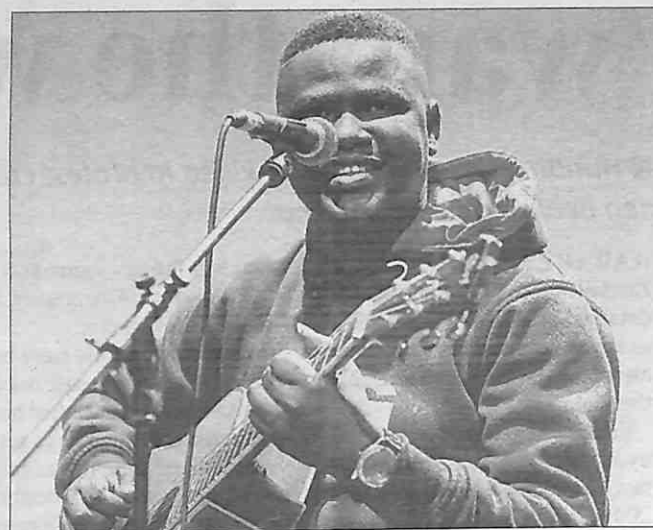


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Your Daily Entertainment



TEAM: The Minerva team and artists posing with the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harris 'Madze' Bulunga during The Great Minerva Final Music show held at the Swaziland Theatre Club in Mbabane on Saturday.



GUITARIST: Thembele Ngwenya strumming the strings.

ART COMES ALIVE AT FINAL MINERVA SHOW

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

THE Minerva show ended on a high note on Saturday night at Swaziland Theatre Club.

The fifth and final edition of the project themed 'Wonders of Swazi Artists', saw a variety of Swazi artists come together to conclude the project that began in January 2018.

The artists varied from poets to traditional instrument players as well traditional dancers.

Cleopatra, the country music singer, was there as well and serenaded the crowd with her country tunes.

Beko the Story teller also rendered a great performance, but not before Poetic Roots took to the stage and gave a whole new meaning to poetry.

Musawenkosi Zikalala did a musical collaboration with Bheki Nhleko. Sitigcabha Ngemasiko Eswatini Cultural Group was also there to display the Swazi culture through dance.

Pachanga Matsenjwa was the audience's favourite and when she took the stage, many

reacted by clapping and cheering. Minerva Art Director Erasmo Treglia, who is also a musician, rendered a solo performance that the crowd enjoyed.

The festival is a music and performing arts festival designed by Minerva, co-funded by the European Union and implemented with the organisational support of the Alliance Francaise de Mbabane and the Swaziland Theatre Club.

The aim of the project was to bring quality musical performances to a greater audience and to include an audience that is often overlooked such as those from the rural areas.

"This project saw artists, film makers, organisations and even the technicians who worked on the project come together for a good course and I can say the purpose of this project has been fulfilled," said Erasmo Treglia.



DEEP: Musawenkosi Zikalala performing.



PROUDLY SWAZI: Sitigcabha Ngemasiko Eswatini Cultural Group doing the most on stage.



PLEASED: EU Ambassador to Eswatini Esmeralda Hernandez Aragonés making her remarks.

Art well-executed at Alliance Française

BY DELISA THWALA

PAINT and portraits were the order of the day at the Art Exhibition on Friday night which was held at Alliance Française de Mbabane.

The exhibition was graced by EU Ambassador to Eswatini Esmeralda Hernandez Aragonés who encouraged more Eswatini to get involved in the arts.

The well attended event saw three artists showcasing their beautiful work and telling the story behind in what included sculptures, paintings and breathtaking portrait. Nokwanda Masina was quoted saying "before anything else I'm always an artist".

The young lady, who studied art in Ethiopia, described herself as a born creator and had her paintings speak for her as she described the support and response to her work as amazing. She thanked her friends and boyfriend for their support.

Another notable artist was Claudia Ramos, who started making art in 2001 and described her practice like a herd of sheep which has since brought her back home. Claudia has been awarded the opportunity to showcase her work at places like

In Eswatini there is no space for artists to work. A studio is currently being built which will offer a facility for work of art and the studio will be finished in three months' time

Canes Film Festival, Yebo Art and Alliance Française, to name a few.

One of the speakers at the exhibition said the event strongly supported Eswatini to believe in their culture. "In Eswatini there is no space for artists to work. A studio is currently being built which will offer a facility for work of art and the studio will be finished in three months' time," he said. Not to be left behind David, a painter born in Zimbabwe, said he developed interest in art when his parents were moving around in various African countries. He said



GRACED: EU Ambassador to Eswatini Esmeralda Hernandez Aragonés making her remarks at the Art Exhibition which was held at Alliance Française de Mbabane on Friday. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)

pursuing a career in art has opened his imagination to a wonderful world full of joys and sorrows, adding that

art has kept him focused in striving for creative excellence, understanding and learning.



ART: Nokwanda Masina's art on display.



BODY ART: Claudia Ramos' piece of art.



ATTENTIVELY: The crowd paying attention to what their host had for them. (Pics: Setsabile Nkambule)



Art of Selling seminar a success

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

JANUARY worries did not stop people from attending the art of selling workshop as it was full but intermittent.

The seminar, hosted by author Bonkhe Shabangu, met and exceeded all expectations as people not only learnt about marketing but also had Daladi Dlamini who gave them practical examples of what they had been talking about.

According to Shabangu, the seminar went well.

"I'm happy with the attendants and to be honest as it is January, I wasn't expecting a lot of people but I was proven wrong. People came and one

could tell they were listening and were interested to what each and every speaker shared," he stated.

Daladi Dlamini said the topics that were discussed were relevant, especially to try and create people that would be good at selling.

Infrastructure

"The country needs people that will be able to sell. From selling the country itself in terms of infrastructure, tourism and other things that we have as advantages over other countries. People should really start learning the art of selling as it is not confined only to certain products," he said.

He said it was for that reason that he decided to touch on issues of branding, and associating one's self with a



MAN OF THE MOMENT: Bonkhe Shabangu sharing on how to attract customers and close a deal.

likeminded brand. Mancoba Msibi, who talked on issues relating to marketing on social network platforms, stated that it was important that people



SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING: Mancoba Msibi delivering his presentation.

do not mix their personal accounts to their business pages to avoid focusing clients on the actual person other than the services they render. Organiser



GUEST SPEAKER: Daladi Dlamini was also among the speakers of the day.

of the workshop Bonkhe Shabangu promised the audience that he would host another seminar where they would be discussing money issues.

'JAN WORRY' FOR WHO?

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

FUN lovers seem have recovered from festive partying as a number of them filled Solani's Shisanyama and brought fire on the third weekend of the year with a massive turn up at the Friday Hangout show.

Looking at the fact that all this places have been dry especially on weekends, the past weekend Solani's managed to pack the place with patrons who were ready to have fun. This proves that people are over the 'Janworry' season.

Patrons came ready to enjoy themselves. Speaking to some of the fun lovers, they said they had rested enough from the heavy parting during the festive season and were now back on the grind and looking forward to having more fun. Solani's Shisanyama resident DJs did what they do best by dishing out quality music before the fans who responded with excitement as they danced throughout the show. They dished out the best of deep house, hip hop and gqom hits. Revellers were seen dancing and singing along.

DJ Yung Yas was a thriller on the turntables as he dished out hip hop hits which revellers liked. The whole place was filled with excitement and dancing patrons.

When resident DJ Dope Deep got his chance at the turntables, the whole place was a jump as he played the most loved Gqom tracks which took them back to the festive season mood. The fun went on till the wee hours of the morning.



FOCUSED: Solani's Shisanyama was the place to be this past Friday night. Resident DJ Dope-Deep shut-down the dance floor with his famous gqom tracks which reminded revellers of the festive season. (Pics: Phetsile Mamba)



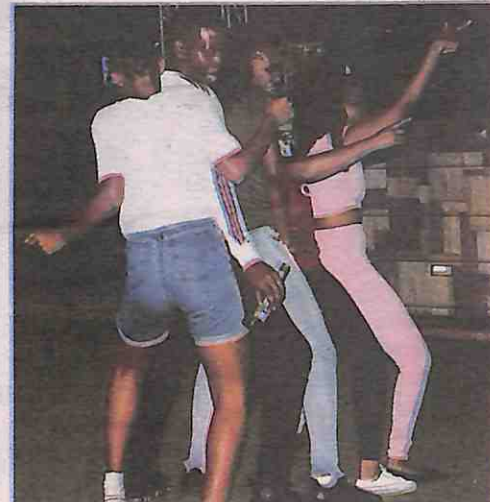
2019 A JUMP: This was the situation at Solani's Shisanyama last Friday.



HAPPINESS: Fans enjoying themselves with their loved ones.



SOO MUCH FUN: Fans danced the night away.



SANDWISHED: Thorn among the roses.



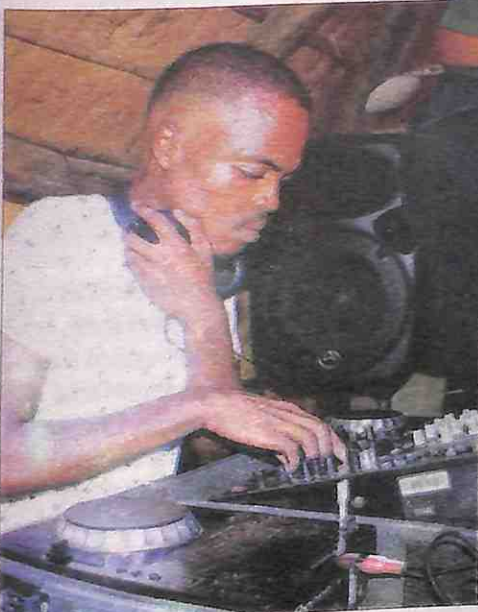
HIP HOP KING: DJ Yung Yas dishing out famous hip hop hits that got fans dancing and singing.



IN NUMBERS: Fun lovers enjoying their drinks during the show.



CHATTING: (Top-Bottom) These two had the time of their lives on the dance floor.



GUEST DJ: DJ Davas during his deephouse set.



IN NUMBERS: Fun lovers enjoying their drinks during the show.

VOSHO: A 'fun lover' dancing to Eyadini at the Friday Hangout.

International
Celebrity News

Oprah does Drake's 'In My Feelings' challenge for magazine shoot

NEW YORK - Oprah's a little late to the Drake party, but she's got her own take on his viral dance challenge that'll definitely have you feeling some type of way ... weak with laughter.

She was doing a photo shoot this weekend for the new cover of February's Oprah Magazine issue, and it looks like there'll be a spread that captures some of her best dance moves to "In My Feelings."

Her official Oprah Magazine IG account even had a message for Drizzy. "#Drake, we think it's time to remix



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED: Oprah Winfrey.

#InMyFeelings to, 'Op-rah, do you love me? Are you riding?'
TMZ

Ariana Grande Remembers Mac Miller on His 27th Birthday

NEW YORK - Mac Miller would've turned 27 on Saturday, and one very important person in his life who definitely didn't forget the occasion Ariana Grande.

Mac's ex paid tribute to the late MC on social media just after the clock struck midnight on what would've been his next birthday. She tweeted at 12:13am. "miss u."

She also posted what appears to be a personal photo of the two of them on her Instagram story, where it looks like they were hanging out in a studio and goofing around.

It's been four months since the trag-



MISSED: Mac Miller and Ariana Grande.

ic passing of Mac Miller and Ariana has been mourning his death ever since both in song and in her personal life. **ShowBiz**

Solange, Springs Up in Houston with Film Crew

WASHINGTON - Solange Knowles looks like she's getting just as comfortable behind a camera as she already is behind a microphone because she was all set to film something in her hometown.

