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TOUR: Dr Simon Zwane showing the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini around during his tour to the various departments of the Health Ministry and the Mbabane Government Hospital yesterday. STORY ON PAGE 12

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ANOTHER PANIC AS UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO IN A CRISIS

By Zwelihle Sukati

If you have a relative studying at the National University of Lesotho, he or she could be sent packing back home as the institution is in crisis.

Locally, those with relatives there have pressed the panic button following similar unrest in the country's tertiary institutions also because of delayed allowances. It is unknown how many local students are at NUL, but government says there is none, most likely referring to those sponsored by it.

Students and the university administration were at loggerheads over the delayed disbursement of their allowances and this led to the ultimate destruction of property on campus.

The unrest started last month. This Thursday, September 19, members of the National University of Lesotho (NUL) Students Body implemented their decision to boycott lectures and all tuition-related activities due to the delayed payment of their allowances.

Demands

Learners embarked on the boycott despite the fact that on Wednesday, NUL administration held a meeting with the Students Representative Council (SRC) and considered the students' demands listed in their letter of notice for the boycott, which the SRC had presented to the Acting Vice-Chancellor on the same morning.

According to the university management, the institution could close before the end of the year unless the government of that country avails more funds to enable it to complete this semester.

Information gathered by this publica-

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tion is that the university was desperately short of funds after the government only availed M78 million against a projected M186 budget to fund the institution for the financial year.

A further M225 million is expected to be generated from fees payments by students and other fund-raising initiatives by the university. According to Dr Tefeso Mothibe, one of the seven senior lecturers addressing journalist at a press conference in Maseru, as a result of government's failure to fulfil its funding obligations, it would be a 'miracle' if the university would still be open in December 2019.

"NUL faces a shortfall of M108 million (equivalent to Emalangen). As a result, two closely linked outcomes can be expected – the first being that the university will not be able to finance its operations for the whole year and secondly, the university will then be forced to close down," Dr Mothibe said.

He also highlighted that the political instability has contributed to the deterioration of the university and government's relationship, saying that there was a perception among the ruling elite that the university serves as a centre of political opposition to them.

The institution's office of the registrar, on Thursday, issued a circular on the current students unrest to that learn-

ers were advised that if they insist on boycotting teaching and learning activities, management would have no option but to allow them to leave the university campus as their presence on campus posed a security risk.

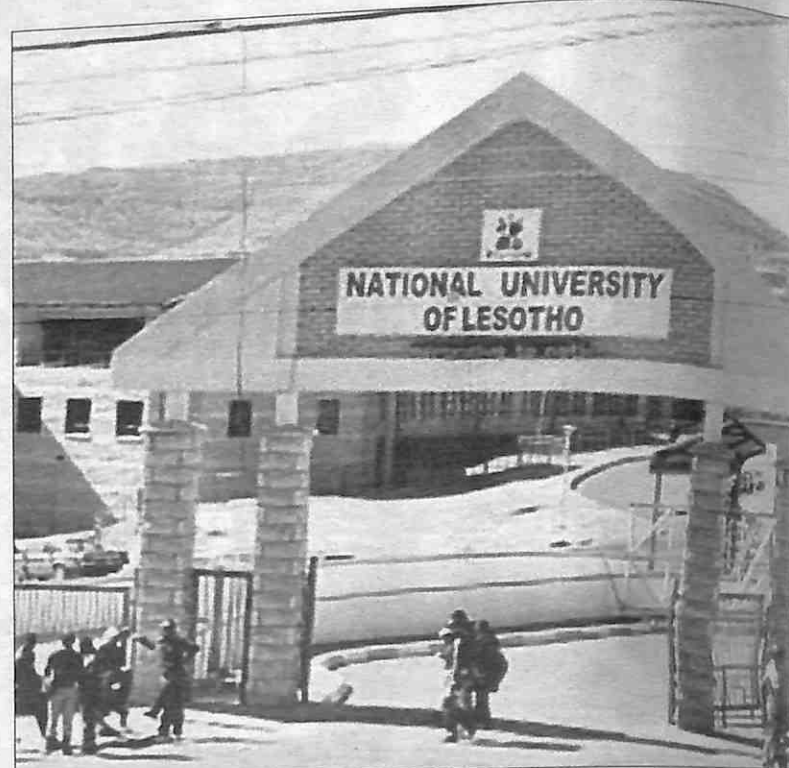
Instead of leaving the campus as directed, students went on a rampage and began to destroy university property. Police came to disperse the rioters and drove them out of the campus.

Unrest

Ministry of Labour and Social Security Communications Officer Nompilo Mncina said according to their records, there was no government sponsored student studying at the National University of Lesotho. She said there was one student last year, who now is no longer at the institution.

"Though the National University of Lesotho is one of government's prioritised institutions no students have enrolled at the institution currently," Mncina said.

On August 26, the National University of Lesotho issued a public notice on the students unrest, whereby it was stated that on August 20 some members of the NUL student body embarked on boycotting lectures and this led to the ultimate destruction of property on and off-campus. During this disorder, one student was hit and injured by a stray stone when students who stay off-campus forced their way into the residences to



CRISIS: The National University of Lesotho entrance.

coerce on-campus students mainly first years to join the strike. Police came to disperse the rioters at the main gate using teargas.

The statement further asserted that all that happened despite the fact that earlier that morning, NUL management held a meeting with the Students Representative Council (SRC) and considered 14 grievances listed in the letter of notice for the boycott, which the SRC had only sent to the acting vice-chancellor the previous day at midday.

On August 30 staff and students were notified that at its 344th meeting held on August 29 whereby senate executive considered the current situation of unrest and noted that students had been on an illegal strike from August 28 without

giving notice. Students refused to end their boycott and return to class and senate executive decided to; suspend lectures with immediate effect until further notice; all students admitted to the Roma campus, with the exception of international students and students with disabilities, were directed to leave the university premises forthwith.

The cut-off point to be out of the campus was 3pm; staff, NUL community and the public were advised to take precautionary measures on their safety and security; staff should continue with their normal work activities; as a matter of urgency, the registrar would communicate this decision to sponsors; notice on the resumption of lectures will be communicated.

Man crashes speeding car into kombi in suspected suicide

By Zwelihle Sukati

In what is strongly suspected as a suicide attempt, a man is alleged to have deliberately driven his car to an oncoming kombi and died on the spot.

The accident happened yesterday along a clear stretch along Zombodze-Mbabane main road.

Those who witnessed the incident said the car was driving at normal speed and upon seeing the oncoming kombi it gained speed. Before they knew it the car, a blue sedan, swayed to the oncoming kombi and smashed into it very hard.

"It seemed like a deliberate and calculated move by the driver who died on the spot," said an eyewitness.

Though unconfirmed, it is said the driver was in conflict with his partner at the time of the tragedy, something which brings some to conclusion that it was most likely a suicide mission.

Fortunately, there were no passengers in the mini-bus, save for the driver who escaped the incident with minor scratches. When police and emergency units arrived to the scene, the man was retrieved to a body bag.

Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the death of a man driving along the Zombodze road. It's often difficult to imagine what lead someone to commit suicide.

There may be no warning signs, and

you may wonder what clues you might have missed. According to experts, many factors combine to lead to a decision to commit suicide.

Psychologists say it is often an act made during a storm of strong emotions and life stresses rather than after careful consideration. Residents say he was a resident at the Old Odidini Royal residence and was a member of the Zion church.

He is said to have called his better half, who did not respond to his calls and he called fellow churchmen to alert them that his frustrations had taken a toll on him to the effect that he would rather take his own life.

How to deal with suicide thoughts

● Promise not to do anything right now: Even though you're in a lot of pain right now, give yourself some distance between thoughts and action. Make a promise to yourself: "I will wait 24 hours and won't do anything drastic during that time." Or, wait a week.

● Avoid drugs and alcohol: Suicidal thoughts can become even stronger if you have taken drugs or alcohol. It is important to not use non-prescription drugs or alcohol when you feel hopeless or are thinking about suicide.

● Make your home safe: Remove things you could use to hurt yourself, such as pills, knives, razors or firearms. If you are unable to do so, go to a place

where you can feel safe. If you are thinking of taking an overdose, give your medicines to someone who can return them to you one day at a time as you need them.

● Don't keep these suicidal feelings to yourself: Many of us have found that the first step to coping with suicidal thoughts and feelings is to share them with someone we trust. It may be a family member, friend, therapist, member of the clergy, teacher, family doctor, coach, or an experienced counsellor at the end of a helpline. Find someone you trust.

● Reach out for help: Even if it doesn't feel like it right now, there are many people who want to support you during this difficult time. Reach out to someone.

Do it now.

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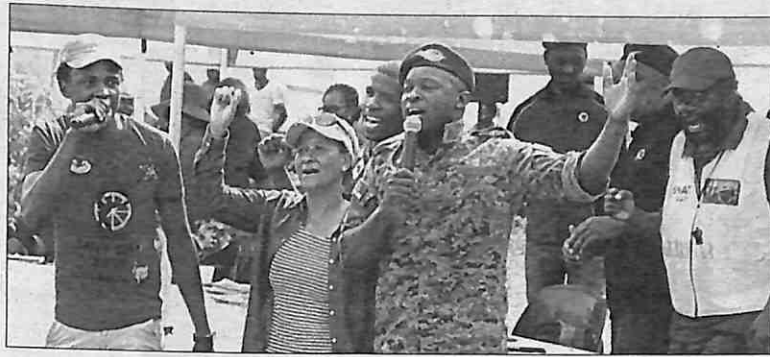
Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

...Civil servants declare strike on beginning Monday in regions

Despite what has been viewed as a last gasp attempt by government to avert it after calling an urgent meeting on Thursday and yesterday for negotiations, the strike action by government employees that is scheduled for Monday until Wednesday is still on.

Civil servants that crammed the SNAT Centre in Manzini ahead of the PSAs' strike action that commences after tomorrow, were yesterday told how government had dangled a 3 per cent CoLA once-off offer on the table during negotiations on Thursday afternoon.

However, the Public Sector Associations (PSAs)' representatives in the Joint Negotiation Forum (JNF) did not accept this Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) offer as, for starters, they felt there was nothing written down as an exact offer



IN SONG: SNUS' Sakhile Nxumalo, TUCOSWA President Simangele Mtsetfwa, SNAT Secretary Sikelela Dlamini and Mampela Dladlu singing at the meeting. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

hence the feeling that these were tactics by the government team to unsettle their plan to engage in the strike action. Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Secretary General

Sikelela Dlamini told the meeting that their feeling was that government was trying to silence them and nothing else.

This was before another JNF meeting yesterday afternoon where this pub-

lication has it in authority, nothing definite was reached. This publication has gathered that the government team is still to consult with its principals following yesterday's negotiations and has promised to return to the table before the strike on Monday.

In a communiqué sent to SNAT members by Secretary Dlamini last evening it reminded all their members that the PSAs' Legal Strike Action will commence on Monday, as earlier announced and as reiterated by all government employees yesterday. "The SNAT NEC wishes to unreservedly thank all members who attended today's meeting that was held at the SNAT Centre.

This meeting was a resounding success. In the same vein, as the SNAT, we wish to inform the rank and file that a JNF meeting was convened today (yesterday) from 1500hrs to 1700hrs, as announced during the Joint PSAs

Mass Meeting. Our trusted forces are informed that a comprehensive report on what transpired in this meeting will be delivered to all government employees during their regional marches that will be held in the four regions on Monday, as indicated in today's meeting.

During yesterday's Joint Meeting, the PSAs insisted that no amount of negotiation by government will sway their members away from engaging in the strike action from Monday, except for the money they are asking for.

They said until government heeds to their call to give them their CoLA, which they say is also not subject to negotiation, then will continue with the planned action. SNAT President Mbongwa Dlamini speaking when addressing the public sector workers yesterday said until they get something from government then things would stay the same.

'Buses, kombis will be available'

With reports that buses will from Monday, not be availed to transport protesters in the Shiselweni region almost dominating yesterday's proceedings at the PSAs' Meeting in Manzini, SWATCAWU managed to calm nerves by promising that such will not be the case.

SWATCAWU stands for Swaziland

Transport, Communication and Allied Workers Union, a workers union in the transport sector amongst others. Yesterday, the country woke up to reports in our sister publication, the Swazi Observer that public transport operators in the Shiselweni region would not release their buses for next week's public servants strike. Such was said by Chairman of the public trans-

port operators in the Shiselweni region Jika Ndlangamandla who said they had taken a stand, that there should be no one releasing any public transport vehicle, if approached, especially to use in transporting the civil servants to participate in the strike.

He said in their understanding, the planned strike action was not different from a revolution against government and stated that to be seen as public transport own-

ers releasing their buses would be like they also support the strike. SWATCAWU Organising Secretary Sticks Nkambule when addressing members of the PSAs assured them that they are in solidarity with them hence they would ferry them in the public transport vehicles.

This was received with a huge applause from the gathering. "We're here because you've taught us and we've heard your cry. We will definitely be with you. It

should be understood that workers have no boundaries as even schools' principals are also workers and have agreed not to trample their own. We will transport and that's our solidarity. We're not used to making such announcements, but this time we have to," he stated. Nkambule added that they were still to make an analysis of the situation and strategise on how they will make interventions in the coming strike.

PSAs insist money is there, declare yindzaba yetfu sonkhe

PSAs leaders yesterday insisted that government is actually not broke, when considering the spending patterns within the country and that there is no going where it concerns the strike.

First to state this was National Public Services and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) President Aubrey Sibiba who said that the gospel by government that there is no money in the public coffers was now tiring. He said government behaviour on expenditure paints a different picture to the assertion that there is no money in its coffers.

"There's no turning back now. This matter now involves all of us and not just civil servants. Yindzaba yetfu sonkhe lena," said Sibiba. Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) President Eric Ndlovu disclosed that as government accountants they have all along been lied to

and told they are professionals and cannot be party to those taking part in strikes. He said they have watched through windows, others that have engaged in demonstrations around town thinking that they have loose screws somewhere, while we are under the least paid.

"We have reached a point where we feel enough is enough. We have not been pushed to be part of this action, but we have joined voluntarily. This is because our employer has let us down under the umbrella that we are professionals. We're looking after the finances, but when it is time to harvest we're always forgotten," he lamented. He added that as SNAGAP, members they were now immune to intimidation. NAPSAWU Secretary Thabile Zwane also spoke at length about the expenditure patterns within government and lamented how top government officials enjoyed as much E12 000 in car allowance.

Treasury to effect no work no pay across board

Civil servants, especially teachers that will not be part of the strike action from Monday, have been warned that government's Treasury department will effect the no work no pay rule across the board irrespective of their attendance at work.

Those that plan not to be part of the strike action were warned that staff members at the Treasury department are also members of the PSAs under the Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) umbrella. First to reveal this was Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Mbongwa Dlamini who said they are ready for the no work no pay rule because

already they are not paid much.

"SNAGAP will effect the no work no pay rule to all members of unions. Those comrades that will be left at schools should know that. We also want to identify them. They think they are clever, but they should be reminded that you have also filled in forms this side for your attendance," he stated.

Former SNAT President Sibongile Mazibuko, who is now member of the Swaziland Public Pensioners Association, also warned those that were not part of yesterday's meeting about what could befall them in case they also decide not to be part of the strike. She said all union members will suffer despite that some of them will be reporting

for duty.

"I urge you to also warn and remind them that during the Waya Waya strike, those that eventually lost their jobs are those that were reporting for duty. After all where would government find those that were engaged in the strike and serve them with letters of dismissal? SNAGAP will also ensure that no work no pay applies to everyone," she stated. Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA)'s Simangele Mtsetfwa also highlighted that SNAGAP members by effecting the no work no pay rule across the board will be following instructions of their employer, who has already made the announcement that it will be effected to union members.

Students, TUCOSWA to join strike

Tertiary students around the country under the Swaziland National Union of Students (SNUS) and members of the country's trade unions mother body TUCOSWA have vowed to show solidarity to civil servants by engaging in their strike from Monday.

SNUS' Sakhile Nxumalo said they understand and heeded to the calls for the strike by the PSAs and they would be part of it. He said they would not be part of the strike in solidarity through social media, but will be there physically. He noted that problems that affect the PSAs members affect

them directly as well as about 80 per cent of students in the country have parents in the teaching profession. He noted that the standard of living was very high in the country yet the allowances they were getting from government do not match such standards.

"We then turn to our parents for assistance and when they are not getting the CoLA, then it becomes a problem for all of us. As SNUS we will be there as we are also future workers of this country," he said. Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA)'s Simangele Mtsetfwa called all their members to ensure that

they go to Mbabane in their numbers on the third day of the strike. She also hinted that their allies in South Africa, COSATU (Congress of South African Trade Union) and NEHAWU (National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union) could also join the strike action. "It would be unfortunate for some members not to join as TUCOSWA has 18 affiliates. TUCOSWA also has many friends such as NEHAWU and COSATU who have heard about what is happening and when they come here they should not find that some of us are not here," she stated.

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• PSAs MEETING AT SNAT CENTRE •



ON AIR: Some of the Public Sector Associations members singing and toyi-toying at the SNAT Centre yesterday during their meeting in readiness for the mass strike action next week. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



HERE WE COME: Some of the workers on their way to SNAT Centre.



LEADING THEM: Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini and President Mbongwa Dlamini in song.



LET'S ALL SING: Civil servants singing and toyi-toying before their meeting at the SNAT Centre.

ARMED UP



LACE UP: The boots which were used by the SNAT president and secretary at their meeting yesterday.



WE WANT CoLA: SNAT members doing the giya dance.



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) President Eric Ndlovu also had something to say.



WE WILL TRANSPORT YOU: Swaziland Transport, Communication and Allied Workers Union (SWATCAWU) Organising Secretary Sticks Nkambule tells the civil servants.



FUMING: Sibongile Mazibuko speaking on behalf of pensioners.



LISTENING: A section of the workers who attended the meeting.



FULL HOUSE: The Somhlolo National Stadium was a hive of activity as Jehova's Witnesses delegates joined the first day of their 'Love Never Fails' convention yesterday. (Pics: Sicelo Maziya)

4 000 AT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES CONVENTION

By Sicelo Maziya

Jehova's Witnesses yesterday welcomed over 4 000 local delegates for the first day of their 'Love Never Fails' convention held at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The three days convention themed 'Love Never Fails' was yesterday discussing ways in which people can learn how to show love in congregations, preaching work and in the family. The convention further invited the public to attend.

Delegates were further following the convention on different screens littered around the stadium while the elderly and those with disability were catered for at the entrance, where they also had their own TV screens beaming the proceedings.

Jehova's Witness Kingdom of Eswatini Public Information Desk Officer Lucky Dlamini said, "A public discourse will answer the question 'True Love in a Hate filled world- Where? Today's (Saturday) programme starts at 9.20am. Admission is free and there are no offerings required."

Dlamini further shared that all the work was being done by volunteers, stating that "it would take a lot of staff and workers to organise and

● "A public discourse will answer the question 'True Love in a Hate filled world- Where? Today's (Saturday) programme starts at 9.20am. Admission is free and there are no offerings required."



SERMON: Congregants came in their numbers on the first day.

run such a big event in the stadium. Jehovah's Witnesses are no exception to such labour required to host their convention."

Congregation

He said even their congregation and organisation of the convention was remarkable because the dele-

gates were being hosted by volunteers.

He said they worked hard not for money but by pure desire to serve Jehovah God.

Dlamini further shared that volunteers came from all walks of life, performing different duties to make

the convention proceedings a smooth success.

Dlamini said Jehovah's Witnesses started last Sunday to thoroughly clean and repair broken items in the stadium facilities.

The cleaning continued on Monday until Thursday by willing volunteers.

"This might be the most profound display of love," said Dlamini. One of the volunteers, Sandile Goodwill Dlamini from Hlatikulu was found early in the morning volunteering as a traffic attendant.

Others worked as electricians and janitors, to name a few.



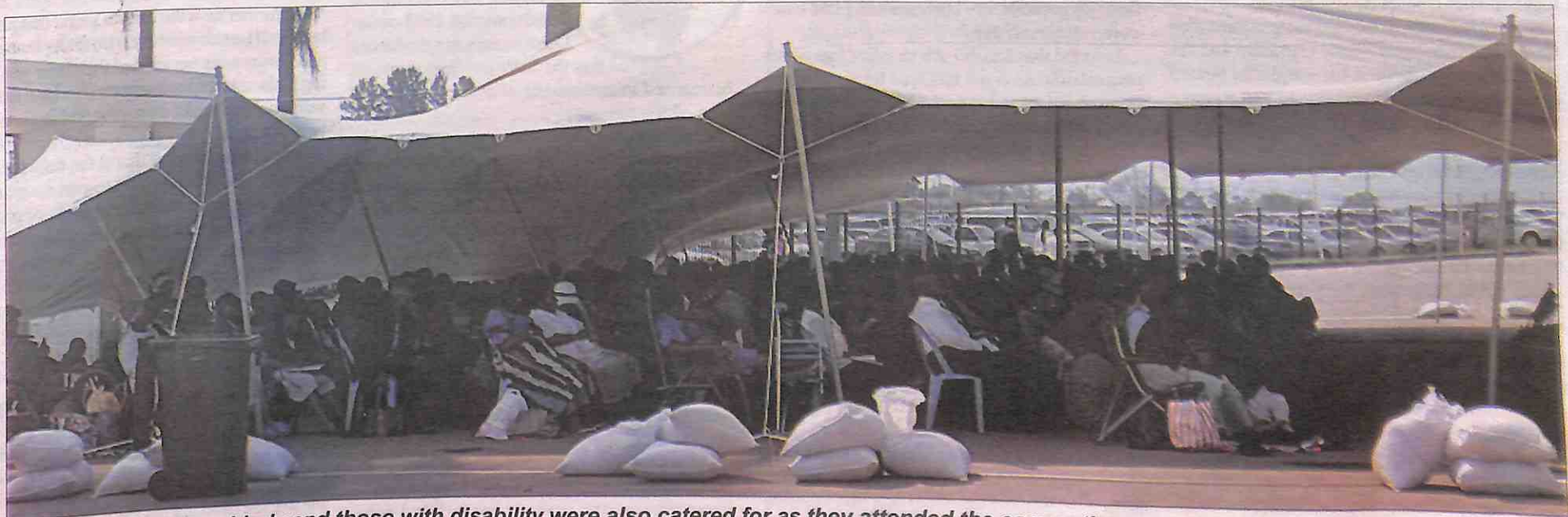
ALL EARS: Delegates listening attentively.



SCRIPTURE: Lessons of the day were beamed on TV screens and people taking reference from the Bible.



AMEN: Jehova's Witnesses delegates at Somhlolo National Stadium listen to the word of God.



FOR ELDERLY: The elderly and those with disability were also catered for as they attended the convention.

VICTOR GAMEDZE ESTATE: WIFE,

Stories by Ackel Zwane

...Executor lawyer Derrick Ndo Jele's fees stand at over E2m

Late business magnate and renowned football administrator Victor Gamedze's wife together with the children will each get E8 million from the over E52 million estate.

Central to the distribution account is the allocation of equal sums of E8, 776,157.07 each for Lungile Gamedze (born Dlamini), surviving spouse, married to deceased in terms of Swazi customary law; Tengetile Gamedze, deceased's major daughter; Tiyanza Gamedze, deceased's major daughter; Temalungelo Gamedze, deceased's major daughter (less tuition fees (E198 573); Nosipho Gamedze, deceased's major daughter (less overpayment on maintenance E10 000) and Wandile Gamedze, deceased's minor son.

In terms of the 'first liquidation and distribution account in the estate of the late Victor Mfana Gamedze who died intestate at Ezulwini on the 14th January 2018: Master's file No. EL 15/2018' before the beneficiaries could finally get anything the executor's remuneration stands thus: 1% of cash, viz E43, 954,059.60 which amounted to E439, 540.59 and 5% of the policies at E50, 841, 342.43 amounting to E2, 542,067.12 and the total executor's remuneration stands at E2, 981,607.71

...E200 000 FOR ERSTWHILE LAWYER SIDUMO MDLADLA

The same distribution account in item xxiv provides for payment of a claim submitted by S.V Mdladla "for services rendered in the estate and statement attached."

In lieu of a background to the estate on 14 January 2018, Gamedze tragically passed away and on 10 June 2019, the executor of the estate Mr Jele filed a first LD account in respect of Lungile's late husband.

On 13 June 2019 the Master examined and approved the L&D account. Says Lungile "in the first L&D account, the amount available for distribution is E52 656 942.43.

The residue of the estate, which will include various shares and other property, will be distributed in the second and final L&D.

The estate has not been treated as a joint belonging to my husband and me, instead, all of the assets that we shared and considered to form part of our family wealth have been treated as my husband's assets alone.

The amount available for distribution has been divided equally among each of my husband's children and me, in other words we each receive a 'child's share' of the estate."

The arguments are still to be tested in court together with counter arguments.

The marital status of the late business guru, also football administrator Victor Gamedze and his wife Princess Lungile is the subject of heated debate in the courts as contained in an notice of motion by the princess.

Lungile's attorney, Mlungisi Khumalo of Khumalo Attorneys argues that the point of a tacit universal partnership is to protect partners who acted as though they shared a community of property, but were not in a legal relationship that protected that right.

This could be because the partners were not married; or because they were married out of community of property; or because they were in a customary law marriage where there is no such thing as 'in community of property'.

Lungile says, for that reason, to the extent that the common law does not already recognise that a tacit universal partnership may exist within a marriage (which is denied), the court ought to exercise its inherent power to develop the common law, to recognise this institution.

He says this would also better realise the rights of women under the Constitution to be treated equally and to receive a reasonable provision on the death of their spouse.

She says very importantly Mr Jele does not dispute any of the factual statements he (Khumalo) has advanced, together with those in the supporting affidavits, that show conclusively that the couple had a universal partnership.

"He seems to accept that we did have a universal partnership, but just mistakenly believes that the law precludes such a partnership if the parties are married-which is entirely wrong. I provided case law to the contrary in my objection, which Mr Jele could not have consulted."

She says on July 19, 2019 her attorneys responded to Mr Jele's submission on her behalf whereby she explained that her objection had three self-standing and independent grounds.

"First that my husband and I were married in community of property under civil rights; second that even if that were not the case, section 34 (1) of the Constitution should be applied directly to this case; and third that regardless of these first two grounds, my husband and I had a tacit universal partnership."

As to the first ground she clarifies that a marriage certificate is not required for a valid marriage, it is just prima facie proof thereof. "But proof can also come from elsewhere.

I noted that the Supreme Court has found that a marriage is not invalid if there is no certificate. Accordingly, a conflict of laws situation does still arise in this case and must be resolved in favour of a civil marriage.

I explained that banns of Marriage is an entirely outdated relic from the colonial system that has been abrogated by disuse and expressly abandoned in other jurisdictions.

I also told the Master that section 16 (2)(c) of the Marriage Act, properly construed, provides that Ministers of religion, without more, are marriage officers.

Accordingly, by confirming under oath that he is an ordained Priest, Father Mahazule has met the requirements of the Act to be a marriage offic

cer.

Finally I explained that we did not register our marriage, even belatedly, because we would not know we were required to do so.

However, I reserved the right, if necessary, to approach this court for a declaration in respect of our civil marriage."

'WHY BUILD WEALTH I WOULDN'T BE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO?'

Lungile says [excerpts from a detailed submission] in response to Mr Jele's contentions about not meeting the formal requirements for a valid marriage under the Marriage Act, which is denied "I pointed out to the Master that I had met the requirements for a putative civil marriage."

She says she and Gamedze were under the bona fide belief that they were validly married under civil law and that were married in community of property.

"As stated above, the fact that I was not permitted to register property in my own name under section 1693 of the Deeds registry Act, evidences that the State considered me to be married in community of property with Mr Gamedze.

In addition, the reason that I was comfortable with not having any of the proceeds from our jointly owned businesses accruing in my name was because I believed that our resources were pooled and part of a joint estate."

She says it simply makes no sense for her to have contributed cash sums of money; and all her time and resources, to build wealth which she would not be legally entitled to.

She says it was only during the process of the administration of her late husband's estate, that she realised anybody had any doubt that they were married civilly and in community of property.

"As set out above, our civil marriage was published in the newspaper and was well-known in the public domain. Both my late husband and I

had no doubt that we were married under civil law. Evidently the affidavits supporting my objection, friends and family also had no doubt that we were married under civil law."

She further argues that the law recognizes cases like this-where people build a life together and plan their financial futures based on the understanding that they were legally married.

If in those cases it later transpires that, unbeknownst to the couple, there were some formal defects in the wedding ceremony that rendered the marriage technically non-compliant with legislation, the courts provide remedy. This remedy is a putative marriage.

'MASTER REJECTED MY OBJECTION'

Lungile says on August 23, 2019, the Master issued her ruling in respect of her objection., she rejected her objection and, in so doing, accepted the (incorrect) submissions by Mr Jele.

She says the Master delateth at length with the unrelated objections raised by Nosipho and Wandile about queries they had about the L&D account, but spent little time engaging with her objection.

She further says the Master found that her husband and herself were married under Swazi Law and Custom but concluded that there was nothing in the estate file to support the claim that they were married under civil rites and in community of property.

"The Master insisted that at the time the L&D account was presented there was no evidence that we were married in community of property in terms of civil rites. The Master found that there 'was still no such evidence."

She adds that the Master found that 'this new information that the Master is expected to consider is threatening to throw this estate into serious confusion and the office will not allow this'.

She adds again that the Master said it was 'unfair to the other beneficiaries for the surviving spouse to decide overnight, without relevant documentation, how she was married to the deceased'.

"The Master emphasises that I can only base my objection on something already in the estate file that the executor overlooked. In other words,



CHILDREN TO GET E8m EACH

the Master did not engage with the evidence I have adduced about my civil marriage.

Instead the Master appears to be irritated at the extra administrative burden the evidence will place on her.

The Master effectively disregards the factual and legal arguments I made about the validity of the civil marriage.

The Master fails to deal with this issue at all and simply ignores it. She just claims that the administration of an estate cannot be done on the 'balance of probabilities'.

It must be underlined that these matters are still before court and still to be tested by the courts.

I ASKED FOR LUNGILE'S HAND - NGUMUYAYONA

Former Deputy Senate President Ngumuyayona Gamedze attests in a sworn affidavit that he indeed was the one commissioned to ask for Princess Lungile's hand at Prince Makhungu's homestead at Ezulwini in early 1994.

He was commissioned by Victor's father, he says.

"In the company of Victor and Musa Magongo I led the delegation to Prince Makhungu's homestead at Ezulwini and I asked for Princess Lungile's hand in marriage on behalf of Victor from her mother, Inkhosikati LaMhlanga. Furthermore, together with Musa Magongo we went on to ask for Lungile's hand in marriage from His Majesty King Mswati.

"With the King's blessings in 1994 Princess Lungile and Victor had their traditional wedding at Victor's parental home, in Siteki. A few months down the line they had their white wedding at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Mbabane. For the record, I was the groomsman (umyeni) during their traditional wedding and I led the Gamedze delegation at the white wedding."

In lieu of a background Ngumuyayona says, by Swazi tradition and custom, he is the older brother of the late Victor Mfana Gamedze by virtue of the fact that his father Matthew Gamedze is an older brother to Victor's father, Gizane Gamedze.

"Around 1993 or thereabouts, Victor introduced Princess Lungile to me in Manzini and requested for Princess Lungile's hand in marriage. Subsequently, he asked me to go and inform his father Gizane that he wanted to get married to Princess Lungile. In keeping with protocol, Victor and I underwent the process of joining the regiments (kubutseka). Compliance with this tradition was important because he was going to marry a princess."

Being privy to the life that Victor and Princess Lungile lived and led before and after their marriage, he says he can therefore attest to the fact that Princess Lungile contributed immensely towards the success of his late brother Victor Gamedze.

He says as a matter of fact, Victor and the Princess ran their business jointly as partners. Needless to say, Inkhosikati LaMhlanga supported the couple financially and otherwise and undeniably this contributed to the upliftment of his brother Victor.

I SOLEMNISED THAT WEDDING, SAYS FATHER MAHAZULE

Catholic priest Father Jochonia Thayela Mahazule says on 6 August 1994 he solemnised the wedding of Lungile Hotencia Dlamini and the late Victor Mfana Gamedze at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Mbabane, for ease of reference.

"I have attached the marriage register of the Catholic Church where all marriages that take

place in the church are registered. As self-evident or manifest in the annexure Ncengile Dlamini was a witness for the bride and Lloyd Maziya witnessed for the groom. More importantly, I state that Victor Gamedze and Lungile Dlamini are husband and wife, after being married to each other in the Catholic church."

VICTOR'S HOMEBOY LLOYD MAZIYA WAS BEST MAN

Lloyd Maziya is Victor's homeboy who also participated in the wedding of Victor to his wife Princess Lungile.

"Victor and I come from the same neighbourhood in the east of Eswatini, Siteki, in the Lubombo region. We shared the same flat with Victor while residing at Moben, Mbabane and we were teammates at Mbabane Swallows.

"We were also colleagues, working for the Central Bank of Eswatini. I was also the best man at their wedding with Princess Lungile at Mater Dolorosa Church, Mbabane. I can attest that Princess Lungile contributed a lot financially to the success of my late friend, Victor Gamedze."

'LUNGILE LITERALLY ESTABLISHED VICTOR AS AN ENTREPRENEUR'

Victor's best friend, long serving legislator and business personality Marwick Khumalo has detailed information about how Victor and Lungile agreed to run their affairs.

On his sworn affidavit Marwick recalls that at the time of their marriage Princess Lungile was already a young, successful businesswoman who, because of the love she had for him, wanted Victor to live up to her standard.

"It is common knowledge that Princess Lungile bought Victor his first car, and that she literally established him as an entrepreneur that later became a business magnate."

Marwick adds that until this day Victor remained indebted to his wife for having added so much value in his life, adding that in most of the business ventures, Victor had his wife as shareholder and/or director.

"I recall that around 2004, Victor told me that they had agreed with his wife that she would be spending most of the time tending to home chores and family matters, including raising their three daughters, whilst he would remain seized with the day-to-day business operations. I fully supported that move because I was convinced that Victor had fully grasped the dynamics of entrepreneurship. I underscore the fact that they were business partners up until his demise. I am largely repeating what I stated as open facts to the mourners during Victor's memorial service on 20 January 2018."

ACCOUNTANT LAYS BARE THE FIGURES

Paul Mulindwa, the accountant to LaMhlanga, Lungile's mother counts his footsteps back to 1983 until her passing on in 2010 before becoming Victor and Lungile's companies' accountant from 1992 to December 2013.

He asserts that from his experience as an accountant he knows that Victor's wife played a vital role in elevating Victor to be a successful businessman and provided his companies with capital and other resources that resulted in their growth and success.

"By the time Princess Lungile met Victor, I can confirm that she had substantial cash reserves. I also know that she contributed substantial sums of money, skill and resources to Victor's com-

panies. For example I am aware that she bought Victor a red BMW valued at around E15 000. Princess Lungile established a company for Victor called MV Investments and bought him a large consignment of goods so that he could trade in household consumables, stationery and safety clothing. She also contributed the capital for the business in the amount of E500 000."

OTHER EXCERPTS ARE THAT:

● In 1996 he told Victor and Lungile about a business opportunity at Bhunya, where a filling station and shop were available for sale. He says he was aware of the opportunity because he had liquidated that business. He adds that he knew Lungile financed the acquisition of that business and contributed at least E325 000.

● In 1999 Lungile and Victor sold their Bhunya business for a profit of E450 000. Lungile also sold New Standard retail business for a profit of E1.2 million. Lungile used her share of the proceeds from the sale of the Bhunya business as well as the proceeds from New Standards to establish a new company, MV Telecommunications.

Mulindwa adds that after their agreement that Lungile would not play an active role in the management of the businesses, Victor went on to establish different companies including, for example, Etop-up, Vic Properties, and Serjeant, companies that were established in Victor's name "but that was not a problem for Lungile because these companies in reality were jointly owned by Victor and Lungile.

Victor and Lungile owned and operated their

companies together and Lungile had an equal say in all the companies. The proceeds from these businesses were treated as belonging to a joint estate.

The assets and all the proceeds from their businesses were all used for their joint benefit. Out of all the proceeds from their businesses, their main source of income was generated through MV telecommunications, a company which they legally co-owned, says Mulindwa.

● Even after Lungile left her official position in the companies, she still contributed significant capital to the family business ventures. "For example I am aware that when Lungile's mother passed away in 2010, she left Lungile an inheritance of E3 million. Lungile used that inheritance in the development of the property which they bought in the central business district of Mbabane."

He adds that as an accountant for these businesses and as an advisor to Lungile and Victor he could confidently attest to the fact that they were business partners and the wealth that has amassed in Victor's estate is not exclusively his wealth alone. It is, in reality, the joint estate of Victor and Lungile.

"To treat these assets as Victor's alone would be a grave injustice that would ignore Lungile's vast contribution in capital, expertise, labor skill and strategic direction to the growth of the estate." He concludes that "unfortunately there would be no Victor without Lungile. It would be absurd for his estate to be distributed in a manner that relegated Lungile to a mere dependent, like a child, who did not actively contribute to and build that same estate."



SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The residents, business community, rate payers association, service providers and stakeholders are hereby invited to the presentation of the annual performance report and audited financial statements of Siteki Town Council for 2018/2019 financial year.

The audited financial statements are now open for public inspection without payment as stipulated in Section 103(3) of the Urban Government Act, 1969 during Council's business hours. For further information, feel free to call our offices at 23434 408/485

Venue: Siteki Town Hall

Date and time: Friday, 27th September 2019, 10am

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FEMALE PUPIL (19) HELD FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

...She allegedly hit her sister with concrete block on head before strangulating her

By Sandile Nkambule

In one of the shocking incidents of domestic violence, a female form four pupil has been arrested for attempting to kill her sister.

The pupil *Tenele (19) has been charged with attempted murder after being arrested by the Mankayane police.

According to the charge sheet, the pupil is charged with the offence of attempted murder in that she did wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent, assaulted her sister on the head several times with a concrete block and further strangulated her. Through her lawyer Mphumelelo Ginindza, the pupil who is currently His Majesty's guest at Mawelawela Correctional facility, yesterday filed an urgent bail application at the High Court as she wants to go back to class.

Application

Motivating her bail application in her founding affidavit, the pupil submitted before Judge Mbutfo Mamba that on September 17, she was arrested by the police and subsequently charged with the offence of attempted murder.

She told the court that she was attending classes at her school before being charged and arraigned before the Manzini Magistrate's Court where she was advised

PRESIDING:
High Court
Judge Mbutfo
Mamba.



to move her bail application before the High Court.

She pleaded with the court adding that she is a pupil in one of the schools in the Hhohho Region doing form four and her continued incarceration may have a negative impact on her as she misses classes and is due to sit for the end of year examinations.

"May I state that I am a form four pupil and we have commenced our last term studies and due to sit for the end of year examinations, therefore if the matter were not to be heard urgently, I will not be afforded substantial redress in due course as I stand to suffer irreparable harm by

missing out lessons," she pleaded.

She stated that there is no likelihood that she may evade trial nor the jurisdiction of the Court since she has a family rooted in the Kingdom of Eswatini and has no other place to live adding that the matter is urgent not only because matters pertaining to personal liberty are by their very nature and constitutionally urgent, but also because of her personal circumstances. Since the Crown did not oppose the application, the pupil was admitted to bail fixed to an amount of E15 000, however the court ordered that she pays E3 000 in cash and E12 000 in the form of a surety.

Prosecutor Stanley's suspect killer Nelisa indicted at the High Court

By Sandile Nkambule

It appears socialite Nelisa Sibusiso Hlatjwako's murder trial is nigh as he has since been indicted at the High Court.

Hlatjwako stands accused of the murder of Principal Crown Counsel Stanley Dlamini, who was brutally killed near Msunduzi a year ago.

An indictment is similar to a charge sheet and this is normally presented by the Crown when it is ready to prosecute suspects.

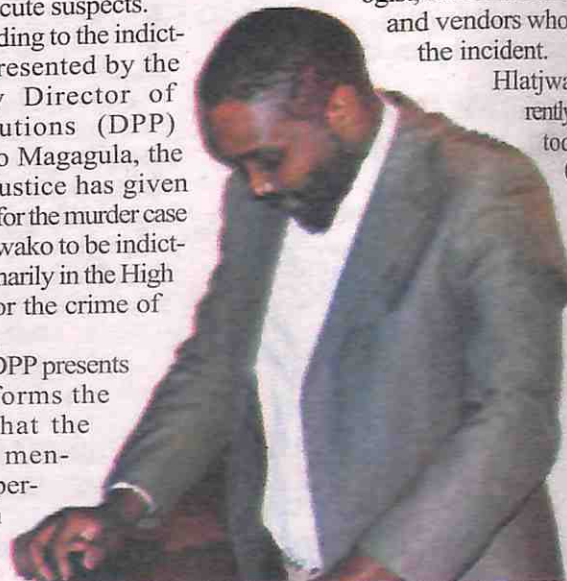
According to the indictment presented by the Deputy Director of Prosecutions (DPP) Sibusiso Magagula, the Chief Justice has given consent for the murder case of Hlatjwako to be indicted summarily in the High Court for the crime of murder.

"The DPP presents and informs the court that the above mentioned person

(Hlatjwako) herein after referred to as the accused is guilty of the crime of murder in that upon or about April 25, 2018 at or near Msunduzi area in the Hhohho Region, the said accused person did unlawfully and intentionally kill Stanley Dlamini and did thereby commit the crime of murder," states the indictment.

At least eight witnesses are to be paraded by the Crown according to the indictment and these include amongst others, the police, pathologist, residents from Msunduzi and vendors who witnessed the incident.

Hlatjwako is currently out of custody on E50 000 bail which was granted by the High Court last year.



INDICTED: Murder suspect socialite Nelisa Sibusiso Hlatjwako.

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Ministry of Labour and Social Security

PRESS STATEMENT

ON THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE IN TERMS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ILO COMMITTEE ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION (CFA)

The Ministry of Labour and Social Security hereby issues a public announcement about the appointment of an Investigation Committee in terms of the Recommendations of the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association (CFA).

The Investigation Committee shall conduct an investigation with a view to ascertain compliance of identified industrial actions with the relevant legal instruments and justification for the action taken by the police pursuant to these industrial actions which were embarked upon by the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA), the Amalgamated Trade Union of Swaziland (ATUSWA), the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) and the Swaziland Nurses Association (SNA) between August and October, 2018.

The Committee Members are as follows:

1. His Worship Mr. David V. Khumalo (Principal Magistrate) - Chairperson;
2. Mr. Muzikayise Motsa - Member;
3. Mr. Velaphi W. Dlamini - Member; and
4. Ms Bongiwe M. Mkhonta - Secretary.

The sessions of the Investigation Committee shall be held at Matsapha Town Council, Civic Centre. Dates and starting time shall be communicated by the Committee in due course.

All persons and stakeholders who are interested to make submissions before the Committee are advised to register with the Secretary by contacting her on this mobile number - 7979 4444.

BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

THE CARNAGE



2 DEAD AS TWO TRUCKS COLLIDE

By Sicelo Maziya

At least two male adults were killed instantly in a head on collision between a truck ferrying soldiers and another trading as Phakama Logistics, ferrying sugarcane at Mpaka on Thursday evening. The collision is alleged to have been caused by reckless driving and the soldiers' truck, which was Manzini bound, over-

took a Honda fit sedan which had been moving at a slow speed. However immediately the sedan's driver realised he was being overtaken and increased speed.

Resulted

This resulted in the truck ferrying the soldiers to hit the oncoming, Simunye bound sugarcane truck. Witnesses shared different figures of people they claimed had died as a result of the acci-

dent. They claimed seven people perished and were members of the armed forces.

However, according to information from the police only two people died.

Claimed

Those who witnessed the accident also claimed that the driver of the Honda fit did not bother to stop. Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident and said two male adults lost their lives in the accident which involved two trucks at the MR3 Lonhupheko-Mpaka road.

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Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Things will never be the same for offenders in the country's Correctional Services institutions as new Commissioner General Phindile Dlamini, setting the tone, wants them to be fully corrected so that when they are reintegrated back to the community they are able to live with others harmoniously.

"That can only be achieved through a program that fully attends to each offender's needs, with a proper case study that will effectively determine the right dose of rehabilitation that each offender requires. In most cases some offenders go back to the community after their release, but within a short space of time they are back to incarceration. This does not augur well for the country's economy because a lot of



BOSS LADY: Commissioner General Phindile Dlamini.

...With only two months into her new, demanding role, LaMakhosini wants to upscale rehabilitation of offenders

resources are spent feeding these offenders who should be out there contributing to the socio-political and economic development of the country," she says with passion in an interview with the Observer on Saturday.

Dlamini is only the second female Correctional Commissioner General (ComGen) after her Malawian counterpart in the entire continent, but she is taking her new role in her strides with an intention to upscale the rehabilitation of offenders in the country. A nurse by profession, His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General Phindile Dlamini is ready

to introduce new innovations in the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders around the country, almost two months since her appointment.

She is fresh from a benchmarking expedition in Namibia, her first international trip since



HARD AT WORK: HMCS Commissioner General Phindile Dlamini with Generals from Namibia and Botswana during the launch.

ascending to her new position where she replaced the redeployed former ComGen Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase in July. The Namibian Correctional Service is regarded as the best in executing effective efforts in the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders back to the community in the continent.

Factors

Just like in Namibia, Dlamini wants to introduce the Offender Risk Management Correctional Strategy, which suggests, essentially, that no two offenders are alike in terms of what factors may have precipitated towards their offending, the 'risk' they may present for future offending, the 'needs' that they may have and in terms of their motivation to address those needs and work towards changing their lifestyles.

On July 26, this year, His Majesty King Mswati III made the announcement at a packed gathering marking the

Correctional Services Day at Matsapha that he was elevating Phindile Dlamini to the position of ComGen. For a few seconds the gathering was left wondering who that was, until then Commissioner Phindile Dlamini, as she is widely known, stepped up to the podium. Of note is that the King put it succinctly clear that the new ComGen was expected to work towards ensuring that all the programs that are already in place at the country's Correctional Services are sustained and improved, while at the same time coming up with innovative interventions in the correction of offenders.

Importance

Dlamini reckons that of paramount importance and which the department has to work on improving is the offenders' rehabilitation sector?

"I learnt that the Namibia Correctional Service has gone beyond just rehabili-

tating offenders with programs that apply holistically, but they treat each offender individually. Each offender is administered to a unique treatment plan that best serves his needs. Upon admission at a Correctional facility each offender undergoes extensive assessment that takes 90 days before being categorised. The assessment does not only entail studying the warrant paper or commitment letter, but goes deeper into unearthing causes for the crime committed, circumstances around it, family background as well as social behaviour. This stage is the Initial Reception or Orientation and Objective Security Classification of Offenders and assists in that by the time the offender is committed for the actual correction their needs are known," she states.

The Commissioner General also explains that this stage begins formally by assessing and observing offenders at the com-

Worried new programmes require more funding

While she is upbeat that the new programs can change the face of the country's correctional landscape, but the Commissioner General is quite sad that all the programmes require notable financial backing by government.

She said implementing these projects would require more qualified personnel to ensure that everything is in order. She said despite that the local department has done a lot to move towards correcting offenders instead of employing the archaic prison methods of keeping offenders, but a lot will

have to be done to produce a more conducive environment.

"We would have to hire more staff and the Correctional Services. As much as we can marvel at these dreams, but the reality is that the country is going through an economic crunch, but despite these challenges it does not mean that we have to sit and fold our arms while waiting for government to assist us as a department. The core function is to rehabilitate the offenders the best possible way," she notes.

Dlamini also pointed out that great work has already been done in the

department in ensuring that it has running projects that are sustaining the department especially those that are agricultural and vocational.

Programme

She especially once again, brought an agricultural programme used in the Namibian Correctional Service as one of the new advances in agricultural production of small scale farming, a concept for urban food production presented through an aquaponics project. The project involves growing vegetables in nutrients-rich water from fish tanks. Aquaponics is a self-sustained

micro climate, or mini water cycle system.

"The fish are fed in the tank and the water with nutrients is drained into the plants section where the latter acts as a filter and re-circulates clean water back to the fish tank.

Access

The plants' roots are submerged in the nutrients-rich water, enabling the plants to have access to nutrients throughout the day. This therefore saves space and allows faster harvesting compared to any other type of gardening method at home.

"The aquaponics system is as viable on small scale as it is for commercial

food production. There are virtually no unusable by-products, and it leaves no footprint on the environment. As a self-contained system, aquaponics does not require farmland with fertile soil, aquaponics can be done just as successfully on sand, gravel, or rocky surfaces, which could never be used as conventional farmland" she said while specifying that it could assist the service generate funds.

She said in Namibia the offenders are the ones who are responsible for the daily running of the small garden which however, produces high quantities in agricultural crops such as spinach, lettuce and cabbages.

BUSINESS ESWATINI BOARD: BIG NAMES RETURN

By Bahle Gama

Andrew le Roux, Fikile Nkosi and Bheki Maziya have returned to their respectful positions at Business Eswatini board.

The trio was announced after a voting that took place during the Business Eswatini AGM held at at Royal Swazi convention center yesterday afternoon.

Andrew le Roux returns as the President, Fikile Nkosi as Vice Chairperson in Commerce and Trade and Bheki Maziya as the Vice Chairperson in Industrial Relations and Social policy.

Speaking during an interview Business Eswatini CEO Nathi Dlamini congratulated the new committee further stating that they were to put in the same work effort as before during their time

in office.

"The committee is made up of people who stood the test of time with Business Eswatini and we look forward to the future with great anticipation working with them and them providing the necessary oversight to drive business Eswatini to the next level of success. We are very excited and we congratulate them on their victory," he said.

Current President Andrew le Roux said that it was a privilege to be reappointed stating that he had no expectations on being the president again which is a one of the most wonderful things about an organisation that is member driven as it is up to the members to decide who comes back.

"It is certainly my privilege to come

back and to see many of the same board members come back, is an endorsement of what we have achieved. It's also great seeing new faces on the board and I'm particularly happy to see the number of women that have been appointed into the board," he said.

Gratifying

He further stated that women continued to be under represented in business hence seeing the increase of women in the board was gratifying for him.

"We have got a good mix of experience, new ideas and innovation and there is a lot of work ahead of us. We are glad that we also have a good working relationship with cabinet and we look forward to continue to engage with cabinet to promote the private

sector," he added.

Also speaking during an interview was Vice President Bheki Maziya who said he was humbled for being entrusted with the responsibility again.

"It is quite a huge responsibility and while representing a federation of this size in Eswatini one should be more than honoured. In terms of the challenges lying ahead of us, there are so many bills that are coming into place and as business Eswatini, we need to lobby for the betterment of business

in the country," he said.

He added that there were issues that still needed to be resolved and hoped that being back into office would give them the opportunity to deal with them.

These issues include the conversion of ENPF and the employment bill amongst others.

"We need to continue and even double the efforts to ensure that the incoming bills are in favour of the business in Eswatini for the benefit of the entire economy," he concluded.

BOARD MEMBERS

Name	Designation	Representing
Andrew le Roux	President	Montigny CEO
Fikile Nkosi	Vice President (Trade and Commerce)	Nedbank CEO
Bheki Maziya	Vice President (Industrial Relations and Social policy)	RSCC Head of HR Operations

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ment of sentence, to determine their level and nature of immediate needs and concerns, orient them to the challenges they will face within the correctional environment, motivate them to take advantage of some of the opportunities provided to them, and assess their level of risk.

"This initial 'Security Classification' of offenders is then also tied to varying levels of access to meaningful 'privileges' within the correctional setting, so that offenders are willing to earn these possible privileges and perceive some incentive to progress (in terms of their cooperativeness and involvement) from one level of security to the other (i.e., gradually changing their security status from maximum to minimum and eventually to consideration for release)," she explains.

Noted

It should be noted that currently, His Majesty's Correctional Services has four units or cadres under Developmental Programmes namely: the Social work, Education, Psychological Services and Chaplaincy. The aforementioned units are meant to capacitate the offenders and would be offenders on psychosocial life skills. These skills include, assertiveness, self-acceptance, self-control, communication and decision making which may include career choices. Having been capacitated with psychosocial life skills, the client is in a position to choose a vocational developmental programme under the various units. This enables him

or her to arrive at an envisaged career that will improve his or her economic outlook and that of the community. These programmes impart market oriented skills and re-shape the offenders' mind set towards self-development and successful reintegration.

The ComGen adds that as another way of improving the department, there is a need to introduce the Unit Management model as widely accepted in modern correctional practice, that aims to cluster offenders into smaller, more manageable groupings within a larger correctional setting so that there can be more effective deployment of active, dynamic security as an alternative to only passive, static security. She says the notion is that control of offenders is better achieved through the empowerment of line staff and a normalised system of 'interaction' between members and offenders wherein, there is direct supervision on a human-to-human level rather than simply the 'guarding and disciplining' of offenders. "We also need to introduce the Correctional Treatment Plan which describes a 'plan of action' used by the Correctional Service to assist an offender to address his or her needs. This is a detailed outline of the steps the offender can take, both in the shorter-term (6 to 12 months) and in the longer-term (12 months to end of sentence or early release) to begin to address his or her areas of difficulty and improve his or her chances of successful reintegration," she adds.

ComGen marvels at Telio-Telephone System

One other thing that the Commissioner General Phindile Dlamini is impressed with as applied in the Correctional Services, is the Telio-Telephone System used by offenders to make phone calls while incarcerated.

Telio is Europe's number one provider of secure and efficient communication services to the correctional industry and is present in 18 countries with regional offices. Core offering consists of secure software platform operated on behalf of correctional facility operators to deliver inmates' communication or multimedia services.

Certified

Telio is currently serving over 650 correctional facilities with more than 300 000 inmates. It is ISO9001 and ISO27001 certified.

Again, Namibia has made strides by introducing this system with the ComGen, having the luxury to be part of the program's launch last month at the invitation of Namibian Correctional Service ComGen Raphael Hamunye.

Dlamini explains that currently offenders rely on officers to assist them to make phone calls, but with this system in place offenders could be able to make limited calls depending on the amount of privilege they have while incarcerated.

GASA TOILET WAR WITH SISTER IN-LAW AT SUPREME COURT

By Sandile Nkambule

It seems the land issue between Lavumisa Chief Gasa Wangwane and his sister-in-law involving a toilet is far from over, as the matter is now at the Supreme Court.

The chief's sister in law Ethel Dlamini (born Gule) has filed an appeal application at the Supreme Court against a judgment of the High Court which ordered in the chief's favour in the matter.

The appeal was before a bench comprising the Chief Justice, Bheki Maphalala, and Acting Judges Judith Marry Currie and Sabelo Matsebula.

The appellant (Ethel) is a sister in law to the chief in that she was married to his brother the late Prince Lomahasha and both chief Gasa and Lomahasha are sons to the late Chief Prince Tsekwane.

Pending a determination to be made by the Shiselweni Regional Administrator (RA) the appellant has filed the appeal for an interim order allowing her to construct the toilet and plough the fields in question.

Represented by Manzini based senior lawyer Zonke Magagula, the appellant submitted before Court that the court aquo erred in fact and in law that she was seeking a final interdict order in the matter arguing that all she is seeking interim interdict pending the determination of the matter by the RA.

Magagula submitted that the appellant now suffers prejudice as a result of the chief's actions in that she wants to construct a new toilet as the old one is full and a health hazard which is no longer safe for use by anyone.

He further submitted that as a result of the respondent's (chief) action the appellant now lived in a home which is not fenced and is not safe from wild animals.

However when making his submissions lawyer Ndabenhle Dlamini from the Attorney General's office submitted that there is no prejudice suffered by the appellant since the chief had ordered that she can use the toilets which are meant for public at the main *umphakatsi* pending determination of the matter by the traditional authorities.

After having both counsel in the matter, the CJ stated that judgment is reserved and counsel will be informed of judgment day through the registrar.

Dragged

It all started last year when the chief was dragged to court by his widowed sister-in-law over the construction of a toilet and ploughing of maize fields.

The chief has allegedly prevented his brother's wife from constructing the toilet, where her late husband had constructed his home, at the old *umphakatsi* and further prevented her from using the maize fields.

The appellant of Qomintaba then approached the High Court where she sought an order interdicting Chief Gasa from preventing her from constructing the new toilet at the old *umphakatsi* and further interdicting the chief from preventing her from installing a fence around the old *umphakatsi*.

According to the appellant, in her papers filed at the court aquo (High Court), she was married according to Swazi Law and custom to the late Prince Lomahasha in the year 1977 and her husband was the first born to the late Chief Tsekwane while Chief Gasa is the fifth born to her mother-in-law.

She had stated that after Chief Gasa was installed as chief of Lavumisa, he constructed his own homestead across the road from the old *umphakatsi* and in due

course removed all the vestments of *umphakatsi* from the old homestead by removing the cattle kraal and roof from the main hut and holding all important functions and community meetings at the new *umphakatsi*.

Now that Chief Gasa has constructed the new *umphakatsi*, Ethel stated that she is the only one left at the old *umphakatsi* and lives alone following the death of her husband.

Sometime in February 2016 she stated that she was prevented from performing a customary function of slaughtering a beast (*imvimba*), which had been brought in respect of her impregnated daughter by Chief Gasa despite that she had reported it to the family, including Prince Msongelwa the last surviving brother to the late Chief Tsekwane.

Removed

Chief Gasa also removed the fence around the old *umphakatsi* which was erected by the late Tsekwane and when such was done, she was not informed and that both Prince Msongelwa and Princess Vimbelephi (sister to Tsekwane) were also not informed.

She stated in her papers that when she dug up a pit in order to construct a toilet last year, Chief Gasa instructed men to fill up the pit without informing her or seeking her consent despite that she had informed the senior head man one Ndzinisa that she intended constructing the toilet since the old one had filled up.

"The consequences of the respondent's actions is that I live in a home that is not protected, domestic animals including goats, donkeys and cattle roam around the homestead at will and when the fencing was done, we were served with a court or interdicting the fencing of the homestead," she stated in the court aquo.

She had also approached former RA Themba Masuku now Deputy Prime Minister for she now has no fields to cultivate, as the respondent deprived her of doing so despite that he has his own fields.

The RA had informed her that he was yet to deliberate on the matter or report it to higher authorities as per the dictates of Swazi Law and Custom.

She had submitted that there is a well grounded apprehension of irreparable harm in that, in the interim, the injury that she is suffering is persisting and unless the court grants her the relief she is seeking, she will continue to suffer at the hands of the Chief whose seems to be driving her out of the only home her husband left her with.

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Orders warders to know offenders like back of their hands

Commissioner General Phindile Dlamini wants a Correctional Services force that will know offenders like the back of their hands, as it is imperative for them to know exactly who they are dealing with on a daily basis.

She says this is also important in that it allows each officer to use the relevant rehabilitation process needed by each offender. She says days of categorising offenders based on age, their previous offenses, or if they smoke are now a thing of the past. "It is also imperative that we introduce Case Management towards Successful Reintegration, which is the process that takes place to help offenders execute their Correctional Plan. Primary responsibility which is to help support and guide the offender in this respect,



LIFE SKILLS: Offenders in the motor mechanic section at Matsapha Correctional.

rests with an individual correctional officer assigned the role of Case Management Officer (CMO) though other Unit Management members also assist with their observation and analysis of the offender's behaviour on an

ongoing basis. Critically, the CMO should get to know the offender, and their style, habits and patterns of behaviour, through regular interaction and the provision of supportive and directive counselling," she states.

Ministry of labour appoints investigation committee

By Bahle Gama

The ministry of labour and social security has issued a public announcement about the appointment of an Investigation Committee in terms of the recommendations of the International Labour Organisation Committee on Freedom of Association (CFA).

The public statement will that the investigation committee shall conduct an investigation with a view to ascertain compliance of identified industrial actions with the relevant legal instruments and justification for

the action taken by the police pursuant to industrial actions, which were embarked upon by the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA), the Amalgamated Trade Union of Swaziland (ATUSWA), the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) and the Swaziland Nurses Association (SNA) between August and October 2019.

Investigation

The sessions of the investigation committee will be held at Matsapha Town Council, Civic Centre and commencement dates and time will be communicated by the committee in

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Principal magistrate David Khumalo	- Chairperson
Muzikayise Molsa	- Member
Velaphi Dlamini	- Member
Bongwe Mkhonla	- Secretary

due course.

It further states that all persons and stakeholders who are interested to make submissions before the committee are advised to register with the secretary.

PM TOLD OF IDLE INFRASTRUCTURE AT HEALTH MINISTRY

By Zwelihle Sukati and Sicelo Maziya

Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini was yesterday told of infrastructure that is now lying idle, as the ministry of health is struggling to fill positions due to the government policy.

The prime minister was told progress for the ministry is based on number of personnel to ensure work is done.

The premier was told during his tour to the various departments of the Health ministry and the Mbabane Government Hospital.

Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi further told the head of government that she was hopeful and prayed to God Almighty that the country's fiscal challenges will be a thing of the past so that there can be improved service delivery.

She said there were still places in the rural areas where health services were difficult to access because of travelling distances.

Challenges

"I am hopeful that once the fiscal challenges faced by the country gets better, government will be able to fill up key positions to make use of those structures," the Health minister said.

Nkosi went on to promise the prime minister that, as per his request, the ministry was working on having a health conference.

Other challenges faced by the ministry include the emerging scourge in non communicable diseases (NCD).

She said cervical cancer was one of the biggest killers. Other NCDs that are proving to be a menace include sugar diabetes and high blood pressure, of which children were increasingly becoming victims of. Another thorny issue was that of child mortality.



WELCOME SIR: Dr Simon Zwane welcoming the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini at the ground parking for the tour of ministry of health.

Prime Minister, in his address applauded the Health minister as he described her as a perfect fit to the ministry. "She is smart, committed, workaholic, passionate about health issues and just a perfect fit to the ministry," the head of government said.

Dlamini said despite the challenges government was faced with, the ministry was doing much better when compared to other countries. "Health is a very complex and technical sector and the good job that the minister's team was doing is very much commendable."



CONJESTION: Dr Simon Zwane showing the PM the floor housing the ministry.

The PM went on to say that even though there was talk that there was corruption in government, he hoped that was not the case at the ministry.

"I have been briefed on the systems in place that monitors the flow of drugs at the central medical stores so as not to hear of stories about theft of pharmaceuticals."

Ministry of Health Deputy Director of Health Services Rejoice Nkambule, in her remarks, presented the premier with a drawing of a tree, depicting the operations of the Health ministry.

In her drawing, the roots are finances which feed the whole 'tree'.

Then there is leadership and governance, infrastructure, medical products and technology, strategic information, and service delivery at the top.

The premier's tour started off at the Ministry of Health Headquarters to the Cooper Centre where there are other offices for the ministry. From there the premier went to tour the Mbabane Government Hospital, including the under construction building there.



Vacancies - 3 x Surveillance officers

The Ministry of Health through the National Malaria Programme intends to engage three Surveillance Officers. The officers are to be engaged on contract basis for a period of 15 months (October 2019-December 2020). They will carry out malaria work in malarious communities across the country.

Professional Requirements for Position

- Diploma/Degree in Public /Environmental Health Science
- Computer literacy

Technical Skills

- Experience in disease surveillance and or laboratory background
- Community experience strongly preferred

Personal Skills

- Self-driven and results-oriented with a clear focus on high quality performance
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Drivers licence, more than 2 years

Job Description

- Conduct case investigations and community screening**
 - Investigate all malaria cases in accordance with the case investigation protocol
 - Conduct community screening for malaria
 - Capture accurate field data and provide prompt reports
 - Educate the communities about malaria signs and symptoms, malaria prevention, and health-seeking behaviour
- Liaise with community stakeholders to improve malaria surveillance**
 - Work with community stakeholders in identifying malaria high risk groups, screening of mobile and migrant populations, and conducting community awareness campaigns
- Provide regular reports on surveillance activities**
 - Provide daily field data
 - Submit weekly reports
- Facilitate NMP activities within the communities**
 - Assist with indoor residual spraying and entomological activities within the communities
- Perform any other duties as needed**

Application letters, Curriculum vitae and copies of academic certificates can be hand delivered to the National Malaria Programme office in Manzini or emailed to recruitment@malaria.org.sz by close of business on the 23rd September 2019. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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DEEP THOUGHTS: Prime Minister and Minister of Health in deep thought as they address the press and employees at Cooper Centre.



KEEN: Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula listening to different submissions during the tour.



KEY: Deputy Director Rejoice Nkambule informing the PM on the health machinery and its importance in human development.

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BULLY TEACHER FORCES OVC OUT OF SCHOOL

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

A child was so emotionally drained that she had to look for another school to continue with her education following a degrading experience she allegedly faced at the hands of her teacher, who is a deputy principal at Ndabazwe High School around Lavumisa.

The 16-year-old, who was doing Form II at her previous school, has this year been forced to redo this grade at another school after failing to obtain good marks last year due to what is viewed by her parent as a depressing ordeal. The deputy principal, Zekhaya Dlamini is accused of calling her by the name of her sponsor, World Vision, in front of other pupils several times, something the pupil felt was degrading her and placed a stigma on her given her needy state as an OVC.

It is alleged that this went on for some time resulting in the matter being reported to the Shiselweni Regional Education Officer (REO) Siboniso Gumbi for action.

Justified

It is alleged that even when the pupil complained about being called by the name of World Vision, Dlamini continued even stating that World Vision was her father. It is alleged that she justified this by the fact that World Vision officials would come to the school, give her clothes and other things as well as take pictures of her hence they had assumed the responsibilities of a father.

Dlamini, however, dismisses this as just an unfortunate joke as she never meant to hurt the pupil let alone embarrass her about her needy state.

She says as much as she was surprised that such an incident was escalated to reach the office of the REO, but she apologised for the incident and it was put to rest. But, the child's parent

...Vulnerable pupil with unemployed single parent stigmatised by being constantly called by the name of her sponsor 'World Vision', teacher in full view of others until she feels enough is enough



feels the apology came in a very sarcastic manner as the teacher had been forced by the REO to extend it.

REO Gumbi, when reached, confirmed that such a matter was reported to his office last year and he delegated the school's principal Boy Boy Vilakati to deal with it and it was settled.

"My feeling was that this was a matter that the school's administrator could deal with and it was concluded.

We deal with various issues in the office and others we send back to the schools concerned while others that are broader are sent to the headquarters," he explained when asked how his office had dealt with the matter.

Vilakati, on the other hand, while conceding having dealt with the matter, chose not to elaborate and give a comment.

"I was summoned to deal with the matter by the REO and since it reached the higher authorities I can't give a further comment," he said briefly.

Sensitivity

It was after the child reported such to her only surviving parent, her mother, who will not be mentioned to protect the minor, given the sensitivity of the matter and how it has affected her social life, that it reached the REO.

With her mother not employed and her father having passed away before she could even recognise him, the child is enrolled under the schools' Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) education programme while World Vision sponsors her with her other needs including school uniforms and clothes.

The girl's mother narrating what befell her daughter says when her daughter first alerted her about the matter she did not take it seriously.

She says it was after her child started complaining that her alleged ill treatment at school was continuing unabated yet she had nothing about it that she decided to approach the REO and report the matter.

"At this time, my child was even threatening to leave school to be rid of the abuse. What was especially getting to her was World Vision being referred to as her father by the teacher.

She even asked why she did not know her father because at least if she knew him he would not be living with her mother's family to be vulnerable to humiliation.

No parent would stand this hence the decision to take the matter up with the REO," she narrated.

The parent adds that she also wanted to report the teacher to the police especially after her child alleged that she was then being further victimised at school, after the matter reached the REO.

She says she was advised against such by a police friend who felt they should let time pass by and then see if the situation persists.

Threatened

"At one point the teacher even threatened my child telling her that something bad would happen to her.

Even during meals time at school she told me that the teacher would bar her from getting her share telling her to pay her E100 she owed for a school shirt as at the same time the teacher also sells school uniform to the children.

The child would then be forced to ask other children to dish up for her as she feared that the teacher would not allow her," further added the parent.

Dlamini again denies that anything else apart from the name calling incident happened. She also states that most of the allegations are unfounded and are further from the truth.

The child's mother adds; "Eventually I was forced to look for another place at another school to allow my child to continue with her studies. She could no longer concentrate in class as she started being a laughing stock.

She ended up failing her Form II and I cannot phantom how that happened as she was not a child that got bad grades often.

She is now staying with my sister closer to her new school and I can only hope that she will heal and be able to close the chapter," she concluded.

'It was only a joke'

The implicated Ndabazwe High School Deputy Principal Zekhaya Dlamini has come out explain that calling her former pupil by the name of her sponsor, was only meant to be a joke that she took lightly only to be surprised when it reached the office of the Shiselweni REO.

Dlamini, who sounded remorseful during an interview, explains that what happened was that she noticed that World Vision officials would frequent the school and take photos of the child.

She says she then gestured to the child of how the officials frequented the school and asked her jokingly if she was still a pupil at the school or at World Vision.

"As a joke, I even told her that we would start calling her World Vision. I even told her that this was a joke and even when the matter reached the office of the REO I apologised to her mother. I never meant for it to reach such scales and I insist that I am sorry," she stated. When further asked about the general feeling in the community that she was indeed abusive to children at the school and that some community members now resented her, Dlamini said she had not noticed anything to that regard. She said as far as she is concerned other parents have nothing personal against her and she is content with how they relate.

DPM's office: It's an improper joke

The Deputy Prime Minister (DPM)'s office, whose portfolio is a custodian of children's issues, has condemned such an incident and described it as an inappropriate joke.

DPM's office Communications Officer Mihla Khumalo in an inter-

view clearly states that under normal situations, the incident involving the teacher does not provide a healthy environment for any child to develop and prosper. He notes that when parents send their children to school they expect them to be exposed to situations and envi-

ronments that will keep their self esteem intact.

"For children to develop in a school set up they need a healthy environment that will not be toxic to them. That is why a school is considered as a second home to children.

Teacher falls sick; pupils compose songs to sing at funeral

When a teacher is perceived as a disciplinarian, it is inherent for her not to be popular with her pupils.

However, pupils explain in the case of Dlamini that they are not happy with the way she treats them at school. They resent her to an extent that they derived joy at her recent illness and had literally started preparing for her funeral. A handful of pupils from Ndabazwe High School narrated to the Observer on Saturday that the teacher shames their colleagues by calling them names and stigmatising them. They confirmed that when their teacher

fell recently over a month ago they started composing songs they felt would be ideal to be sung during her funeral. The teacher was fortunate enough as she duly recovered from an undisclosed illness.

Dlamini asserts that this is a matter of ill discipline she was forced to root out from pupils at the school hence, it is normal that the pupils would not be happy with her being around.

"When I arrived at the school I found that the pupils did as they pleased. Some would come late and some would just absent themselves without any consequences.

When I arrived I made sure that I correct this as a deputy head teacher as it is my duty. Parents and the pupils alike, can testify that last year, it was the first time that the school attained a 100 per cent pass in Form III. It is results of discipline that I instilled in the pupils.

When alerted on reports that the children had started composing songs when she was sick, she viewed such as a misfortune.

"Children are just like that and will always show some amount of rebellion every time you instill discipline amongst them. However, I must state that some parents were

For a child to perform better in school, it is imperative that they relate well with their teachers.

This is just an inappropriate joke if the teacher meant it as a joke," he states. He states that teachers are always expected to project what is good to their pupils.

"Even when something bad is said to an adult it hurts. How much more to a helpless child?" he adds.

supportive during the time of my sickness and called me wishing me to recover timely. Some even told me about how the pupils were back to their old bad ways of absconding some classes and absenting themselves from school during my absence.