Beyonce's younger sister popped up in Houston Saturday with a whole film crew behind her and a camera in hand. Eyewitnesses tell us she made an appearance at the SHAPE Community Centre off of Alameda Rd. and Alabama St., where we're told she was chatting up folks inside and discussing different shots she wanted to get.

One eyewitness told us it appeared she was at the helm of either a movie or documentary of some sort and



COMFORTABLE: Solange Knowles

was trying to keep it low key.
TMZ

U.S. Figure Skater John Coughlin Dead by Suicide at 33

NEW YORK - Former US figure skating champion John Coughlin has killed himself in the midst of an internal investigation within his sport.

Coughlin a two-time US Pairs champion took his own life last Friday in Kansas City, according to his sister, Angela Laune, who revealed the news on Facebook. Police have reportedly confirmed his death as well.

The Olympic skater had recently been temporarily barred from participating in any skating events in any capacity due to an investigation launched by SafeSport last month. **Showbiz**



DEAD: Former US figure skating champion John Coughlin.

SA Celebrity News

Nambitha Ben-Mazwi exhilarated about soapie

JOHANNESBURG - Actress Nambitha Ben-Mazwi is bringing sexy back and mayhem to local soapie Scandal!

Fresh off her acting stint in Diamond City on SABC1, Sowetan can confirm that Ben-Mazwi will make her debut on the e.tv show, February 8. She will portray the role of street-wise Shado - a foxy slay queen, blessee and host of a secret gentlemen club.

The character will be the love interest for heartthrob Quinton Nyathi (Brighton Ngoma).

"Shado is something else, definitely something I've never played or



NEW ROLE: Nambitha Ben-Mazwi.

imagined playing, which makes playing her all the more exciting," Ben-Mazwi explained. **Sowetan**

Actress Ntando Duma hangs out dirty linen

JOHANNESBURG - TV personality Ntando Duma has aired her baby daddy drama in public.

Taking to social media yesterday, the Gqom Nation presenter dished all the dirt of Junior De Rock - her musician ex-boyfriend and father of her one-year-old daughter. Duma was sent reeling after Junior donated computers and stationary to Wiggins secondary school in his hometown in Durban.

Sowetan



DIRTY LINEN: Ntando Duma.

Makgotso M returns to the small screen

JOHANNESBURG - After taking a short break from the limelight last year, actress Makgotso M is back in the fray. The 27-year-old ingénue, real name Makgotso Monyemokathoe, is spearheading the cast of streaming service Showmax's first original drama The Girl From St Agnes.

"2018 was a tough year, but definitely a year of growth and self-discovery.

Career-wise, it was a quiet year overall, but I think some of it was intentional," she says.

"Coming into the industry and stuff, there was a lot going on, so



RETURNS: Makgotso M.

I just felt like chilling for a bit. But I don't want to chill anymore."

Times Live

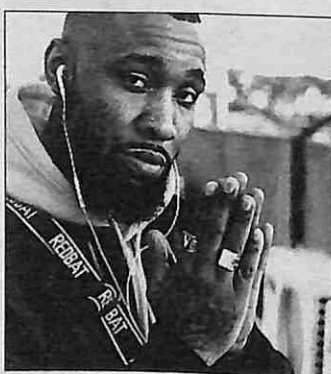
Tshego Koke living his dream

PRETORIA - Tshego Koke finds himself at the intersection of TV, radio, music and fashion.

Not too bad for a man who was unemployed and slipping into depression, before his big MTVBase VJ Search win a year and a half ago. Now it's a case of catch him if you can, because he is running with it.

Koke, 27, from Ga-Rankuwa north of Pretoria (now based in Johannesburg), has set himself apart as one of the most influential in youth pop culture.

His crisp street style, charisma and smooth demeanour have endeared



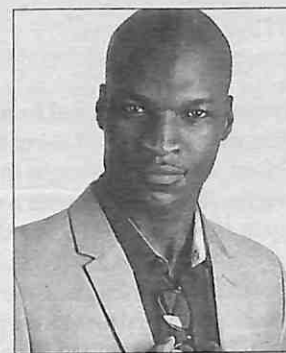
MY WORLD: Tshego Koke.

him to many social media followers.
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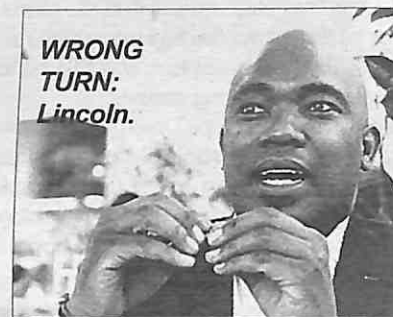
WORRIED: Dabula.

It's the week of the wedding and Siphokazi struggles to manage an increasingly unhappy Phumelele. Dabula gets a worrying call about his mall development. Duma tries to mediate in the escalating dispute between Mpiyakhe and Dabula.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

WRONG TURN: Lincoln.



Gabriel tries to do the right thing for once but finds he's made a deal with the devil. A mystery illness lands Lalage in hospital. Sechaba tries to keep his private life simple but ends up doing the opposite.

Muvhango

TODAY



MIXED-EMOTIONS: Rendani.

A gun goes off at the Mudau house, who gets shot? Moliehi is feeling the pressure. Rendani experiences mixed-emotions

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



Valentine seduces Fats. Bongi finds the ammunition she needs to get David out of Red. Chicken arrives at the club late at night to see Sabelo.

SEDUCED: Fats.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

When you writing a test and the teacher stops by your desk and reads the nonsense on your answer sheet

No chill in Mzansi

No chill in Mzansi

As i plan to resume school ,i hope I won't encounter this nonsense

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

Question the validity of anything you come in conflict with today, Capricorn. You might find that people act on incomplete information, and that they're falsely accusing you of something you didn't say or do. Work to bring harmony to the situation by getting to the truth and helping to make the real motivations known. Words may be charged with strong emotions, so be gentle.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

Today is a great day for you. You should enjoy a great deal of playful conversation, Aquarius. Fantasy is likely to play a big role in events, and you may daydream as you walk down the street. Don't bother with reality if you don't have to. You're much better off keeping the tone light and playful. Enjoy your fantasy world and feel free to invite others into it.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

There may be a rather confusing element to the day, Pisces. You feel tempted to act, but some of the pieces seem to be missing. It could be hard to make a decision, since you don't have the whole picture in front of you. You're better off spending this day outside with a group of friends rather than trying to make any major life decisions or commitments.



ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

Be the star of your own movie and proud of the role you play, Aries. You might find yourself taking on many different characters, depending on your mood of the hour. There's a special gleam in your eye that you should share openly with others. Don't feel rushed to get anywhere. You've already arrived. Enjoy yourself in the company of those you love.



TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Take a break from your daily routine and get off the treadmill today, Taurus. The world will turn without you for one day, so tune out for a while. Remember that whatever path you take is the right one. Regret is a useless emotion. Don't even bother with it. Enjoy the present day and all the small joys it has to offer. Communicate your dreams and bring things into balance.



GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Things are flowing your way, Gemini, and you should find a great deal of pleasure in the company of others. There may be an element of fantasy about the day that causes you to lose track of time and



space. Don't bother connecting to reality if you don't have to. Go to an art museum or attend a dance performance. See a movie and go out to your favorite restaurant.

CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

Don't try to nail down any answers today, Cancer, because you will probably end up feeling frustrated. The less you try to force your will on others, the more you will find that things just automatically go your way. Today isn't about finding solutions to problems. It's about enjoying what you've already learned and accomplished. Keep things light.



LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

Let your childlike side come out and play today, Leo. Your dreams are in full force, so let them lead the way. Enjoy lighthearted conversations with friends about the latest movies or novels. You might want to go shopping or get a haircut. This is a good day to improve your general appearance. You have a much keener eye for style on a day like this.



VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

Take a break from the routine and get off the beaten path, Virgo. This is a day to forge ahead with ideas and dreams rather than commitments and answers. Question things and debate the facts. Have fun whatever you do. This is the perfect day to go out and fly kites with your friends. All group activities are strongly favored. You can't go wrong chatting about the latest events in your life.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

It may feel like something has suddenly clicked into place for you today, Libra, because you've found the missing piece of a puzzle you've been working on. The answers may be subtle, but they're there. Fantasy and a playful attitude will lead you to them effortlessly. Spread your ideas to the world, and encourage others to join in your daydreams.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Things may seem surreal today, Scorpio, so don't take other people's chatter too seriously. This is a day to reach out and touch someone, so pick up the phone. It's a good day to share your dreams, no matter how farfetched they sound. Others may look at you as if you have three heads, but as long as you're being honest with yourself, there's no reason to be shy about sharing.



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

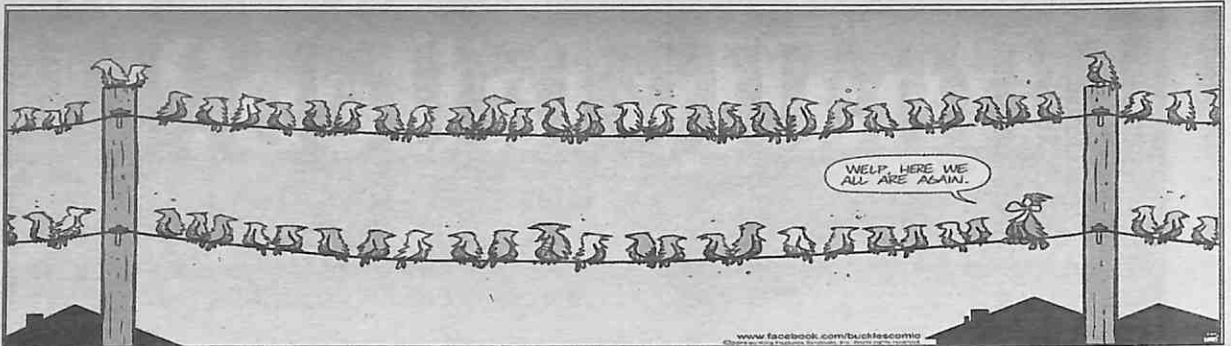
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Memory lost

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- In the last 3 500 years, there have been approximately 230 years of peace throughout the civilised world.
- The Black Death reduced the population of Europe by one third in the period from 1347 to 1351.

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Friday's Brainteaser:

1. I have no eyes, no legs, or ears, and I help move the earth. What am I?

Answer: An earthworm

How did he do it?

Answer: He let the air out of the tires.

Today's Brainteasers

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Will a community torn apart by greed and violence finally rebuild and restore what was lost?

All the questions will be answered in the much-anticipated season two premiere of The River on 1 Magic (DStv Channel 103) next Monday at 8PM.

Produced by Tshedza Pictures, the intrigue continues in season two of The River with Sindi Dlathe, Hlomla Dandala, Moshidi Motshegwa, Presley Chweneyagae, Larona Moagi, and Lawrence Maleka.



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FIVE reasons to love their beautiful relationship!

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They do a lot together!

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They do selfies and photo shoots together!

If your cousin has not taken a selfie or done a photo shoot with you, is she really even your cousin?

They celebrate each other's birthdays...hard!

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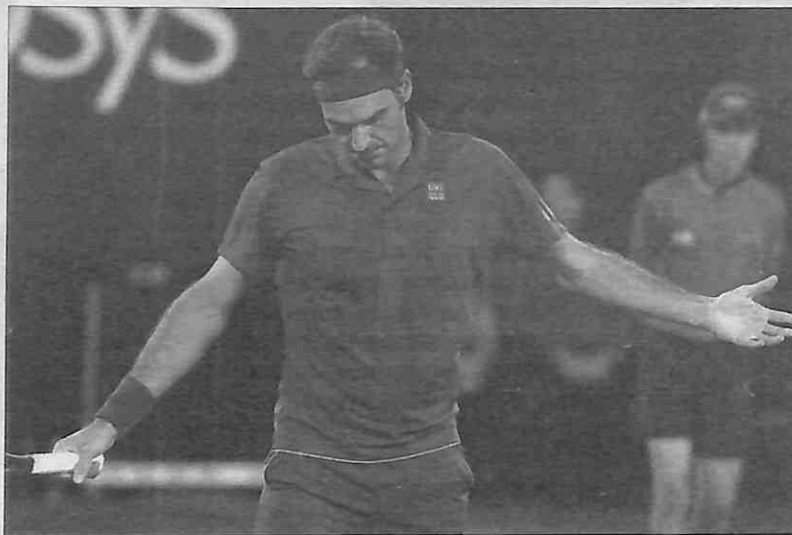
MELBOURNE - Roger Federer stared hard at the future and in the unyielding figure of 20-year-old Stefanos Tsitsipas found that it was too much for him.