What I know is that before dawn it gets darker, therefore, before things can improve at the school the situation must go through rocky times," she explained.

Dlamini is still hopeful that the situation will get better and her relationship with the pupils will get better.

NIGHTCLUBS COME ALIVE WITH EXPLICIT SEX ACTS

Stories by Zwelihle Sukati

You have every reason to be seriously concerned when your man goes clubbing the whole night.

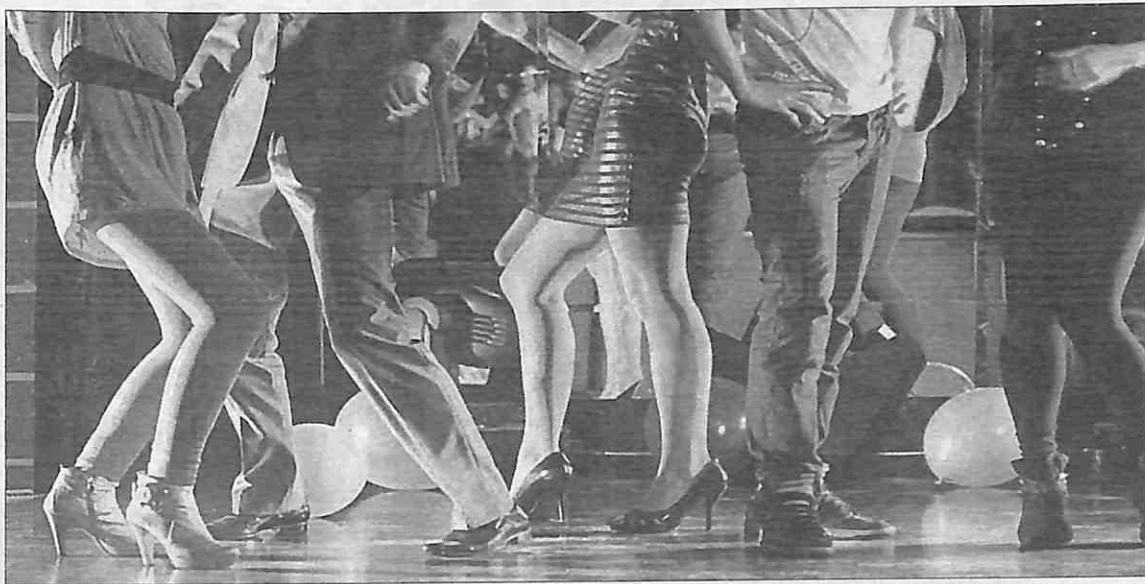
Every Thursday and Sunday patrons are treated to some wild sexual activities in clubs around Matsapha and Manzini, in the name of adult entertainment.

The shows, dubbed 'ladies night', discreetly take place in the still of the night and the right of admission is strictly reserved. Flashing a cellphone inside the club is strictly prohibited as taking pictures is not allowed during the strip show.

Cheered

On any other day, these clubs operate as normal clubs. Acting on a tip off, reporters from this publication paid a visit to two of the clubs and what we saw did not resemble just a strip show where dancers are cheered for stripping to the nude. What we saw resembled a sex club!

There were male and female strippers on stage. As we entered the club, the no-nonsense bouncers were at every corner of the already fully packed club. It was already going for midnight and the show was about to kick off. Everyone was moved from dancing on the prepared stage by the disc jockey booth. The disc jockey would now and again remind the



patrons about how to behave during the show. "We assume that all of us here are adults and anyone underage shouldn't be here in the first place."

Also, cellphones are to be switched off and anyone seen taking pictures will have his or her cellphone confiscated, crashed and be thrown out," it was announced.

Reminded

Also, should a patron show signs of being overly intoxicated, security will not hesitate to throw you out.

Patrons were further reminded not to touch any of the girls, even if they danced from the stage to the crowd on the floor, unless by their consent.

Any rowdy behaviour or conduct of over excitement would lead one to being thrown out immediately.

As the DJ finished with the house keeping rules, the three skimpy dressed plus-size exotic dancers sashayed to the club for their reserved seats behind the stage. The lights were turned down inside the club, with focus being on the stage.

Each girl would take to the stage and dance seductively to the appreciating crowd. Slowly she would start stripping her clothes off until she was dancing stark naked. The strippers would at times tease the crowd as they danced amongst them in their

birthday suits, but under the watchful eyes of the club's security.

Meanwhile, the other girls would be twerking naked on the stage to be joined by their male counterpart.

Nude

The male dancer took to the stage, with a chair in hand, being led by one of the nude dancers and stripped naked.

As he sat on the chair the girls would take turns mimicking sexual moves. At one point, a male patron was called to take to the stage by one of the girls. Not knowing what to do, the clubber sat on the chair and had his shirt removed, much to the appreciating

I never thought of this in Eswatini - Reveller

One female reveller was left shocked after the show with what she saw at a club in Manzini this past Sunday.

She had been invited by friends to the club and wanted to experience first-hand what she had been hearing about the ladies night in the club. The fun lover stayed until the midnight for the show which turned out to be more than she could have ever anticipated.

"That was not a strip show. It was sex in the club, in front of a watching crowd!" she exclaimed.

"The male and female dancers would fondle each other on their private parts, kiss and do oral sex while mimic having sexual intercourse sex with the male's genitalia obviously excited." She said she felt embarrassed and couldn't wait longer for the duration of the show.

There was some sexual activity going on at the dark corners of the club amongst patrons with their partners without a care in the world.

The stripper held his hand allowing him to touch her body in a sexual way. The other girls dancing amongst the crowd would at times hold hands of the excited males to touch their bare buttocks as they danced seductively.

Some female clubbers would be seen holding on tight to their partners. The entertainment went on until the early hours of dawn. Some of the activities that went down cannot be detailed in this report because of their explicit nature.

Guest houses booked for after-party

Is this adult entertainment or outright prostitution?

This is one question that came to mind when it was brought to the attention of reporters from this publication that the fun doesn't end in the club.

This publication is aware of at least three clubs in Manzini and Matsapha that are into this business.

Organisers of the show would discreetly invite loyal, well-behaved patrons to a party after the shows at some booked guest houses. The fun lovers would be given tags to produce at the gate in the designated areas for some sexual activities at a certain fee.

These places are known to this publication but for ethical reasons will not be mentioned, at least for now.

"These parties and strip clubs have been going on for some time now and one question that comes to mind is; are police aware of this? With the strip shows I wonder if they are licensed to run such explicit shows after all the noise that was made about 'Zodwa Wabantu' coming to perform in the country recently," wondered one patron speaking to a journalist from this newspaper.

EXPLICIT: Zodwa Wabantu.

SEX TOURISTS ENTICED TO VISIT CLUBS

A website and other links advise tourists where to find sex in the kingdom.

It serves as a tour guide for places where tourists can fulfil their fantasies and where to find street hookers, brothels, prostitutes and strip clubs.

"Prostitution in Swaziland is illegal, and police continue to enforce the law, although they sometimes turn a blind eye to prostitution in clubs," reads the website.

It continues that dating in Swaziland (now Eswatini) can be a bit tricky due to cultural differences, "so your best bet is to sign up for a dating site before your trip so you can meet a few locals ahead of time." It further directs one to other links where a tourist can get to meet local members in the country so as to get to know them on a personal basis before you arrive.

According to the U.S. Department of State, Eswatini is a source, destination,

and transit country for women and youngsters trafficked internally and transnational for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, and forced labour in agriculture.

Swazi girls, particularly orphans, are trafficked internally for commercial sexual exploitation and domestic servitude in the cities of Mbabane and Manzini, as well as to South Africa and Mozambique.

Police aware and investigations ongoing

The police are aware of entertainment spots that turn to strip clubs in the night.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said they have tried a number of times to pounce on these notorious clubs but found nothing.

"I think these club owners know us or are made aware of our presence," she said. The police mouthpiece said the culprits were elusive to nab in the act and a number of times police working undercover come with nothing.

"Or probably we come when it is not the ladies night and I must say that we are most probably speaking about people who know our identities," she concluded. However, at a hot go-go pub



AWARE: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

in Manzini that comes alive every Thursday, ladies' night, is home to swarms of male police officers from a

nearby police camp who have become the largest group of spectators and patrons on this day.

BOTHO UNIVERSITY ESWATINI SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCH

Botho University saw it fit to take full responsibility and award the scholarships to the deserving students in order to support learning, and achieve our ultimate goal of immensely contributing to the development of the Eswatini Economy. Our Scholarship is at 3 levels; 50%, 75% and 100%. The Scholarship was awarded based on affordability by parents or guardians and vulnerability of the learners. We have received applications from learners who have very good grades from high school, all credits, who are double orphaned, single parent orphaned and not having any contact with the other parent, nor knowing their whereabouts, orphaned and staying with

grandparents, who are on pension and having no other source of income and also from children having parents who are unemployed, just to mention a few. For 100% scholarship, preference was given to the orphaned and vulnerable applicants as per the assessment done. A total number of 25 Scholarships were given today, across all the categories. We saw a lot of mixed emotions from both parents and recipients of the awards, the students. This alone gave us feedback that indeed we have addressed a need that was at a dire stage for a lot of parents. We wish the recipients of the scholarship the best in their studies and hope they will make best use of the opportunity afforded to them.



from Right to Left: RAVI SRINIVASAN; Pro-Vice Chancellor Internationalization and Communications, Botho University; ROSAH BOTLHOKO, Assistant Dean Eswatini Campus; FIKILE MDLULI Chief Inspector-Tertiary Education in Ministry of Education and Training; PATRIC NYONI, Senior Quality Assurance Officer-ESHEC, LUCKY MOAHI, Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor Internationalization-Botho University; PATRICIA DLAMINI, Senior Lecturer Faculty of Business & Accounting; MAJAH NKONYANE, Admissions Officer



Ministry of Education and Training Fikile Mdluli-Chief Inspector Tertiary Institutions encouraged other institutions to Follow Botho University and assist Government in developing the lives of people in Eswatini



MAJAH NKONYANE from Admissions Department explaining more to the Parent who came to witness the awards



Mother and daughter reading through the Scholarship award letter



A parent to a 100% Scholarship recipient in tears of joy as she asked God to bless the University and see it grow to educate and assist more Emaswati Students and Parents



Scholarship recipients going through the program before the awards



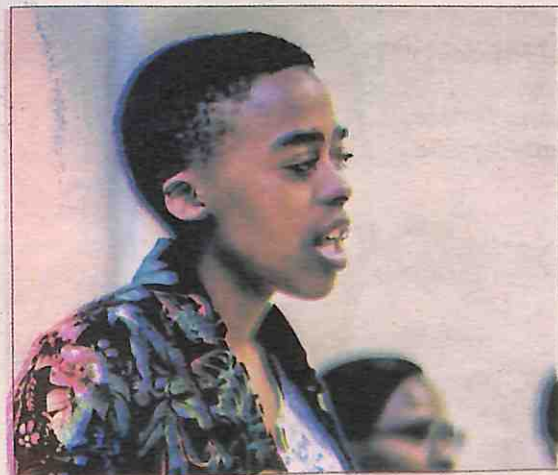
Student happy to receive the Scholarship



Student receiving her Scholarship award



Parents and students listening attentively to the speeches before the scholarship awards



A double orphaned NELILE NDWANDWE giving a vote of thanks to Botho University after receiving 100% Scholarship



The Mother could not hold back her tears as her daughter was awarded 100% Scholarship after failing several times to access tertiary due to financial constraints



PATRICIA DLAMINI Senior Lecturer in Faculty of Business and Accounting Welcoming parents and students



ROSAH BOTLHOKO-Assistant Dean Eswatini Campus showcasing a Tablet which will be given to all students after registration, as a learning tool



ATTENTIVE: A section of the pupils listening attentively to the proceedings.



THE LAW: Some of the senior officers who were present during the event.

TEACHERS SHOULD TAKE A LEAD IN UPHOLDING THE LAW

The Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) considers teachers as valuable partners in nurturing children, hence it is strongly against their involvement in love relationships with pupils.

These were sentiments of the Senior Deputy National Commissioner of Police - Lydia Dlamini during a speech and prize giving event held at Herefords High School last Friday. She said the REPS considers teachers to be valuable partners as they interact with children on a daily basis, therefore getting into relationships with scholars is strongly discouraged as it is a crime. She stated it is disheartening to note that teachers are amongst the biggest offenders in contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018.

Dlamini who was representing National Commissioner of Police appealed to teachers that they should be role models to the children both within and outside school as youngsters look up to adults for guidance. She further advised the students especially girls to avoid getting into premature love relationships as they often result in unplanned pregnancies.

She stated that education is a golden ticket for brighter tomorrow and scholars should seize the opportunity with both hands to maximise every effort in their schooling journey for a prosperous future.

The senior Deputy Commissioner sounded a stern warning to scholars against involvement in activities that lead to their downfall such drug and substance abuse, bullying of other pupils, absconding from school, dis-



YOURS: Senior Deputy National Commissioner of Police Lydia Dlamini handing over a desktop computer to Herefords High School Principal Xolisile Maphanga.

respecting teachers and peer pressure such as joining gangs that engage in anti-social behaviours. She said drug and substance abuse may lead to the commission of other crimes and juvenile delinquency. Dlamini warned that bullying which maybe verbal, physical or cyber inclined is a form of abuse that cannot be tolerated in society as it has negative repercussions on victims.

Dlamini expressed her appreciation on the school's anti-crime clubs programme which is a platform for sensitising pupils about the dangers of being involved in crime and engaging in anti-social behaviour. She said she was pleased to note that Herefords High School had such a club through which pupils' behaviour and conduct are impacted positively. She said in the anti-crime clubs which are aimed at

ensuring that school going children do not find themselves on the wrong side of the law or against societal moral standards, pupils are moulded into better citizens.

Excelling pupils were awarded with stationery gift packs which were sponsored by different companies who stakeholders in the fight against crime. Dlamini expressed her appreciation to the different stakeholders including Macmillan Education, Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) and Pick Yours Supermarket for their never ending support to the police service.

The REPS also donated a desktop computer to the school for administrative use.

Herefords High School Principal - Xolisile Maphanga applauded the existing relationship between REPS and



THANK YOU: Deputy National Commissioner Ngwane Mabuza giving a gift pack to one of the excelling pupils during the speech and prize giving event.



RESPECT: National Commissioner of Police representative.

the school. She said the establishment of the anti-crime club through the assistance of the Police has impacted positively on the lives of the learners. She pleaded with the scholars to take education seriously because it is one way of getting ahead in life. The principal said education was very important to both males and females hence it is important that all pupils work hard.

Maphanga stated that the Pigg's Peak and Buhleni police are always going an extra mile to strengthen their relationship with the school. She said recently pupils and teachers were oriented on the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act and expressed gratitude as

this empowered pupils with relevant information.

She said the Act came at the right time as both genders are now protected under the new law and that parents from the school were oriented during the end of the second meeting.

Maphanga further encouraged pupils not to engage in criminal behaviour as it was detrimental to their future.

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GAYS ARMOUR FOR WAR

Stories by Zwelihle Sukati

If it is not striking workers it is an angry society as the Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities are livid after being rejected by government, saying the Registrar of Companies has labelled them criminals.

Government, in the Registrar of Companies, declined the registration of the association that seeks to advance the protection of human rights of lesbians, gays, bisexual transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons.

The office of the Registrar of Companies in discarding the association's application for legitimacy argued that the organisation did not satisfy communal interests as defined in the Companies Act, under section 17.

The registrar of companies also said it was not going to register a company by a name, in which in his opinion was calculated to mislead the public or class of persons or to cause annoyance or an offence to any persons or class of persons or is suggestive of blasphemous or indecency, unless ordered by the minister.



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Melusi Simelane, the founder of Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities, fights back to

say government is very fundamentally wrong to say the right to freedom of association is reserved for only straight people or those who are friends to the state.

He said they were yet to meet their legal team on the next step. "We are not going to take this lying down. We will be meeting our lawyers and members on what has been termed

Govt has dismally failed to uphold human rights, says activist

"Now is the time that we go empower ourselves and if government says we are criminals then the law should take its course."

This was the declaration by Melusi Simelane of Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities in an interview with the Observer on Saturday.

He said they were going to vigorously continue with their advocacy as government has failed dismally to uphold human rights. "Our case was about registration and freedom of association," Simelane reiterated.

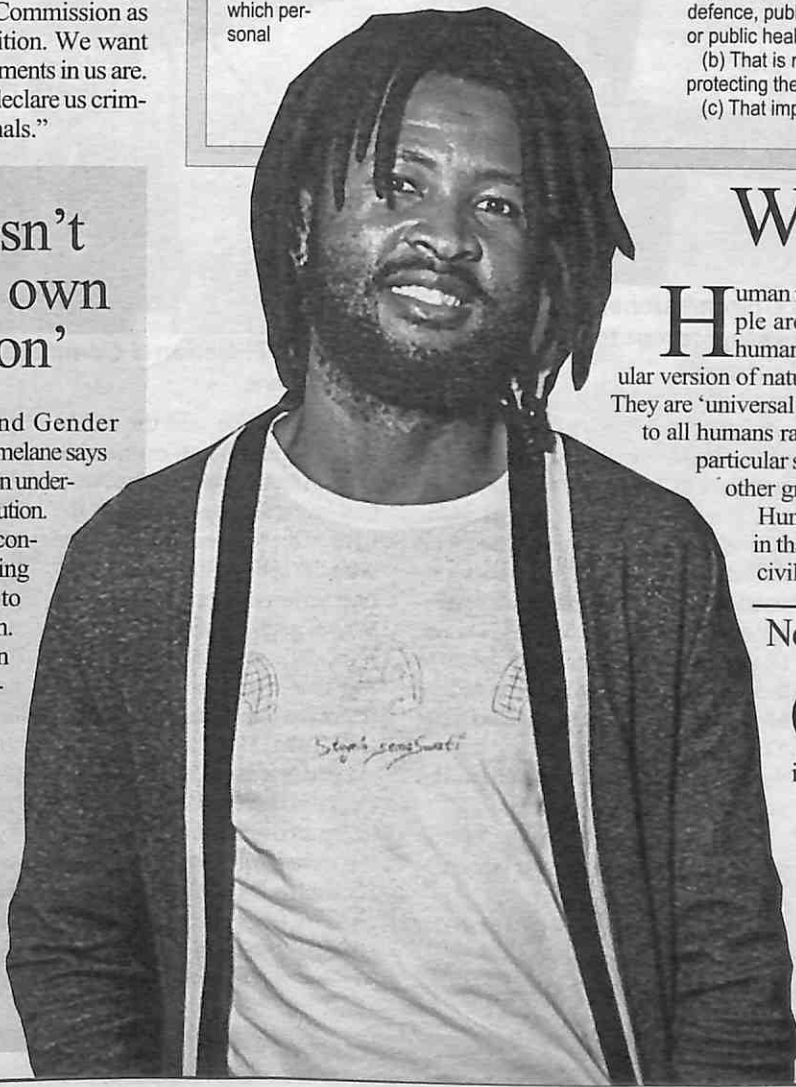
"We are also going to seek advice and support from the Human Right Commission as well in our battle for recognition. We want to know what the criminal elements in us are. It is only the courts who can declare us criminals, if indeed we are criminals."

'Govt doesn't understand own constitution'

Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities Melusi Simelane says government can't even understand the Kingdom's Constitution.

He said this is the logical conclusion one comes to judging at how it was determined to continue with discrimination. "What then of the human rights which are annihilated?" he wondered.

Simelane said though there was damage caused by government has been huge even to the morale which of the LGBTI community; it was now crystal clear to all and sundry that the state refuses to recognise them as citizens.



Provisions of the Companies Act

Section 17 reads: "Any association formed or to be formed for any lawful purpose; having the aim of promoting religion, arts sciences, education, charity, recreation or any cultural or social activity or communal or group interest, including all game sanctuaries and other similar institutions concerned with the protection of wildlife and flora in Eswatini."

Section 37 (3) reads: "Unless ordered by the minister, the registrar of companies shall not register a company by a name in which in his opinion is calculated to mislead the public or class of persons or to cause annoyance or an offence to any person or class of persons or is suggestive of blasphemy or indecency or a name representing personal an occupation for which personal

qualifications are required."

Provisions of the Constitution of Eswatini

Section 25 reads: "(1) A person has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

(2) A person, shall not except with the free consent of that person be hindered in the enjoyment of the freedom of peaceful assembly and association, that is to say, the right to assemble peacefully and associate freely with other persons for the promotion or protection of the interests of that person.

(3) Nothing contained in or done under the authority of any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of this section to the extent that the law in question makes provision

(a) That is reasonably required in the interests of defence, public safety, public order, public morality or public health;

(b) That is reasonably required for the purpose of protecting the rights or freedoms of other persons' or

(c) That imposes reasonable restrictions upon pub-

lic officers, except so far as that provision or, as the case may be, the thing done under the authority of that law is shown not to be reasonably justifiable in a democratic society.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2), nothing contained in or done under the authority of any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of this section to the extent that the law in question makes provision

(a) For the registration of trade unions, employers' organisations, companies, partnerships or co-operative societies and other associations including provision relating to the procedure for registration, prescribing qualifications for registration and authorising refusal of registration on the grounds that the prescribed qualifications are not fulfilled; or

(b) For prohibiting or restricting the performance of any function or the carrying on of any business by any such association as is mentioned in paragraph which is not registered.

What are Human Rights?

Human rights are rights to which people are entitled by virtue of being human, they are a modern and secular version of natural rights.

They are 'universal' in the sense that they belong to all humans rather than to members of any particular state, race, religion, gender, or other group.

Human rights are 'fundamental', in that they are inalienable, unlike civil rights, they do not depend on

the freedoms and status accorded citizens in particular societies. Supporters of the doctrine of human rights portray them as universally applicable moral principles that stand above the traditional ideological divide.

Opponents, on the other hand, argue that it is nonsense to suggest that individuals have rights that are separate from the traditions, cultures and societies to which they belong.

(NB: an academic definition by Andrew Heywood, a British author of textbooks on politics and political Science)

No one labelled anybody a criminal – Registrar of companies

Criminality is one thing and unlawfulness is something else, according to the registrar of companies, Msebe Malinga.

Malinga said what was mentioned in their repose in declining to register the Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities was that their mandate was unlawful. "There is not at any one given point did we say the LGBTI community's mandate was criminal. We spoke of unlawfulness

and not criminality, which is something else," Malinga pointed out. He said the Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities were at liberty to lodge an appeal with the minister at any given moment as this was an administrative issue.

"That is why I mentioned that it is on the directive of the minister that I can sanction their registration," the registrar of companies said.

"For now we can only wait for the minister to engage us," he went on to say, emphasising the criminality and unlawfulness were two distinct terms.

WITH GOVT

as reasons for our rejection and if it needs be, we are more than prepared to fight to the bitter end, all the way through the hierarchy of our justice system," Simelane said.

"Government has, in a nutshell, labelled us criminals, people who cannot be in a relationship, and can't be allowed to associate."

Simelane said government has failed to recognise LGBTIs as citizens who are equally entitled to enjoy the basic of human rights in freedom of association, just because they are a minority and vulnerable.

He said their lawyers were yet to explain to them all avenues at their disposal but one thing for sure, he said, was that they were going to fight the rejection and will be very smart about it all.

"Thing is, government doesn't understand the repercussions she has caused by

her actions. Think of the effects and stigma this will bring about to the LGBTI person living in the rural areas upon hearing how our government doesn't see us as people," he noted challenging government to come forth as show the crime they have committed by their existence.

Government

Simelane who is usually soft spoken didn't sound easy going as he went on to mention that government has instilled fear even to those who were willing to give them support in their course. He said they were now scared because of government's intimidation and attachment of elements of criminality to their being. "Government has scared everyone."

When fear grips one the human body amasses enough energy to flee or fight and the Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities founder said they will fight for their natural rights.

'Human Rights Commission frowns upon govt'

If Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities are denied registration for who they are I can safely say that there is nothing in the Constitution to base their rejection.

This was said by Human Rights Commissioner Sabelo Masuku in an interview about the stand-off between government and the Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities.

"I don't know of any law that excludes people from enjoying their right to associate," Masuku said. However, he said he was reluctant to get into details with particular case, without having seen first-hand the details of the application and the response in reasons why the application was rejected. He said that would be jumping to conclusions. "In fact all I have is from what I read in the newspapers."

The human rights commissioner said there

was no law that barred the registration of a certain group as long as the association has a constitution, its name looked into and the requirements for an association group are met, for instance whether they are properly constituted (president, vice president, treasurer, membership and so on and so forth).

"But no distinction of their mandate unless it is an illegal one, for example, Marijuana is illegal and an association can be denied registration because the mandate is an illegal one."

He went on to say that the Commission was more than willing to assist the LGBTI community in their fight for their rights and they are most welcome to approach the Human Rights Commission. "I also believe there is an appeal process to the minister and that is to say theirs is not a dead-end."

Whither history repeats itself

After a three year battle for recognition, the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (Tucoswa) was registered by the Eswatini Ministry of Labour and Social Security on 12 May 2015.

When the two main trade union centres, the Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions and the Swaziland Federation of Labour, as well as the independent Eswatini National Association of Teachers came together to form Tucoswa, the merger was widely welcomed.

However, shortly after the founding congress in March 2012, TUCOSWA was informed that the registration granted was invalid as the labour law did not cater for the registration of federations.

As a result the two main employers' federations were also subsequently deregistered.

Accusation

Initially the accusation from some government officials was that the new federation had political aspirations after the Tucoswa congress decided to boycott upcoming national elections if political parties remained banned in Eswatini. There has been building pressure for the registration of Tucoswa. At the International Labour Conference (ILC) of the ILO in 2014, the local government brushed aside accusation of repression centred on the unresolved issue of Tucoswa's registration, in real terms constituting a ban on the labour federation.

No more shivers of falling over Nkwene footbridge

...after completion of construction of E400 000 tebetete it has become safe for bogogo to cross over and collect grants from the other side of the Mkhondvo River at Nkwene

By Sicelo Maziya

With heavy torrents forecasted this season, Nkwene folk are least worried following the refurbishing of the old Nkwene footbridge over Mkhondvo River into a state of the art walkway above waters, thanks to MicroProjects Fund.

Previously movement to either side of the river had become a nightmare for especially the elderly and schoolchildren. Similarly residents wishing to run other errands were often made to travel long distances to the only crossing near Nkwene Inkhundla to areas such as Buseleni where there is also a lot of economic activity, especially during payments of grants for the elderly.

Very often pressures of life forced residents to take uncalculated risks even with the talk that there were sightings of crocodiles, just to get to the other side by simply getting into the water and walking to the other side.

Although this one footbridge has brought much relief the ideal situation requires three more along the long stretch at Nkwene and Buseleni.

At some point parents would accompany school children in the morning on rainy days to see them swim across at Buseleni, exposing the children to many risks associated with crossing a huge and near flooding river often suspected of being home to crocodiles.

In the event of bereavement, the situation is further exacerbated with relatives unable to cross to the other side to assist with the burial of loved ones. Residents on numerous occasions stated they had to develop strategies of how to cross the flooding river with coffins on shoulders. The same happens if a relative falls sick and assistance is readily available on the other side of the impassable river.

According to the vendors at the bus station, the footbridge was a death trap given that it was already falling apart. They said the older one erected many decades ago had become rickety with only a few wishing to take risks, being able to use it while the rest walked in the water.

"We risked falling into the river sometimes. Going to collect social grants for the elderly had become nightmarish because there was no immediate alternative but to risk walking on the falling bridge."

According to Project Engineer Skhumbuzo Dlamini, the footbridge project was completed in three months. He further shared that it was completed even before schedule.

Dlamini, the MicroProjects Fund engineer said working with the community was helpful and the project was finished with his less than two weeks on their scheduling.

He praised the community members for their efforts and zeal in striving to see the project completed on time. The engineer further shared that he was also happy that the project was completed before the start of the rainy season.

He said the completion of the project was long overdue but without available resources, such projects were not easily attainable looking at the stretch of the river.

"Solid structural steel work and steel plate replaced the timber initially used for the medieval structure. The project has been successfully completed with community members being part and parcel of it through our MicroProject fund community initiatives. The community provided sand, water and manpower."

The Buseleni community has the Inkhundla on the other side of the river where they need to access services without having to always use vehicles that can cover the long distance to the concrete bridge, when in fact by foot, the destination is only a stone throw away.

The overhead bridge replacement has since brought smiles to market vendors who shared the joy on its completion.

Hope

Nonhlanhla Manana had this to say: "The bridge has given us hope that we will not be worried about our children falling into the river during the rainy season as it is now intact and made of strong material. We almost lost a child who tripped on the timber as it was rotten and had gaps in some parts".

Manana further said she was happy with the speed the project took to complete and the fact that they were working with the team of experts on the ground. She said the community engagement for such projects also helped them in the ownership of the project.

"We cannot allow anyone to water down our work as a community by vandalising the bridge. Everyone will be policing and identify faults or defects in time, to notify the experts for speedy repairs."

She added "We are still lucky there has been no attack by the crocodiles which we sometimes spot basking on the riverbanks. We feel more bridges should be constructed. At least such footbridges can do for the time being for our children's safety."

We don't know when these deadly reptiles will pounce on anyone crossing through the river; we have schools such as Ebaleni whose pupils are from homes across the river. They have no choice but to swim across."

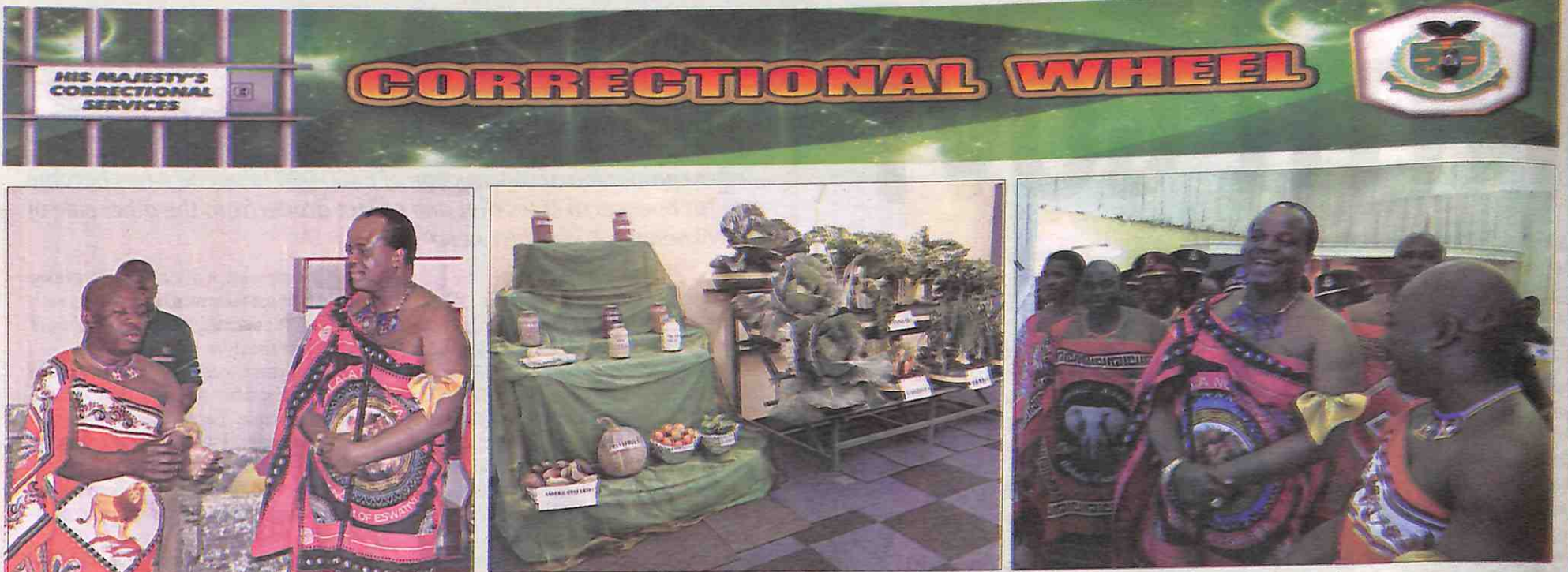
MicroProjects CEO Sibusiso Mbingo said the construction of the bridge for the community of Nkwene demonstrated the impact that funding from MicroProjects Fund has had in improving the quality of life of those who live away from the infrastructural conveniences of the urban areas.

Mbingo said the fund was a bridging the gap by government bridge, the basic development challenges such as improving community infrastructure so that they can have access to other basic necessities such as medical health centres, tinkhundla centres as well connecting to the national road network.



NEW BRIDGE: Nkwene residents now walk on their newly refurbished bridge using structural steelwork and steelplates. (Pic: Sicelo Maziya)





EXCELLENT: His Majesty King Mswati III listening to Deputy HMCS PRO Mandla Sibiba as he explains about the programmes and products offered by the Correctional Services at the Eswatini International Trade Fair. (right) The King admires the good work done by the department in rehabilitating offenders.

"EMBRACING BUSINESS THROUGH REHABILITATION & SKILLS TRAINING"

The annual Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF) has seen His Majesty's Correctional Services sweep several trophies, especially for the last 9 years, with a lone gap in 2018 when the department was awarded position two.

However, this year, the department of correctional services reclaimed its victory as they were announced the best overall exhibitor, with two hundred and thirty two (232) votes; courtesy of public voting.

His Majesty Correctional Services came out top in the government ministries and departments category by attaining the first prize.

Motivated by the national theme 'Eswatini is open for business' the department has continued to carry out its mandate of rehabilitating offenders through engaging in a number of vocational projects, some which are often displayed in the EITF.

The projects that offenders undertake in the industries section enable them to acquire vocational skills which in turn present a better opportunity for them to penetrate the business sector through the establishment of income generating projects upon release from custody.

With these set of skills that the offenders are equipped, the department becomes sustained in its operations and competitive in the trade

...HMCS scoops 1st prize at Eswatini International Trade Fair



HONOURS: Commissioner General LaMakhosini Dlamini with higher executive members and senior officers during the prize presentation at the correctional head office.

industry. This in turn, works in favour of both the department and the offenders as they gain life skills to tackle the everyday challenges, some of which contributed to their conviction, for example poverty which is often the main cause for crime.

The Commissioner General LaMakhosini Phindile Dlamini has expressed utmost appreciation to the Government of Eswatini for providing opportunities such as the EITF, where the Correctional Services, like other organisations gets the oppor-

tunity to market its programmes and products to the public.

According to Dlamini, the department uses this platform to sensitise the public about the different rehabilitation programmes that are offered to offenders. She said this was more so because society has a pivotal role to play in ensuring that those who have been convicted and sentenced by the courts are given a second chance in life by undergoing these rehabilitation and reintegration programmes.

She said society must be fully

acquainted on matters pertaining to offenders, especially because when they are released, they eventually return to the same communities. Dlamini explained that unemployment and poor family backgrounds are some of the contributing factors towards increased crime rates, thus the department finds it of paramount importance to strengthen these programmes by equipping offenders with life skills.

She said the Correctional Services, therefore appreciates this rare privilege of contributing to the King's

vision of attaining the First World status through the use of what the department has at its disposal to boost the economy of the country. "The department uses the little resources available and turns them into remarkable success, not only for its benefit but rather the country at large." She explained that the correctional industries' vast production capability which covers skills in carpentry, tailoring, upholstery, welding and fabrication, leather craft, pottery, motor mechanics, panel beating, spray painting, automotive, printing and press equips the department to be sustainable in achieving its rehabilitation mandate and further generate income to meet its operational requirements and increase economic progress.