The defending champion was knocked out of the Australian Open courtesy of a nerveless display from the young Greek, who seized his chances to win 6-7, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6 in three hours and 45 minutes.

Federer, of whom it is so easy to forget is 37, spurned copious opportunities against the world number 15, whose previous best at a Grand Slam was his little noticed fourth round at Wimbledon last summer.

He now plays Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut, who has powered on from his defeat of Andy Murray on the opening day.

"There is nothing I can describe it, I'm the happiest man on earth right now," said Tsitsipas. "I actually from the very beginning I kept the mindset to believe in myself and my capabilities. Roger is a legend, he showed such good tennis over



STUNNED: The defending champion Roger Federer was stunned by the 20-year-old Greek opponent as his title defence was ended in round four.

the years, I have been analysing him since the age of six. It was a dream come true facing him. It's very important to

have an aggressive mindset and not think too much of what is going to happen."

Daily Mail

Nadal barrels through Berdych to reach Open quarters

MELBOURNE - Rampant Rafael Nadal continued to scatter Australian Open rivals yesterday, barrelling past former world number four Tomas Berdych 6-0, 6-1, 7-6 (7/4) to tear into the quarter-finals.

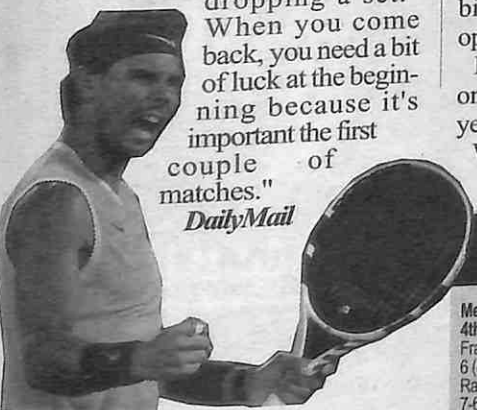
The Spanish second seed blasted out of the blocks to win nine games in a row against the Czech. He then brutally kept his foot on his throat to win in 2hr 5min on Rod Laver Arena.

Injury

"I always say the same when I am back from injury. I don't expect negative or positive things," said Nadal, who hadn't played since the US Open before roaring through his first four matches in Melbourne without dropping a set.

When you come back, you need a bit of luck at the beginning because it's important the first couple of matches."

Daily Mail



WINS: Rampant Rafael Nadal.

'Cinderella' Collins slays Kerber on dream Open debut

MELBOURNE - Unseeded American Danielle Collins welcomed comparisons to Cinderella yesterday after slaying world number two Angelique Kerber to continue her fairytale debut at the Australian Open.

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It was a stunning result for a player who only broke into the top 100 less than a year ago and is a virtual unknown on the WTA Tour after playing most of her tennis on the US college circuit.

The 25-year-old from Florida said it was a dream to reach the quarter-finals of a major after spending long stretches of her career playing small tournaments to build up her ranking points.

"That's a good way to look at it," she said when asked about the Cinderella analogy. "It's been an incredible experience. I'm so grateful to be here in Melbourne."

"I definitely played tournaments in some strange places the first year that I turned pro. I'm really just grateful to be out here doing what I love and playing in front of a good crowd."

Currently ranked 35 in the world, Collins had never won a match at a Grand Slam in five previous attempts before arriving in Melbourne. But she has now dispatched three seeded players on her way to the last eight, where she will meet either compatriot Sloane Stephens, the world number five, or Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. Kerber, the 2016 Australian champion and a semi-finalist last year, is undoubtedly the biggest scalp of her career. *Daily Mail*

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS: DAY 7

Men's singles
4th round
Frances Tiafoe (USA) bt Grigor Dimitrov (BUL x20) 7-5, 7-6 (8/6), 6-7 (1/7), 7-5
Rafael Nadal (ESP x2) bt Tomas Berdych (CZE) 6-0, 6-1, 7-6 (7/4)

Women's singles

4th round
Petra Kvitova (CZE x8) bt Amanda Anisimova (USA) 6-2, 6-1
Ashleigh Barty (AUS x15) bt Maria Sharapova (RUS x30) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4
Danielle Collins (USA) bt Angelique Kerber (GER x2) 6-0, 6-2
Dailymail

Kvitova crushes teen on way to Australian Open quarters

MELBOURNE - Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova blazed her way into the Australian Open quarter-finals yesterday with an emphatic straight sets win over American teenager Amanda Anisimova.

The Czech eighth seed downed the unseeded 17-year-old 6-2, 6-1 to set up a last eight meeting with 15th seeded Australian Ashleigh Barty.

Kvitova is on a nine-match win streak this year after claiming the Sydney International warm-up title and is yet to drop a set in four matches at the season-opening Grand Slam.

But the 28-year-old said she was wary of Anisimova, who defeated her last year in Indian Wells.

"It's always difficult when you play someone who's beaten you before," she said.

"I started very well and when the nerves went away I was much better."

Kvitova's best result at Melbourne Park was a semi-final appearance in 2012 and this year's advance to the last eight is her most successful run since a burglar slashed her left hand with a knife in December 2016.

The attack, which happened at her home in the Czech Republic, left injuries which required extensive surgery and forced her out of the game for six months.

Kvitova said she was enjoying her red-hot run of form.

"I'm feeling good. I'm really enjoying my time on the court and playing tennis, which is the main thing for me," she said.

Shares

Anisimova, who shares an agent with her childhood idol Sharapova, made a nervous start, committing three unforced errors in the opening game to go down a break.

The teenager, the youngest player to reach the fourth round at Melbourne Park since 2006, regathered as the Czech went hunting for another break.

She double faulted and was caught off guard with a drop shot but stubbornly defended her serve in a game that went to deuce seven times.

Kvitova was relentless though, picking off the youngster's second serve to snatch a second break then claiming the first set after 32 minutes.

She never looked back, racing home in the second after claiming six straight games. *Daily Mail*

Ashleigh Barty turns on style to topple Maria Sharapova

MELBOURNE - What they call a Barty party in this neck of the woods broke out when Ashleigh Barty edged to a nerve-shredding win over Maria Sharapova to make the Australian Open quarter-finals.

The Queenslander, who gave up the sport to play Big Bash cricket four years ago, held her nerve to win 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 and became the first Australian female to make the last eight since Jelena Dokic in 2009.

Barty had a point to take a 5-0 lead in the decider, but faltered and was put under severe pressure by

the ex world number one before serving the match out following the wastage of four match points.

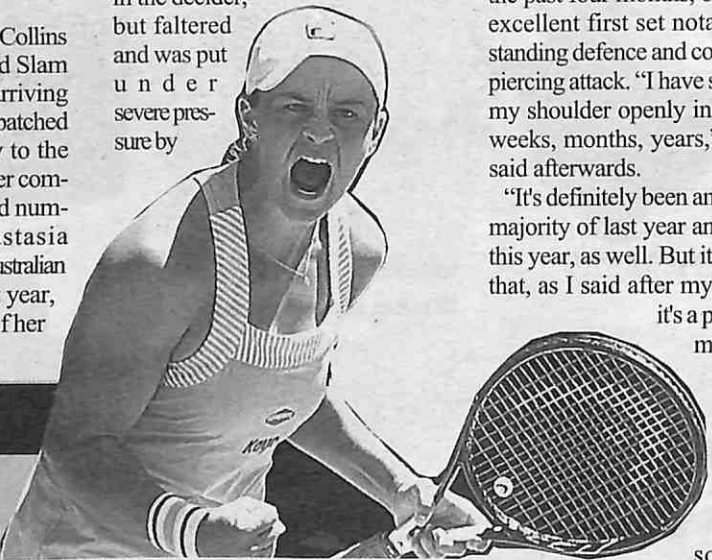
A hugely partisan crowd on the Rod Laver Arena, who had taken exception to Sharapova's stalling tactics, breathed a collective sigh of relief.

"I just had to trust the work I have done with my team," she said. "She was never ever going to go away, I know I can match it with the best."

Sharapova came into this tournament with little tennis behind her in the past four months, but played an excellent first set notable for outstanding defence and combined with piercing attack. "I have spoken about my shoulder openly in the last few weeks, months, years," Sharapova said afterwards.

"It's definitely been an issue for the majority of last year and going into this year, as well. But it's something that, as I said after my first match,

it's a pain-management type of thing. I'm still working through it.' Despite the crowd being rock solid behind her.



TOPS ON STYLE: Ashleigh Barty.

Daily Mail



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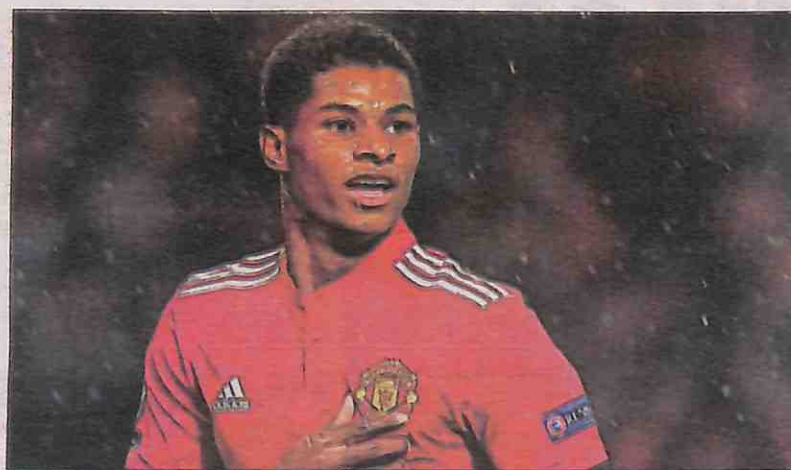
ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



Rashford league's best - Solskjaer

MANCHESTER - Marcus Rashford has a claim to being the best striker currently playing in the Premier League as Harry Kane recovers from injury, Manchester United caretaker-manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has suggested.

Rashford marked his 150th appearance for United with an outstanding goal as they defeated Brighton 2-1 in the Premier League at Old Trafford on Saturday. England forward Rashford's 41st goal for the club came six days after he scored the winner against Kane's Tottenham at Wembley, and he now has seven goals in his past 10 appearances in all competitions. England captain Kane damaged ankle ligaments against United, and is not expected to return to training until early March. Solskjaer implied Kane, when fit, is the best centre-forward in England's top division, but suggested Rashford, 21, is increasingly showing his potential to



HAILED: Marcus Rashford.

be a top-class striker too. "You can argue for many strikers but I'm glad he's in my team," said Solskjaer, himself a former United forward. "Harry Kane's injured, so maybe that gives him (Rashford) a better chance to be the best at the

moment. "No one beats him on work-rate, no one beats him on attitude, and at the moment, he's very confident in front of goal." The Norwegian added: "He finishes, he tries to shoot, he doesn't think twice about it". *Goal*

Why I didn't enjoy my time at Man United - Di Maria

LONDON - Paris Saint-Germain star Angel di Maria has explained why he didn't enjoy his time at Manchester United.

The Argentine joined the Red Devils in 2014 from Real Madrid for a reported fee of £59.7 million, which was a British record at the time.

Di Maria only spent one season at Old Trafford before he ended up joining the Ligue 1 giants after only 32 appearances for United.

However, the winger claims that there were complications with former United man-

ager Louis Van Gaal.

"I only stayed for one year. It was not the best time of my career, or rather I was not allowed to spend my best time there," Di Maria told France Bleu.

"There were complications with the coach at the time.

"But thank God, I was able to come to PSG and demonstrate again who I was."

AFP



EMERY FEARS BELLERIN SET FOR LENGTHY LAY-OFF

LONDON - Arsenal head coach Unai Emery admits he is fearful that Hector Bellerin's latest injury problem is another serious issue for the Spaniard.

However, the ex-PSG boss says that such a setback will not need to be addressed by any hasty purchases in the January transfer window.

The 23-year-old appeared to twist his left knee during his side's 2-0 Premier League win over Chelsea on Saturday before falling to the Emirates Stadium turf unchallenged.

The right-back was then forced to depart the field on a stretcher, in

what was only his second appearance since a calf strain picked up in December.

Emery will be forced to wait for more concrete information on the seriousness of the issue, but revealed in his post-match press conference that initial prognosis was not looking good.

"We have to wait but, his knee, the first prediction is it can be an important injury," the former Sevilla boss told reporters.

"I hope not, but first impressions are not positive."

Daily Mail

Klopp responds to Coutinho links

LONDON - Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp has responded to reports linking FC Barcelona star Philippe Coutinho with a return to the Premier League.

Since leaving the Reds for Barcelona in the last January transfer window, Coutinho has failed to replicate the form that saw him get the move.

The Brazilian since been linked with a return to Anfield, while Manchester United are also reportedly keen.

Klopp, however, failed to entertain any reports about Coutinho returning to the Premier League leaders.

"That is something I don't want to

talk about. I would not say it is a potential transfer or a likely one," Klopp told the media, according to FourFourTwo.

"Nothing to say. Whatever I say would open more stories and there is no story.

"Phil is at Barcelona and as I know he fits really well and everything is fine."

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PITSO BLASTS WYDAD'S ANTICS

JOHANNESBURG - A visibly upset Pitso Mosimane launched a scathing attack on Wydad Casablanca and their antics following Mamelodi Sundowns' CAF Champions League assignment.

A brace from Themba Zwane guided Sundowns to their first win in Group A at the Lucas Moripe Stadium on Saturday evening.

However, Mosimane took issue with the visitors' antics during the latter stages, accusing the Moroccan side of being bullies.

Mosimane was seen instructing personnel at the stadium to "deal" with the Wydad officials during his post-game interview.

"It's a [CAF] Champions League

game, big emotions and all these things. They do this to us! They do this in Morocco. We go everywhere and everybody bullies us. It's about time Sundowns come up and play Champions League," Mosimane told SuperSport after the game. "They do this to us, we don't find ball boys [in Morocco], they come to South Africa and want to bully us? No! We're even local, we know what to do. People bully us, we give it back! Gone are the days.

"The North Africans are always bullying everybody, always. They bully referees, they bully everybody, they don't want to lose. They gonna lose tonight. We beat them fair and square. Two legitimate goals."

Soccer Laduma



CLASH: Action between Kaizer Chiefs and Zesco United on Saturday night in their CAF Confederation Cup match.

Middendorp laments loss to Zesco

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Ernst Middendorp says they tried to bounce back against Zesco United on Saturday night in their Caf Confederation Cup match, but lamented fatigue after their loss.

The Amakhosi boss could not lead his troops to a win as they looked to overcome a 3-1 deficit to reach the group stages, but were condemned to a 2-1 (5-2 on aggregate) loss at the FNB Stadium.

"First of all, compliments to Zesco. I think both games (they were good) six points. It was very clear. They deserve to qualify. We were not able to get the freshness in. We had our first game on the 5th of January," Middendorp told SuperSport TV.

"Now today is the 20th is 15 days and that means it's five games in 15 days. I don't have to explain it and if you want to compete with the champions of other countries (we've to prepare better)," he said.

"In the first game away we had to do a very intensive game against Bidvest (Wits). We won it. We went

all out. Now here we are again we have to play another intensive game in Durban against AmaZulu, we won it," continued the German boss.

"But I have seen the players in both games first game away and today's game three days later after another intensive game we haven't been able to get the freshness in," continued the coach.

"You need one or two days off, like the fantastic performance in the AmaZulu game. It was a fantastic performance against Bidvest Wits. It's not that the players are not capable but just the result of these intensive games these players have to come up and play," responded the manager.

On the other hand, the former Free State Stars coach said South African clubs will always find it difficult to do well in the continent due to a congested fixture schedule.

"We have to think about this in South Africa that if we really want to qualify our teams for the international business," rued the coach.

Goal

Pirates should remain grounded ahead of Baroka

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates head coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic has explained why he does not want to reveal Horoya AC's weaknesses ahead of the return-leg clash.

The Buccaneers secured their first win in the CAF Champion League Group B when they thrashed Guinean champions Horoya 3-0 in Soweto on Friday.

"We knew we were playing a good team that is coming for the third consecutive year to South Africa," Sredojevic told the media.

Goals from Themba Zwane, Lorch and Justin Shonga (brace) helped Bucs overcome HAC, who are under the guidance of French tactician Patrice Neveu.

"They have a great coach in Patrice Neveu, who has coached a few nation-

al teams in the continent, and he has set his team as we had expected," he continued.

Pirates will travel to the Stade du 28 Septembre in Conakry to face Horoya on the 8th of March 2019 after two back-to-back Group B matches against Tunisian champions Esperance de Tunis.

"It was not as easy as the result suggests, we had to really take care defensively because this team has scored nine goals (in their last four CAFCL matches) - six against Al Nasr," he explained.

"One against Barrack Young Controllers and one against Esperance - almost all from inside the box," the former Al Hilal Omdurman coach added.

"Hence we had to focus on defending in front of the box and stopping the ball from entering into that area, and I

believe we did that very well - we cut out the opponent's opportunities from that aspect," Micho said.

"On the other end we exploited some of their weaknesses, which I still don't want to reveal because we are still going to Conakry and we don't want them to correct what is wrong," he added.

The Serbian coach feels that there is still room for improvement with his side set to face Baroka FC in a PSL match on Tuesday, before taking on Black Leopards in the Nedbank Cup Last 32 clash on Saturday.

"Finally, I would say, we follow the philosophy of, 'When it's good, do not fly; when it's bad, do not give up,'" he indicated. "We are happy and injected with the confidence we wanted, but we're far from being happy with so many things because we still have so much room to improve and develop," he concluded.

Goal

Baroka FC not looking to hire new CEO

JOHANNESBURG - Baroka FC Chairman Khurishi Mphahlele says the club will not look to hire a new CEO following the departure of Morgan Mammila.

Mammila, who had been with the Ga-Mphahlele side since their promotion to the Premier Soccer League in 2016, recently joined Chippa United where he replaced veteran football administrator Peter Koutroulis.

Although Mammila received credit for Bakgaga's Telkom Knockout triumph in December and his transfer dealings on the continent, Mphahlele sees no need to appoint a successor. Asked if there will be any replacement for Mammila in the CEO position, Mphahlele was quick to dismiss that thought.

"Who replaced (laughs) ... why must we replace him?" Mphahlele replied to KickOff.com.

"Can't we play without him? There is no need to replace him. I don't see a need to replace him."

The Limpopo outfit is flirting with relegation again this season with 15 points from their 17 matches so far.

Kick-Off

Laffor considers himself a PSL legend

JOHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns forward Anthony Laffor believes he has done enough in his 13 years in the PSL to be considered a legend.

Laffor was first introduced to South African football supporters when he donned the colours of Jomo Cosmos from 2005 to 2008, before he joined SuperSport United, where his ABSA Premiership glory days began.

The 33-year-old won two league titles with Matsatsantsa and then made the move to Tshwane rivals Sundowns in

2012, where he's won the championship on three occasions, to go with the Nedbank Cup, Telkom Knockout, CAF Champions League and Super Cup. Laffor is still hungry to achieve more in his career.

"I still want to win the league with Sundowns. In future, I want to tell my kids that I played for Mamelodi Sundowns and this is what I won. Every professional player has to set a legacy and I am in a position where I have been in the PSL for 10 or 11 years. I am a legend of the PSL already, so I don't want to be a legend of failure," the Liberian international tells KickOff.com.

"I think I am there already [as a legend]. So many foreign players come to the PSL and I think I have been consistent. It's not easy in the PSL. I am happy because I remember when I was leaving SuperSport to come to Sundowns, people were saying I won't play. But this is my sixth year at Sundowns. People thought I would spend only one year at Sundowns. So it's all about the heart and what you want. I just need to be disciplined and keep my feet on the ground."

Kick-Off

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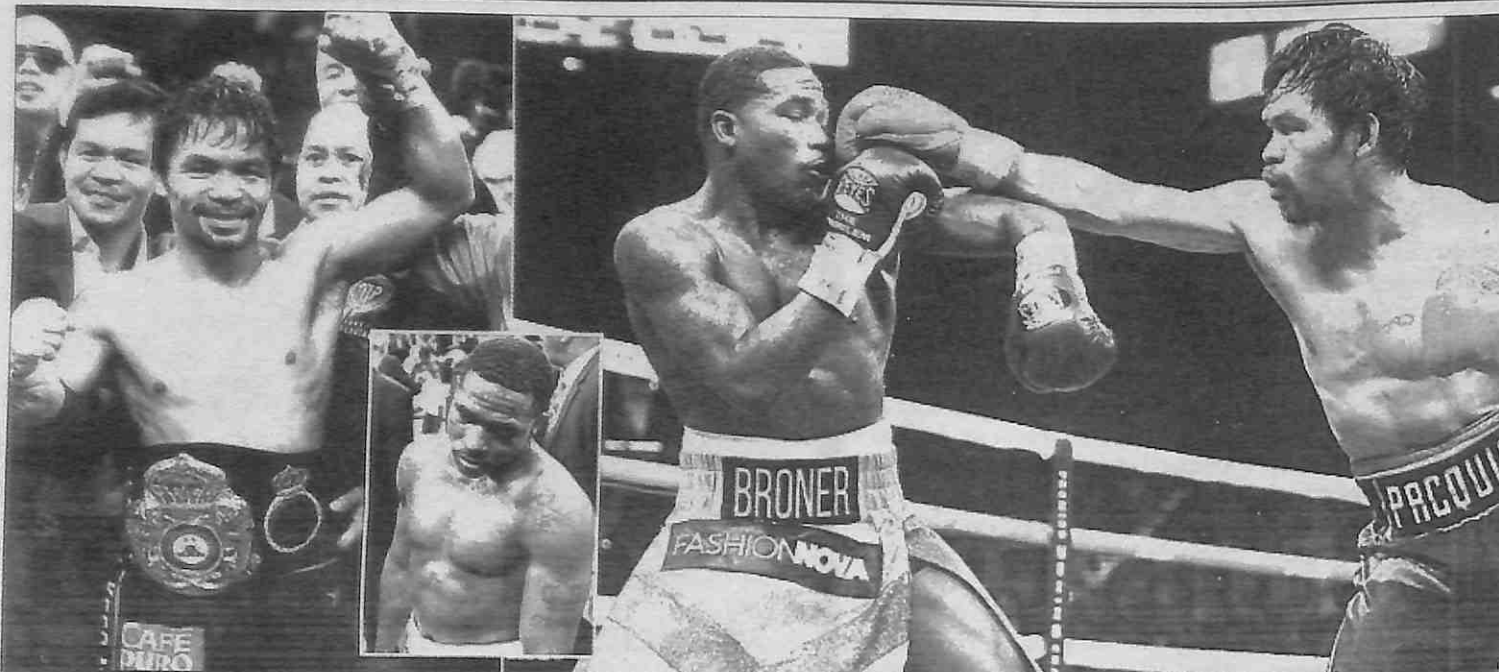
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PACQUIAO DEFIES HIS YEARS WITH DOMINANT POINTS

LAS VEGAS - Manny Pacquiao showed age is just a number in his 70th professional bout as he produced an impressive onslaught against Adrien Broner to retain his WBA 'regular' welterweight title by unanimous decision in Las Vegas.