During a presentation which was held at the Correctional headquarters on Wednesday, the commissioner general also took time to thank the Trade Fair committee, officers, pupils from Vulamasango School and offenders who all worked together in ensuring that the EITF was a huge success. Dlamini said attaining the first position is a huge motivation for the department, more especially because this encourages offenders to work towards successful and effective transformation. On the other hand, Chairperson of His Majesty's Correctional Services Trade Fair Committee Senior Superintendent Kenneth Nhlengethwa, who spoke on behalf of the committee and all correctional officers extended appreciation to the commissioner general for her support through out the preparations for the event. Nhlengethwa praised the commissioner general for her relentless efforts despite the general economic challenges currently experienced, not only by the department but the country as a whole.

He said coordinating such an event has never been easy but through the support of the different sections, including the rehabilitation office, industries section, communications as well as Vulamasango school amongst others, they manage to scoop the first prize in the government/corporate sections, as well as being voted the best exhibitors by members of the public.

Products on display at EITF 2019



RECYCLE: State of the art lounge suite and a tyre coffee table.



FANCY: Durable wardrobe and dressing table.



UNIQUE: A bathroom set-up.



FIRST: Commissioner General LaMakhosini P. Dlamini receives the 1st prize trophy from Senior Assistant Commissioner Kenneth Nhlengethwa.

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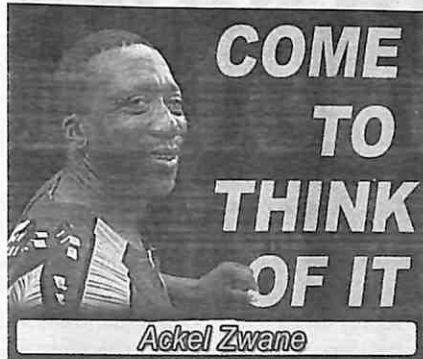
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Ackel Zwane
Observer on Saturday Editor

NOT JUST US, ANGER IS EVERYWHERE



PSA's demonstrating in a recent toyi toyi.

"These prophets in the likes of Bhushiri, Omotoso, Magaya, Lukawu are having a date with the law when the book of revelations shall be read in its entirety. Similarly the overnight tycoons whose properties are being seized and bank accounts frozen also put South Africa back into the spotlight of xenophobia..."

In recent weeks the hands of time have been ticking rather fast, no sooner had southern Africa woken up from criminally induced xenophobic attacks than our civil service owned the streets of every town and city. Next week if government fails to draw its trump card of running to the courts at the last minute schools would be grounded once more as was the case on Tuesday and yesterday. Eswatini civil servants have been calling for their Cost of Living Award (CoLA) which is non negotiable as it swings in either direction of inflation or deflation (the latter never happens in a lifetime) but they have been told for three years running that there is no money despite having worked for it and prices ever hiking. Government claims to be in a similar predicament in that it cannot afford to pay the mammoth civil service wage bill without bringing the country to its knees. Now the only way out, in the words of government, is tolerance until such time that the economy picks up while on the other hand public servants would hear none of that, saying inflation is killing them and their families while government is able to attend to other priorities at their expense.

The public servants at least want government to commit or make an offer to rollout the CoLA in tranches at reasonable intervals. Government also blames the global economic downturn that has affected even the richest of nations where certainly, giants that they may be, are also struggling with giving their workers the CoLA. The adage that if Uncle Sam farts minnows like Eswatini sneeze, could mean nothing but the current global economic situation, literally.

The so called xenophobic outbreaks in nearby South Africa could not have been sparked by hatred of foreigners but most likely by deeply cutting economic hardships all because the global and subsequently the domestic economy are not performing. This is because the said attacks were also meted on South Africans on the continent such as in Zambia, Mozambique and Nigeria after what appeared to be misleading propaganda appealing to the emotions of criminals in those nations who began looting South African business outlets and threatening to boycott everything South African. It was not so much a 'brother-eat-brother' affair in the dog-eat-dog fashion but yes, people were worried about their economic space especially when criminals abandon their own countries to manufacture and distribute their poison in South Africa.

All those who attacked foreign nationals and looted their goods must be protected for criminal activities; so far we have been told 700 are waiting to fill the docks. These surely are not representative of the thinking this part of the continent but yes these are sponsored acts of violence most likely by crime and political motive. It is pleasing that the visibility of security agents has crushed the near uprising.

Dozens of Ibo drug lords have already taken over trade routes at the Cape Flats and have intensified gang wars emanating from control of territories where these drugs are traded. Media reports are to the effect that this has resulted in the importation of the tribal wars between the Ibo and the Hausa, a Nigerian war now being fought in South Africa. Matters reached unprecedented levels last year when police in the Northern Cape arrested six suspects, a majority of them Somalis linked to a counterfeit goods production factory in Hartswater worth about E77 million.

The cops managed to close down the business which churned counterfeit spices, sanitary pads, sanitary towels and shoe polish, to name a few.

Last Wednesday again police seized counterfeit goods worth more than E10 million at the Dragon City Mall in Fordsburg where more than a dozen suspects were rounded up. Here cops found counterfeit clothing, shoes, bags, jewelry, condoms and cosmetics.

False prophets have flooded the local and South African markets with fake cures and false hopes to the unsuspecting innocent members of the public, in the process siphoning millions of hard earned currency out of the countries to Nigeria, Malawi, Zimbabwe, the United States, you name it. These prophets in the likes of Bhushiri, Omotoso, Magaya, Lukawu are having a date with the law when the book of revelations shall be read in its entirety. Similarly the overnight

tycoons whose properties are being seized and bank accounts frozen also put South Africa back into the spotlight of xenophobia when in fact these elements are linked to criminal activities as the investigations indicate, they are not the purported innocent gospel traders who respect the laws obtaining in the countries in which they come to pry their illicit trade.



Eswatini civil servants have been calling for their Cost of Living Award (CoLA) which is non negotiable as it swings in either direction of inflation or deflation (the latter never happens in a lifetime) but they have been told for three years running that there is no money despite having worked for it and prices ever hiking. Government claims to be in a similar predicament in that it cannot afford to pay the mammoth civil service wage bill without bringing the country to its knees.

Come to think of it, it is still a wonder, if we are not consuming counterfeit foodstuffs given that government does not even have the capacity to check everything it imports from South Africa especially the junk coming through our porous borders courtesy of unscrupulous Asians.

The EastAfrican reports that Common Market for Eastern Africa Competition Commission (COMESA) has opened investigations into firms operating in the 19-member economic bloc, which exploit consumers in the name of max-

imising profits. Pharmaceutical and construction companies are targeted in the initial phase of investigation on production of fake goods. The next phase of investigations targets firms in the banking, telecommunications, dairy, beverages and water sectors. Firms operating across the region engage in exclusive agreements, and form cartels, forcing consumers to pay relatively higher prices for goods and services.

The East African cites a regional competition watchdog as asserting that trading malpractices among firms operating within the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa member states have seen prices of certain goods and services inflated by between 25 and 30 per cent by unscrupulous traders. The products highly susceptible to price fixing are white rice, white sugar, frozen chicken, bread, butter, flour, milk, potatoes, eggs and chocolate. Retail prices of 10 key consumer goods are on average at least 24 per cent higher in African cities than in other economies around the world even after factoring in transportation and other input costs.

Back at home everybody seems to be angry, very angry. On the one hand government says there is no miracle in the short-term while its workers say they can no longer survive in an economic atmosphere where prices are spiraling upwards with incomes devaluing due to the absence of the CoLA. Around the same time tertiary institutions were home to violent protests by students who wanted what they called an acceptable distribution system of their allowances.

Looking around, there is however a false impression that the cost of life is not high because foreigners own all the shops in town and enjoy a highly favourable economic status compared to the citizens who form the bulk of the poorly paid working class. A traveller passing through would most likely buy a snack at the upmarket eateries around the malls and carry with him lasting impressions of a metropolis yet if this traveller would spend just one meal with a family at Murray Camps near Fairview in Manzini he would return to his country with lasting impressions of Down River Road in downtown Nairobi.

There's anger lurking everywhere including the gun totting Americans, the sinking of migrants by Europeans in the Mediterranean, the killing grounds of the Middle East, suicide bombing in New Zealand, the Hong Kong burning, the count is lost.

We can only pray for a peaceful transition in this 'dark age' as opposed to confrontation that would result in loss or injury to life and destruction of property.

The loss of production in the absence of labour power also has far reaching consequences to the already fledgling economy. This nation was of the impression that the handshakes and hugging between government, employer and employee representatives heralded good times ahead way after Geneva 2019, but Lo and behold daggers are drawn.



Dealing with Diabetes

WITH: Nomalungelo Glinidza

Diabetes
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QUOTE:

You can live with diabetes. It's not the worst thing to have, but you have to manage yourself and have some self control. - **Tony Rock**

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If hyperglycemia occurs frequently, the recurrence of the inflammation state can produce psychomotor retardation, depression, appetite loss, and slower metabolism. Recent clinical studies have found abnormal elevated amount of blood glucose has a toxic effect on neurons due to several reasons.

The first reason is that it causes an increased production of other enzymes and proteins. One of the most dangerous protein to accumulate in the brain is the amyloids. In abnormal high amounts, it can build up in the brain and become what is known as "plaques".

During an episode of hyperglycemia, the increased amyloids can prevent memory formation and decrease cognitive functioning. When high blood glucose becomes frequent, the amyloids will actively block the neurons from functioning properly and eventually cause the affected neural cells to die off. Consequently, the problem greatly increases the chance of developing Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, and dementia. Another problem with recurring hyperglycemia is that the increased amount of blood glucose level will also increase amount of cortisol secretion and cause an elevation of blood pressure. These diabetic individuals are prone to be easily irritable and have a tendency to exhibit poor working memory and short term memory. Over the time, if an individual is exposed to high blood glucose level repeatedly, these complications can drastically increase the chance of developing vascular dementia or Alzheimer's disease. In addition, repeated hyperglycemia episodes have shown to significantly increase the risk of brain aneurysms.

Beware of quick treatment complications

As mentioned earlier, sudden big changes in blood glucose level can be deadly. A problem that is rarely mentioned is the effect of adjusting your blood glucose too quickly. This change can actually cause your brain to swell and suffer from temporary inflammation state (it is especially common in children who are newly diagnosed with diabetes).

The swelling can cause the brain to misfire and bring about aggressive behaviors. Although you should treat your conditions as soon as possible, you should be aware that taking all the insulin and medications too quickly can lead to complications that may make you agitated physically:

The medication and insulin can lead to a drop in your potassium level (also known as hypokalemia) and impair the functioning of your brain and nerves. You may experience brain fog, fatigue, and confusion.

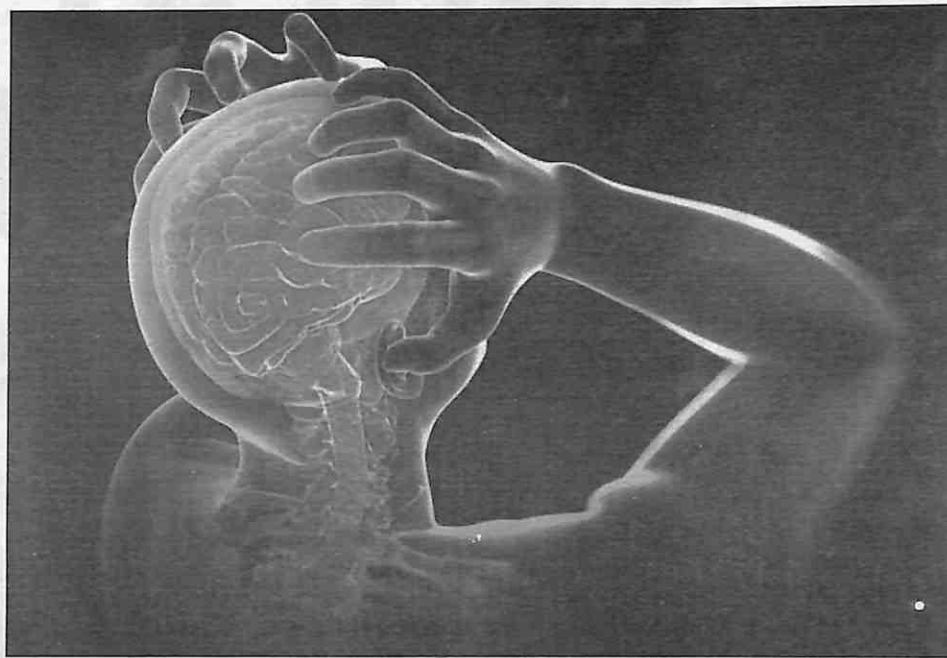
The sudden fluctuation in your blood glucose level and the rapid adjustment can make your brain swell (a condition referred to as cerebral edema). This complication can cause hallucination appears more often in children than adult.

Instead of making all the adjustment at once, you will want to administer the insulin in several doses so that you can gradually adjust to the changes. Have a talk with your doctor and

Faulty fight or flight misfire

Another issue that many people may have overlooked is the change in cortisol level and blood pressure changes because of the onset of blood glucose imbalance and the treatment given too aggressively and too quickly. When your blood glucose level swings into abnormal level, your body automatically respond by increasing the cortisol level. So when you pair the physiological stress, the onset of all the physical discomfort, elevated blood pressure, and impaired thinking (and sometimes hallucinations), you create the perfect scenario of becoming aggressive and hostile.

Problem with recurring hyperglycemia episodes



Are males with diabetes more prone to violence

No. Anyone can exhibit aggressive behavior given that they are sensitive to blood glucose level and insulin fluctuations, feeling anxious and depressed, suffering from hallucination, and sensing that their current situation is threatening. As a matter of fact, some women have shared their outburst experience on the forum.

Many of them are small size women who tried to fight off their spouses or paramedics that are twice their size and showed superhuman strengths. Although amusing in hindsight, it is terrifying for anyone to go through that experience themselves and a tremendously stressful situation for their family members who have to suffer through the biting and scratching.

According to clinical case studies, children are actually most susceptible to exhibit violent behaviors during severe hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, and ketoacidosis incidents. This is because they are more sensitive to the blood glucose fluctuation, and they are prone to cerebral edema and electrolyte imbalance. The children's less toleration of pain and discomfort may also contribute to their tendency to lash out.

Psychological stress on individuals with diabetes

Aside from the physiological relationship between blood glucose level and aggression, many people overlook the psychological factors that may contribute to the problem. As a matter of fact, diabetes can set up the perfect foundation for anger issues. Just the diagnosis result of having diabetes can trigger the loathing question, "Why me?" The uncertainty and fear why this is happening to you, whether you can get better, what you need to know about the condition, and what lifestyle changes you need to make all add up to a massive emotional burden.

As the medication dosage can be a trial and error adjustment routine, you can feel completely hopeless that no matter what changes you make, you do not seem to feel better or lose any weight. In addition, any lifestyle habit changes qualify as

stress factor in life. The sudden need to make so many changes when you are not feeling well can make you feel like you have been thrown a curveball in life. All these factors can make you feel anxious and depressed.

Stress from the uncertainty

Uncertainty in life and what lies ahead can be daunting. Many people with diabetes struggle with a lot of fear:

- Fear of what you do will affect your blood glucose level,
- Fear of when the next hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia may occur,
- Fear of experiencing complications when you are out in public,
- Fear of losing your job due to disclosing your condition to your boss and coworkers,
- Fear of not receiving medical help in a timely manner and result in brain damage, coma, heart attack, or even death, and
- Fear of causing an embarrassing situation in which you may harm yourself, your love ones, or even strangers who come to your aid. All these worries can deter individuals from enjoying social events and become easily depressed,
- Fear of rapid health deterioration and how your life will become,
- Fear of asking for help.

Clearly each person has their own levels of fear when they are diagnosed with diabetes and learning more about managing their symptoms. However, those who perceive their fears as more life threatening will have an increased chance of being moody and angry in general. For older patients who have recently been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, the fear of asking for help and clarify how to use certain equipment is a common cause of hostility towards friends and family members. Those who are not technology-inclined can find their situation overwhelming.

They may try to ignore the issue, refuse to follow the doctor's instructions and check their blood glucose regularly, and they may try to deal with the psychological stress in their own way by engaging in binge drinking, chain smoking, and excessive drinking. All these activities only make the problem roll into a bigger snowball.

Facing stigma of diabetes

Many, if not almost all, individuals with diabetes have come across this situation where someone tells them that they cannot eat certain food because it has sugar in it or they can "get well" by simply losing a few pounds. There is also the stigma diabetes is the result of people who pig out on food, always sit in front of the television and never exercise, and simply being lazy. Another major misconception is that the patients are responsible for being overweight. What people do not know is that underlying health problems can be the cause of the weight gain instead.

Yet individuals with diabetes have to constantly defend themselves from the social rejection and prejudice. Under such social pressure, it is very hard to stay positive. There are certainly moments where one feels that they loathe themselves, the disease, and the society. After constantly feeling being judged by others and trying to defend themselves in face of the peer pressure, many diabetic individuals may decide to emotionally shut down from the society and keep to themselves. Under such social isolation, these individuals are at the highest risk to suffer from loneliness, social anxiety, anger, and depression.

Stress from not receiving the right diagnose and care

The regular patient tend to put their trust in their doctors' hands figuring the doctors are always right. However, with a busy schedule and overwhelming number of patients to see every day, your doctor may overlook certain symptoms, give the patients the "standard" initial treatments, and even misdiagnose the problem based on their previous experience with diabetes.

One of the common problems is misdiagnosing a patient as type 2 diabetes when they actually suffer from type 1 diabetes, or vice versa. Consequently, the treatments does not seem to work no matter how hard the patient stick with the directions. At the same time, the patients unintentionally withhold certain information may lead to misdiagnose or problems with the treatment plans.

Deadly combination of social rejection and blood glucose swings

When the physiological problems of blood glucose fluctuation mix with the psychological traumas of social rejection, it can make any patient more anxious and cranky. It is even worse when the patient feels that their concerns are not being paid attention to by their physicians and family members. In many diabetes forum, many members have expressed that they feel completely lost and isolated in the initial stage of treating their health problems while the brain fog and inability to concentrate make any changes and following directions make all the negative feelings amplify in their mind. According to health studies, individuals who are perceiving a situation as stressful and hostile, their reaction to rejection will be much more intense and hostile versus individuals who perceive the same situation as non-threatening. In addition, those who are rated as more sensitive tend to react more aggressively towards rejection than people who are less sensitive.

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WRITER'S NOTE

WITH NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

Welcome once again to another dose of your favourite entertainment feed. This week we focus more on art. From pages 2-3 to our page 8, these pages are dedicated to art. On pages 2-3 we first talk to this week's young and upcoming comedian who goes by the name Bongiswa. Bongiswa Masondo is a comedian who is still paving his way into the industry.

Masondo was introduced to the comic circles by a friend who kept taking him to comedy shows until he wanted to try it out himself.

He did stand-up comedy and shared a few funny videos of himself on social media, it all took a serious turn when he started getting good comments from followers. He started taking his craft to the Emfuleni Lifestyle comedy nights. Read through and get to know the comedian better.

On Try the Trend, we discuss the new trend, genderless swag. International trends are taking this idea and running with it and so it is worth a look. Take a look at how you can follow this trend as we give you brands that are worth checking out.

On our Lifestyle Guide, we give you the low down on how to prepare for your prom night.

On pages 4-5, we talk to Simephi Dlamini a tattoo artist, who has mastered the art of playing with ink. Simephi is also a graphic designer from Moneni, Manzini is counted amongst the few who make a living through their talents. According to him, he did not know that one could actually survive through doing what they were passionate about until he met his now very good friend, who also is in the tattoo industry, Jojo Tembo.

As tattoos are permanent, one would wonder if making mistakes is common in his world. Dlamini says with kind of work, he doesn't have much room for mistakes, he too has made his fair share of mistakes.

Read through to get to know him better and attend the Tattoo Festival scheduled for today in Ezulwini. On page 8, we have Eswatini artists that showcased their art at the FNB Art Joburg Fair. Go through the art that the locals showcased at the fair and be inspired.

I hope you read and enjoy the issue, but most importantly, I hope you get inspired.

Till next week

Enjoy!

YOUNG & UPCOMING

RIB CRACKER BONGISWA



This week we sat down with the young and upcoming comedian Bongiswa Masondo, who hails from Sigcaweni and he shares with us that his dream has always been to make people laugh.

"I was born in Sigcaweni and my purpose on this earth is to make people laugh, and that is why I joined the comedy fraternity because laughter is the best medicine you could ever use," shares the comedian. Masondo was introduced to the comic circle by a friend who

kept taking him to comedy shows until he wanted to try it out himself.

He did stand-up comedy and shared a few funny videos of himself on social media, and it all got seriously funny when he started taking his craft to the Emfuleni Lifestyle comedy nights.

"I take my craft seriously, I usually write down my jokes, in a random order and then rehearse them until I get it right," explains Masondo.

Asked who he looks up to locally, he says he looks up to comedian Mdura whom he says he loves his dedication and stage presence.

He also appreciates the assistance he gives to the young and upcoming comedian in the country. The young comedian has also had to deal with being a lookalike.

This lookalike was discovered by Thenjiwe, a comedian from South Africa, she likened Masondo to Kevin Hart.

This has earned him the nickname 'Kevin

Try the trend



GENDERLESS SWAG

In fashion, there has been an abundance of independent labels promoting a genderless agenda, including some of the world's biggest designers.

Big brands have taken a similarly emboldening approach, including Gucci's brash open-minded brand messaging, JW Anderson's co-ed shows, Nike's gender-neutral active wear collection, Dior Men's transparent shirts, and Thom Browne's Instagrams of men in heels and skirts.

With more men buying pieces from women's collections and vice versa, it is clear that this is the next biggest trend.

In a fashion industry that has steadily been reorganising itself in recent seasons, with some designers merging their men's and women's shows into co-ed shows, and others quietly ignoring the gender labels of clothes when it comes to celebrity dressing, the spring/summer 2019



shows felt like a resolution of sorts.

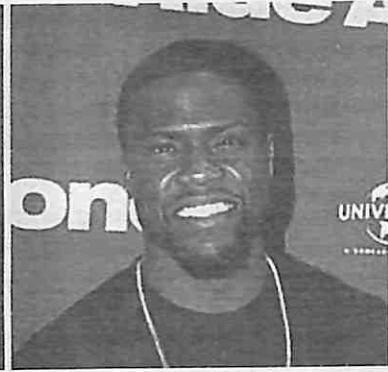
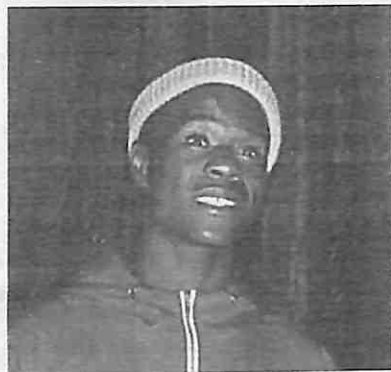
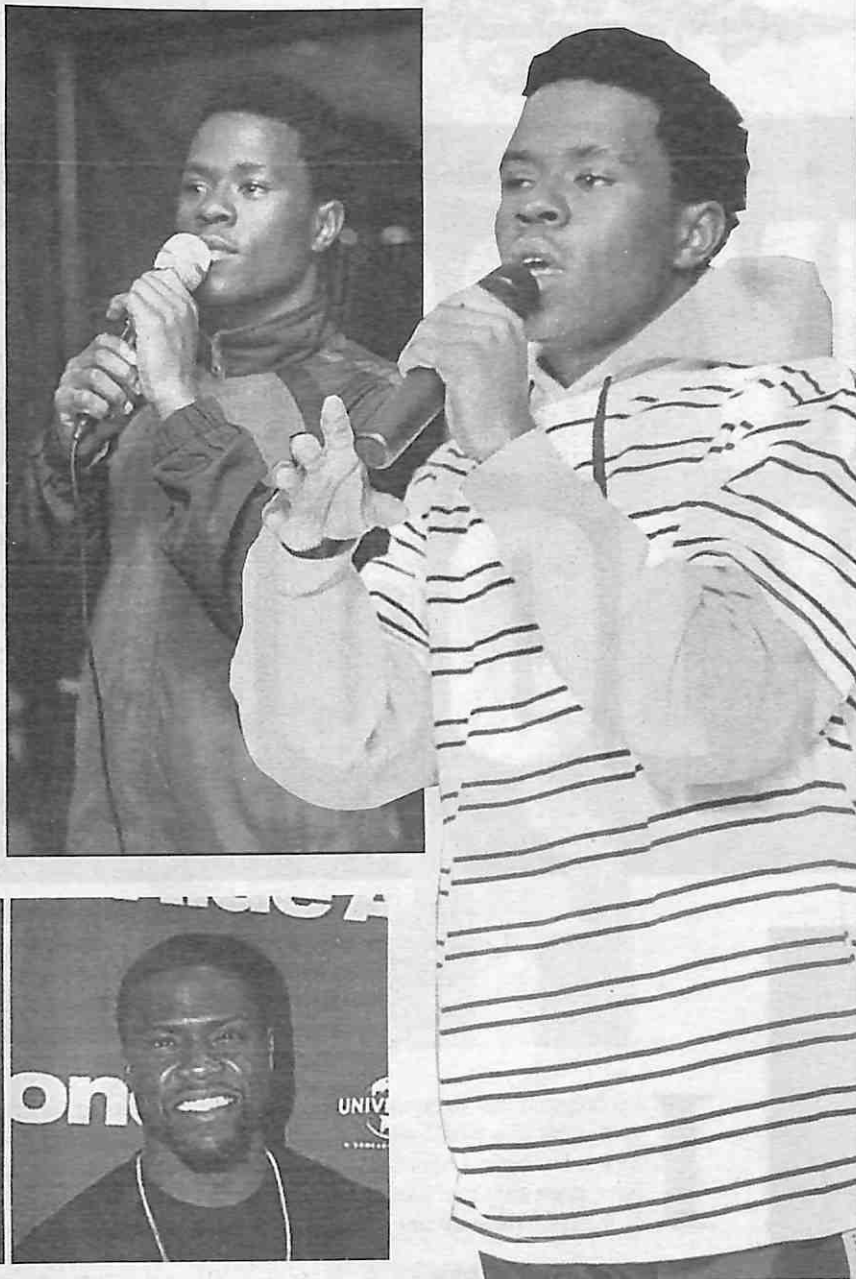
To help you keep up with the times, here are new and current gender neutral fashion brands you need to know and love.

AGENDER

Agender's pieces are strong, pulling in both stereotypically masculine and feminine traits

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● This has earned him the nickname 'Kevin Hadebe' and has seen social media go on overdrive with pictures of him and Kevin Hart being posted and shared for the visible comparison



Hadebe' and has seen social media go on overdrive with pictures of him and Kevin Hart being posted and shared for the visible comparison. The comic says his wish is to host a one-man show, he still has not predict-

ed his future, but he assures that a one-man show is on the cards for him. Bongiswa has shared the stage with great comedians locally and internationally who include Thenjiwe, Church boy, Dr Shakes and Mdura to name a

few. For now, Bongiswa Masondo assures that he still needs to make people laugh even more and further his career in the comedy sector. **By Delisa Thwala**



TELFAR

but overall, are flawlessly genderless. The checked shorts are perfect for a working day, and the shirts from the SS18 collection are great for layering this summer. Inspired by art collages, the 'UNTITLED' uses screen printing silk screen, PVC press and embroidery.

Telfar, a unisex clothing line created in New York in 2005, is 'not for you — it's for everyone'. Sold internationally, Telfar's most recent Spring Summer 19 collection was a hit at New York Fashion Week as excited guests saw an

unusual runway show that was an audiovisual experience, something founder Telfar Clemens is excellent at producing. Clothing items available online on their website.

TOO GOOD

Toogood, a beautifully artistic fashion brand created by sisters Faye and Erica, Toogood offers sustainable, gender-neutral garments that are inspired by utilitarian workwear. Each collection has a backstory, for example, Collection 003 which highlights the importance of embracing one's individuality and leaving behind conformity and convention.

ONE DNA

For gender-neutral basics ideal for creating a minimalist and stylish capsule wardrobe, look no further than One DNA. The emerging designer based in New York City creates ready-to-wear apparel that suits a multitude of body shapes and sizes. Getting unisex clothing right is notoriously difficult, but One DNA have hit the nail on the head with their clothes that break down the womenswear/menswear barrier without sacrificing its style DNA.

By Nokwanda Sibandze

Lifestyle Guide

YOUR CHEAT SHEET TO THE BEST PROM EVER

With the prom season already upon us, we are sharing tips on how to choose the best nails your prom night, and maybe go on to win the prom queen award.

Before you settle for your dress, make a vision box and establish your personal style about what dress you want to wear.

Before you go and choose a Beyoncé or Pearl Thusi dress, prepare a budget, on how much you want to spend on your dress.

Make a list of the things you will need like false lashes, or a portable phone charger to keep your phone on so to capture the best nights.

Get a date whether it is a crush or your long time good friend and invite someone who shares your priorities so to avoid a drama free event.

These items can get sorted when it is almost months away from your Matric date. On the night you can to clear your clutch or mini bag.

Make sure you pack your phone, charger, mints and make-up touch ups. Eat up, grab a

snack before you get dressed proteins and fibres and a cheese and this will give you energy.

Plan your ride, fancy the idea of a limo? Or a simple taxi, make sure that you have booked it early to avoid being stranded on the day.

One last thing you can do on your prom night is to have pure fun and enjoy the night away put

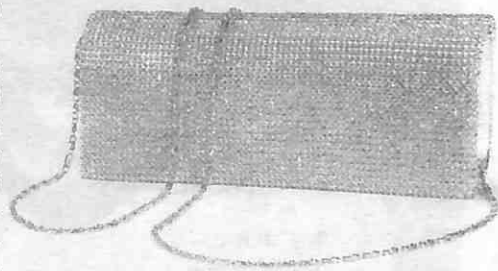
your phone away, and have fun one last time at your school with your

friends.

You will definitely post and tweet your moments later since you have one night to love in the prom night moment.

Use all this tips to serve yourself a beautiful night of dance, happiness and a good time with your high school friends.

By Delisa Thwala





MY BODY IS MY JOURNAL

- SIMEPHI DLAMINI

MY TATTOOS ARE MY STORY



It is believed that everyone comes into this world with talent, but only a handful have been able to make a living from their talents.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Simphi Dlamini, a graphic designer and tattoo artist from Mneni, Manzini is counted amongst the few who make a living using their talents. According to him, he did not know that one could actually live by doing what they were passionate about until he met his now very good friend, who also is in the tattoo industry, Jojo Tembo.

He says growing up he always knew he could draw as it was the one thing that came natural. From a very young age, he says he would spend most of his time drawing cars, people and anything he could imagine. It was with that passion that his skills were perfected.

Dlamini did his primary school level and secondary at Salesian. He later went on

and did his high school at Cefups Academy and graduated with his Associate Degree at Limkowing University in 2016.

"It is from learning graphic designs that helped me improve my graphics. I learnt the dos and don'ts of sketching and with all the knowledge from that, I decided to use it later in my career.

I'd say art has always been a calling. After my matric, I went on and did marketing only to later go back to doing something that is art related, which was graphic design. I was working part time and didn't really like where I was doing at the time. It was until I met up with a high school friend, Jojo Tembo, who then introduced me to this," he said.

According to him through practice, consistency and not giving up he has been able to perfect his skills.

He says tattooing

takes a lot of practice and paying attention to detail.

"I think that's how I've mastered my skill also challenging myself."

TO ERROR IS HUMAN

...to error is human

As tattoos are permanent, one would wonder if making mistakes is common in his trade. Dlamini says although the kind of work he doesn't have much room for mistakes, he too has made his share of mistakes.

"Of course I have before done mistakes but that was back in my early years. I've tried covering up those tattoos. Now it's just a matter of putting my best in every tattoo I do. Our industry is a very competitive one and full of critics, so there isn't really much room for mistakes," he said.

He says as a tattoo is something that one will have for the rest of their lives, he tries to make sure that

he sketches it so that one would





look back in 10 years and still fall in love with it over again.

WHAT HE LOVES ABOUT TATTOOS

... what he loves about tattoos

Dlamini says besides the sketching of different items with each tattoo, what he loves most when doing it is seeing people impressed on his work. He says he also loves seeing his imagination come alive.

"The best part is seeing a person walk out of the studio with a smile. Another is seeing my art around which is the most satisfying because we have walking and talking 'billboards' lol, who will always give feedback," he says

He says he loves telling people stories through sketches as a person's body is a journal and tattoos are a representation of their story.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

The future looks bright for the tattoo artist as he says he has a load of great things planned for the tattoo industry in the kingdom.

Dlamini says he will start with a festival slated for today, where he will have three of Eswatini's finest tattoo artists, Jojo, Alistair and himself. He says they will be doing tattoos for the day while also entertaining their guests with the best artist including Swiss, Bandz, Carrency, Kuru and lots more.

On the day of the event, Dlamini says a lot of games and competitions will be available, where the winner will walk out with a tattoo worth E1 500.

"Thereafter, the festival I'm looking to expand @blkshptattoos, add a few artists under the studio so we have a bigger festival next year. You can definitely expect more cool designs and flexible payment methods since some people love the art but cannot actually afford it," he says

Dlamini believes that he is a creative trying to make a difference in today's generation, the country more specifically. He says he dreams of a

generation which will depend entirely on their skills to survive because he believes the country has a lot to offer.

"I want to be improve the art industry, give financial freedom to the artists. Eswatini has a whole lot of talent, we could live off. That's who I aspire to be. If people in the art sector would give as much attention and time to their talents and skills like they do on their daily five to eight jobs, there would be a great shift in the art industry," he says

WORDS OF ADVICE

According to Dlamini, to everyone who would want to venture into the tattoo business, love and passion should be the first thing they have as with love the skills are perfected. He says that one should also be neat.

"Neatness is one of

the most important skills every human being should have. I mean, imagine having someone who is not neat doing something you will have for the rest of your life. Lastly, one should be business-minded. It is with no doubt that you can have all the skills in the world but one needs to be business minded in order to run any business successfully," he says.

By Setsabile Nkambule

TIPS AND ADVICE FOR BEGINNER TATTOO ARTISTS

GET CRITIQUED

Even though artists don't like to hear negative critiques of their work, and it hurts to hear what aspects of tattooing you are failing on in another sense this makes artist stronger. makes the artist practice his/her weak spots and imminently the artist will improve and become stronger.

REPARTITION

Everyone knows that the more you practice in anything, the better you become, this is just the same as tattooing, the more you practice the fundamentals and basics of tattooing, the better you will become on the way. Speed is not essential at the start of your career.

TRENDS

Yes, there are definitely trends in tattooing for example Japanese, new school, black and grey realism, vintage traditional. These are styles that are currently trending in this day and have been for many years, but still other styles are coming through the tattoo industry, it only takes one artist to create one unique style to start a following trend.

RESEARCH

Research is very important in this job,

not just for design ideas or equipment but for your competition you want to research other artist's work, see what they are producing. Eventually, if you are planning to compete in conventions around the country most likely your competition will be there branding and networking is crucial.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media has become a big impact in today's world and is used regularly for everyday duties, having a good following will boost your client-base. For example if your designs available you will post on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and people will view and recognise your work. Also, advertising your studio and diary is a big advantage. Connect with other artists, discuss work maybe be a guest or at other studios.

PORTFOLIO

Always keep a portfolio of your work, it comes handy when clients want to see your progress or what kind of work you have done on other clients, show and demonstrate your strong drawing ability keep copies of your designs, you never know when you are going to need a similar style, so you can reuse for future reference.

FUN

Have fun with your job, there is no point carrying on stressing about how bad your tattoo turned out, remain positive and confident, smile enjoy your work, you will find out that you produce high quality work when you're feeling happy and good about yourself. Tattooing is fun, but hard also work.

There more you put in the more you get back out. [Medium.com](https://medium.com)



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01

'DRINK-DRIVING LED TO ME LOSING DEALS, WORK



JOHANNESBURG - TV presenter and actress Khanya Mkangisa acknowledged that she was wrong to drive under the influence a few months ago, and said the incident had a knock-on effect on her work and livelihood.