In front of a sell-out crowd of 13 025 at the MGM Grand, the 40-year-old Filipino dominated, using all his experience as Broner struggled to use his reach to trouble Pacquiao. The judges scored it 117-111, 116-112, 116-112 all in favour of Pacquiao.

With Floyd Mayweather watch-

ing from ringside as talk intensifies over a rematch with Pacquiao, the 'Pac-Man' had the crowd on their feet with a dominant win as he rolled back the years against an overwhelmed Broner. Pacquiao said after the win: "I feel so happy because I did my best in the fight and in training. Our strategy we used a lot and we did a lot in the training camp for this victory. 'I am so happy because God gave me good health and at the age of 40 I can still give my best. I want to be aggressive more but my coach told me to counter him."

"I don't believe my career is over. I proved it. Manny Pacquiao's jour-

ney still continues. I want to push more but my trainer said just take time and wait for him. On the prospect of a Mayweather rematch, he added: "Tell him to come back to the ring and we will fight! I am willing to fight again if he is willing to come back in boxing." Mayweather gave no reaction when the camera panned on him as he opted to stay out of the ring and the limelight, despite the crowd being desperate to learn if the two will have another dust-up. In between rounds a microphone was continually thrust in the direction of Mayweather but he was growing tired of talk of whether he will

meet Pacquiao next. While not ruling out a return to the ring to fight - particularly given the interest and money the fight would generate - he remained coy. He said: "You keep asking me about Manny Pacquiao. He needs to get past Adrien Broner first."

And right now I'm living a happy and healthy life. Well, he got past Broner and calls for a rematch will only get louder here on in after an aggressive and professional performance from Pacquiao, suggesting he is not slowing down anytime soon.

Daily Mail

Arsenal told how to get the best out of Ozil

LONDON - Jose Mourinho has revealed how to get the best out of unsettled Arsenal star Mesut Ozil, affirming that neither a hard line nor soft approach is likely to work on the playmaker.

Ozil has cut an unhappy figure at the Emirates Stadium in recent months, missing several key games amid rumours that he could soon be leaving.

Mourinho knows the former Germany international better than most, having taken him under his wing during the pair's time at Real Madrid.

And he believes that he has the answer over the mystery of how to make enigmatic Ozil tick on and off the pitch.

"Honestly, I don't know what is going on, if he is having a physical problem or not," Mourinho explained on beIN Sports.

"I know that there was some problem in relation to his contract, he is leaving on a free then he is not leaving on a free. I think finally he signed a contract and decided to stay. So there is not an issue with contract, so I believe there is something with the physical point of view or there is some confrontation of ideas with Unai. I think the nature of football is exactly this nature."

"With me, Ozil played amazingly well but maybe not with Unai. And maybe a certain player that I don't remember was phenomenal with Unai but doesn't work as well with me. It's just the nature of empathy."

Team Talk



'Pochettino will change when he starts winning trophies'

LONDON - Jose Mourinho thinks that Mauricio Pochettino's outlook on management will change only once he starts winning trophies.

The Argentinean will take his team to Stamford Bridge to defend a 1-0 lead in the second leg of their EFL Cup semi-final on Thursday.

Tottenham are aiming to win their first silverware since they lifted the trophy in 2008. And Pochettino is yet to claim silverware during his managerial career, either at Spurs or former clubs Espanyol and Southampton.

Mourinho, who was sacked as manager of Manchester United on December

17th, was speaking as part of a BeIN Sports broadcast, was asked what was more important to him as a manager - winning trophies or finishing in the Premier League's top four.

"Winning the trophies, no doubt," he said. "I'm not staying [Pochettino] is wrong."

He thinks different from me. He thinks different than me or maybe the day he starts winning trophies he changes his communication. "I like him very much as a person and a coach, I am not being critical of him."

Tottenham have become top-four regulars during Pochettino's reign but have

failed to sustain a title challenge, pushing the eventual champions to the final weeks of the season in 2016 and 2017 but ultimately falling short. His Tottenham side beat Mourinho's United 3-0 at Old Trafford in August.

Goal

My desire is to stay here - Modric

MADRID - Real Madrid star Luka Modric said he wants to stay at the La Liga giants beyond his current contract.

Modric, who was linked with Serie A side Inter at the start of the season, is contracted to Madrid until 2020.

And the 33-year-old Ballon d'Or winner is happy at the Santiago

Bernabeu as he eyes an extension.

"I have a year and a half left on my contract and I am calm, as that's a long time," Modric told reporters.

"My desire is to stay here for more time. I am as happy as I was on the first day."

Modric was speaking after scoring in Madrid's 2-0 victory at home to Sevilla in La Liga.

Casemiro put Madrid ahead with a sensational long-range strike in the 78th minute before Modric - who was denied by the crossbar in the second half - sealed victory in stoppage time.

The win saw Madrid leapfrog Sevilla into third position, seven points behind leaders Barcelona.

"I am very happy and think we played a great game," he said. "We are happy with our play and happy with the three points."

"We need to follow this path. Every player had a great game and our fans want to see us like this."

"We needed a match like this one to give some joy to ourselves and to the supporters. Personally, I feel good and have felt good for the past month and a half."

On the title race, Modric added: "We don't need to think about Barcelona or about how many points we have. We need to go game by game."

Goal

Henry fumes at VAR glitch

MONACO - Struggling Monaco's 5-1 home defeat against Strasbourg on Saturday left Thierry Henry fuming with the coach seen insulting an opposing player and lashing out at a malfunction of the Video Assistant Refereeing (VAR) system.

TV footage showed the former France international making an abusive remark to a Strasbourg player as the visitors showed no mercy in routing Monaco, who were reduced to 10 men after the dismissal of Naldo in the seventh minute.

The result left the club from the principality second from bottom of the league on 15 points from 21 games and still without a Ligue 1 victory at their Stade Louis II home this season. Monaco were trailing 2-1 just after the hour mark when they were denied a penalty in an incident that a furious Henry thought had turned the game. "When I asked the fourth official why he wasn't reviewing (what led to the potential penalty), he told me the VAR was not working,"

Henry was quoted as saying in French daily L'Equipe yesterday. "I would like to know why the VAR was not working and I hope you are going to ask why. We were 2-1 down at that moment and if we convert the penalty, it's 2-2. It would have been a game changer."

AFP



NOT HAPPY: Thierry Henry.

EAGER: Luka Modric.



RAMPANT MAN CITY KEEP TITLE CHARGE ALIVE

LONDON - Manchester City kept their Premier League title charge alive with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Huddersfield Town yesterday afternoon.

Sergio Aguero and Kevin de Bruyne returned to the City line-up as David Silva and Gabriel Jesus dropped to

the bench.

After waves of attack, City eventually broke the deadlock when Danilo's effort from distance deflected off Huddersfield's Christopher Schindler and sailed into the back of the net after 18 minutes.

It was one-way traffic in the first

half as the Citizens dominated possession for most of the half, although clear-cut chances were hard to come by. That was the trend for the rest of the first half, with Huddersfield only showing glimpses of offence on the counter attack.

Eight minutes into the second half,

the lead was double as Leroy Sane was allowed to whip a fine cross to Raheem Sterling, who headed into an empty net. The third goal arrived soon after as Aguero's neat flick played in Sane, who controlled well before slotting past the on-rushing Jonas Lössl. That was to be Sane's last involvement in the game as the German winger made way for Bernardo Silva for the final 20 minutes. Huddersfield did manage to get a couple of sights at goal with Steve Mounie going close, however they were unable seriously tested Ederson.

City were also unable to hit the net once again as the encounter finished 3-0 and they now move four points behind leaders Liverpool.

Daily Mail

Stuttering SuperSport back to winning ways

PRETORIA - SuperSport United returned to winning ways with a 2-1 victory over Bloemfontein Celtic in the ABSA Premiership clash at the Lucas Moripe Stadium.

Kaitano Tembo made five changes from SuperSport's defeat against Black Leopards last weekend, handing starts to Bradley Grobler, Ghampani Lungu, Reneilwe Letsholonyane, Billy Mutale and Siyabonga Nhlapo. Meanwhile, Siwelele were looking to build on from their stalemate against Golden Arrows, although they had to do it without defender Bongani Sam.

Grobler grabbed the lead for the Tshwane giants in the 14th minute with a clinical low finish inside the box after he was left free by some slack defending.

Lehlohonolo Seema's charges had a good attacking spell as the half went on, but they could not turn their possession into clear-cut chances.

Seema was looking for more firepower upfront, as he brought on striker Tshagofatso Mabaso at the beginning of the second stanza in place of attacking midfielder Menzi Masuku.

However, Teboho Mokoena doubled the lead for SuperSport three minutes before the hour-mark with a spectacular strike from 25-yards to the top corner.

Mabaso pulled a goal back for Siwelele in the 63rd minute, with an out-stretched strike inside the six-yard for his sixth league goal of the season.

Tembo was forced to make a substitution 20 minutes before time as Nhlapo picked up an injury and was replaced by Grant Kekana.

Aubrey Modiba almost restored SuperSport's two-goal cushion eight minutes before time with a strike from distance, but Celtic shot-stopper Patrick Tignyemb came up with a big save.

Kick-Off



DROPS:
Gavin Hunt.

Tottenham snatch a last-minute victory

LONDON - Tottenham Hotspur scored deep in stoppage time to sink Fulham 2-1 in their Premier League clash yesterday evening.

The Cottagers were looking to respond after a 2-1 defeat to Burnley last weekend and needed points to get away from the basement sides on the table. They came to the game seven points away from safety, while Spurs were looking to bounce back from their defeat to Manchester United.

Spurs were also seeking a response after a 1-0 loss to Manchester United the last time out and were without their talisman Harry Kane who is expected not to be back until March after



HEADER: Harry Winks ghosts into the Fulham six-yard box and heads home Georges-Kevin N'Koudou's cross in the last minute.

getting an ankle injury in that game. Fulham debutant Ryan Babel almost opened the scoring for the hosts in the 11th minute after charging towards the box from the left side but his strike

was saved by goalkeeper Hugo Lloris. The hosts went ahead six minutes later when Fernando Llorente he inadvertently guided a clearance into his own net following a corner. *Team Talk*

Wits drop points in six-goal thriller

Polokwane - ABSA Premiership leaders Bidvest Wits missed the chance to move five points clear of Orlando Pirates after they played to an entertaining six-goal thriller with Polokwane City.

Lehlohonolo Nonyane and Vuyo Mere were drafted into the starting 11 to replace Robyn Johannes and Buhle Mkhwanazi.

The game got off to a lively start but the first

goal only arrived on 24 minutes, as Polokwane grabbed the lead courtesy of Bongile Booi, who rose highest to flick Jabu Maluleke's free-kick into the back of the net.

Four minutes later, the score was 2-0 through an identical scenario where Maluleke sent in a set-piece which was headed in by Sammy Seabi as the Clever Boys were left shocked.

In the 35th minute, Motupa's probing paid off as he rifled home a stunning long-range effort past George Chigova to pull one back and give Wits a fighting chance. Motupa was prepared to lead the fight and two minutes later he scored the equaliser with a head-

ed effort from a corner kick as Gavin Hunt started to take control of the encounter.

The second half began on a much quieter note as compared to the latter part of the first half, however Wits captain Thulani Hlatshwayo made it to 3-2 to complete the turnaround after profiting from a defensive error to slot home from close range.