The star made headlines in May when a video of her being arrested for driving under the influence went viral on social media. In the video, Khanya could be heard having a heated verbal exchange with a female police officer. Speaking to Thomas Msengana and Pearl Modiadie on Metro FM recently, Khanya revealed that the

Twitter storm over the incident saw her lose out on a campaign and potential clients have distanced themselves from her. "There was a campaign I was supposed to do. I got the dreaded email that due to the video that is circulating we're gonna have to... you know... To this day, clients have taken a step back, especially the influencing work. It's really taken a knock, which really sucks." She said that she had learnt from her mistakes and put the incident behind her. During an interview on Metro FM shortly after the video had gone viral, Khanya said she was in the wrong and there was no excuse for driving under the influence. *Sowetan Live*

03

Jada Pinkett-Smith turns 48! Four reasons why we love her

HOLLYWOOD - It's hard to believe that Jada Pinkett-Smith is 48 years old; she still looks like the bright-eyed girl who burst onto the scene in Jason's Lyric all those years ago.

The award-winning actress, entrepreneur and author has had staying power in the cut-throat entertainment industry and she continues to reinvent herself. To celebrate Jada's 48th trip around the sun, we've rounded up five reasons why she's one of our favourite members of the 45+ club.

2. SHE KEEPS IT REAL

Jada doesn't shy away from having open and honest conversations. On *The Red Table Talk*, the star often shares the tales of her troubled past, from selling drugs when she was young to battling with a sex addiction. She spills all the beans and encourages us to face our demons head-on.

3. SHE HAS A BIG HEART

With over two decades in the entertainment industry, Jada boasts a wealth of knowledge and experience that she freely shares with the next generation of stars. Through programmes like the AFI Conservatory Directing Workshop for Women, Jada empowers women and

girls with education, mentoring and key resources from women working professionally in screen directing.

4. SUPER COOL MOM

Just looking at how confident Jaden and Willow are is testament to the great support structure they have from their parents. Jada seems like a wonderful mother who encourages her kids to be themselves, plus she seemingly loves Trey, Will's son from his previous marriage like her own!



1. LIKE FINE WINE, SHE GETS BETTER WITH TIME

This one is a no-brainer because anyone that's followed her career from its inception to date can proudly attest to it. Jada has been serving looks since forever, if you need receipts, check out her #DMXChallenge.

04

Beyoncé's new doccic has got the streets buzzing

HOLLYWOOD - Despite being snubbed at the Emmy's for *Homecoming* this past weekend, Beyoncé has given fans more reasons to be excited as she released a new documentary. *Making The Gift* takes viewers into the journey of her *Lion King*-inspired album.

The hour-long documentary dropped on Monday on ABC and is described as her "love letter to Africa". The show takes a look at Beyoncé's creative processes, including footage of recording sessions and interview clips.

Beyoncé, who voices Nala in the live-action Disney remake, wrote, direct-



ed and produced the doccic herself. It also features behind-the-scenes snippets with her daughter, Blue Ivy, who appears on the album track list.

It also features appearances from Beyoncé's husband Jay-Z, Donald Glover (*Childish Gambino*) who voices Simba, Pharrell Williams and Naomi Campbell.

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NICOLE BYER REVEALS HER LITTLE-KNOWN PASSION FOR POLE DANCING

CALIFORNIA - When she's not hosting the Emmy-nominated Netflix show *Nailed It!*, the 33-year-old star is learning new tricks on her pole. Sitting down and chatting with E! News, the host didn't hold back about her hobby. "I love a nap, I like shopping, I started pole dancing recently," she began. "I love pole dancing. I have a pole at my house and I'm always swinging on it."

She continued, "It is the hardest thing I've ever attempted to do. People pole dance to be sexy, that's not my goal. I want to aggressively pole dance."

For the *Nailed It!* host, she said she wants to be so good that it frightens people. "I want someone to see me on a pole and be like, 'She could swing into my house and steal things.' That's what I want," she quipped. "I want to scare people."

However, when Nicole isn't working on her, um, craft, she's giving fans of the Netflix reality competition show a good laugh.

"I'm awful, I'm filthy on set," the 33-year-old host said with a laugh. "It's gotten to the point where I have to tell

contestants, 'Oh, I'm a very dirty comic. If it bothers you, please let me know.' Because it's, like, fully a family show and they're like, 'What?'"

For the comedian, she knows that if she were to actually compete, she'd go home a winner.

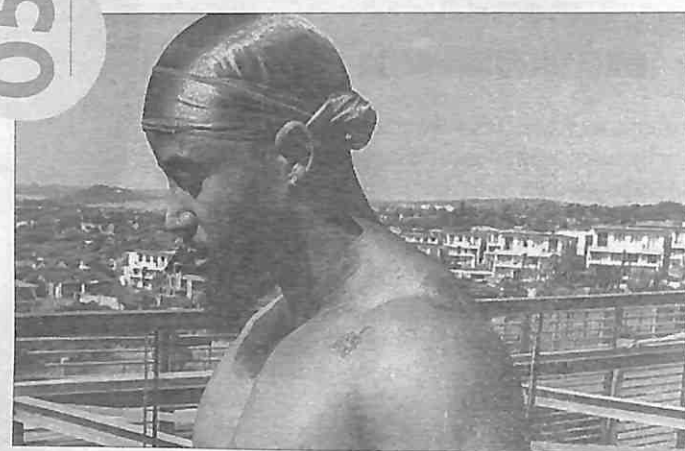
"I could probably do better than they did, because no one follows directions. I'm pretty good at problem-solving," she shared. "What I'm saying is I would definitely win if I was competing, but I would never compete because I get paid more to host."

But all jokes aside, Byer is glad that *Nailed It!* is loved by so many, especially since it's such a lighthearted show. "It really is a really fun show that children, teenagers and adults all watch, so it kind of bridges that gap between generations," she said. "Also, I think it's got a really nice, positive message that you don't

have to succeed at everything you try, and it's okay if you don't succeed."



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From Cassper Nyovest to Amanda du-Pont - SA celebs serve fitness goals

JOHANNESBURG - Never mind the red carpet and fancy dresses, our celebs are all about that fit life.

December is fast approaching and while some of us are trying some last minute weight loss tricks that may or may not work, some celebs have been working hard all year long.

On Instagram, they share videos and snaps that motivate us to hit the ground running and pursue our best, healthy and fit selves at the gym or at home.

From Siv Ngesi to former Miss SA Liesl Laurie, watch some of Mzansi's finest work out.

Sowetan Live

Movie watch



BRIGHTBURN

After a difficult struggle with fertility, Tori Breyer's dreams of motherhood come true with the arrival of a mysterious baby boy. Brandon appears to be everything Tori and her husband, Kyle, ever wanted -- bright, talented and curious about the world. But as Brandon nears puberty, powerful darkness manifests within him, and Tori becomes consumed by terrible doubts about her son. Once Brandon begins to act on his twisted urges, those closest to him find themselves in grave danger.



QUEEN & SLIM

Slim and Queen's first date takes an unexpected turn when a policeman pulls them over for a minor traffic violation. When the situation escalates, Slim takes the officer's gun and shoots him in self-defence. Now labelled cop killers in the media, Slim and Queen feel that they have no choice but to go on the run and evade the law. When a video of the incident goes viral, the unwitting outlaws soon become a symbol of trauma, terror, grief and pain for people all across the country.



THE KID WHO WOULD BE KING

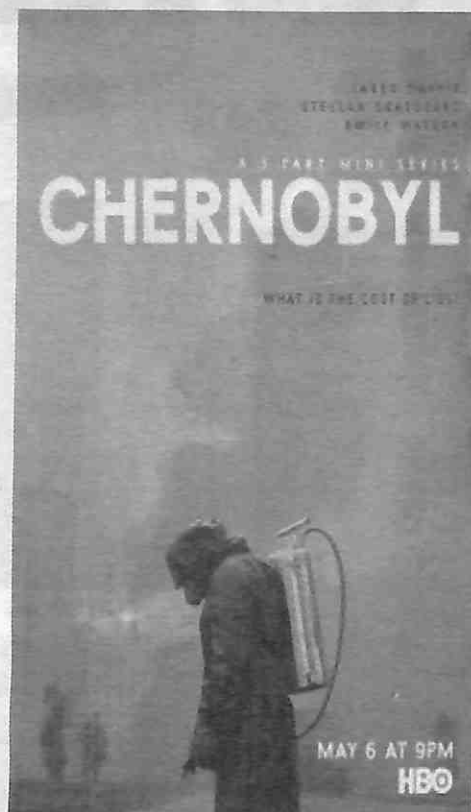
Old-school magic meets the modern world when young Alex stumbles upon the mythical sword Excalibur. He soon unites his friends and enemies, and they become knights who join forces with the legendary wizard Merlin. Together, they must save mankind from the wicked enchantress Morgana and her army of supernatural warriors.

TV Shows (Series)



THE I-LAND

When 10 people wake up on a treacherous island with no memory of who they are and how they got there, they set off on a trek to try to get back home, only to discover the world is not as it seems.



CHERNOBYL (DRAMA MINI-SERIES)

Brave men and women act heroically to mitigate catastrophic damage when the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant suffers a nuclear accident on April 26, 1986.



WU-TANG: AN AMERICAN SAGA (AMERICAN DRAMA MINI-SERIES)

In early 1990s New York, Bobby Diggs strives to unite a dozen young black men who are torn between music and crime but eventually rise to become the unlikely of American success stories.

SONG OF THE WEEK

Sanchez - Never Dis Di Man

There are lots of signs in life, some that you
may not like

You could be living this minute, the next
minute you are gone away

Hold up your head my brothers, be con-
scious my sisters

And by your works you shall surely be paid

Never try fi dis the man with the handle, the
one who's got the title

The one who sits high and he looks down
low

And if you ever dis the man with the handle,
the one who's got the title

Then you will be someone that he don't
know

Say a prayer and chant Psalms, prayer a
day keep the evil calm

You don't have to go to church or be a

Christian to call on Jah name

Shout out tha name Jehovah in the valleys

Shout out tha name Jehovah on the hills

Shout out tha name Jehovah on the plains
or even if it rains

Call on the name, call on Jah name the
same, call on the name, yeah

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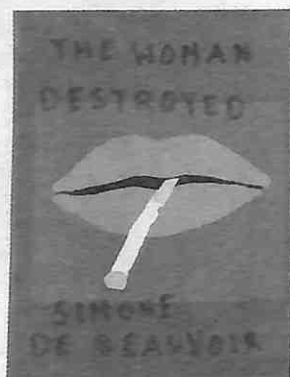
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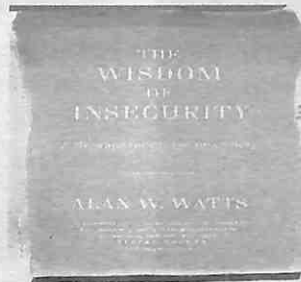
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Book Review



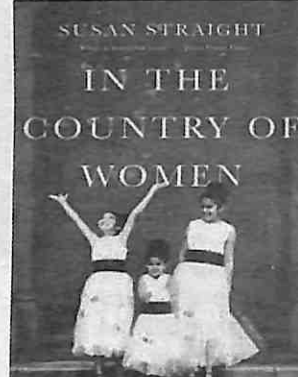
IN THE COUNTRY OF WOMEN, BY SUSAN STRAIGHT

In the Country of Women is as much a memoir about the author's life (being mentored by James Baldwin, marrying a black man and raising three mixed-race daughters as a white woman) as it is a big-hearted tribute to the strength of women. Straight, writing to her daughters, explores the lives of the women on both sides of their family, who immigrated to America, fled the Jim Crow-era South, and more. Through her family's story, she tells the story of America.



THE WISDOM OF INSECURITY BY ALAN WATTS

Alan Watts is an Eastern Philosopher aimed at a Western audience. He breaks down intense Eastern principles and criticisms for an audience that may not understand from their POV. From the introduction, "we live in an age of unprecedented anxiety." Watts communicates a message here on our willingness to forget about the here and now. Not in an ignorant way, but in an introspective way, that we need to rethink about what it means to lead a fulfilling life and how that could possibly be achieved through knowledge. Watts is a firm believer in the now, and like Mark Grief, is not afraid of criticizing what he holds most close to him. This is a great read if you're looking for a hard perspective change!



THE WOMAN DESTROYED BY SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

From the Sunday Herald Times in London, The Woman Destroyed contains "immensely intelligent stories about the decay of passion." Three different stories on three different women. Each woman faces age and unexpected becoming. Simone de Beauvoir did a remarkable bunch for women in philosophy, and it's no wonder her fiction writing can give us so much insight into the romance of womanhood. This read is great for those who want to pick and read a 19th-century feminist philosopher's mind during the rise of Existentialism and French philosophy.



FNB Joburg Art Fair

ESWATINI ARTISTS SUCCESSFUL

FNB Art Joburg plays a pivotal role in supporting the contemporary art landscape in Africa. The fair provides space for leading artists, galleries, collectors, writers, thinkers and art lovers to congregate.

Nicole Siegenthaler, the FNB Art Joburg Manager said, "One of my weekend highlights was being able to host the Yebo Contemporary's artists at the fair... 13 in total! In my 8+ years in the art world, working in fairs in NYC, Brussels and now Joburg, I've never had a gallery seek strategic partnership and manage logistics so that so many of their artists could attend the main event. Bravo to the Yebo Contemporary team, this is truly a special gallery"

FNB Art Joburg is a prestigious annual event for the top art galleries of Africa and this year, Eswatini's Yebo Contemporary Art Gallery was invited to participate. FNB Art Joburg was taken over by Mandla Sibeko this year, he rebranded the event, selection was by invitation only. A new addition to the fair was the Gallery Lab, a 600sqm pavilion where galleries and art spaces from across Africa staged their works. The new platform, was curated by Nicole Siegenthaler (Fair Manager, FNB Art Joburg) and Banele Khoza (Founding Director, BKHz). Exhibitors in the main section included all South African top galleries: blank projects, Everard Read, Gallery MOMO, Goodman Gallery, Kalashnikov, SMAC Gallery, SMITH, Stevenson and WHATIFTHEWORLD. The fair was at Sandton Convention Centre last weekend.

Aleta Armstrong, Director of Yebo Gallery said, "It has been a great honour for our small gallery to be invited to participate at this year's event. The artists who we selected to participate were Khulekani Msweli, Mbongeni Dlamini, Mesuli Mamba, Tony Marshak, Phindile Mamba, Thabo Lukhele and Sakhile Gumbi.

Khulekani and I curated the exhibition together and his installation 'Ngihle Ngikhohlwa Ngihle Ngikhumbula' - Sometimes I Forget Sometimes I Remember was the focal point of our stand. This event would not have been possible without the generous support of FNB Eswatini, DHL Eswatini and Eswatini Tourism Authority and all of us artists thank them for their support of the growth of the local creative economy.

"We were inspired by the amazing work that was on display and meeting well known artists like Zanele Muholi and Nelson Makama was wonderful! We had thousands of visitors to our stand and received such positive feedback from everybody who were extremely impressed with the work by Eswatini artists. It was a proud moment for Yebo, after 10 years of hard work to receive the international recognition that our artists so richly deserve. There were sales and following the fair a huge growth in inquiries from international art collectors. We are still digesting it all and are sure there will be many more exciting updates we will share in the following months. Now I will start working on our forthcoming exhibition Eswatini NOW#5 which will open on November the 2nd.

"The FNB Art Joburg was an amazing experience for me, as an exhibiting artist, curator and a spectator. Seeing work that is aesthetically and intellectually stimulating offered great pleasure and inspiration. The important take away, from it all, is that Eswatini has outstanding artists producing contemporary art and we will need greater support as we progress," Khulekani Msweli

Thirteen Eswatini artists were also sponsored by FNB Eswatini and Tourism Authority to spend the weekend in Joburg and attend the art fair! Mesuli Mamba said "The ideas, approaches and techniques by all the artists exhibiting overwhelmed me.



More of the artwork.



Reflections on Fairness by Mesuli Mamba.

It was an amazing experience!" Seni Mdluli added "I loved their freedom of expression! Came home very inspired. Thank you for the experience" Fela Dlamini : Thank you for this opportunity, was amazing to be together with all the artists and we thank the sponsors for an inspiring trip."



Joburg Art Fair - visitors at the Yebo gallery.



The 'Ngihle Ngikhohlwa Ngihle Ngikhumbula Sometimes I forget, Sometimes I remember' art work.



Mama Africa by Phindile Mamba.

Columns & Opinion

QUOTE:

Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students.

- Solomon Ortiz

By Marianne Merten

Official statistics prove war on women is real

Lawmakers failed to speak up and out beyond the hackneyed and pedestrian against the murder, rape and abuse of young women.

Tuesday's parliamentary debate came as two statutory reports show the depth of violence against women, including police officers investigated for rape.

Parliament's debate in honour of Women's Day came three weeks late – 9 August marks this day – and missed the point with its “heavy hearts” and “heavy shoulders” over some 90 minutes that unfolded in the wake of a series of killings of young women.

Uyinene Mrwetyana, a 19-year-old University of Cape Town student, was raped and killed by a 42-year-old employee at the Clareinch post office where she went to collect a parcel. Details of his confession were heard in court on Monday.

Boxing champ Leighandre “Baby Lee” Jegels was killed by her policeman ex-boyfriend against whom she had got a protection order. The SAPS sergeant died in hospital on Monday from injuries sustained when he crashed his car, killing two other people.

Also on Monday, the body of 14-year-old Janika Mallo, who had gone missing in Heinz Park on Saturday, was found buried in a backyard. And further details emerged of the killing of 19-year-old Jesse Hess, a University of the Western Cape student and church youth leader, found dead with her grandfather in their Parow flat.

What is now being called a national emergency, violence against women, also involved those who are meant to protect women.

At least 55 rape complaints against police officers were investigated in the six months between April to September 2018, according to the 2018/19 annual report of the police watchdog, the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID). This is six more than over the same period in 2017.

Of the 55 rapes by police officers, 32 were by off-duty policemen and 23 happened when the policemen were on duty, up by 5%, according to the IPID report.

The Eastern Cape recorded the most rapes by police officers: six on duty, doubling from the same period in 2017, and eight rapes by off-duty policemen, up from two. Only the Northern Cape did not record a rape by a police officer.

And rapes in police custody are up by one, to six. Yet they should not happen at all as women and men must by SAPS standing orders be in separate holding cells.

It's a dry report produced in line with the statutory requirement that IPID reports to Parliament. MPs must interrogate these statistics as part of their oversight responsibilities.

But it sketches a picture of an increasingly brutal SAPS, complaints of torture increasing by 66% to 144 between April and September 2018 compared to 87 the same period the previous year. Assault complaints are also up: 1,919 were recorded this six-month period in 2018, up from 1,754 a year earlier.

In the IPID report foreword, Police Minister Bheki Cele wrote that he did “not expect police officers to be accused of criminality as they are at the forefront of the fight against crime” and needed the support of communities.

“The fight against domestic violence, particularly violence against women and children, is paramount for our communities to feel safe and secure in their homes.”

But that's a minister's aspirational writings in a report. The statistics are somewhat different.

Police recorded 177,620 reported crimes against women in the 2017/18 financial year that ended 31 March 2019, according to the latest available



SAPS annual report.

These statistics list 36,731 sexual offences, including rape, assault and the murder of 2,930 women, which was up by 11%, from 2,639 murders of women in the 2016/17 financial year.

The increase in the number of women murdered bucked the national priority of reducing crime. And whether the murder rate of women has changed more recently remains to be seen when the SAPS publish their 2018/19 annual report, including crime statistics. The statutory deadline is the end of September.

The prosecuting services' 2018/2019 annual report tabled in Parliament reflects the disjunct between violence and crime against women, and these cases' journey through the criminal justice system.

Connection

While there is no direct connection because cases may carry on in court beyond a financial year, which is the official time frame for measurement, there are strong correlations. Official statistics show what advocacy groups have argued for aeons – only a tiny number make it to court.

Once in court, however, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) seems to be getting the convictions. Of the 66 cases of what the NPA annual report describes as “murder: intimate-partner femicide”, 64 convictions were obtained. There were only two acquittals.

Not all of the over 2,639 murders of women in 2017/18 would have been by their partner, but no further details on convictions for murdered women are in the report.

Of the 6,341 sexual offences cases, including rape, that were brought to court, 4,716 convictions were obtained, according to the NPA 2017/18 annual report.

“This represents a conviction rate of 74.4%, the

highest in the past five years – a clear indication of the commitment of the prosecutors to act decisively against perpetrators of sexual violence,” says the annual report.

That's steps forward, even if baby steps.

But it does mean the Hawks on Tuesday could issue a statement to welcome two life sentences imposed on 43-year Phillips Malope for the trafficking and rape of a 14-year-old girl whom he had lured from her parents' home in Mozambique.

In Parliament, Tuesday's gender debate in the House's honouring of Women's Day took a few turns, as a media briefing afterwards on government action to fight gender-based violence shed little light on concrete action.

It did emerge that Social Development was training 8,750 traditional leaders to, among other things, “see the world through the eyes of a girl child”, as Deputy Social Development Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu put it, and work toward establishing a gender-based violence and femicide council is continuing.

Violence

“I do not know how many times we as a nation should have debated and keep debating gender-based violence and femicide,” said Minister for Women, Youth and People with Disabilities Maite Nkoana-Mashabane in opening the debate, seemingly forgetting that her party, the ANC, was in government.

“I am still reeling in shock at the brutal murder of Uyinene. A person, who is employed and paid by the state and instead of providing a service with a smile, murders a young and beautiful woman...” said the minister, who after speaking about Jegels' killing returned to that murder. “Uyinene went to get a service at the post office, but she came out killed...”

Nkoana-Mashabane's debate contribution had few answers, but many rhetorical questions: Where are the safe spaces? How are we making it her century? What institutions should be put in place to eliminate GBV and femicide?

The irony is that her political party, the ANC, is in charge of the government – and in charge of doing something about violence against women.

The ANC speakers throughout the debate insisted that government had the answers – from economic empowerment of women and that “women must own the land and must continue to work the land... and also become property developers”, according to the ANC chairperson of the multi-party women's caucus Nkhensani Bilankulu, dressed in the green, black and gold ANC colours.

Opposition parties disagreed.

IFP MP Liezl van der Merwe said every year it was the same debate, with action missing in action.

“Each year we rise to this podium to say the very same things... and we speak about this lawless country of ours as if there's a sense of normality to it,” she said. “We know NGOs and shelters go unfunded... “We know police do not have rape kits... Will you finally have the courage to govern, the courage to care?”

And EFF MP Mmabatho Mokaase agreed. “It cannot be business as usual. Here sit men and women who claim to be in government, yet our daughters, our sisters are dying in your hand. What type of government are you leading?”

She was heckled, loudly, from the ANC benches. As had other opposition speakers until Speaker Thandi Modise took up African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) MP Marie Sukers complaining this debate was not the time for heckles: “It is not good enough... Our people deserve better than this. When our people are waiting for us to respond, we can heckle.”

This debate, Modise said, was not the time for party-politicking, but to unite against gender-based violence and femicide.

But shortly after the gender debate, the ANC objected to a motion expressing condolences over the death of Mallo, brought by EFF MP Hlengiwe Mkhali. “We have not done enough... The SAPS is wholly incapacitated to deal with violent crime.”

The ANC cited a couple of points in the motion in its objection. But in parliamentary practice, an objection is an objection and it cannot be qualified. “The motion is not carried,” was the presiding officer's verdict.

When asked about this at the media briefing where Nkoana-Mashabane was flanked by Justice Minister Ronald Lamola, Justice spokesperson Crispin Phiri ran quick interference, saying the ministers could not answer for decisions of the ANC parliamentary whippers.

And neither minister answered. Nkoana-Mashabane maintained she saw “no finger-pointing... This matter of women dying in our houses is apolitical.”

But Hansard, or the transcript of the sitting, will now reflect the governing ANC objection to a motion about a victim of gender-based violence by the EFF, a couple of hours after a parliamentary debate in which ANC speakers expressed their anger and sadness about violence against women.

No one from the opposition benches objected to the ANC motion on the killing of Mrwetyana. **DM**



ECONOMICS TODAY

WITH: George Choongwa

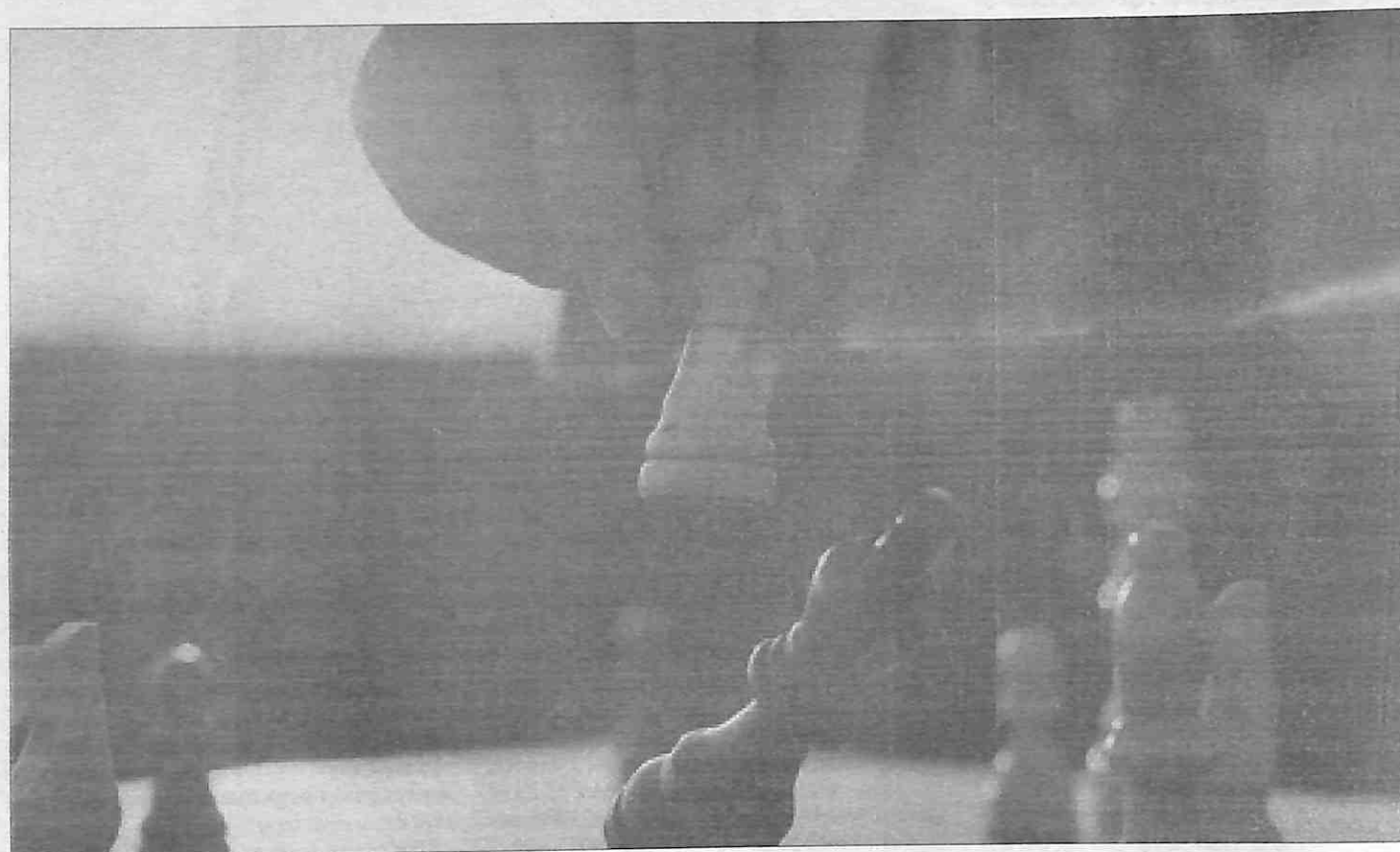
QUOTE:

Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance.

- Ban Ki-moon

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First become a strategist, and then win in business



Giving up to soon

Some people think starting and running a business is just a snap of a finger and all would go well the first time. We see them starting, with zeal setting up businesses and hoping that all will flow to their shops or business and have all things under control. They might have done the planning and setting up very well, but somehow down the line, once the business goes through a turbulence, they develop the shock of their lives and think of closing down. This is what we can call having 'no form of maturity' in business. Such kind of people can be referred to as being armature in the business environment whose only remedy would be that of invoking strategic thinking.

Dimensions of strategic thinking

The term is not as easy to explain as it might sound because it deals with the combination of at least three things or traits namely: **leader**, **practitioner**, and **theorist**. Each of these roles requires a distinct set of skills and competencies if you are to make your business work for you. The leader provides the vision, inspiration, organisational skills, direction, and personal impetus necessary to enable others to act in a focused and coherent manner. In business, it is important to make sure that your employees or business partners had the same vision as yours. Do not be selfish and think that you are the boss. This is a grave a mistake and leads to serious trouble. Always think and believe in others you work with. Remember that your business partners were and could be as good as you, helping you to live and realise your vision and goal. So, don't be selfish!

The practitioner thoroughly comprehends the levels of strategy and their relationships and develops strategy. He translates broad policy guidance into integrated strategies that lead to policy success. Though this might be some too technical, it is important to out that a good strategist is one who works on the notion of ensuring that the vision and aspiration were put into simple and actionable activities. Make sure that your business makes things easy for people.

Remember that businesses that solved problems in the societies remained relevant and sustainable compared to those which just focused on their personal or self-ambitions. In this manner, as a business person, make sure that if for example your business came up with a manner of doing things (a policy in this case), your job as a the owner or founder is now to ensure

that you make life easy for others by providing excellent guidelines about how things should done.

The theorist develops theoretical concepts through study and thought and teaches and mentors others. A master of the strategic art is proficient in all three of these areas. Strategists function at different levels or in different roles given any situation, the interesting part of it is that they all need to understand comprehensive strategies and communicate them effectively among themselves and the customers as well. In other words, as a theorist, a business strategist must have a broader view of things. This only comes into picture by constantly expanding your mental abilities. Read as much as you can on issues of business, associate yourself with people of like mindness, pay and get training for you to become more effective on the same subject matter.

Mobilising resources

As we are talking of how a business can survive with a strategy in place, we need to realise the relevance of resource mobilisation.

It is relevant to point out that strategy provides a coherent blueprint to bridge the gap between the realities of today and a desired future. It is the disciplined calculation of overarching objectives, concepts, and resources

with unacceptable bounds of risk to create more favorable future outcomes than might otherwise exist if left to chance or the hands of others.

The point I am trying to put across is that the manner in which we apply our resources counts a lot in the business in terms of how we are going to achieve the desired results in a specific strategic environment over time.

In the context of a business, strategy is the employment of specific resources to gain a competitive edge so that your business can remain afloat. In this regard make sure that you analyse three things namely the profit side of things; secondly environment or industry in which your business is; and the future.

Start thinking cleverly

However, most people only think strategy is about profit and loss; hence they focus on traditional things like discounts, price reduction, special offers, etc.

They forget that such things were useful during the emergent of various industries way back then, but now things have changed and a cleverly articulation of things is what would make any business survive.

This is based on the understanding that while the future cannot be predicted, the strategic environment can be studied, assessed, and to varying degrees, anticipated and manipulated.

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Only with proper analysis can trends, issues, opportunities, and threats be identified, influenced, shaped through what our business eventually chooses to do or not do. So always ensure that you need to first become a strategist, and then you can do business.



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QUOTE:

Food is for eating, and good food is to be enjoyed... I think food is, actually, very beautiful in itself.
- Della Smith



**LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE,
EAT WISELY**

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Economics Section

When working with fish it is essential that proper handling and storage is used to reduce the risk of food-borne illnesses and ensure a quality product.

Harmful bacteria cannot be seen by the naked eye, so proper handling is important. Salmonella and E. coli are bacteria that cause food-borne illness and are sometimes found on fish. The following guidelines need to be followed to ensure safety against food-borne illnesses when handling fish.

Cleanliness: A clean working environment is essential in the prevention of contamination when working with fish. Be sure to wash hands thoroughly before and after handling raw fish. The work area, cutting boards, and utensils must be thoroughly cleaned with hot soapy water after being exposed and should not be used for other foods until properly cleaned. This will prevent cross contamination of bacteria from the fish to other foods.

When working with other foods at the same time as preparing and cooking fish, be sure to use different utensils for each food. Do not use the same platter for cooked fish as was used for the raw meat, unless it has been properly washed and dried before using. If any preparation of the fish is done on a cutting board, it should be thoroughly scrubbed with hot soapy water after each use and periodically cleaned with a bleach solution.

Handling Market Fish: Fresh or frozen fish should be purchased just before leaving the market so it is exposed to unsafe temperatures for as short a time as possible. It should be placed in a plastic bag to prevent any leakage from contaminating any other foods. Bring a cooler along to store the fish in while traveling home or pack the fish in ice. Do not allow the fish to sit in a hot vehicle for any length of time unless stored properly. After purchasing it should be taken home and refrigerated as soon as possible.

When cooking and serving fish, the meat must be handled properly to prevent contamination. Use a different platter and cooking utensils for cooked fish than what was used for the raw fish, unless they have been properly cleaned and dried after exposure to the raw fish. Be sure the raw fish does not come in contact with foods that have already been cooked or foods that do not require cooking before being consumed, such as raw vegetables and fruit. If taking cooked fish to be served at another location, be sure to pack the fish so it maintains the proper temperatures.

Handling Fisherman's Catch: Keeping your daily catch safe from bacteria can be a challenge. The following tips will help in help you handle fish properly:

Try to keep the fish alive until done fishing and ready to take them in to clean and store properly. If the fish cannot be kept alive, be sure to store them at the right temperature. Storing them in a cooler with plenty of ice will keep them cold until you are ready to clean and store properly.

When cleaning the fish, be careful not to contaminate the meat when removing the stomach and intestine contents. If the meat does become contaminated, wash it immediately with cold water.

After cleaning, ice the fish down or keep cold until you are ready to prepare it.

Cooking safety

It is necessary to cook fish completely to eliminate chances of food borne illness. The safest manner in which to check for doneness is to check the internal temperature with a meat thermometer in several locations. Internal temperature should be a minimum of 145°F when checked in the center of the thickest area of the fish. If a meat thermometer is not available, check for doneness by

Fish handling, safety and storage



using a fork to check if the fish flakes easily and to see if its appearance is opaque and not translucent and raw looking.

Deep-frying safety

Deep-frying, also known as deep-fat frying, is a popular cooking method used for fish. It is a process of immersing food in a pan containing hot oil, which cooks the food quickly, producing a crispy surface covering a tender and moist interior. Because of the large quantity of hot oil that is used for deep-frying fish, there are some safety concerns that must be considered when using this cooking method. The safety concerns are as follows:

- For ease in handling and to prevent splashing of the oil when the fish is placed in the hot oil, it is best to use small pieces of fish.
- Any utensils and equipment that come into contact with the hot oil must be thoroughly dried first. Moisture on the utensils will cause splattering, which can be dangerous.
- The fish should also be free of moisture to minimize splattering when the fish is immersed into the hot oil.
- If cooking commercial frozen fish that is to be immersed in the oil while it is still frozen, be sure that the fish is free of ice crystals.
- After the cooking is completed, the oil should not be transferred to another container or disposed of until it has completely cooled. It is extremely dangerous to pour the hot oil from the cooking vessel.
- A fire extinguisher and heavy potholders should always be within reach.

Checking the temperature of the oil: A temperature between 350°F and 375°F is an ideal range for deep-frying. The correct temperature can be determined with the use of a thermometer. Another method that can be used is to place a cube

of bread into the oil and if it browns in 45 to 50 seconds, the oil is at the correct temperature. The oil should not need to reach over 375°F to fry the fish. Oil above this temperature will brown the fish too quickly, not allowing it to cook properly all the way through. An undercooked fish poses safety concerns.

Any cooking oil can be used for deep-frying provided it does not smoke or burn at temperatures that may reach as high as 375°F. For a healthier choice, oil low in saturated fat is best to use because the food will absorb a small quantity of oil during the cooking process.