The half was not as busy with Wits choosing to slow down the game, this was until the 71st minute when Deon Hotto let loose with a powerful long-range effort which crashed against the crossbar.

Soccer Laduma

LOGS

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Bidvest Wits	18	10	4	4	12	34
Orlando Pirates	17	8	7	2	9	31
Sundowns	14	7	7	0	9	28
Cape Town City	17	7	6	4	7	27
Kaizer Chiefs	18	7	6	5	6	27
Polokwane City	17	7	6	4	3	27
SuperSport	18	7	5	6	1	26
B Celtic	18	7	4	7	-1	25
Highlands Park	17	4	1	03	2	22
Golden Arrows	18	4	9	5	-1	21
Black Leopards	17	5	5	7	-4	20
Amazulu FC	18	6	5	7	-4	17
Free State Stars	18	4	4	10	-14	16
Baroka FC	17	3	6	8	-6	15
Chippa United	18	3	6	9	-8	15
Maritzburg	18	18	9	-1	1	11

PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Liverpool	23	19	3	1	54	13	41	60
Manchester City	23	18	2	3	62	17	45	56
Tottenham Hotspur	23	17	0	6	48	23	25	51
Chelsea	23	14	5	4	40	19	21	47
Arsenal	23	13	5	5	48	32	16	44
Manchester U	23	13	5	5	46	33	13	44
Watford	23	9	6	8	32	32	0	33
Wolverhampton	23	9	5	9	27	31	-4	32
Leicester City	23	9	4	10	29	29	0	31
West Ham United	23	9	4	10	30	34	-4	31
Everton	23	8	6	9	34	33	1	30
Bournemouth	23	9	3	11	33	42	-9	30
Brighton	23	7	5	11	25	32	-7	26
Crystal Palace	23	6	4	13	23	32	-9	22
Southampton	23	5	7	11	25	40	-15	22
Burnley	23	6	4	13	23	43	-20	22
Newcastle United	23	5	6	12	19	31	-12	21
Cardiff City	23	5	4	14	19	44	-25	19
Fulham	23	3	5	15	21	51	-30	14
Huddersfield	23	2	5	16	13	40	-27	11

SPANISH LA LIGA

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Barcelona	19	13	4	2	53	20	33	43
Atletico Madrid	20	11	8	1	30	13	17	41
Real Madrid	20	11	3	6	30	24	6	36
Sevilla	20	9	6	5	31	22	9	33
Alaves	20	9	5	6	22	23	-1	32
Getafe	20	8	7	5	25	16	9	31
Real Betis	20	8	5	7	25	25	0	29
Valencia	20	5	11	4	19	18	1	26
Real Sociedad	19	7	4	8	23	22	1	25
Girona	20	5	9	6	23	26	-3	24
Espanyol	19	7	3	9	21	27	-6	24
Levante	19	6	5	8	30	35	-5	23
Athletic Bilbao	20	4	11	5	21	26	-5	23
Leganes	19	5	7	7	17	21	-4	22
Real Valladolid	19	5	7	7	17	21	-4	22
Eibar	19	5	7	7	21	28	-7	22
Celta Vigo	20	5	6	9	32	34	-2	21
Rayo Vallecano	19	5	4	10	22	34	-12	19
Villarreal	20	3	9	8	21	26	-5	18
SD Huesca	20	2	5	13	17	39	-22	11

ITALIAN SERIE A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Juventus	19	17	2	0	38	11	27	53
Napoli	19	14	2	3	37	17	20	44
Inter Milan	20	12	4	4	31	14	17	40
Roma	20	9	6	5	37	26	11	33
Lazio	19	9	5	5	28	21	7	32
AC Milan	19	8	7	4	26	20	6	31
Atalanta	20	9	4	7	44	27	17	31
Sampdoria	20	8	6	6	35	26	9	30
Parma	20	8	4	8	19	24	-5	28
Florentina	20	6	9	5	28	21	7	27
Torino	20	6	9	5	26	22	4	27
Sassuolo	20	6	8	6	30	32	-2	26
Cagliari	20	4	9	7	17	25	-8	21
Genoa	19	5	5	9	25	35	-10	20
Udinese	20	4	6	10	17	25	-8	18
Spal	20	4	6	10	16	28	-12	18
Empoli	20	4	5	11	22	37	-15	17
Bologna	20	2	8	10	16	30	-14	14
Frosinone	20	1	7	12	12	42	-30	10
Chievo	19	1	8	10	14	35	-21	8

BUNDESLIGA

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Dortmund	18	14	3	1	45	18	27	45
Bayern Munich	18	12	3	3	39	19	20	39
M'gladbach	18	11	3	4	37	18	19	36
RB Leipzig	18	9	4	5	31	18	13	31
E Frankfurt	18	9	3	6	37	24	13	30
Wolfsburg	17	8	4	5	27	22	5	28
Hertha Berlin	18	7	6	5	29	28	1	27
Hoffenheim	18	6	7	5	33	26	7	25
Werder Bremen	18	7	4	7	29	29	0	25
Bayer Leverkusen	18	7	3	8	26	30	-4	24
Mainz	18	6	6	6	20	24	-4	24
SC Freiburg	18	5	6	7	22	28	-6	21
Fortuna Düsseldorf	18	6	3	9	21	34	-13	21
Schalke	17	5	3	9	20	24	-4	18
FC Augsburg	18	3	6	9	26	31	-5	15
Stuttgart	18	4	2	12	14	38	-24	14
Hannover 96	18	2	5	11	17	36	-19	11
FC Nurnberg	18	2	5	11	15	41	-26	11



RIDING SOLO: 2019 OK Foods Individual Time trial champion Muzi Shabangu from MTN Khemani crossing the finishing line during the race held at the Phocweni-Masundwini road yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)

MUZI SHABANGU WINS 2019 TIME TRIAL

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

CYCLING - MTN Khemani ace rider Muzi Shabangu has replaced teammate Mduduzi Zwane as champion of the OK Individual Time Trial race.

Shabangu clocked a time of 1.03.05 hours to become the second champion of the annual road competition held at the Phocweni-Masundwini road yesterday.

Not only did Shabangu claim the championship title but he also beat last year's time of 1.03.21 hours made by Zwane.

Taking second position was future prospect Sihle Dlamini from Dig Deep

Cycling Club on 1.05.51 hours

Despite failing to defend his crown, former champion Zwane managed to secure a podium finish by coming third during the 38km event.

Category

In the ladies category, 4Ever Cycling Club cyclist Denize Wilsh walked away with the championship title after clocking 1.13.30 hours while Shirley Motsa of Newcomm Wheels was the runner-up. Shabangu attributed his success to adequate preparations when interviewed after the race.

"The race went well and I am very happy to have won, especially after spending two weeks preparing for the

race. I was also happy with the flat route as it worked to my advantage," he said.

Meanwhile, runner-up Sihle Dlamini said he was pleased with his showing on the day.

"I am happy that I managed to finish second during the race. I will continue working hard in both upcoming local and international competitions," he said.

Former champion Zwane said he was affected by the windy conditions when also speaking after the race.

"The weather conditions worked against me due to the strong wind. My bicycle chain also broke towards the finishing point but I hope to do better in the upcoming events," he said.

THE FULL RESULTS

38km			
1.	Muzi Shabangu	MTN Khemani	1.03.05
2.	Sihle Dlamini	Dig Deep	1.05.51
3.	Mduduzi Zwane	MTN Khemani	1.06.03
4.	Similo Nyoni	MTN Khemani	1.08.42
5.	Calvin Louw	4ever	1.08.43
6.	Ncamiso Kunene	Dig Deep	1.08.53
7.	Sandile Mtsetfwa	Newcomm	1.10.53
8.	Sanele Jele	4ever	1.11.04
9.	Sicelo Phiri	Dig Deep	1.11.47
10.	Mcolisi Dlamini	Newcomm	1.12.11
11.	Zweli Zulu	Newcomm	1.13.08
12.	Muntu Mnisi	EUDF	1.13.29
13.	Mark Wilsh	4ever	1.13.30
14.	Lungelo Dlamini	Newcomm	1.13.35
15.	Lungelo Mlangeni	Dig Deep	1.13.58
16.	Sihlangu Sikhondze	Newcomm	1.13.37
17.	Thando Manyatsi	Dig Deep	1.14.23
18.	Clinton Louw	4ever	1.14.45
19.	Ara Madjem	4ever	1.14.03
20.	Wilson Simelane	UEDF	1.16.06
21.	Ciniso Dlamini	Newcomm	1.16.49
22.	Ronny Nxumalo	MTN Khemani	1.16.42
23.	Ayanda Dlamini	4ever	1.17.36
24.	Xaverius Mnisi	UEDF	1.17.36
25.	Mcebo Langa	4ever	1.21.23
26.	Denize Wilsh	4ever	1.22.15
27.	Nico Figureido	4ever	1.25.21
28.	Wiseman Jele	4motion	1.27.31
29.	Mohamed Mamsoor	4ever	1.28.55
30.	Shirley Motsa	Newcomm	1.38.42
31.	Gcina Banda	Dig Deep	did not finish

19km			
1.	Thembinkhosi Khumalo	Inyatsi	38.28
2.	Paul Loffler	4motion	39.16
3.	Sibusiso Mamba	Kusekhaya	39.48
4.	Sikhumbuzo Dlamini	Independent	39.16
5.	Ndumi Mhlango	MTN Khemani	41.33
6.	Fortune Nxumalo	Newcomm	42.19
7.	Njabulo Magagula	Independent	42.27
8.	Connor Louw	4ever	42.40
9.	Mduduzi Kaudi	Kusekhaya	43.42
10.	Caleb Young	4ever	44.10
11.	Ndumiso Dlamini	Independent	44.51
12.	Linda Loffler	4motion	45.14
13.	Rodney Young	4Ever	46.07
14.	Vuyiso Simelane	Inyatsi	47.08
15.	Malik Macnamara	4ever	47.08
16.	Sebe Magongo	4ever	51.04
17.	Phephile Matsenjwa	Kusekhaya	55.30
18.	Thulebona Simelane	Inyatsi	60.03
19.	Zodwa Mcanamara	4Ever	60.04

OK Foods promise bigger competition next year

CYCLING - OK Foods has promised to deliver a much bigger individual time trial competition next year.

This was revealed by OK Foods Director Lincoln Motsa during the second edition of the race held at the Phocweni-Masundwini road yesterday.

"We want to see the sport grow in the country, hence are committed to delivering a much bigger and better event next year. We will continue contributing towards the development of cycling both at local and international level."

"We congratulate all the winners of the day and further commend the progress made by some clubs in promoting the sport by grooming young talent," he said.

Meanwhile, veteran rider and former Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini appealed for the support of cycling from all sectors of the society.

"I am still pleading for more support of cycling in the country so we can have proper cycling routes, which can help the riders express their talents smoothly without any hindrance.

"I am also looking forward to a prosperous and fruitful cycling year for the country in 2019," he said.



THANK YOU FOR COMING: Eswatini Cycling Association Vice President Joe Warring showing the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga features of a bike during the competition.



PRESENT: Former Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini was also present at the event.



THE BEST: The best junior Malik Macnamara from 4Ever Cycling Club captured before the start of the 19km race.



CONGRATS: Champion Muzi Shabangu accepting the first prize from the minister.



GIRL POWER: 38km best female rider Denize Wilsh from 4Ever Cycling Club displaying her prize next to the dignitaries.



INGWENYAMA CUP 2018/19



MBABANE SWALLOWS VS MANZINI SUNDOWNS



PUSHING: Mbabane Swallows' Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa winning the ball from Manzini Sundowns' Kingu Pemba during the Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Swallows won 2-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



HEADER: Swallows' Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, Sundowns' Reagan Kangumbu and Ndumiso Shongwe battling for a high ball.