Proper storage

Properly preparing fresh fish for storage will allow it to be stored for a longer period of time and maintain its quality. Fresh caught fish should be gutted and cleaned as soon as possible and then stored at the proper temperature until ready to cook. For the best flavor and quality, fish should be prepared for eating within 24 hours of catching but if stored properly it is safe to keep refrigerated for 2 to 3 days.

Fresh caught or market fresh fish should be stored at a temperature 40°F or below and cooked fish should be kept at a temperature 140°F or higher, to keep it outside of the temperature zone in which bacteria that causes food borne illness grows quickly. The danger temperature zone is a range between 40°F and 140°F. Raw fish can be stored in a refrigerator for 2 to 3 days. Leftover cooked fish can be stored for up to 3 or 4 days. If raw or cooked fish is not going to be used within the recommended time, it should be frozen to prevent it from perishing.

Refrigerating

Raw fish can be stored safely in a refrigerator at 40°F or lower for 2 to 3 days. Oily fish will store

longer than lean fish and whole fish will store better than steaks and fillets. There are several factors that will have an effect on how well the fish will store.

The amount of time that market fresh fish can be refrigerated will depend on:

- If it was stored properly after it was caught, before it got to the market.
- How fresh the fish was when purchased.
- Whether or not the fish was stored properly on ice at the market.
- The temperatures it is exposed to when transporting from the store to home refrigeration.
- The type of packaging used.
- The instructions below have to be followed to store fresh fish in the refrigerator properly:
- Remove the fish from the wrapper. Thoroughly rinse the fish in cold water.
- Pat it dry with a paper towel.
- Line a plate or pan with a double layer of paper towels and place the fish on the towels.
- Cover them tightly with plastic wrap or aluminum foil and place in the coldest part of the refrigerator.
- Be sure the fish is tightly wrapped so that if there are any juices from the raw fish, they will not come in contact with any other food.

Cooked Fish Leftovers: Cooked leftovers should be cooled and refrigerated as soon as possible, limiting the amount of time the fish is exposed to room temperatures. Never leave the fish at room temperature for more than two hours. Store it in a shallow covered container to allow the fish to cool to the proper temperature more quickly. Cooked fish can be stored for up to 2 to 3 days in a refrigerator at 40°F or less. If leftovers are not going to be used within this time, they can be frozen and stored for up to one month.

Freezing

Fresh fish can be stored at 40°F or less for 2 to 3 days but if it is not going to be used within that time, it should be frozen to prevent it from perishing. Freeze the fish while it is as fresh as possible. Proper handling of the fish is also necessary to produce a quality frozen product. Be sure the fish has been cleaned properly before freezing. There are several methods that can be used for freezing fish. The method you select may depend on whether you are freezing whole fish, large cuts, steaks or fillets. Also, take into consideration how much freezer storage room you have available. Fish should be frozen in a freezer at 0°F or less.

Be sure all wrapped packages are sealed tightly and any fish frozen in ice is completely covered with ice to prevent ice crystals from forming on the fish. Ice crystals form because moisture has been drawn out of the fish, causing it to become freezer burned. Freezer burned areas of the fish become distasteful and tough or dried out. Store bought frozen fish should be left in the original package and placed in the freezer as soon as possible. For extra protection place the store bought package in a freezer bag before placing in the freezer.

PET OBSERVER

HILLARY HAGUE
SWAZILAND ANIMAL WELFARE
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PETS

QUOTE:

If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans.

- James Herriot

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The rabies virus is carried by mammals (warm-blooded animals such as dogs, cats, horses, donkeys, pigs, goats, rats and humans) and spread through bodily fluids, usually saliva via a bite.

Worldwide more than 55 000 people die of rabies every year. Dogs are the source of 99 per cent of human rabies deaths.

Does rabies occur in Eswatini?

Despite routine vaccination of 60 868 animals in 2011, and 79 673 in 2012, there were 26 positive rabies cases in 2011 and 10 in 2012. In 2012, there were also three cases of rabies in cattle and 15 cases of rabies in other domestic animals (including cattle) in 2011. According to data submitted to OIE World Animal Health Information System, in 2011, there were 38 human rabies cases.

Unfortunately, rabies deaths are not always reported and are often misdiagnosed.

Can't it just be treated?

No, and here's why. After the virus enters the peripheral nervous system, an incubation period follows which averages two to 12 weeks but may last up to two years, when the virus travels along the nerves towards the central nervous system (brain). During the incubation period vaccination may prevent symptomatic rabies.

BUT, once the virus reaches the brain, it rapidly causes encephalitis and symptoms appear. From the time symptoms appear, **THERE IS NO TREATMENT**. Death, usually caused by respiratory arrest, almost invariably results 2-10 days after the first symptoms. Survival is extremely rare and nearly always results in severe brain damage.

Symptoms in humans: The first flu-like symptoms (malaise, headache and fever) expand to slight or partial paralysis, acute pain, violent

Rabies kills



movements, uncontrolled excitements, depressions, and the inability to swallow water (hence the other name *hydrophobia* meaning fear of water).

Symptoms in animals: Three stages of rabies are recognised in dogs and other animals.

Stage 1: A 1-3 day period characterized by behavioural changes.

Stage 2: The excitative stage, which lasts 3-4 days. This stage is often known as furious rabies due to the tendency of the affected dog to be hyper-reactive to external stimuli and bite at anything near.

Stage 3: The paralytic stage, caused by dam-

age to motor neurons. Symptoms are lack of coordination, drooling and difficulty swallowing, caused by paralysis of facial and throat muscles.

Why does rabies spread?

Dog owners who do not vaccinate their dogs. Chaining your dog or having a fancy fence and an expensive gate will not protect the dog.

Dog owners who allow their animals to breed and don't take care of the offspring. The starving young animals wander in search of food and meet up with other unvaccinated animals and rabies carriers. Dog owners who buy unvaccinated dogs.

Prevention is easy:

- Annual vaccination.
- Vaccination schedule for dogs and cats:
 - Three months (12 weeks) – first rabies vaccination.
 - 12 months (one year) second rabies vaccination.
 - Thereafter repeat annually. Make a calendar or diary note and stick a reminder on your door or fridge – do not forget!
 - Keep the vaccination certificate in a safe place.
 - Sterilise all dogs and cats by six months of age.
 - Get your dog or cat from SAWS where all animals are vaccinated.
 - NEVER buy an unvaccinated animal.
 - Don't take the owner's word – only buy any animal if it comes with a current rabies certificate signed by a registered veterinarian.
 - Check all your pets every day. Never disregard ANY change in behavior or health of your pets. Have them checked by a veterinarian immediately you notice anything abnormal.

If you are bitten by a rabid animal:

- Wash the wound under running water for at least five minutes.
- Seek medical attention immediately.
- The wound should be treated with immunoglobulin and then a series of anti-rabies injections over a number of days.



Eswatini Standards Authority

Most businesses operate in competitive markets: they have to 'take on' and 'see off' rivals. The main purpose for a business to formulate and implement strategies is to gain, as well as sustain, a competitive advantage over its competitors in the market.

That is, strategies are used in order for the business to outperform competitors.

A company is said to have a competitive advantage over its rivals when its profitability is greater than the average profitability and profit growth of other companies competing for the same set of customers. When compared to competitors, if your business has higher profitability, it is also said to have a greater competitive advantage.

Quality is one of the factors that allow a business to gain and sustain competitive advantage. Customers appreciate products and services offered to them that are of superior quality, that is, the products and services exhibit attributes that satisfy the customers' needs and wants over those

Importance of quality in creating competitive advantage

of competitors. High quality products and services will provide your business with a point of differentiation, and thus gaining competitive advantage. One way of integrating quality into your products and services as well as business processes is through implementing and certification to management systems.

Why management system certification?

Companies today, regardless of size, face ever increasing demands for profitability, quality, and technology that contributes to sustainable development. In order to turn these pressures into a competitive advantage, you need to develop an efficient management system tailored to your business processes and use it systematically to maintain and constantly improve your company's overall performance.

Society and consumers are increasingly moving towards zero risk tolerance. Regulators and institutions are responding to this with stricter, more comprehensive regulations and detailed reporting requirements. As a result, companies are forced to adapt to the new reality, where legal and regulatory compliance has become the minimum standard.

Excelling companies move beyond compliance as part of a competitive strategy. Risk management is becoming core to business and management processes as a way of staying ahead of the game.

A management system for continual improvement

Companies develop processes and performance standards to measure and meet the multitude of challenges they are facing. The best solution is to integrate business principles in management systems.

Companies that extract the full value from their management systems view the management system as means to manage change and improvement instead of just keep the status quo. A holistic approach to an effective management system adds value to the business by bringing quality, environment, health and safety issues together in a single system, contributing to doing things better, cheaper or faster as the system matures and develops.

Companies just starting their road to certification may of course select to start with one system at a time for later to integrate them.

The main management system standards emphasise continual improvement. Implementing a management system gives you the opportunity to focus on optimising the areas that matter most to you and your stakeholders.

Why have your management system certified?

A ticket to trade is often a strong initial motivating factor for certification. Regulatory

requirements and the demands of globalisation may be other reasons. Stakeholder insistence on more sophisticated processes and more precise accountability of business conduct is yet another. Such companies seek third-party assessment and certification as a means of documenting compliance.

The most compelling reason for certification, however, may simply be that top management see added value in getting a reputable third-party to independently audit their management systems, report their findings and document the result by issuing a certificate. Management needs to be ahead of the game and cannot afford incidents caused by lack of control to affect the value of their brand.

Today companies are subject to a much higher level of scrutiny from all stakeholders. The demand for transparency with respect to what footprint you leave on the environment, how safely you manage your operations, and how you continually improve quality are some of the demands businesses face across the world.

Communication on how you manage risk is key to building trust and confidence. The implementation and certification of a management system tells your stakeholders that you are on the road to continuous performance improvement with regards to quality, environment or safety related issues. External validation helps companies continually improve its strategies, operations and levels of service.



Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini

QUOTE:

Relationships survive on trust, and if that is broken at any point, it's pretty much the end of the relationship. Besides, inability to communicate leads to problems.

- Yuvraj Singh

Columns & Opinion

There is a social, sinful and personal force that compels men to be always on the wrong side of their marital bed.

This is one sin their wives condemn and hate the most and notwithstanding the confrontation from them, which, at times become nasty, men cheat, been cheating and will ever cheat. Society, men themselves have dressed this atrocious marital bad habit with glossy colours at times blaming their very masculinity gender as principal cause they cannot be satisfied with and be loyal to one woman. The most (im)balanced fact here is that they cheat with other women, who at times have also been victims of cheating in their current or previous marriages. This is a vicious circle wherein men appear to be victims rather than culprits of the habit. *Bayahlupheka bobabe labangako* and never find peace *kulomshikashika wekukhwacela* away from their legal spouses. He will have to spread himself too thin between his wife, family and the other illicit relationship(s) nurtured outside the home front. All men will start cheating hoping and convincing themselves they will be careful and ensure their wives never find out. The latter always do find out anyway. She can be strongly suspicious and crack on substantial and conclusive evidence that *Babe waMcooteli* is cheating on her. Thus whether discreet or not men are always caught they are cheating and the end result is pang in their married life!

Take for instance a normal weekend where-in your good wife will prepare you a delicious breakfast and set you a beautiful table with the children. Everybody around the table is happy and the children are enjoying the presence of their parents. You as the husband and dad to the children ain't happy because your girlfriend is sending you nagging messages in your phone. She will tell you that she is still in bed and won't come out of the sheets until you come, *kube khona lomenta kona* and then take her to town. She is giving very little thought that your wife could also be desirous of the same treatment from you, legally so because you are her husband. Should you not respond (positively) to those texts, she will further spray you and guilt-trip you all the way. *"Awunenzaba nami ngoba ugodlwe ngumfati wakho, minengibulawa nge-makhata la"* In that threat, she may even tell you she is going out with friends for lunch in Maputo and you start to worry what kind of friends shall be taking her there. Maybe *ngulelibandla le* navigating compass that will show her the best places in Maputo and further navigate their way to your illicit packet of sugar, *kubuye sekusele* 1kg from the packed 3kg. In a warm house and benign atmosphere, the man has half-joy. His heart, mind, body and soul is with the other woman. Every minute counts against him, for the girlfriend will continue nagging him!

Thabo Magongo sneaked out of the house one Saturday morning claiming he needed a quick hour in the office. The story is, he was checking on his girlfriend who was 70km away from his house. He broke all the rules and regulations of driving so he could shorten the time on the road. He found the woman on the verge of going to town but quickly settled down when the married man she loved showed her door. It was the care and time she put in her cooking that Thabo realised he was not expected to leave any time soon like he had intended. He was later fed in the stomach and the woman demanded the shared Pound Of Flesh so she could also be fed- below the

stomach. By the time he announced his intention to leave, his wife back home *abesavele amehlwana* and he had missed eight calls from her.



At times the thin spread of a man in-between two or three women can be economically draining. Samson Ndzabandzaba was once cautioned by his girlfriend that *abomupha nayelomutsi wetintfombi* because she was capable to give him as much pleasure in the bedroom in the same measure his wife does. *Wetfuka*, thought about it and found it to be true.

Here, Nomagagasi the girlfriend was creating love waves so he could sleep over, *naye ufana sekuke kuse nje agodlwe yindvodza!* Quite clearly he left her upset, he could not sleep over.

The hardest battle was fought in the house where his wife wanted to know where he had been all that time. She was also upset, she went to bed early *wefika wafulatsela* for the duration of the night.

Thabo had successfully angered two women he claimed to love in a space of 12 hours and spent the remainder of the day brooding about his blunder. You know sometimes your wife wouldn't suspect let alone know that the whole afternoon you weren't around you were cheating. You could have a good time and a ball in-between-the sheets for the entire day. Back in the marital bedroom, the wife is so sexily skimpy, has arrayed roses from the door right unto the bed. She wants fire because she is ready to give fire. Lo and Behold! *Ukhandza make umbele utsambe bhece* because *tiyimunyele etsafeni!* There shall be war, really war in that bedroom, courtesy of the husband's cheating ways!

Draining

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He started to budget monthly for her stipend, which of course cut deep unto his wallet. *Uyakubona umfati wakho nasewucale kudiza* outside your family. Whilst gathering evidence, she would stop making providence of any monetary assistance. Instead she makes a lot of demands, can even be deliberately wasteful so that you don't have much to spare for your side kicks.

In the event you confront her on these endless demands and prodigality, she will bit back, *"Ingani lengaphandle uyikhipha ungatsentsesi."* No man ever had a solid argument against this line lest you are given graphic details of how much you spend out there, *kubani, lokuphi futsi*. Women are an investigative lot. She would have "googled", your accounts, "GPSed" your movements and found where you waste your money.

Gabriel Msibi, a young budding banker who just started work could not afford to save much from his salary.

His wife, a nurse stopped doing anything in the house with her pay. She even spent her days with friends in the clinic even when she was off-duty. That gave the young man time to spend with the other woman.

However, each time he mentioned he was on his way, he would be sent a list of groceries to come along with. He realised later *kutsi vele ufana nendvodza yesitsembu*. He stopped the affair, sat his wife down, apologised and resumed a normal life. The imbalance is that sticking to one's wife only may also not be a solution because she could not be much into you in the first place.

Babusy bafati balonyaka, with their careers, business, friends, associations *nako ke kujola impela nje*. She will leave you in the house and give you a long list of things that need her attention in the forty-eight hours called a weekend. She has the children attended by the maid.



Does a husband ever strike a balance between his wife and mistress?



QUOTE:

To keep the body in good health is a duty... otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear.

- Buddha



Diabetes screening available at New Start & Litsemba letfu clinic

Diabetes screening is now available at New Start and Litsemba letfu Clinic at Mahhala or New Start mobile clinics around the country. You can screen for diabetes whenever you visit New Start for HIV testing or treatment services.

What is diabetes?

Diabetes mellitus, sometimes called sugar diabetes, is a serious, lifelong condition that occurs when the body cannot use glucose (a type of sugar) normally. Glucose is the main source of energy for the body. There are different types of diabetes but let's focus on Type 2 diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes

Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes which results from the body's inability to respond properly to the action of insulin produced by the pancreas. It occurs most frequently in adults but is being noted increasingly in younger people and children.

Do you know the risk factors for diabetes?

Chances of developing type 2 diabetes depend on a combination of risk factors. You are at risk of diabetes if you are:

1. Over 35 years of age
2. Overweight
3. Hypertensive (have high blood pressure)
4. Suffering from heart disease
5. Smoking tobacco
6. Eating processed foods
7. Not getting sufficient exercise

How do I know if I may be suffering from diabetes?

Here are 7 signs and symptoms of diabetes:

1. Thirst which does not go away despite drinking continuously
2. Frequent urination
3. Hunger even after eating a meal
4. Unexplained weight loss
5. Itchiness in private parts and skin
6. Continuously feeling tired
7. Tingling or numbness in your hands or feet



If you have more than one of these signs and symptoms, visit New Start & Litsemba Letfu Clinic or call our toll-free line 1212.



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Special Feature

By K Thor Jensen

Red Bull is paying out a settlement to disgruntled customers who believed the popular energy drink would—as its advertising suggests—give them wings.

Dished Vancouver reports that Red Bull GmbH, the beverage brand's Austrian parent company, has agreed to pay US\$850 000 CAD (about US\$640 000) in a settlement for a class-action lawsuit.

Canadian Michael Attar filed the suit in March 2016, claiming Red Bull made false declarations regarding the usefulness of its products. The beverage's website cites "numerous scientific studies" backing up its ability to improve energy and performance. In reality, studies have shown it's no more effective than coffee or other caffeine-containing drinks.

Canadian energy drinkers who bought a can of Red Bull in the last 12 years could be entitled to ten dollars as a result of a class action settlement.

The settlement comes five years after Red Bull GmbH agreed to a US\$13 million settlement in the US over similar claims of false advertising, according to BevNet. Customers who had purchased a Red Bull over the previous ten years were entitled to either \$10 cash or a voucher for two Red Bull products worth up of US\$15.

Attar had originally tried to get in on that settlement, but was turned down

Red Bull paying out settlement to disgruntled customers



because he was Canadian. So he filed his own lawsuit, citing studies debunking the purported benefits of taurine, a chemical in many energy drinks. (Taurine also occurs naturally in fish and beef.)

He claimed Red Bull violated the Quebec Consumer Protection Act by claiming it was more effective than a lower-priced offering, like a cup of coffee. Canadian consumers who purchased Red Bull between January 1, 2007, and July 23, have until October 14 to register on a special website and become eligible for a \$10 compensation.

A settlement approval hearing will be held December 17.

In a statement, Red Bull says it agreed to settle to "avoid the distraction" of litigation in Canada. "Red Bull's marketing has always been witty, truthful, and accurate," it added. Despite reports to the contrary, the company has not stopped using "Red Bull gives you wings" as its slogan.

In 1987, entrepreneur Dietrich Mateschitz took a Thai beverage, modified its flavours for Western audiences, and began selling it as Red Bull at ski resorts in Austria. Red Bull came to the United States a decade later, helping to launch an energy-drink industry that's estimated to break US\$72 billion in sales worldwide by 2024. *Newsweek*



73-YEAR-OLD WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO TWINS IN INDIA

By Ben Hooper

An Indian woman who gave birth to twin girls is believed to be the oldest person to ever give birth after having the babies at the age of 73.

Erramatti Mangayamma, 73, from Andhra Pradesh, had twins last Thursday via C-section, and experts said the successful delivery makes her the oldest person on record to have successfully given birth.

Dr. Sanakayala Umashankar, the director of Ahalya IVF, said Mangayamma and her husband, E. Raja Rao, 80, have been together since 1962, but were unable to conceive through natural means. Umashankar said the couple sought assistance from his clinic in 2018 and he agreed to give them a round of IVF treatment

when initial tests showed signs of possible success.

Umashankar said the mother will be kept under observation for the next 21 days due to her advanced age.

"The surgery went well ... the mother and the babies are all healthy with no complications," Umashankar told CNN. "We are not allowing the mother to breast-feed and the babies will be fed through the milk bank."

He said the pregnancy was free of complications, owing largely to the fact that Mangayamma doesn't have diabetes, hypertension or other conditions that could make a pregnancy at her age particularly dangerous.

"I don't think she will have any major health issues in the post-delivery period," the doctor told The Hindustan Times. *upi.com*

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Global News

Iran warns any strike by Saudi Arabia

TEHHRAN - Iran's foreign minister has warned that any Saudi or US military strike would result in 'all-out-war', after the allies blamed Tehran for attacks on Saudi oil at the weekend.

Mohammad Javad Zarif said Iranians 'won't blink to defend our territory' and are willing to fight 'to the last American soldier' in the event of an invasion.

But he stressed that Iran is not looking for a war and is willing to return to the negotiating table, provided America complies with the 2015 nuclear deal that President Trump ripped up last year.

Speaking to CNN, Zarif continued to deny any Iranian responsibility for the attacks, instead pointing to Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen, who have claimed responsibility.

He later added on Twitter: 'There's no such thing as a 'limited strike'. Iran does not want war, but we will not hesitate to defend ourselves.

Also, Yemenis, under brutal attack for years, have powerful motivation to build what it takes to defend themselves.

Riyadh and Washington have both said they have 'undeniable evidence' of Tehran's guilt, and are now pondering their next move.

Mike Pompeo described the attacks as an 'act of war' ahead of a meeting with Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's defence minister, on Wednesday.

After the meeting he tweeted that Saudi has 'a right to defend itself' and would be supported by America.

However, he softens his rhetoric on Thursday, saying he preferred a 'peaceful resolution' to the crisis. Ahead of the meeting Salman said the strikes - which knocked out five per cent of global oil supplies - were an attack against the world economy, but stopped short of demanding action.

President Trump has also refused to rule out military action, saying the 'ultimate option' for him would mean starting a war and putting US boots on the ground.

However, he is privately thought to favour a limited response which would see America provide logistical support to Saudi Arabia.

The sabre-rattling comes after Saudi Arabia held a press conference and revealed a total of 25 cruise missiles and drones were used to attack its refinery at Abqaiq and oil field at Khurais on Saturday last week. *Daily Mail*

QUEEN'S FURY AT DAVID CAMERON'S BOAST

LONDON - David Cameron has angered the Queen after boasting that he leaned on her to intervene in the Scottish independence referendum.

In an unprecedented royal rebuke on Thursday, Palace officials said the former prime minister had caused Her Majesty 'an amount of displeasure' with his claim.

A royal source told the Mail: "Make no mistake, they are furious about this."

It came after Mr Cameron revealed, in a TV documentary to promote his memoirs, that he held discussions with the Royal household during the referendum campaign and suggested the Queen could boost the case for Scotland to remain in the UK.

● *Palace hits out after former prime minister claims he urged Her Majesty to intervene in Scotland independence poll*



He suggested that even a 'raising of the eyebrow' would make a difference.

The revelation immediately trig-

gered a political row, with the Scottish National Party crying foul over Mr Cameron's attempt to 'manipulate the head of state' dur-

ing the bitterly fought referendum battle.

Within a few hours, the former prime minister was left embarrassed after Palace sources made clear there was intense irritation at his decision to breach the protocol governing conversations with the Queen and her senior advisors, conversations which prime ministers are expected to take to the grave. The row was the result of a BBC documentary timed to coincide with the release of the former prime minister's memoirs.

In it Mr Cameron claimed the Queen was approached during the closing stages of the Scottish referendum when polls suggested the independence campaign could win. *Daily Mail*

Nigerian man gets multiple life jail terms

PRETORIA - Six life sentences and an additional 129 years imprisonment was meted out to a Nigerian national for human trafficking and related charges after he kept three young girls hostage to work as sex slaves.

Judge Natvarlil Ranchod, sitting in the Gauteng High Court in Pretoria, on Wednesday cited experts as saying that human trafficking is increasing worldwide. It not only caused trauma to the victims, but also to communities.

Criminals view it as a thriving business as sex slaves - often young girls - can be used over and over to generate money for their brothel masters.

But the judge made it clear that the court viewed human trafficking in an extremely serious light



MULTIPLE: The Nigerian national who was arrested for human trafficking.

and it will be met with the harshest sentences possible.

The court heard evidence behind closed doors for months from, among others, three young victims around

the age of 13 and 14, who were lured from the streets by recruits - other young girls - used by brothel master Ediozi Odi.

These girls were mostly vulner-

able and came from poor families. They were lured to a house in Springs with promises of a better life.

None of these victims had any idea they were entering Odi's brothel - a house which masqueraded as a shop and a barber.

Once inside the house of horrors, these girls were immediately forced to smoke a drug called 'rocks'. This was manufactured and sold by Odi and is believed to be highly addictive.

An expert told the court that once these girls were exposed to this drug, they were immediately hooked. He said they would do anything to get their hands on the drug.

The girls told the court how they were taught to smoke the drug by one of Odi's co-accused, Nomsa Hlalele. *Pretoria News*

BRIEFS

Iranians 'turn to selling their organs

TEHHRAN - Iranians have been forced to sell their organs for up to US\$50 000 with the country's economy in freefall, an opposition group has claimed. The National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), which is based in Paris, says the organ trade is a 'booming business' as the economy struggles under the weight of U.S. sanctions. According to their report, one street in Tehran is so covered in scrawled offers of organ sales that the alley has become known as 'Kidney Street'. Desperate sellers write their phone number and blood type in the hope that nearby patients will be willing to pay, the NCRI claims, blaming the economic turmoil on Iran's government.

Daily Mail

Admin blocks 'urgent' whistle-blower

WASHINGTON - The Trump administration plunged into an extra-ordinary showdown with Congress over access to a whistle-blower's complaint about reported incidents including a private conversation between President Donald Trump and a foreign leader. The blocked complaint is both 'serious' and 'urgent,' the government's intelligence watchdog said.

The administration is keeping Congress from even learning what exactly the whistleblower is alleging, but the intelligence community's inspector general said the matter involves the 'most significant' responsibilities of intelligence leadership. *AP*

Clooney calls for US and EU to 'step up

LONDON - George Clooney has warned the United States and European Union needs to 'step up' over alleged links between global corporations, governments and rampant corruption in South Sudan.

The Hollywood film star and activist co-founded The Sentry, a team of investigators targeting war crimes, in 2015 with former US official John Prendergast.

Clooney unveiled the project's latest findings on webs of corruption in the country at a press conference in London and called on the United States and European Union to target those involved with new and tougher sanctions. *Daily Mail*

Trudeau comes under fire over photo

TORONTO - At a time when bigotry seems on the rise around the world and doors are being shut, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has become known as a champion of diversity. Now, amid his bid for re-election, that reputation is under attack in a furor triggered by a photo of him in brownface at a costume party two decades ago. The 47-year-old Trudeau struggled to contain the uproar, begging forgiveness and confessing he failed to grasp how offensive his actions were. "I have always acknowledged I came from a place of privilege, but I now need to acknowledge that comes with a massive blind spot," the son of the late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said. *AP*

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Your Daily Mzansi News

I'll expose the Hawks', says Sam Holdings owner

JOHANNESBURG - Mpumalanga businessman Sam 'Mshengu' Chabalala, who was granted R200 000 bail this week, accused the Hawks of pursuing him on fabricated charges.

The businessman, who runs Sam Holdings, a Mpumalanga-based logistics company, is facing charges of fraud, bribery, contravention of Immigration Act and being in possession of an unlicensed firearm. "With regard to charges against me, I remain resolute that I'm innocent. My time will come to take a stand in court and expose them for who they are because these charges are fabricated," he said in a statement read out by his legal team.

Hawks Spokesperson Brig Hangwani Mulaudzi said they were used to people attempting to derail investigation with wild allegations.

"His remarks don't deserve a response. We are continuing with investigations into the matter," he said.

Last week, Chabalala's friend and confidante Nkosinathi Ngongo, 30, was shot several times when he was about to leave a Sam Holdings depot in Bethal, Mpumalanga.

Ngongo had been interviewed by the Hawks in relation to the investigation into Chabalala's citizenship.

Chabalala said he would hire a private investigator to probe the murder of Ngongo, whom he regarded as a friend and brother.

"I'm going to appoint a private investigator who will assist me and get to the bottom of what hap-

pened with regard to the shooting of Ngongo. Anyone who's got information about what happened to my employee and brother Nathi ... I will really appreciate that information which will assist the police," he said.

"Nathi was my brother and his family is mine too, and I will do everything in my power to assist Nathi's family with burial costs."

The Mpumalanga tycoon who shot to prominence after leading a 72-car convoy to the Durban July horse racing event, said he was still sick and under medical observation.

"I need to notify the public that it is true I was hospitalised (as Sowetan reported about it) when I was still in custody. (The illness) developed when I was in police custody on Friday night, after I was arrested."

"Furthermore, I'm still undergoing medical check-ups.

"I will comply with my bail condition. I would like to express my gratitude to my wife, family, employees and everyone who supported me during this difficult time," he said.

Meanwhile, Sowetan has been reliably informed that the businessman's problems were piling up as home affairs is allegedly stepping up plans to revoke his SA citizenship.

An insider told Sowetan that yesterday, the home affairs served Mshengu with a notice to revoke his citizenship within five days.

Home Affairs Spokesperson Thabo Mokgola would not comment on the matter.

Sowetan Live

NO PROOF OF JACOB ZUMA 'POISON PLOT', NPA

DURBAN-The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) has declined to prosecute anyone for the alleged poisoning of former president Jacob Zuma, saying there was no evidence of such an act against him.

"There is no evidence that Mr Zuma was poisoned," Acting KwaZulu-Natal Director of Public Prosecutions Advocate Elaine Zungu said in a letter to the Hawks, Business Day reported on Friday.

Zuma had not provided a statement detailing the alleged poisoning attempt on his life at all, Zungu revealed. "So I am unable to even refer to him as 'the complainant'," she said.

Five months ago, Zuma's estranged



NO PROOF: Former president Jacob Zuma

wife, Nompumelelo Ntuli-Zuma, approached then recently appointed

'Crime intelligence slush fund 'paid off Munusamy's car'

JOHANNESBURG - A senior Tiso Blackstar group journalist has been implicated at the Zondo commission of inquiry into state capture in allegations of corruption involving a secret slush fund of crime intelligence, a division of the SA Police Service (SAPS).

This week, the allegations were levelled against the group's associate editor, Ranjeni Munusamy, by Hawks officer Col Kobus Roelofse.

An amount of R143 621.78 was allegedly paid into a WesBank vehicle finance account in the settlement of a vehicle registered in Munusamy's name in 2008, when she was self-employed.

Roelofse said he had learnt of the alleged payments while investigating claims of corruption involving crime intelligence officers and a Centurion-based vehicle dealership, Atlantis Motors.

However, there was some confusion at the inquiry around Munusamy's full name, with the commission receiving a letter pointing out that the bank account was in the name of Navaranjeni Munusamy and not Ranjeni Munusamy, as she was called in Roelofse's affidavit. Ranjeni is a shortened version of Navaranjeni.

By mutual consent with the Tiso



CATERED FOR: Ranjeni Munusamy.

Blackstar Group, which owns Business Day, Munusamy has been placed on special leave to allow her to deal with the allegations.

Munusamy denied the allegations and said she intended to defend herself against them.

"They are baseless. I am working with my lawyers to draft a response to the allegations for the commission, with whom I am co-operating fully," Munusamy said in a statement on Wednesday afternoon.

Tiso Blackstar said in a statement that Munusamy had not been engaged

by any of its titles or companies during the period concerning these allegations. She joined Tiso Blackstar only in 2017, from the Daily Maverick.

"The company was unaware of any investigation involving Munusamy. At the time she was engaged as an independent contractor."

Tiso Blackstar said it had also launched an internal investigation.

"Tiso Blackstar Group notes the extremely serious allegations against journalist Ranjeni Munusamy disclosed by a witness before the Zondo commission of inquiry," the statement said. *BusinessDay Live*

Munusamy placed on special leave after slush fund allegations

JOHANNESBURG - Tiso Blackstar Group says that one of its senior journalists has been placed on special leave after allegations regarding a secret slush fund of Crime Intelligence, which is a division of the South African Police Service, were levelled against her at the Zondo state capture commission.

This was revealed by Hawks officer

Colonel Kobus Roelofse this week. He said the alleged payments made to Ranjeni Munusamy were discovered while investigating claims of corruption between crime intelligence officers and Atlantis Motors, which is based in Centurion.

"We were able to uncover an amount of R143 621.78. It was paid from the Atlantis Motors business account to

Wesbank vehicle finance account in the settlement agreement of the vehicle in the name of Ms Ranjeni Munusamy. As far as I know, she is a journalist," he said. The amount was debited on July 30, 2008. Zondo said the commission would return to the matter at a later stage, as Munusamy's name was spelt differently from the bank account compared to Roelofse's affidavit.



ADAMANT: Mpumalanga businessman and Sam Holdings owner Sam 'Mshengu' Chabalala.

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chief prosecutor Shamila Batohi, urging the NPA to make a decision on whether to charge her for the accusations that she had plotted to poison Zuma.

"This matter has been hanging for my client's head since June 2015," her lawyer, Ulrich Roux, said in the letter to Batohi.

The Sunday Times reported in 2015 that she had been banned from Zuma's Nkandla home after claims that she plotted to poison him.

The alleged poisoning is said to have taken place in 2014, when Zuma reportedly also received treatment in Russia, where doctors confirmed the diagnosis.

During a recent interview, Zuma declined to speak about reports, contained in a book by ex-convict and businessman Gayton McKenzie, that he had been the target of a number of poisoning attempts during his presidency.

In 2017, however, he was report-

ed to have spoken for the first time about the alleged efforts to poison him. Addressing an ANC gathering in Pongola, KZN, Zuma said: "I was poisoned by witches who were trying to finish me off in broad daylight. If I didn't have friends overseas, today you would be saying there was a man from Nkandla, but he died."

Decision

ENCA News' Annika Larsen reported yesterday that Ntuli-Zuma is now considering civil litigation against the SAPS after the NPA's decision.

Roux told BusinessLIVE's Karyn Maughan it was 'a travesty of justice' that his client was a victim of 'politically motivated trumped-up' charges.

"It is a shame it took SAPS more than 4.5 years to determine that there is not a shred of evidence linking her to this alleged crime ...," said Roux.

Times Live

'Ranjeni has always been a partisan, factional journalist' - Prof Anton Harber

JOHANNESBURG - The journalism professor says the allegations against Munusamy, if true, show that State security was paying people who were working on Jacob Zuma's re-election campaign.

In an interview on Power FM, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) Journalism Professor Anton Harber said recent allegations about Tiso Blackstar journalist Ranjeni Munusamy at the commission of inquiry into state capture raise concerns about 'brown envelope journalism'.

"As the journalism profession, we are very concerned about what we call brown envelope journalism - journalists taking incentives, bribes, payments in one sort or another - from the many people who would like to corrupt and win over the support of journalists," Harber said.

Hawks officer Colonel Kobus Roelofse alleged on Wednesday at the commission that Munusamy received R143 621.70 from a secret

slush fund allegedly used by State security crime intelligence officers, adding that the alleged payments to Munusamy were discovered while investigating corruption claims relating to crime intelligence and Atlantis Motors, a company based in Centurion. She is alleged to have used the money to pay off her car.

"What this shows clearly and importantly if it's true, is that State security appears to be paying people who were working on Jacob Zuma's re-election campaign," said Harber.

Harber said the allegation 'has serious implications for [Munusamy's] position as a journalist', also expressing the view that she 'has always been a partisan, factional journalist'.

"Ranjeni has always been a partisan, factional journalist identifying herself almost very clearly from time to time. So that raises questions about her position as a journalist as well."

The Citizen

Zondo asked Roelofse to take a look at the name and confirm it before returning to the evidence.

In a statement released by Tiso Blackstar Group on Wednesday, the media house said that Munusamy had not been employed by any of its titles or companies during the period covered by these allegations. Munusamy joined Tiso Blackstar in 2017 after leaving Daily Maverick.

"The company was unaware of any investigation involving Munusamy. At the time she was engaged as an independent contractor." It said it noted the allegations and was conducting an internal investigation.

"We adhere to the doctrine of presumption of innocence until proven guilty and the principles of natural justice that include hearing both sides of the story. *Times Live*

Hawks peer into Floyd Shivambu's luxury Range Rover purchase

JOHANNESBURG - EFF Deputy President Floyd Shivambu is allegedly under scrutiny over a luxury Range Rover Sport.

According to the Mail and Guardian (M&G), the Hawks have asked a Land Rover dealership in Rivonia Road, Morningside, Johannesburg, for documents relating to vehicles bought by various individuals. This forms part

of an investigation into alleged money-laundering at VBS bank.

The M&G reports that documents handed to the Hawks show the purchase of a white Range Rover Sport in January 2018, for which Shivambu paid cash. The vehicle retails for a minimum of R1.1m.

Ownership of the vehicle was then transferred to his cousin, Musa Shivambu,

in December, the Mail and Guardian reported.

Floyd confirmed to the paper that he had owned the Range Rover, which he bought when he traded in his 2013 Range Rover Sport.

The car had been financed and he paid the shortfall on the new car in cash.

Times Live

Nolubabalo Nobanda's 'celebrity status' roasted on Twitter

DURBAN - Convicted South African drug mule Nolubabalo Nobanda, who made international headlines after being caught smuggling cocaine into Thailand through her dreadlocks, returned home to "celebrity status" after having her 30-year prison sentence reduced.

As television news cameras waited eagerly for her at OR Tambo Airport and the first news reports went viral, South Africans on Twitter were having none of her new-found fame.

Nobanda, from Grahamstown, was arrested at Bangkok International Airport in December 2011 for allegedly attempting to smuggle 1.5kg of cocaine from Brazil to Thailand.

Officials spotted white residue on her hair when she arrived on a Qatar Airways flight.

She was initially handed a 30-year jail term which was halved but this was reduced further in an amnesty granted to prisoners by Thailand's



king.

Television news cameras caught her teary reunion with her family just minutes after touching down at OR Tambo International Airport.

"It hasn't been easy but my people have been behind me so I just want to thank my country for all their love,

for all their support and for all their prayers.

"I'm back home and I'm back stronger," she told reporters.

But her new found celebrity status did not sit well with the Twitter community.

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Zinhle Maditla receives four life terms in prison for murdering her children

MIDDELBURG - Zinhle Maditla, the Mpumalanga mother who killed her four children using rat poison, has been found guilty of four counts of murder, in the Middelburg High Court and her sentencing was laid out yesterday.

In recent court proceedings, on Tuesday, Maditla testified in court and received an opportunity to plead for leniency, as she detailed the horrific events leading to the murder of her children.

The court took a break so that Maditla could centre her mind after the new arguments were brought forth, leading to the sentencing being concluded yesterday.

...The mother detailed in court that her boyfriend's infidelity led her over the edge

Maditla explained to the court that she went to her boyfriend, to tackle the issue of not receiving financial support, and she found him with another woman; Maditla details that her boyfriend attacked her when she confronted him about the infidelity.

Blinded by rage, Maditla stormed off and on her way home she marinated on the idea of taking her own life -and those of her children- in a taxi she saw someone selling rat poison



FOUR LIFE TERMS: Zinhle Maditla, the Mpumalanga mother who killed her four children using rat poison.

for R10 and instantly bought it.

Guilty

She pleaded guilty to the murder of her four children - Minenhle, eight, Blessing, seven, Shaniqua, four, and Ethen, who was only 11 months old.

The Mpumalanga mother was remorseful and resentful for her actions, of killing her four children.

...The mother poisoned her children and wrapped them in blankets

Maditla further detailed to the court, that she mixed rat poison into an atchar sandwich she made for her children, and also smeared it on her breast before the 11-month infant could latch on during feeding time, in December 2018.

The police discovered that all of her children had been poisoned to death, as the children were found wrapped in blankets, with no sign of assault that would have suggested a different cause of death.

...Maditla's family has forgiven her

Maditla's uncle, Kevin Balance, mentioned that the family received a letter from Maditla recently, stating that she misses her children and regrets what she has done.

"She is trying to cope in this situation and she's very sorry for what she did because she has even written a letter asking for our forgiveness in the family; and as a family, we forgave her a long time ago."

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Margareth Khetsiwe Khumalo nee Sibandze



Funeral: 21/08/2019
Vigil: 20/08/2019
Place: Mshingishini

Friends and relatives of Margareth Khetsiwe Khumalo nee Sibandze are notified of her demise. Funeral on Saturday 21 September 2019 at her marital home (Mshingishini) after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by Sibandze Family.

Sarah Nonkani Maziya



Funeral: 21/08/2019
Vigil: 20/08/2019
Place: kaZandondo

Relatives and friends of Sarah Nonkani Maziya are notified of her passing. She will be laid to rest on the 21st of September at her marital place in Ndlovokolwako (kaZandondo). There will be a memorial service at Holy Cross Anglican Church at 3.00p.m. Funeral service will start at 05.00a.m. and there will be no night vigil. Announcement by family.

Timothy Mbhekwa Kunene (Mafutha)



Funeral: 21/08/2019
Vigil: 20/08/2019
Place: Phonjwane

Friends and relatives of Timothy Mbhekwa Kunene (Mafutha) are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest at his home Phonjwane (Makhundlu) on Saturday 21 September after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by family.

Lomagugu Dlamini nee Ndzinisa



Funeral: 22/08/2019
Vigil: 21/08/2019
Place: Mabhunwini

Relatives and friends of Lomagugu Dlamini nee Ndzinisa are notified of her demise. Funeral at her marital home eluve Mabhunwini. Night vigil on Saturday 21 September 2019. Funeral on Sunday 22 September 2019. Announcement by her in laws baka Ngungwini.

Wilson Gubudela Nkambule



Funeral: 22/08/2019
Vigil: 21/08/2019
Place: kaDeda

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Wilson Gubudela Nkambule lobekadze asebenta eRevenue kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakubo eNcabaneni nebaka Longchanga eKukhulumeni nebe khakhakhe kaMavimbela eMlembe nebaka Kunene eHlane. Kwatiswa nebelibandla lakhe ema St Josephs phansi kwa ACH Bishop Gama kutsi bete batochuba umsebeni. Kulindzelwa nge Mgcibelo mhlaka 21/09/2019 aphiwe ngeLisontfo mhlaka 22/09/2019 ekuseni. Inkondzo yemgcwabo icala Mankayane kaDeda. Simemetelo sikhishwa batfwabakhe egameni lemndeni.

Bellinah Londali Ngcamphalala (laGamedze)



Funeral: 22/08/2019
Vigil: 21/08/2019
Place: kuMadlenya

Kwatiswa tihlobo ta Bellinah Londali Ngcamphalala (laGamedze) kuMadlenya eSiphofaneni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Ngcamphalala nebakubo laGamedze. Ufihiwa ngelisontfo 22 September kakhe kuMadlenya emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

May the gates of heaven open up to reveal strength and comfort in your times of trial and sorrow God will comfort you.



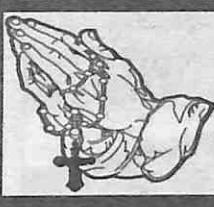
JOB 13:15

Though He slay me, yet will I hope in him: I will surely defend my ways to his face.

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LONDON - Sevilla, the most successful team in Europe's second-tier competition, opened with a 3-0 victory at Qarabag while Kevin Bua struck twice to lead Basel to a 5-0 win over Krasnodar in Group C.

Meanwhile, in a major upset, competition newcomer Wolfsberger routed Borussia Monchengladbach 4-0 away in Group J.

Javier Hernandez broke the deadlock in Baku for Sevilla in the 62nd minute with a curling free kick for Sevilla, the Europa League winners in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Forward Munir El Haddadi and Oliver Torres added one apiece.

In the highest-scoring game of the night, Luxembourg's Dudelange upset host APOEL Nicosia 4-3 in Group A.

Standard Liege started with a 2-0 win over Vitoria in Group F, while Slovan

Sevilla and Roma get their campaigns off to a good start



Bratislava defeated Besiktas 4-2 in a Group K.

In Group E, Romanian champion Cluj came from a goal down to

beat Lazio 2-1. Ciprian Deac equalized against the run of play from the spot after defender Bastos gave Italy's cup winner the lead, before

Billal Omrani scored the winner.

In Group B, Danish champion Copenhagen earned a 1-0 win over Lugano, while Dynamo Kyiv beat

Malmö at home by the same score. PSV Eindhoven edged past Sporting Lisbon 3-2 in Group D while newcomer LASK Linz won 1-0 against Rosenborg.

Francisco Soares' first-half goals lifted 2011 Europa League champion Porto to a 2-1 victory over Young Boys in Group G. Rangers, managed by Steven Gerrard, won 1-0 over Feyenoord, a Dutch side where another former star, Jaap Stam, is in charge.

Also, Roma eased past Istanbul Basaksehir 4-0 in Group J.

In Group H, Ludogorets demolished CSKA Moscow 5-1, and Espanyol drew 1-1 with Hungary's Ferencváros in a game of two teams making their Europa League debut.

Daily Mail

MADRID WOULD HAVE TO FORK OUT £70M TO SACK ZINEDINE ZIDANE

MADRID - It would cost Real Madrid £70 million to sack under-pressure boss Zinedine Zidane after their troubled start to the season.

The Frenchman returned to the dugout at the Bernabeu in March, but struggled to get his team firing again as the campaign fizzled out.

He has now been beset by the same problems this term, with Wednesday's 3-0 defeat by Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League highlighting a disjointed team.

Those in charge at Real have never been afraid of pulling the trigger on any manager, but it is thought that the financial implications of getting rid of Zidane could make them think twice on this occasion.

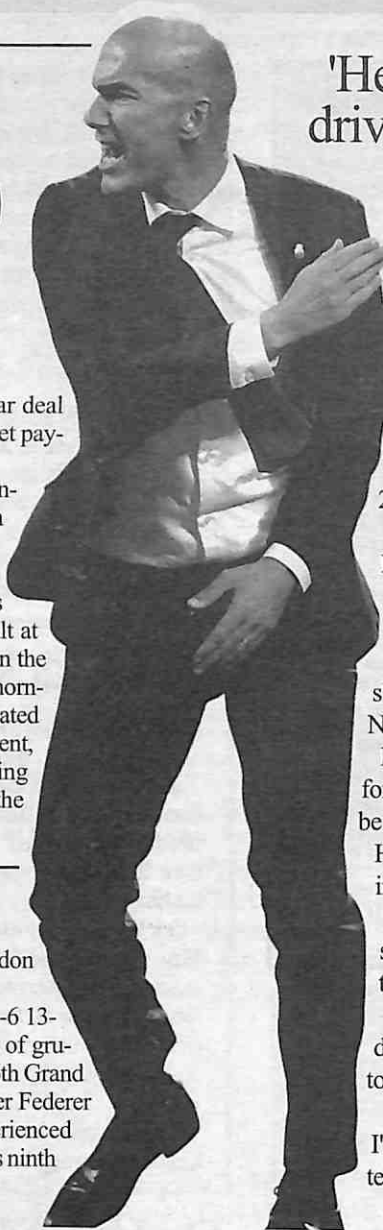
According to Sport, It would set back the Spanish giants a whopping £70m just to get rid of the former

World Cup winner.

Zidane signed a three-and-a-half year deal back in March that would earn him a net payment of £11.5 million each season.

With three years remaining on the contract, the payout would be in the region of £35m, a figure that would come at a gross payment of £70m (£80m) to Real.

The defeat in Paris on Wednesday has been labelled Zidane's worst ever result at Real Madrid boss, and the focus was on the former Galactico yet again on Friday morning. In the Spanish press, Marca dedicated their front page to his current predicament, using a picture of the Real boss looking deflated, along with the headline 'In the Spotlight'. *Daily Mail*



'He is one of the most talented drivers I have competed against'

LONDON - Lewis Hamilton has saluted his brave friend Robert Kubica, who has announced his F1 racing career will end in December.

Kubica, 34, returned to the grid this season, eight years after a rally accident in Italy cost him the use of his right arm. He had to retrain himself to do day-to-day tasks - such as shaving and writing - with his left hand.

Despite his extraordinary fortitude, the Pole has struggled to rediscover his old form in an under-performing Williams. He did, however, claim the team's only point of 2019 with 10th place in Germany.

Hamilton, who first encountered Kubica when they were karting prodigies in the late Nineties, said: 'Robert is one of the most talented drivers I have competed against. I saw that all those years ago.'

'What is remarkable is the strength and determination he showed to come back through the circumstances he faced. Not many people could do that.'

Kubica has so far competed in 90 grands prix, winning once, for BMW Sauber in Canada 11 years ago. His last race will be in Abu Dhabi on December 1.

He could then take on a simulator role within F1, possibly in conjunction with a race seat in another series.

Speaking ahead of Sunday's Singapore Grand Prix, Kubica said: 'I thank the team but this season has been hard. I want to find the joy of racing again.'

Meanwhile, the haze that has polluted Singapore in recent days relented somewhat on Wednesday, going from 'unhealthy' to 'moderate'.

Hamilton said: 'I have been told not to go running outside. I'm not sure how it will affect the race. I will speak to the team.' *Daily Mail*

Federer reveals he cried after Djokovic defeat

LONDON - Roger Federer has revealed he cried after somehow spurning two championship points in this year's Wimbledon final against a resilient Novak Djokovic, who never knows when to lie down.

Sports fans did not know where to turn on July 14 with the England cricket team also in the midst of their nail biting World Cup final with New Zealand at Lord's.

But on centre court, the two tennis greats served up

a classic and the longest final in Wimbledon singles history.

Djokovic won 7-6 (7-5) 1-6 7-6 (7-4) 4-6 13-12 (7-3) after four hours and 57 minutes of gruelling action as the Serbian secured his 16th Grand Slam. Two months after the defeat, Roger Federer has opened up on the emotions he experienced after being within touching distance of his ninth Wimbledon title. *Daily Mail*

Fight Mayweather or retire, Arum tells Pacquiao

MANILA - Pacquiao, who won a bruising 12-round battle with Keith Thurman to capture the WBA welterweight crown in July, has not scheduled his next fight.

Veteran boxing promoter Bob Arum believes Manny Pacquiao should retire from the sport soon unless he can land a lucrative rematch with Floyd Mayweather.

Arum, who promoted Pacquiao during the Filipino icon's golden years, told the World Boxing News web-

site he wanted to see the 40-year-old hang up his gloves soon.

Pacquiao, who won a bruising 12-round battle with Keith Thurman to capture the WBA welterweight crown in July, has not scheduled his next fight.

But Arum said he believed Pacquiao, who turns 41 in December, would be risking lasting damage if he extends his career much further.

"Pacquiao, I promoted him for many, many years," Arum told World Boxing News.

"He's an exceptionally good human being, really a fine guy, extraordinarily charitable and a delight.

"But he's (almost) 41-years-old. And

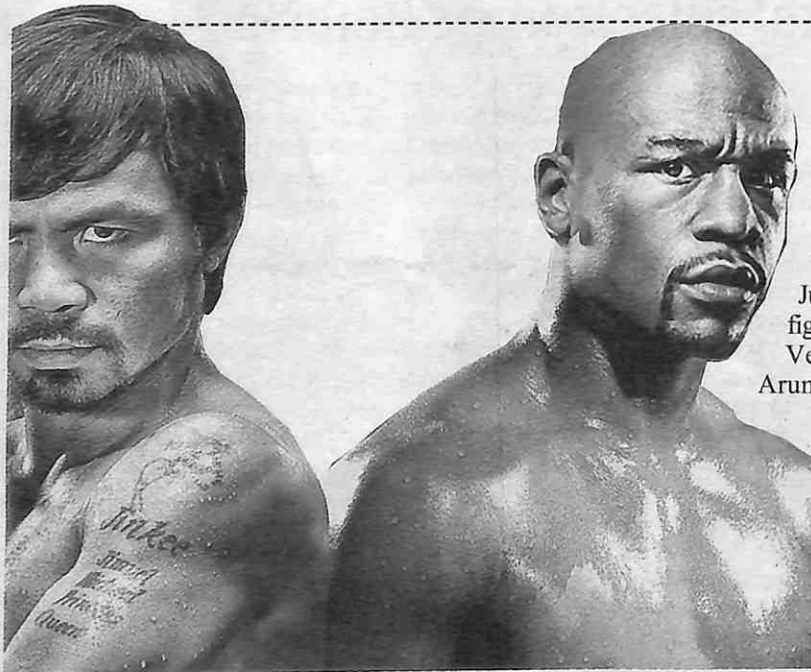
if you're 41 you can't take punishment. You can't take blows like he did in the Thurman fight.

"Sure, he won that fight - but he took a lot of punishment. That punishment is going to have a serious effect on how he lives the rest of his life."

Arum, who earlier this year said he feared Pacquiao risked brain damage before his fight with Thurman, said however the Filipino should consider a rematch with Mayweather.

Mayweather, who is now retired, defeated Pacquiao in their 2015 "Fight of the Century" which largely failed to live up to the hype.

AFP



RUGBY WORLD CUP FIXTURES

Saturday, 21 September 2019

Australia v Fiji 6:45
France v Argentina 9:15
N. Zealand v South Africa 11:45

Sunday, 22 September 2019

Italy v Namibia 7:15
Ireland v Scotland 9:45
England v Tonga 12:15

Monday, 23 September 2019

Wales v Georgia 12:15

Tuesday, 24 September 2019

Russia v Samoa 12:15

Wednesday, 25 September 2019

Fiji v Uruguay 7:15

Thursday, 26 September 2019

Italy v Canada 9:45
England v USA 12:45

Saturday, 28 September 2019

Argentina v Tonga 6:45
Japan v Ireland 9:15
South Africa v Namibia 11:45

Sunday, 29 September 2019

Georgia v Uruguay 7:15
Australia v Wales 9:45

Monday, 30 September 2019

Scotland v Samoa 12:15

Wednesday, 2 October 2019

France v USA 9:45
New Zealand v Canada 12:15

Thursday, 3 October 2019

Georgia v Fiji 7:15
Ireland v Russia 12:15

Friday, 4 October 2019

South Africa v Italy 11:45

Saturday, 5 October 2019

Australia v Uruguay 7:15
England v Argentina 10:00
Japan v Samoa 12:30

Sunday, 6 October 2019

New Zealand v Namibia 6:45

France v Tonga 9:45

Tuesday, 8 October 2019

South Africa v Canada 12:15

Wednesday, 9 October 2019

Argentina v USA 6:45
Scotland v Russia 9:15
Wales v Fiji 11:45

Friday, 11 October 2019

Australia v Georgia 12:15

Saturday, 12 October 2019

New Zealand v Italy 6:45
England v France 10:15
Ireland v Samoa 12:45

Sunday, 13 October 2019

Namibia v Canada 5:15
USA v Tonga 7:45
Wales v Uruguay 10:15
Japan v Scotland 12:45MATSUSHIMA HAT-TRICK
LIGHTS UP WORLD CUP OPENER

TOKYO - Rugby's first World Cup in Asia kicked off in spectacular style Friday as a South African-born winger Kotaro Matsushima scored the first hat-trick of the tournament to help the hosts Japan down Russia in the opening game 30-10 in Tokyo.

Matsushima could have had four tries, having had one disallowed as he lost the ball going over the line, but provided plenty of fireworks as he gave the local fans a lot to celebrate as the World Cup kicked off in earnest.

And it was another South African in Lappies Labuschagne, the former Cheetahs and Bulls flanker, who scored Japan's only other try to cap a nervous start, and turn it into a solid win for the host nation.

The hosts were jittery when they started the game and were down early thanks to a poor mistake from an up and under kick, but recovered well and dominated all aspects of the game to win comfortably in the end.

It was quite the shock when Lomano Lemeki dropped the up and under with only four minutes on the clock, providing the perfect opportunity for his opposite number Kiril Golosnitskiy to pounce on the ball, break a half-hearted tackle and run through to score the opening try of the 2019 Rugby World Cup.

But Japan may have looked rattled, but they settled down pretty easily afterwards, although their dominance in both possession and territory didn't always translate into points.

It was in the 11th minute



THREE: Kotaro Matsushima scored this World Cup's first hat-trick in Japan's win over Russia. (Daily Mail)

that Matsushima finally got the ball in space, and the former Sharks Academy winger didn't make any mistake as he ran the ball in at the corner. While fly-half Yu Tsurumaru didn't convert, it felt quite apt that it would only be a matter of time before Japan took the lead.

It was just after the half-hour mark that Matsushima went over with the defence trying to drag him over the sideline, and while it seemed he had planted the ball over the line, replays and a TMO decision decided that he had lost control of the ball in the process and the try wasn't allowed.

But just four minutes later, and just before the halftime break, Matsushima received a back-hand pass again from Timothy Lafaele to run in

untouched in the same corner and put his side 12-7 ahead at the break.

The second half was a lot more scrappy and Russia slowed down play a lot to try and keep up with the Japanese, but a penalty by Tsurumaru extended the lead before Labuschagne ripped the ball clear and stormed down the flank to score a try that would settle the result.

Russia had missed 46 tackles in the process, highlighting the difference between the two contrasting styles of play, and ultimately handing the Japanese the advantage they needed to seal the game.

SCORERS

Japan - tries: Kotaro Matsushima (3), Lappies Labuschagne. Conversions: Yu Tsurumaru (2). Penalties: Tsurumaru (2).

Russia - tries: Kiril Golosnitskiy. Conversion: Yuri Kushnarev. Penalty: Kushnarev. *SuperSport*

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All Blacks coach fires back at Springbok counterpart

TOKYO - All Blacks coach Steve Hansen pushed back his Springbok counterpart's assertion that his team had habitually benefited from referees' leniency during their long stint at the top of the world rankings.

On Wednesday Bok coach Rassie Erasmus spoke of the latitude referees extend teams who have enjoyed prolonged periods of dominance at the top of the world order with the All Blacks, and to a lesser degree the Boks, benefiting.

Erasmus raised the temperature in the verbal sparring before their Rugby

World Cup (RWC) opener on Saturday suggesting 50/50 decisions tended to go with the dominant side on the rankings. Hansen was having none of it.

"It is pretty obvious what they are trying to do," said the All Blacks coach.

"While I've got great respect for Rassie I can see he is trying to put pressure on the referee externally.

"They are under enough pressure already. They don't need us coaches doing what he is doing."

France's Jérôme Garcès will take charge of the RWC's most eagerly anticipated pool match.

"It doesn't matter who is the ref. You

can always find things after a game that they didn't do and get emotional about that. They pick on you and not the opposition. We've done that ourselves.

"At the end of the day they do the best they can do. And 'yes' they don't get it right all the time. It's a big game and we want the referee to just get on with it," said Hansen.

His team selection raised a few eyebrows with no place for centre Sonny Bill Williams or wing Rieko Ioane.

"Every time an All Blacks team is named people are excited that they're in it and disappointed when they're not." *APF*

Boks, All Blacks' selection policies go on trial

TOKYO - Test matches between South Africa and New Zealand are often billed as a clash of cultures but in Saturday's Rugby World Cup (RWC) Pool B opener their respective selection policies will also go on trial.

New Zealand have fastidiously held on to the belief that players who opt to ply their trade abroad should no longer be considered to play for the All Blacks.

So when players cross the Tasman Sea they effectively draw a line in the sand with their backs facing the black jersey.

The Springboks have grappled with the foreign player selection issue and have applied different rules.

Before Rassie Erasmus took over the Bok job only players who have 30-caps or more who campaign abroad would be considered for future Test selection.

Erasmus urged SA Rugby to waive that

stipulation which meant he would have access to a wider pool of Test experience and source players whose value isn't linked to their number of caps, but rather their devotion to the Bok cause.

"We lose a lot of IP, or experienced players in their prime (to overseas clubs)," said Erasmus when asked about the value of overseas based talent.

"We have wonderful talent in South Africa but they seem to lack big match temperament and knowledge and experience in vital situations.

"We just felt when we spoke to our decision makers and leadership to just get us back on track to scrap the 30-Test rule to get us from number six in the world and we were despondent hitting rock bottom losing to Japan and other teams in our opinion.

"We needed (overseas) players in the

team just to rebuild faith and supporters back and get some aura back into the Springbok team.

"The challenge was not to get guys who want to play for South Africa as a ego thing or the money in the game. We did an around the world trip to find out who has the burning desire to really play for the badge still.

"We made sure to select those guys because there are a lot of guys playing overseas just for the money.

"There are players who want to play for the badge still, and that is the big difference. The guys who are here are losing money at their clubs overseas.

"They have sacrificed financially by playing for the Springboks. That is the kind of guy we want in our set-up," said Erasmus.

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- Banks will maintain their lending rates on loans dispersed to individuals and business until the next monetary policy meeting.
- Overall, inflation remains low indicating that the growth rate of the cost of goods and services is slow.



WHAT TO EXPECT

- The Bank holds the view that the cost of goods and services will continue to increase at a slower pace.



ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

- Economic activity (GDP) increased by **4.2%** on a year-on-year basis (seasonally adjusted) in the first quarter of 2019. The main contributing sectors were manufacturing, wholesale and retail as well as agriculture and forestry.



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MONETARY POLICY STATEMENT

21 SEPTEMBER 2019

On the 20th of September 2019, the Central Bank of Eswatini (Bank), together with the Monetary Policy Consultative Committee (MPCC) held a meeting to consider the appropriate monetary policy stance for the upcoming two months. The Bank decided to maintain the discount rate at 6.5 per cent after considering global, regional and domestic economic developments.

The global economy is estimated to have grown by 3.6 per cent in 2018 and the forecast for 2019 has been revised down to 3.2 per cent (from 3.3 per cent). The Bank has also observed heightening uncertainty arising from trade tensions, geopolitical developments and declining business confidence which continue to pose downside risks to the global growth outlook. Inflation in advanced economies remains stable and below target, and global monetary policy remains largely accommodative with the US having effected cuts in both its July and September 2019 meetings.

In South Africa, the economy grew by an annualised 3.1 per cent in the second quarter of 2019 following a contraction of the same magnitude in the previous quarter. GDP growth forecast remains unchanged at 0.6 per cent in 2019 while the forecast for 2020 and 2021 decreased to 1.5 per cent and 1.8 per cent from 1.8 per cent and 2.0 per cent forecasted in July, respectively. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) maintained its benchmark repo rate at 6.5 per cent on 19 September 2019.

On the domestic front, revised figures indicate that the economy grew by 2.4 per cent in 2018 from 2 per cent in 2017. On a quarterly basis, real GDP growth marginally increased by 0.9 per cent (quarter-on-quarter) in the first quarter of 2019 from a 7.2 per cent growth recorded in the fourth quarter of 2018. The notable increase on a year-on-year basis largely benefitted from improvements in the secondary sector which expanded by 6.9 per cent (year-on-year) in the first quarter of 2019 compared to 3.8 per cent in the previous quarter. The primary sector increased at a slower rate of 5.6 per cent (year-on-year), while the tertiary sector recorded a growth of 4.1 per cent in the same period.

The year-on-year headline inflation rate increased from 1.7 per cent in July 2019 to 2.0 per cent in August 2019. The increase in August 2019 was mainly due to an increase in prices for 'Education', 'Clothing and Footwear', and 'Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance'. The freeze on utility tariffs continues to dampen the country's inflation as seen in the low inflation rate observed in the past few months. The Bank's quarterly inflation is forecasted to average 1.96 per cent in the third quarter (down from 2.17 per cent) before increasing to 2.04 per cent in the fourth quarter (down from 2.33 per cent). The average inflation forecast for 2019 has therefore been revised down from 2.87 per cent to 2.71 per cent.

Private Sector Credit declined by 3.0 per cent (month-on-month) in July 2019 from a 2.3 per cent growth in June 2019. The fall in credit was noticeable in credit to Other Sectors (Local Government, Parastatals and Other Financial Corporations), which contracted by 31.2 per cent over the month to reach E1.6 billion, and Households credit was 1.0 per cent lower than recorded the previous month. Credit extended to the Business Sector went up by 4.8 per cent month-on-month to E7.2 billion in July 2019. Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) declined from E1.1 billion (9.2 per cent) in June 2019 to reach E1.0 billion (8.5 per cent) in July 2019. The country's stock of reserves stood at E6.1 billion as at 13 September 2019, equivalent to 2.7 months of imports of goods and services.

The Bank will continue to monitor international and domestic developments that influence the movements of inflation and will act appropriately in line with its core mandate of fostering price and financial stability that is conducive to the economic development in Eswatini.

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EPL BOSS INVITES BIN LADEN MONEY

LONDON - New Sheffield United owner Prince Abdullah says he would have no issues with the Bin Laden family investing in the Premier League club.

Abdullah recently won an acrimonious high court battle to gain full control of the newly promoted side and has since installed 26-year-old son-in-law Prince Musaad as the new chairman.

And after being presented to the media, the 54-year-old, who is worth a reported \$23bn (R340bn), responded to suggestions that he will seek investment from Bin Laden Construction.

Despite the company being one of the most successful in its field throughout the Middle East, the reputation of extremist relative Osama Bin Laden, who has since passed on, has brought questions marks around the idea within British media.

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While the surname is synonymous with the late al-Qaida terrorist, who was said to have ordered the '9-11' attack on the New York Twin Towers in 2001, Prince Abdullah claims it should not give the rest of the family a 'bad name'.

"I get offended when the Bin Laden family is given a bad name," he said, as

per The Guardian. "Every family may have one bad person, one black sheep, but they are very respectable.

"I have not done business with them in the past but I will be very happy to do business with them," Prince Abdullah said.

"The Bin Laden family's not a disgraced name or something I should hide. They were going to buy Kevin McCabe's shares. They did due diligence but decided not to buy. I don't see it as a big deal. When I see the Bin Laden family as a dirty name I get really offended."

The Sun

'It reminds me a little of my team at Dortmund'

LONDON - Jurgen Klopp has drawn comparisons between Frank Lampard's young Chelsea side and his Bundesliga conquering Borussia Dortmund squad.

Klopp won the German title twice with Dortmund in 2011 and 2012 with a youthful side that upset powerhouse Bayern Munich. Now in charge of Liverpool, Klopp comes up against another side laced with inexperience but brimming with confidence under Lampard.

And ahead of the Reds' visit to Stamford

Bridge this weekend, Klopp insists that this potent mix make the Blues an opponent to be taken seriously.

"It's a really exciting team. It reminds me a little bit of my team at Dortmund years back," he said.

"They were really young and people always spoke about that, but they only played because they were that good.

"Chelsea brought in Pulisic in the summer, I don't know about the money but it was 50-60m? All the players around him now have the same value. Tammy Abraham

is a 60m player, Mason Mount for sure is 60m, maybe more. Hudson-Odoi was already that. Jorginho is still young, Kante looks like he could play for the next 20 years, Kovacic, Barkley, then the experienced guys around them, Pedro, Willian, Giroud.

"If there was one club in the world where a transfer ban didn't hit that bad, it was probably Chelsea because of the transfer policy in the last few years with these players on loan. High-quality players.

Daily Mail

Greenwood to sign new Man Utd contract ahead of 18th birthday

LONDON - Mason Greenwood will sign his new Manchester United

contract ahead of his 18th birthday on October 1.

The England Under-21 star will see his weekly wage rocket from just £800 to £25,000 once he signs on the dotted line.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is keen to tie the youngster down with a new deal following his promising spell of form.

It is understood that his wage will increase by £10,000-per-week every year if he continues to impress at Old Trafford.

Greenwood joined the Red Devils at the age of six, but only signed professional terms with them less than a year ago.

He has already made four Premier League appearances from the bench this season after just five games.

He is starting the Europa League clash against Astana at Old Trafford tonight.

Solskjaer has praised the 17-year-old's incredible finishing ability.

The Norwegian tactician said: "Mason's one of the best finishers I've seen and I've played with a few decent ones.

"He's still very young, Mason, but he's maturing, he's developed so much in the last six months since I came in.

"I remember the kid who just wanted to play with his mates in the Under-18s and he's knocking on the door and ready to play these games.

The Sun

NEW DEAL: Mason Greenwood

South African SOCCER

SAFA Give Update On Chiefs Coach's Bafana Role

JOHANNESBURG - Arthur Zwane may still have a role to play in the Bafana Bafana technical team setup, but that all depends on head coach Molefi Ntseki.

The former Kaizer Chiefs winger, now in charge of the club's MultiChoice Diski Challenge side, was earlier this month roped in as an assistant coach by Ntseki for the national team's friendly match against Zambia.

Although the clash never took place, including an alternative fixture that was then arranged against Madagascar, Zwane spent some time in camp with Ntseki. But SAFA CEO Russell Paul has told the Siya crew that the arrangement was only for this most recent Fifa international break and that the decision to bring Zwane back would solely rest with Bafana's newly appointed head coach.

"We have meetings planned over the next couple of days with the Bafana coach and he is still busy working on his recommendations. Arthur was just for that one match. The coach has the Afcon qualifier coming up in November and wants to make sure that his team is strong ahead of that game," Paul said.

"We can't talk to anybody until the coach comes to us. We will obviously debate, but we will keep him as happy as we can in terms of the scope of his requirements. If you sign a coach full time from a club, it depends on what's in his contract. *Soccer Laduma*

Tembo refuses to gloat over beating mentor Mosimane

PRETORIA - SuperSport United coach Kaitano Tembo had every right to gloat after he knocked Mamelodi Sundowns out of the MTN8 at the semifinal stage on Wednesday.

But he decided to be humble after he guided Matsatantse Pitori to the October 5 cup final of the competition against Highlands Park, and gave respect to Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane as the man who he has a lot of respect for.

"I have a long history with coach Pitso, he is someone I respect and know very well personally and as a coach," he said.

"He is someone who is very passionate about the game and has an admirable work ethic. It is pleasing to have been able to beat Sundowns, especially when you consider that they have been dominating us for the past years."

The former Zimbabwean international, who was Mosimane's captain as a player at SuperSport

United some years back, went on to say that he is still learning as a coach with only two years' experience. "I am just two years as a head coach and I haven't won anything. Like I said earlier, I am pleased to have beaten my mentor, but it doesn't mean anything to me.

"It probably means a lot to the club because we are trying to turn things around and be competitive against Sundowns. Local derbies are always tricky but we managed to win the match and is good for the club."

Looking back at the win, Tembo admitted that it was not easy against the former Caf Champions League champions, but said SuperSport got their tactics spot on.

"It was a difficult game, we played against a very good team and I am proud of the guys," he said. "Sundowns have quick attacking players like Ali Meza, Gaston Sirino and Thapelo Morena,



GLOAT: SuperSport coach Tembo being interviewed.

so we needed to deal with their pace. Our central defenders, Bongani Khumalo and Clayton Daniels, did very well and also our fullbacks Onismor Bhasera and Siyabonga Nhlapo were good.

The Citizen

I CAN'T AFFORD R20 000 - JOMO

LIMPOPO - Jomo Cosmos owner Jomo Sono has explained in detail why he took the decision to take the club's games to Limpopo. Cosmos have largely used stadiums such as Vosloorus and Makhulong and lately Dobsonville as their home grounds.

Sono says there are different factors that are

forcing them out of Gauteng, including a shortage of venues.

"We don't have a place to play so what can we do? Grounds are expensive in Johannesburg," Sono tells KickOff.com. "No, they are expensive, yoh, yoh, yoh! They want over R20 000 for playing one game, and remember some of us don't have a crowd manje [now] eish! It's expensive, too expensive. "In Tembisa we can't play there because it's Highlands Park's ground. As for the other venues they are saying they don't have grading certificates. They have no certificates.

"As for Dobsonville Stadium thina asinamali [we don't have money], where are we going to get that kind of money for every game?"

Sono was asked how he came to choose Giyani Stadium, which is almost 500 kilometres away from Johannesburg, over some neighbouring provinces like Mpumalanga, which is only over 130 kilometres away. *Kick Off*

CAN'T AFFORD: Jomo Cosmos owner Jomo Sono..