WE CAN FLY: Mbabane Swallows supporters celebrating their first goal.



NET: Swallows first goal against Sundowns.



YES: Scorer of Swallows' two goals Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu celebrating with Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa.



SINITSANDZA NONKHE: Swallows officials joined the supporters in singing and dancing after their victory.

MBABANE HIGHLANDERS VS MATSAPHA UNITED



BATTLE: Mbabane Highlanders' Menzi Sithole and Matsapha United's Sihawu Dlamini fighting for the ball during the Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals yesterday. Highlanders' won 1-0.



IT'S INSIDE: Highlanders goal scored by Thabiso Monkenkoane.



THROUGH: Highlanders players celebrating their lone and winning goal.



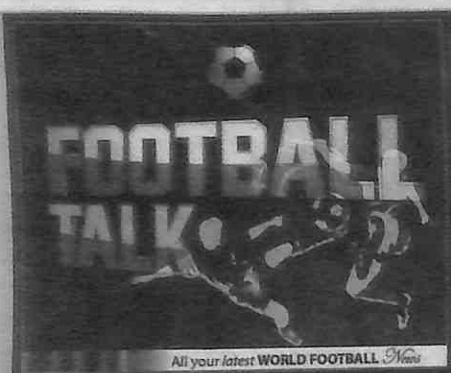
BUCKLE UP: Highlanders' technical bench celebrates after the referee blew the final whistle.



MY BALL: United's Baba Seibiu Blandya and Sibonelo Dlamini in a heading duel.



HAPPY PEOPLE: Mbabane Highlanders fans in a jovial mood.



● Chelsea's England Under-19 forward Callum Hudson-Odoi is ready to reject the Blues' contract offer worth £85 000 a week and hold out for a move to German giants Bayern Munich because the 18-year-old thinks he has more chance of developing in the Bundesliga.
(Mail on Sunday)

● Arsenal want their former winger Marc Overmars to become technical director at Emirates Stadium because Manager Unai Emery and Head of Recruitment Sven Mislintat are unable to form a working relationship. Ex-Netherlands international Overmars, 45, is Director of Football at Dutch side Ajax.
(Sunday Mirror)

● West Ham forward Marco Arnautovic's move to China is off after Guangzhou Evergrande pulled out of the proposed £45m deal for the 29-year-old Austria international.
(Mail on Sunday)

● Chelsea have asked Spanish champions Barcelona about their £100m-rated Brazil and former Liverpool midfielder Philippe Coutinho, 26.
(Sunday Express)

● Juventus striker Gonzalo Higuain's imminent loan move to Chelsea will put the 31-year-old Argentina international among the top earners in the Premier League on £270 000 a week.
(Daily Star Sunday)

● Manchester City could make a surprise loan move for Schalke's German midfielder Sebastian Rudy, 28.
(Sun on Sunday)

● Former Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes is set to be named as the new Oldham manager.
(Telegraph)

● Former Blackpool and England striker Paul Stewart, 54, is leading a bid to rescue the League One club and revive their fortunes.
(Sunday Mirror)

● Stoke's Spanish forward Bojan Krkic, 28, is in talks about a big-money move to the MLS with New England Revolution, who are managed by former Blackburn and Tottenham keeper Brad Friedel.
(Sun on Sunday)

● Real Madrid hope they can sign Belgium forward Eden Hazard for less than the 100m Euros (£88m) figure set by Chelsea for the 28-year-old, whose contract runs to June 2020.
(Marca)

● Paris St-Germain and France striker Kylian Mbappe, 20, says he may be tempted by a move to Real Madrid in the future.
(AS)

● Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino says the club are more likely to find a replacement for injured 25-year-old England striker Harry Kane in their academy than through the transfer market.
(London Evening Standard)

'MADZE' CONFIDENT OF VICTORY AT AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

CYCLING—Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga is confident the country will do well in the African Road Championships slated for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, next month.

Bulunga said this soon after watching members of the national team performing during the 2019 OK Foods Individual Time Trial competition held at the Phocweni-Masundwini road yesterday.

"I am happy with the proceedings of the day and impressed with the performance of the national team cyclists. Their display today gives hope that they will do well in the international road championship.



SWAZI PRIDE: The national team that represented Eswatini in African Road Cycling Championship in Kigali, Rwanda, last year. (R) Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

We encourage local cycling to continue working hard and I also pledge to work towards the betterment of sport in the country," he said.

Meanwhile, Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council

(SNSRC) Chief Executive Officer Darius Dlomo commended the Eswatini Cycling Association (ECA) for making the competition a success.

"I would like to commend the association for staging a good competition and this shows that they are one of the best performing associations in the country," he said.

Three members of the national team Muzi Shabangu, Sihle Dlamini and Muduzi Zwane also secured podium finishes during the local road competition.



MRPA champions to bag E10 000

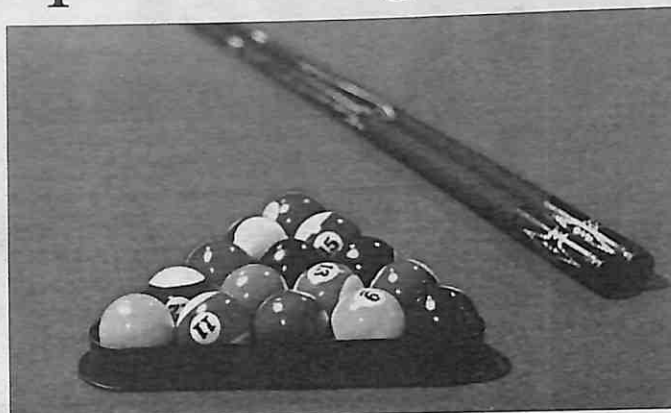
BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

POOL—THE champions of the Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA)'s league are set to pocket a cool E10 000.

This follows a resolution taken by teams during MRPA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at St. John Bosco in Malkerns over the past weekend. Chairman of the MRPA, Muntu Dlamini confirmed that this was one of the resolutions taken at the meeting.

"We also resolved that the league shall start on the 16th of February and the deadline for new teams joining was extended to the 10th of February. We would like to thank all the affiliates who took time to attend the meeting," he said.

On another note, Dlamini also revealed that E10 000 of the E40 000 sponsorship by Dixies International would be reserved for the knock-out competition.



"The champions of the knock-out will receive E5 000 and the format used will be race to 13. All players and officials should sign the code of conduct before registration," he said.

A total of nine teams have already registered with the MRPA for this season. They are Manzini Pool Club, Police Academy, Garrison, Correctional, and Nick's. Others are Stairs, Way Inn, Bhunya, and Mankayane. The prize breakdown is as follows;

LEAGUE	
Champions	- E10 000
Runner-Up	- E5 000
3rd place	- E3 000
4th place	- E2 500
5th -10th	- E500
KNOCK-OUT	
Champions	- E5 000
Runner-Up	- E3 000
3rd place	- E2 000
4th place	- E1 000
5th -8th	- E500

Disabled athletes challenge for Zithande

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SPORTS—ZITHANDE Athletics Club is faced with a new challenge of accommodating disabled athletes in their boot camps.

This was revealed by Zithande's coach Nsizwa Thwala after the boot camp staged at Mavuso Trade Centre this past Saturday. Thwala said this was a unique challenge as they cannot turn away anyone attending their activities. "It presents us with a new responsibility to engage in research to find ways to accommodate them, whichever way we can. Those that have been attending have showed that they can catch up with what we are doing, and we are optimistic that as they get used to the routines they would be no different to the other athletes at all," he said. The coach added that this was encouraging to them as it showed that many people were now beginning to realise that training had good benefits for their health. He said where they can, they would seek help to see how best they could provide for disabled athletes.

More clinics needed to sharpen lady 'ballers' skills

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

BASKETBALL—THE Eswatini National Basketball Association (ENBA) has committed itself to organising more basketball clinics to improve the standard of women players in the country.

This was revealed by ENBA Head of Youth Development Bheki 'Size' Nxumalo during the national basketball women's day at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

Nxumalo said the association had noted with concern that ladies get lost in the sport early due to other commitments hence the need to cultivate a system that would ensure their talent is spotted, nurtured and maximised at a tender age.

"From what we've seen today, our dreams of getting more ladies into the sport is possible, but we should

acknowledge that their career-span is usually shorter than that of men hence the need to catch them young and maximise on what they have to offer at that age.

We will definitely be looking at having more clinics, and with the help of the older players in the sport, it's very possible," he said.

Nxumalo was echoed by veteran lady basketball player Nompumelelo Zulu who said they were more than happy to help out in clinics and impart knowledge and skills to the younger generation. "More clinics would definitely help us. The standard is not impressive, but it's better than where we were. We have grown and have commitments which pile-up by each passing day. But we would love to help improve the standard of the women basketball in the country," he said.

MEET THE YOUNGSTERS

NAME: Hope Makin

AGE: 18

TEAM: Enjabulweni Griffins

ON LADIES BASKETBALL IN THE COUNTRY: I started out the sport as a hobby, but then the more I played, I got to be hooked in.

I think our population as a country affects us concerning the number of girls that are interested, so we shouldn't be too hard on ourselves on that front, but focus on developing the players that we already have. At our school, we do invite them, and those that come only last for two or three training sessions, and then they crumble.

Coming to our performance as a team this season, we did well. I think

having a female coach and getting more players really boosted us, and we are looking at bettering our performance come next season.

NAME: Sibongokuhle Dlamini

AGE: 16

TEAM: Shooting Stars

ON LADIES BASKETBALL IN THE COUNTRY: I play for Shooting Stars and we have done well as a team this past season, especially in the second round. I think we synched more and started understand-

ing each other well, but as often school will affect some of us. Personally, I won't be able to attend more games because I will be writing external examinations and, therefore, I need to be at school even on weekends.



Chakupewa blames it on lapse in concentration

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER - MANZINI Sundowns Coach Julius Chakupewa has attributed their 0-2 loss to Mbabane Swallows to lapse in concentration at crucial stages of the game.

In a post-match interview at the Somhlolo National Stadium, the coach said he was happy with the display by his charges but noted that it was just not their day.

"My boys tried their best on the day but were let down by defensive blunders as they failed to defend the two goals scored by the opposition," he said.

He, however, noted that the Ingwenyama Cup quarter-final clash was a good experience for his players.

"It was a good experience for

us and we will use what we learnt today (yesterday)," he said.

Meanwhile, the winning coach Musa Manyatsi said the players executed the game plan very well.

"The game plan was to be quick on transition and also quick when defensive because

Sundowns have youthful players. The plan

really worked to our advantage

and am happy with the result," he said.

Asked on the prospect of defending the trophy they

have won since inception in 2015,

the coach said they would not put themselves under

unnecessary pressure.

"We will take each game as it comes but I must say that I

am happy with the attitude of the players," he said.



Johnson Mensah's miss was costly - Dhlakama

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - MATSAPHA United's coach Rhodwell Dhlakama has put yesterday's defeat to Mbabane Highlanders to a missed chance by striker Johnson Mensah in the second half.

Mensah was gifted an opportunity to put his team in front in the second half when a back pass by Highlanders' defender Jimmoh Moses fell on his path. He was one-on-one with the keeper, but failed to score just before Highlanders went on to take the lead.

This was during the quarterfinals of the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (SMVAF) Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals at Somhlolo Stadium yesterday. "We had many chances to win the game, but I felt Johnson's miss came at a crucial time. Had he scored that goal, the game could have been wholly different," he said.

The coach also noted that his team had matched the opposition pound for



BLAMED: Johnson Mensah (14) in action during yesterday's game against Mbabane Highlanders.

pound for much of the contest. "If you miss chances like we did, you are normally punished in football. I hope my players learnt from this," he said.

Highlanders' coach, Saul Chaminuka rightly put his team's victory to the changes he made in the second half. He reserved special praise for substi-

tute Thabiso Mokenkoane, whom he said had a big influence on the match.

"The good thing is that we always believed from the start that we could go this far in the competition. I don't care which team we get in the semi-finals. We will continue to believe," he said.

Phinda opts for Matsapha Utd ahead of 'Downs'

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - GREEN Mamba's midfielder Phinda Ginindza has gone against the wishes of his former team Manzini Sundowns and joined Matsapha United instead.

Sundowns wanted to sign Ginindza on loan from his team, and had already started negotiations but yesterday he debuted for Matsapha

United in their Ingwenyama Cup quarter-final match against Mbabane Highlanders.

Interviewed after the match, Ginindza said negotiations were unsuccessful with Sundowns.

He said he was happy to join the Mhlume based side.

"I believe I made the right choice, and hope I will be able to help the team in their quest to survive relegation," he said.

Green Mamba's Chief Executive

Officer, Thami Phakathi had indicated earlier that they would release Ginindza and four other players on loan deals until the end of the season.

Ginindza said

from what he had seen,

Matsapha have the

quality to survive relegation.



STRESSES A POINT: Royal Leopard coach Edwin Matsebula.

We missed Barry - Edwin

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - ROYAL Leopard's coach Edwin Matsebula says his team missed striker Barry Steenkamp after their loss to Young Buffaloes on Saturday.

Leopard were booted out of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup tournament after succumbing to a 2-3 defeat to Buffaloes at Somhlolo National Stadium.

In a post-match interview, Matsebula said Barry makes some dangerous runs which the other strikers he has cannot make. "His runs create problems for the opposition and opens spaces which the other players can run into. We really missed that in this game," he said.

The coach further explained that the player picked up a knock at training ahead of the game.

On another note, Matsebula lamented the fact that the referee failed to award a penalty in the second half of extra time which would have seen his team take the lead in the game. "I do not understand how the referee failed to notice that Melusi (Mkhwanazi) had been brought down inside the box. We accept that his decision is final but I think that let us down," he said.

Buffaloes' coach, Dominic Kunene said his team were dominated in the first half but did well to react in the second.

"We faced a very tough opponent in Leopard and I have to thank my players for the commitment they showed from the second half onwards," he said.

Kunene also explained that he substituted two-goal hero Ndoda Mthethwa because of an injury not that he was trying to defend before Leopard equalised in injury time to force extra time.

Fans have abandoned club - Moneni Pirates NSC

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - THE Moneni Pirates National Supporters Committee (NSC) have expressed concern over the dwindling number of supporters attending games.

Making his remarks during the NSC meeting held at Shosholozza Pre-School on Saturday afternoon, Chairman Themba Matsenjwa said they felt as if supporters were now shunning the club.

"We used to fill stadiums back in the day and Moneni Township would be empty when the team was playing, but nowadays we can barely hear our fans in the stands.

I would like to appeal that we go back and support our team as this would also motivate the players," he said.

He added that this contributed to some of the struggles faced by the club, as it also depends on gate collections.

Selecting

Matsenjwa said their next mission would be reviving all the branches nationwide, starting with selecting representatives and issuing membership cards.

"We have fans all over the country but because of certain challenges, we have not been able to mobilise the 'Bhakaniya' family.

We will issue out membership cards for our supporters which will help raise funds

through subscriptions and membership fees," he said.

The chairman emphasised that all the policies he mentioned were still in the development phase and they would come into effect after the team's Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for later this month.

The Moneni Pirates NSC was formed during the 2016-2017 season with the help of former director December Mavimbela and Moneni residents. The committee then fell on hard times after the club lost its director, and ceased operations only to be revived last month.

RESULTS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Huddersfield Town	0 - 3	Manchester City
Fulham	1 - 2	Tottenham Hotspur
Wolverhampton Wanderers	4 - 3	Leicester City
AFC Bournemouth	2 - 0	West Ham United
Liverpool	4 - 3	Crystal Palace
Manchester United	2 - 1	Brighton & Hove Albion
Newcastle United	3 - 0	Cardiff City
Southampton	2 - 1	Everton
Watford	0 - 0	Burnley
Arsenal	2 - 0	Chelsea

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Polokwane City	3 - 3	Bidvest Wits
SuperSport United	2 - 1	Biofontein Celtic
Black Leopards	1 - 1	Golden Arrows
Chippa United	2 - 0	Maritzburg United

THE INGWENYAMA CUP SEMI-FINALISTS

Young Buffaloes	Mbabane Highlanders
Malanti Chiefs	Mbabane Swallows

UPCOMING FIXTURES

MTN Premier League

Saturday (26/01/2019) Mavuso Sports Centre	
Manzini Sundowns	vs. Matsapha United 2pm
Moneni Pirates	vs. Young Buffaloes 4pm

Saturday (26/01/2019) Killarney Sports Ground	
Malanti	vs. Leopard 3pm

Saturday (26/01/2019) Somhlolo National Stadium	
Mbabane Highlanders	vs. Sea Birds 1.30pm
Mbabane Swallows	vs. Manzini Wanderers 3.30pm

LOGS

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Green Mamba	15	10	1	4	28	8	20	31
Buffaloes	15	9	4	2	22	9	13	31
Leopard	14	9	3	2	25	8	17	30
Swallows	15	9	2	4	20	12	8	29
Highlanders	15	8	5	2	19	13	6	29
Sea Birds	15	6	3	6	18	19	-1	21
Sundowns	15	5	4	6	16	19	-3	19
Malanti	15	4	5	6	12	20	-8	17
Vovovo	15	4	4	7	10	17	-7	16
Pirates	15	4	4	7	15	22	-7	16
Wanderers	15	4	3	8	15	23	-8	15
Tambuli	15	3	5	7	12	18	-6	14
Citizens	15	1	8	6	11	19	-8	11
Matsapha	14	2	1	11	8	22	-14	7

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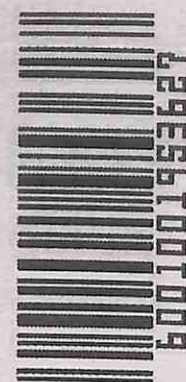
TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Black Swallows	13	9	2	1	21	8	13	29
Milling	13	7	4	2	19	11	8	24
Madlenya	13	6	5	2	17	9	8	23
Rangers	13	6	5	2	18	13	5	23
Tinyosi	12	7	1	4	17	11	6	21
Seven Dreams	13	5	4	4	15	11	4	19
Tycoons	13	5	4	4	14	11	3	19
Red Lions	12	3	4	5	10	13	-3	13
Mbabane City	12	3	3	6	9	14	-5	12
Hub Sundowns	13	3	2	8	6	18	-12	11
T. Callies	12	2	2	8	10	20	-10	8
City Warriors	13	1	2	10	5	18	-13	5

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'D4D' CRUSHES SUNDOWNS

...Midfield maestro Njabulo Ndlovu nets brace, as Mbabane Swallows storm into last four of Ingwenyama Cup

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

Mbabane Swallows..... (2)2
Manzini Sundowns (0)0

SOCCER - IF Mbabane Swallows new recruit Paitop Dube was wonderful then his teammate Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu was exhilarating, as the 'Beautiful Birds' flew to their fourth consecutive Ingwenyama Cup semi-final after a 2-0 win, knocking out a hard fighting Manzini Sundowns.

The undoubted man of the match 'D4D' netted a devastating first half brace in front of an impressive crowd at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday while Dube put in a faultless showing, shielding the defence

with relative ease against his former employers.

The result also saw the red and white glamour side record a 19 game unbeaten run in the four-year-old competition that blends football with culture. 'D4D' gave Swallows the lead just before the half hour mark when he connected a sublime strike provided by skipper Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, beating the young Sundowns goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane hands down.

Back

His second came a minute just before the breather when he combined brilliantly with the back again Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, who unselfishly laid the ball on his path and the mid-field dynamo simply slotted past the goalkeeper. The two sides created few chances during the opening stages

of the opening stanza and Sundowns were first to threaten in front of goal after the first quarter. This was through enterprising winger Linda Maphalala who missed a sitter inside the box after intercepting a Muhle Shiba pass.

Substitution

The 'Kappa Boys' goalkeeper pulled a daring save in the 22nd minute as he denied seasoned winger Wonder 'SambaJive' Nhleko at close range. The 'Birds' were forced to make a forced substitution in the second half, pulling out an injured defender Siboniso Ndzabandzaba for the ever improving Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala. Swallows goalkeeper Sandanezwe Mathabela, who didn't have a busy day in office, produced a beautiful save in the hour mark by stopping a Linda Maphalala rasping shot and

again in the 71st minute when he saved a Sibonginkhosi Dlamini 25 yards free kick. Swallows join army side Young Buffaloes, Malanti Chiefs and Mbabane Highlanders in the last four of the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (SMVAF) sponsored tournament.

THE TEAMS

Swallows

Sandanezwe, Sewu, Sakhile, Ndimiso, Ndzabandzaba (Sizolwethu), Paito, Wonder, Xolani (Sandile), Sabelo, Njabulo, Tony (McCreesh)

Sundowns

Lwethu, Ndimiso, Sandile, Kingu, Mkhuleko, Phumlani (Mzileni), Regan, Sibonginkhosi Linda, Antwi (Mashaba), Muhle (Sibusiso)

'BULL' CASTRATE MATSAPHA UNITED

Highlanders..... (0)1,
Matsapha..... (0)0.

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - THEY had to be patient, but in the end pedigree proved crucial as Mbabane Highlanders outsmarted Matsapha United to qualify for the semi-finals of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup.

Matsapha did not do much wrong in the game, but it was a fresh player from Highlanders' bench, Thabiso Mokenkoane who made all the difference. In the end, Rodwell Dhlakama's charges had to

reue a flurry of missed chances early on.

The 'Bull' reached the semi-finals for the first time in the history of the tournament, and will now have to wait for the draw to see how difficult their route to the final will be.

They started the clash played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday well, and could have taken the lead as early as the seventh minute when Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze's attempted chip over the keeper missed the target by a few inches.

'Sawa' was back again in the 37th minute when an initial shot by Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze deflected off Matsapha's defenders and fell nicely

on range, but the goal-keeper, Innocent Adja produced a stunning save to tip his drive over the bar for a fruitless corner.

Parried

Thabiso Zungu was next in line to miss for Highlanders as a shot parried by Adja found him unmarked on the edge of the box, but he shot wide.

It was all Matsapha after Zungu's miss as Johnson Mensah found some joy on the opposition's left flank, causing havoc with his well-timed runs. From one such, he ballooned wide from an awkward angle. He was back within seconds, and this time his effort rolled across the crossbar before being adjudged

to have gone out of play in the process.

If there was to be a goal for Matsapha, it could have come at this point, but they failed to register any, leading to a stalemate at the break.

Matsapha started the second half like they had ended the first, and this forced Highlanders' coach, Saul Chamunika into a change. Thabiso Mokenkoane came on for mid-fielder Menzi Mamba. The change brought little effect to the game until Matsapha made their own change, bringing on Moebo Sihlongonyane for Phinda Ginindza.

Highlanders took control afterwards, Mokenkoane's long range shot pushed wide by Adja in the 62nd minute. The striker had another chance a minute later when 'Chocco's shot was pushed back into play by a very busy Adja, but

he wasted a good opportunity as he shot over the bar.

Matsapha were then gifted a glorious chance to take the lead in the 68th minute when Jimmoh Moses' under-hit back pass fell on the path of Mensah. The striker fluffed his chance as he shot wide with the keeper at his mercy.

His team was to curse that miss a minute later as Mokenkoane made amends for his early failures when he latched onto a through ball from the mid-field, dribbled past the keeper to score the opening goal of the match.

Matsapha tried to force their way into Highlanders' half in search of an equaliser, but it never came. The stage was then set for the 'Bull's faithful to celebrate a maiden passage to the semi-finals.