'It's a good thing we felt defeat'

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs' team captain, Bernard Parker explained the positives behind the team's first loss of the season at the hands of Polokwane City.

Chiefs suffered a 1-0 loss to Polokwane at the FNB Stadium at the weekend, but will need to put it behind them when they travel to KwaZulu Natal to face AmaZulu FC.

"Looking at our last game, we played well but the result did not go our way. It's a good thing that we know why we did not get the result we wanted. Now as we prepare for the game against AmaZulu, we know the dos and the don'ts, what works for us and what does not work for us," Parker said on Chiefs' official website. "It's a good thing we had that test and the defeat to Polokwane was a test of character. We have shown character in two of our games where came back from behind and won those games. *Soccer Laduma*

CYCLING UPDATES

By Mbusi Motsa
(Guest writer)

SIMUNYE THREE RESERVES IS HERE

As you read this article the much awaited Swazi Three Reserves will be in progress.

This is one race that is well established and well attended.

I did mention in my last article that this is the most friendly MTB race locally. It is likely though to elude the locals owing to its flat terrain.

I have noticed that our competitive MTB cyclists are handicap when it comes to riding on flat courses and I attribute this to cadence training deficiency. They all seem to be focused on climbing. All I can say is 'good luck and safe ride'.

THE VUELTA ESPANA IS FINALLY HERE

Congratulations to 20-year-old Slovenian all-rounder Tadej Pogacar of UAE Team Emirates.

It is exciting when youngsters win such tours ahead of the more experienced riders.

As a matter of fact, we are one week away from the legendary MTN Khemani race which returns to Mankayane.

This means that climbing will be the order of the day.

I did sample the 60km race a week ago and it felt like the very first time. Those hills are not friendly at all.

If you have not trained you will surely suffer and even regret why you entered.

This brings me to the topic of the day. I will talk about the mistakes we do when climbing and how to make hill climbing easier.

ATTACKING THE HILL

This is one thing that I always discourage to my new trainees.

Your heart rate will rocket and you will hyperventilating and quickly blow out.

USING HIGH GEARS

This is a formula for failure. The most efficient way for climbing a hill is to be seated and you select a soft and comfortable gear and spin.

By doing so, you will save some

energy and you can use it on the next hill. The trick is to engage soft gears at the base of the hill that will allow you to spin at about 80 revolutions per minute RPM

UNDER OR NO FUELING

Cycling is one sport where food plays a huge role. When you are hungry or dehydrated you will either struggle to climb a hill or you will fail. Make sure you have eaten before ride and you are drinking every 15 minutes and snacking every hour.

NOT DOING HILL TRAINING

Cycling is about practice. There is nothing you will be able to do on race day if you have not been doing it during practice. For you to enjoy climbing select a hill in your neighbourhood and ride it repeatedly at least once a week. Smile when you see a hill and say here is my chance to leave them.

IMPROPER BREATHING

When climbing you use more oxy-

gen so try and control your breathing by pulling in a big gulp of air and exhale slowly. This also must be practised during training.

CLIMBING STANDING OR SEATED

This is one topic that I like.

In most cases, we see the pros climbing standing on TV and I must say that it looks nice, especially when it is prolonged. Why stand? When we rise on the climbs we are using our body weight to power the pedals to gain advantage over your seated competitor. Secondly you could be resting your butt so that you don't become numb or you are resting your muscles. The disadvantage being that you use up more energy and more oxygen when standing and worse if have a huge weight. You have to practice for it and master it or else don't even try it. You won't even finish the hill if you will start doing it on race day.

CYCLING PHILOSOPHIES

Lastly, all cyclists have different physiological abilities. That's why there are sprinters, climbers, puncheurs and all-rounders.

If you look at Muzi Shabangu he is lean and tall and those are properties of a climber.

Now take Calvin Louw, he is shorter, muscular and stocky.

I would say he is more of a sprinter. Now imagine if the two hit a long hill together during a race.

The climber has an advantage over the sprinter just like the climber is disadvantaged on the flats against the sprinter.

That is why Muzi managed to beat Calvin at one Siteki Race a few years ago.

He won the race on the long hill that leads to Mlindazwe army checkpoint before rolling all the way to the finish at Magadzavane Lodge.



IT'S ON: Local and international riders will today part in the Simunye three reserves race.

MTN Premier League 2019/20

PREVIEWS

Tambuti aiming for Black Swallows scalp in MTN League

By Melusi Mlotso

Tambuti FC vs Pigg's Peak Black Swallows
(3:30 pm, Mayaluka Stadium)

SOCCER - After shocking defending champions Green Mamba last week Friday, Tambuti will be aiming to record another win when they host hard-fighting Pigg's Peak Black Swallows at Mayaluka Stadium today.

Against Green Mamba, the sugar belt side looked like a well-oiled machine.

There was cohesion in the team as they displayed a gallant showing throughout the night, where they eventually produced an upset at the expense of the defending champions.

Undoubtedly, Terisayi Changara's

men are on the right track as they are perched on sixth position with five points.

In this match, they will be all out for a win as they will be enjoying home ground advantage. It is also a well-documented fact that the Lubombo based side is a hard nut to crack at the Mayaluka Stadium.

In the absence of team captain Muntu Mamba due to a muscle pull, coach Changara will once again rely on the experience of Mcebo 'Kitaza' Mdluli to do the damage.

Points

The former Green Mamba player, Mdluli proved that he still has what it takes in football when he broke the hearts of his former employers with the decisive strike that gave them maximum points during the previous outing.

Alou Badara's men will be also hav-

ing a torrid time when dealing with Nigerian bulky forward, Ugochukwu Ohakwe, who will be leading the front-line of the home team.

Democratic Republic of Congo midfielder Reagan Kangumbu who also had a good game against Green Mamba will be calling the shots at the middle of the park and ensure that he cuts down the Pigg's Peak Black Swallows supply. The return of left-back Ishmael Zwane from injury is a major boost for the team. However, the sugar belt side will be having a difficult time to outsmart Black Swallows, a team that has already made their presence felt in the Premier League. In the last outings, the black and white outfit held Manzini Wanderers before thrashing Denver Sundowns 1-0 last weekend.

In today's encounter, it will be Alou Badara against his former employers in this encounter. The Mali-born coach

TAMBUTI FC

Head coach
Terisayi Changara
Key Players
Mcebo 'Kitaza' Mdluli, Ishmael Zwane, Ugo, Roy Mamba, Reagan Kangumbu
Match Winner
Mcebo 'Kitaza' Mdluli

PP BLACK SWALLOWS

Caretaker Coach: Alou Badara
Key Players: Fakazi Dlamini, Mbuso Mabuza, Siyabonga Mdluli, Friday Lukhele
Match Winner: Mbuso Mabuza

LOG

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	4	4	0	0	12	1	11	12
Royal Leopard	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
Mb. Highlanders	4	2	2	0	4	2	2	8
Black Swallows	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
Moneni Pirates	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
Tambuti	4	1	2	1	5	9	-4	5
Manzini Wanderers	4	1	2	1	6	8	-2	5
Mhl. Peacemakers	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
Green Mamba	4	1	1	2	5	4	1	4
Young Buffaloes	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Malanti Chiefs	4	1	0	3	2	6	-4	3
Sea Birds	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
Denver Sundowns	4	0	1	3	2	8	-6	1

knows Tambuti like the back of his hand. It remains to be seen if the coach plot the downfall of the sugar belt side.

Former Sihlangu and Green Mamba captain, Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli will be a key figure in this match. The central defender is commander of the Black Swallows troops and his reading of the game is perfect.

Midfield-cum striker Mbuso Mabuza will cause havoc to the opposition defence with his darting runs in the absence of his brother Allen.

It is yet to be seen Black Swallows will be able to emulate their excellent home form on an away territory, the Mayaluka Stadium.



WALK THE TALK: United Nations Staff member, World Health Organisation members and Eswatini National Sports and Recreation Council officials doing aerobics during the 'walk the talk' held at the UN head offices in Mbabane yesterday. (courtesy pics)

WHO HOSTS 'WALK THE TALK WALK' AT MBABANE

By Collisile Socolo

SPORTS-The World Health Organisation (WHO) Eswatini, led the United Nations Eswatini and partners such as URC in celebrating the "Walk the Talk: The Health for All Challenge" yesterday morning.

The "Walk the Talk: The Health for All Challenge" Walk is a global initiative, led by WHO global to promote and encourage people around the world to do physical activity.

WHO global with partners and delegates of the UN General assembly, will stage the "Walk the Talk: The Health for All Challenge" in New York on Sunday September 22, 2019 a day before the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High-level Meeting on universal health coverage.

The event brings together partners and the public to promote healthy lifestyles and highlight the need for access to health for all people around the world.

The events held to date have combined, attracted tens of thousands of participants, including heads of state, world champion athletes, Nobel Peace Prize winners, government delegations, health organisations and the general public. WHO is using New York edi-



TAKING A BREATH: The participants taking a water break during the session.

tion of the event to send a powerful call on the importance of promoting "health for all" and provide a positive and healthy kick-off to the United Nations General Assembly meeting on Universal Health Coverage.

It will provide a call to action to strengthen capacities and systems in all countries to deliver the wide range of health services needed to ensure all

people receive the health care and protection needed.

In celebrating the event, WHO Eswatini partnered with the Eswatini National Sports Council under the Shukuma initiative, which is aimed at promoting physical activity among the people of Eswatini at grassroot and The Gladiators Gym Club to conduct a march, followed by aerobics and yoga session



COMPOSURE: WHO Representative Dr Cornelia Atsyor and Eswatini National Sports Council Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze doing aerobics.



IN ACTION: The UN Resident Coordinator Nathalie Ndongo-Seh doing exercise.

for the UN staff at the UN Building car park.

Represented by Zama Tsabedze, the Eswatini National Sports Council gave a motivational talk to encourage people to be physically active while The Gladiators led the exercising session.

The event started with a march across Mbabane City, where the UN staff and partners carried placards flagging messages promoting physical activity.

Speaking during the event, WHO Representative Dr Cornelia Atsyor said physical exercise prevents the onset of diseases, particularly Non-Communicable Diseases and also

promotes mental health and good sleep.

She encouraged people to do some form of physical activity each day (at least 30 minutes physical activity per day, which allows you to sweat and have a higher/faster heart rate).

Dr Atsyor further thanked the UN staff for joining the movement.

The UN Resident Coordinator Nathalie Ndongo-She encouraged staff to use the stairs instead of the elevator. She noted that the UN staff was made up of young people, and encouraged them to keep healthy by doing exercise.



FULL STRETCH: The participants flexing their muscles.



A BUSY DAY: The participants in full swing during the aerobics session.



FIFA REFEREE INSTRUCTOR COURSE



FIRST GROUP: Dignitaries and the first ever participants of the FIFA Referee Instructor course, hold up their certificates at the end of the course at Thokoza House in Mbabane yesterday. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



STRESSING A POINT: Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Frederick Mngomezulu addressing the gathering.



WE ARE GRATEFUL: Participants representative Ernest Dlamini making his remarks.



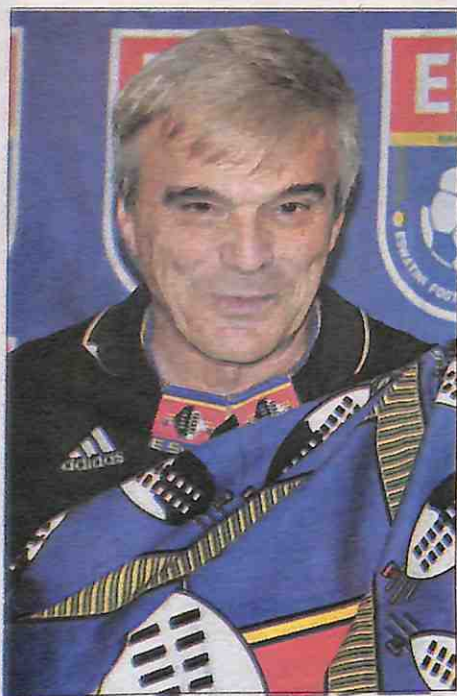
WELL DONE: Referee's Manager Sifiso Zondi also gets a token of appreciation.



GIFT: FIFA Instructor Carlos Henriques receives a gift from referees chairman Thulani Mavuso.



REMARKS: EFA Vice President Comfort Shongwe also had a few words to share.



WORDS OF WISDOM: FIFA Instructor Carlos Henriques making his submissions during the closing.



ONLY ONE: Prominent referee Letticia Viana was the only woman participant.



ALL SMILES: Ezrome Dlamini and EFA Vice President gesture as he receives his certificate.



PRIDE: Referee Instructor Dumisani Hadebe receiving his certificate. (Far right) EFA Vice President Comfort Shongwe was handed a present from FIFA by Instructor Carlos Henriques.



MAXWELL JELE OFF TO PORTUGAL FOR ITF AGM

By Sibusiso Dlamini

The Eswatini National Tennis Association (ENTA) President Maxwell Jele will be off to Lisbon, Portugal on Monday, to attend the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Annual General Meeting (AGM).

This was revealed by the ENTA association through the President, himself who sent a press brief yesterday. Jele further revealed what the AGM will comprise, also mentioning that it will be combined with a conference, as well as the elec-

tions.

"The ENTA President will be off to attend the ITF AGM in Lisbon, Portugal from the 24-27 September 2019. This is an AGM that will be joint with a conference where we will be deliberating on current tennis development matters.

Worth noting once again is that, this is an election year, hence we will be electing a

new Board, and I as the President of ITF will also be participating in the election," he said.

Jele will converge at the Epic Sana Hotel in Lisbon over 200 participants, mainly association presidents and ITF staff from all over the globe.

"I will also be using this opportunity to extend the Association's gratitude for the National Tennis Centre project, which was largely financed by the ITF," concluded Jele.

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ENTA President Maxwell Jele

Top Four Copa teams to receive new kits

By Jongile Xuba

SOCCER - The top four teams in the Copa Coca Cola Schools Soccer tournament will receive additional new kits in addition to the ones they received during the finals.

This was confirmed by Eswatini Schools Sports Association (ESSA) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini. These teams are Elangeni High who were crowned champions, Mkhondvo High who were runners-up, Duze High who finished third and Ngwane Central High who finished in fourth.

Mavikane said after the completion of the finals that were played last week Friday, team would be receiving their prizes during a presentation yet to be confirmed. He thanked all the participants particularly the sponsors.

"Once again we were able to successfully hold another edition of the Copa

Coca Cola tournament. This was the 11th edition and we thank Coca Cola for being with us for this long. We would also like to thank all the teams for violent free games as well," he said.

Dlamini applauded the level of competition shown by the teams this year and confirmed that the competition was the event on the school's sports calendar.

"We watched some great games this year and urge all the players to keep working hard. We have no more events on the calendar and will be focusing on third term exams and wish all the pupils the best of luck," he said. He added that the sports teachers and team captains would be required to represent the teams during the presentation.



NIKHONA?: Eswatini Schools Sports Association (ESSA) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini addressing the crowd during Copa Coca Cola finals held at Somhlolo National Stadium last week Friday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

MPC face Mankayane

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

PPOOL - Manzini Pool Club (MPC) will be hoping to redeem themselves when they face Mankayane Pool Club today in the Manzini Pool League, in what is expected to be an epic

clash.

The league is sponsored by Dixie's International at a tune of E30 000.

Another interesting fixture is between log leaders Way Inn against Figa Five. There will be no love lost when France take on Correctional Services later in the day.



THE FULL FIXTURE

TODAY			
1pm			
France	vs	Correctional	
Stairs	vs	Police Academy	
Way Inn	vs	Figa Five	

MANZINI POOL CLUB VS MANKAYANE

Tomorrow			
2pm			
Figa	vs	Bhunya	
Nicks	vs	Garrison	

DIXIE'S INTERNATIONAL POOL LEAGUE:

	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
1. Way Inn	19	15	4	238	164	74	55
2. MPC	19	14	5	236	154	82	55
3. Correctional	19	14	5	231	173	58	53
4. REPS	19	14	5	217	156	61	51
5. Garrison	19	15	4	220	175	45	50
6. Figaredo	19	9	10	191	178	13	36
7. France	19	8	11	194	205	-11	35
8. Bhunya	19	8	11	199	206	-45	32
9. Nicks	19	7	12	161	206	-45	32
10. Mankayane	19	5	14	187	231	-44	23
11. Stairs	19	4	15	154	222	-68	21
12. Figa Five	19	0	19	122	247	-123	7

ENTA Tennis tourney today

By Colisile Sacolo

TENNIS - After rainy weather last weekend, the Eswatini National Tennis Association Open competition will now take place this weekend at the National Tennis Centre.

This was revealed by tennis association Secretary Ncaba Mkhalihi, who said the tournament will kick-off at 8:30am after its forced postponement.

The competition will see local junior and senior player battle for honours, during the two day competition set to come to an end tomorrow afternoon.

"The competition will kick off tomorrow (today) with the under 14 and 18 boys section until the end of the day. Seniors will be in action

on Sunday and the prize presentation will follow afterwards. We have prepared prizes for the outstanding athletes on the day both in the junior and male's category.

"We are confident that the competition will help to keep our athletes busy and further improve the standard of the sport in the country," he said.

Some of the prizes that will be won in the competition include tennis bhakus, rackets and meal vouchers worth E500 for the mixed doubles category.

Other winners stand to receive tennis rackets.

The ENTA recently hosted international players during the Inaugural Acers Tournament, which was held three weeks ago at the national tennis Centre.



The athletes shake hands during the first set break in a recent game.

NEDBANK VB LEAGUE GAMES HEADING TO PIGG'S PEAK

By Jongile Xuba

VOLLEYBALL - THE Nedbank Volleyball League continues and this weekend's games will be played at Pigg's Peak Club, as the Eswatini National Volleyball Association (ENVA) continues to decentralise league matches.

Confirmed

This was confirmed by ENVA Vice Secretary Eric Zwane.

Games will be played at Pigg's Peak Club today and will have both the men's and ladies teams in action. In the men's league defending champions Correctional

take on hosts Mshinande at 10am followed by Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) against the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) at 11am.

Correctional will then face Umbutfo Eswatini Defence force (UEDF) at 12pm as Bob Cats look to bounce back from last week's defeat when they take on Mshinande at 1pm.

The ladies league will see Siteki ladies take on Chilly Babes at 10am followed by the REPS ladies team at 11am. RSSC will play against Chilly Babes at 12pm as REPS wrap up the days matches when they face Zakhele at 1pm.

NEDBANK VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Men

Correctional	vs	Mshinande	10am
REPS	vs	RSSC	11am
Correctional	vs	UEDF	12pm
Bob Cats	vs	Mshinande	1pm

Ladies

Chilly Babes	vs	Siteki	10am
REPS	vs	Siteki	11am
Chilly Babes	vs	RSSC	12pm
REPS	vs	Zakhele	1pm

BIRDS SACK KHAYA VILAKATI

By Sihusiso Masilela

SOCCEr - Mbabane Swallows have reportedly sacked their Logistics Manager Khaya Vilakati for allegedly facilitating a farewell function for the former club Chairperson Prince Lungile.

The former Management Committee Chairman, Vilakati is said to have been shown the exit door on Thursday afternoon alongside Head of Legal Affairs Veli Malinga. Malinga is alleged to have purchased the training equipment of the team in South Africa with head coach Honour Janza without the consent of the entire MC.

A source close to the matter revealed that their two officials are disappointed about their sacking since they were working towards the betterment of the team.

"The two officials have been sacked

from the MC after they are said to have breached the team's protocol.

This was after Vilakati organised a party which was aimed at honouring Make Gamedze last weekend during the FIFA break which failed to take place.

Malinga has been sacked for going to Durban with the head coach to purchase the outfit.

Painful

"This is very painful for the two officials as they have been sacked for serving the team by individuals who are power hungry."

"The two officials are expected to appear before a disciplinary hearing on a date yet to be deliberated by the management committee," the source said. When sought for comment, Vilakati referred queries to the club's Head of Communications Mancoba Mabuza yesterday.

"I can't say anything please talk to the club spokesperson Mancoba Mabuza," he said. Malinga could not be drawn for comment on the matter by the time of compiling the report. Meanwhile, the team's Head of Communications Mabuza said the matter was handled within the internal structures of the team.

"As a matter of policy, Mbabane Swallows' internal disciplinary processes are treated with utmost confidentiality and professionalism, and are therefore not subject to publication." "We may only, upon consultation and ascertaining stakeholder interest (case by case basis) share an outcome of a particular disciplinary process for purposes of keeping our stakeholders in the picture of club developments. That is our principle. I hope this clarifies. Once again, thanks for contacting us."



FIRST GROUP: Dignitaries and the first ever participants of the FIFA Referee Coaching Course hold up their certificates during the closing of their course at Thokoza Conference Centre in Mbabane yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

Eswatini now has 30 certified referee instructors

Stories by Jongile Xuba

SOCCEr - There were 30 participants who passed and were certified during the closing of the FIFA Referee Instructors Course held at Thokoza Conference Centre yesterday.

The participants completed a week-long course which started on Monday and were led by FIFA Instructor Carlos Henriques.

The instructor thanked all the participants for taking the time to attend the course. He also informed the participants that he believed that they had reached the next level.

"It was a hard week for all of you here and I thank each and everyone for their dedication and sacrifice. I am confident that all of you have improved and will raise the standards of the country," he said.

Speaking during the closing ceremony, Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Vice President, Dr Comfort Shongwe thanked FIFA for the invaluable course and thanked

... I'm not retiring anytime soon - Leticia

SOCCEr - Eswatini's most prominent referee Leticia Viana said she has no intention of retiring from refereeing anytime soon.

This was after she received her referee coaching certification yesterday and as the only woman participant she said she was not thinking of retirement just yet.

"I see myself still being active for at least another 20 years.

the world governing football mother body for continue assist his organisation.

"We would once again like to thank FIFA who has been a true partner in developing all the various structures under the EFA. I know the participants learnt a lot from the course and I hope they will share that knowledge," he said.

He added he would like to see more courses

This course is all about preparing for when I do finally call it quits," she said. She added that the course was helpful in that she can now share information with fellow colleagues better than before.

"Now that I have the instructing background from the course, it will be much easier to help other referees out there. It was a great course which was very helpful," she added.

in the near future attended by younger participants.

"I hope we will see younger referees now that we have qualified instructors. This is crucial to the improvement of the sport in the country," he said.

In closing the VP said he would like to see more Eswatini referees officiating in elite international competitions.

Black Swallows win round one in Allen matter

BY Melusi Mlotso

SOCCEr - Pigg's Peak Black Swallows have won round one of the matter involving Allen Mabuza, the Players Status Committee and Mbabane Highlanders.

This comes after the judge ordered that the recent suspension of the player by the Eswatini Football Association which was made on the 5th of August should be set aside.

The judge further ruled that the dragging ownership of the player between Highlanders and Black Swallows should be heard by a new status committee, which will be appointed by the fifth respondent (Eswatini Football Association).

The ruling was issued yesterday morning at the High Court.

The new ruling means that the player will be eligible to play for Black Swallows during their MTN Premier League clash against Tambuti FC until the new hearing before the players Status Committee.

Judge Hlophe pointed out that the First Respondent (Players Status Committee) decided 'mero mutu' to suspend the First Applicant from all activities conducted under the auspices of the Fifth respondent (Eswatini Football Association).

Mentioned

He mentioned that before the suspension the First Applicant (Allen Mabuza) had not been afforded fair hearing.

"Furthermore, none of the parties had applied for the suspension of the player. The first respondents, it appears, had taken the decision without even asking to be addressed by the applicant, legal representatives. This decision was taken on August 5, 2019.

Judge Hlophe further said that the First and Second Respondent acted *ultra vires* (outside their powers) when they

recommended the suspension of the player in question just as it is contended in court.

"This court should declare these respondents as having had no power to unilaterally or *mero mutu* suspend a player pending investigations."

The Judge further stated that they should be no difficulty in an appropriate case for the court to decide the merits of the dispute where the facts are crisp and little dispute, requiring the referral of the matter back to it.

structures. He stated that it would be difficult for him to create a rule of thumb.

"For purposes of reconsidering the matters, the first and second respondents are to be reconstituted, with new members who qualify to hear and determine the disputes being appointed to do so as the current members of these particular respondents are barred from doing so. Following what transpires in the papers and considering the matter, in particular the fact that the applicants themselves do not appear to be without some controversy attaching to them so as to have necessitated that some action be taken, I will order that each party bears its own costs."

When referring the matter back to the PSC, Judge Hlophe said it cannot be heard by the same committee and cited the case of Darren Christie vs Players Status Committee and four others, High Court Case NO:1447/2017. He said the members of that committee should have learnt their lesson in what is expected of them as they substantially seem to be the same ones who presided over the matter.

Allegedly

"A lot was said about the court allegedly having or not having jurisdiction to hear this matter. It is being a matter where in terms of the regulations applicable in soccer fraternity, courts of law have to be avoided and, or should be slow in deciding matters there from. Owing to the manner in which the matter was approached, I did not get sense that the parties considered this argument pivotal in determination of the matter at hand."

"I can only mention in passing that I do not think that the purpose of whatever regulations of the fifth respondent or even the Federation of the International Football Association were aimed at covering an injustice in excluding the courts of law. By this I mean that they could not and cannot in reality be used to say that even where a party approaches this for a review of decision based on apparent irregularity, which renders the decisions unjust without necessarily seeking to decide the merits it can

said that courts are excluded.

Allen Mabuza was the 1st Applicant, while the 2nd Applicant is Pigg's Peak Black Swallows.

The Players Status Committee was the First Respondent, Siphosile Matse the 2nd Respondent, while Mbabane Highlanders Football Club were the third Respondent in the matter.

Black Swallows sign four players

LATEST TRANSFERS

PLAYER	OLD TEAM	NEW TEAM
Lihle Shabangu	Manzini Wanderers	Pigg's Peak Black Swallows
Mphumuzi 'Tower' Ginindza	Green Mamba	Pigg's Peak Black Swallows
Carlton	Ferrovio	Pigg's Peak Black Swallows
Cyril	Cameroon	Pigg's Peak Black Swallows
Wandile Dlamini	Samampela	Tambuti FC
Melusi Gulwako	City Warriors	Tambuti FC
Gabriel Goshen	Free Agent	T. Callies
Ayanda Ncube	Bulawayo City	Malanti Chiefs

The Lubombo based outfit are also said to have failed to sign Ghanaian forward Paa Kwesi due to the work permit.

The team's Public Relations Officer, Nathi Dlamini confirmed the signings of the new players and said he hope that they will add value in the team. "It's true that we have signed the two play-

ers and we are hopeful that they will settle well in the team," he said.

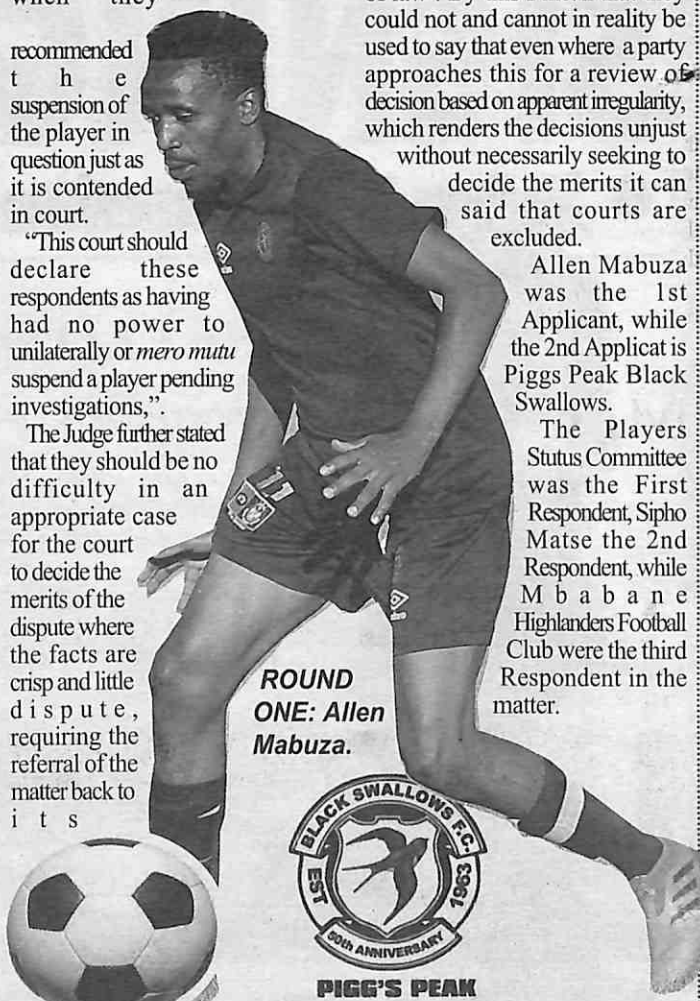
Meanwhile, hub giants Manzini Wanderers failed to sign highly rated goalkeeper Romanus Idigimba from Moneni Pirates after it was reportedly that the latter were demanding a E350 000 signing on fee for the signature of the player.

BY Melusi Mlotso

SOCCEr - Pigg's Peak Black Swallows were the busiest team on the market as they signed four new players before the transfer deadline last night.

The MTN Premier League rookies managed to capture the signatures of former Manzini Wanderers player Lihle Shabangu, Mphumuzi 'Tower' Ginindza (Green Mamba), Mozambican striker Carlton (Ferrovio) and Cyril (Cameroon).

The players are said to be going to make their debut today when the team face Tambuti FC at Mayaluka Sports Ground in what is expected to be an epic clash. Tambuti FC have reportedly completed the signing of former Samampela midfielder Wandile Dlamini and Melusi Gulwako (City Warriors).



FIXTURES

TODAY

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Stellenbosch	vs	Black Leopards	15:00
Polokwane City	vs	SuperSport United	15:00
Chippa United	vs	Bloemfontein Celtic	16:00
Mamelodi Sundowns	vs	Maritzburg United	18:00
Bidvest Wits	vs	Orlando Pirates	20:15

PREMIER LEAGUE

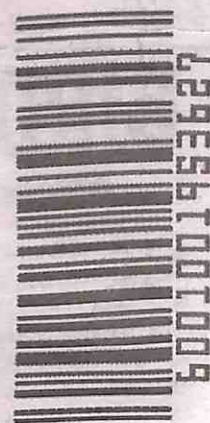
Leicester City	vs	Tottenham Hotspur	13:30
Everton	vs	Sheffield United	16:00
Manchester City	vs	Watford	16:00
Burnley	vs	Norwich City	16:00
Newcastle United	vs	Brighton	18:30

SPANISH LALIGA

Villarreal	vs	Real Valladolid	13:00
Levante	vs	Eibar	16:00
Atlético Madrid	vs	Celta de Vigo	18:30
Granada	vs	Barcelona	21:00

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SWALLOWS SACK TWO MC OFFICIALS



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JUDGE HLOPHE SETS ASIDE ALLEN'S SUSPENSION

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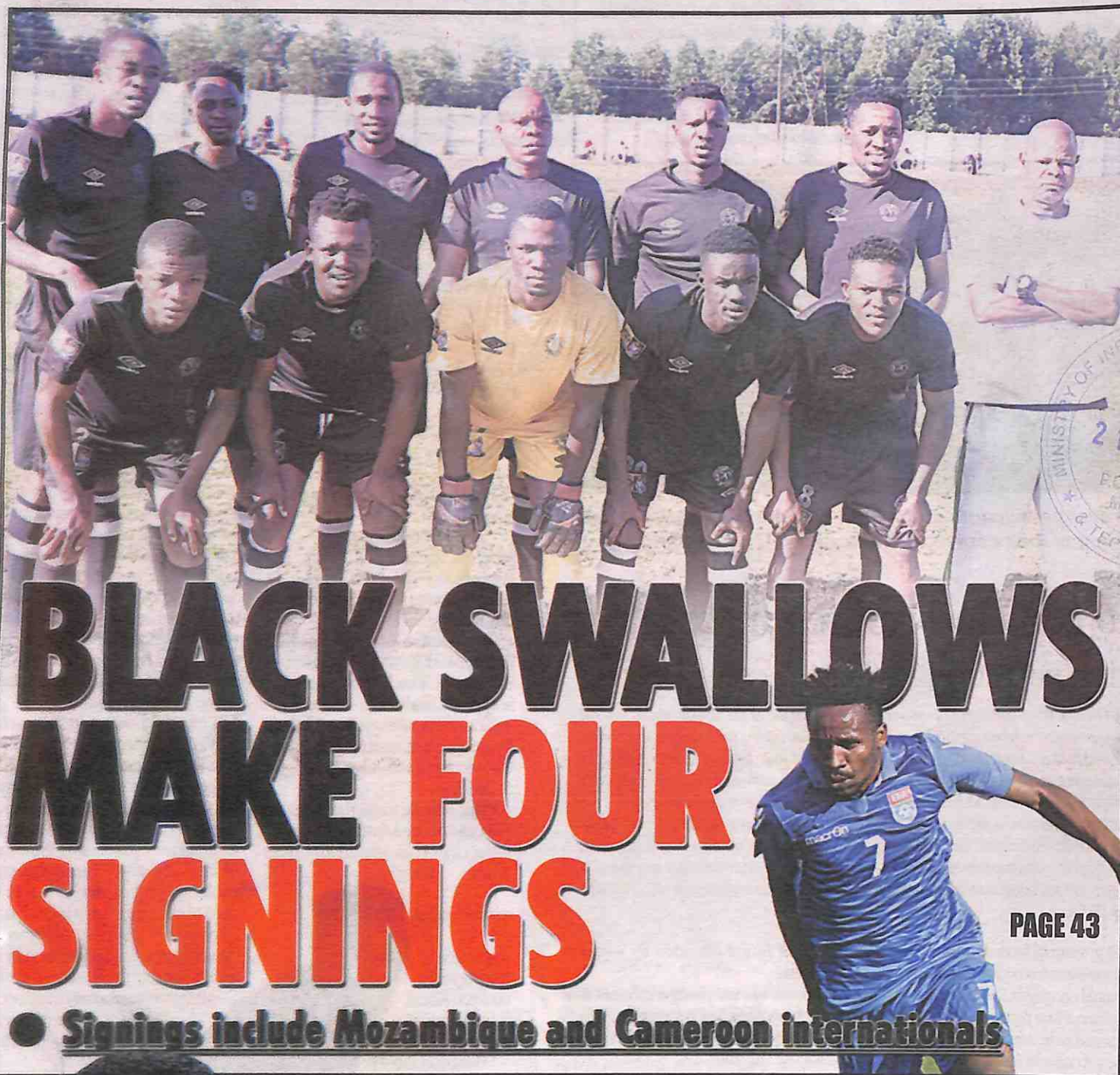
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BLACK SWALLOWS MAKE FOUR SIGNINGS

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● Signings include Mozambique and Cameroon internationals

BARCELONA CLASH WITH SPANISH FA

BARCELONA - Barcelona are embroiled in a row with the Spanish FA after they fast tracked the nationalisation of teenager Ansu Fati.

The 16-year-old has enjoyed a breakout season at the Nou Camp, scoring twice in the three La Liga appearances.

That has brought

him to the attention of the country's football association, who are looking to nationalise the Guinea-Bissau born forward, who can also represent Portugal.

According to El Mundo Deportivo, that paperwork has now been processed in time to allow the player to be selected for the Under-17 World Cup, something that has upset Barcelona.

The tournament begins in Brazil next month, running from October 26 to November 17, which would see Barcelona forced to do without him for up to five weeks. This has annoyed the powers

that be at the club, who believe he is being taken away at an invaluable stage of his education at the Spanish champions. There is little Barcelona can do, with Spain's Under-17 coach Robert Moreno confirming Fati is set to join up with the side in October.

"The people of the Federation are working on allowing Ansu Fati to play for us," he told Movistar TV.

"He is a joy when playing for Barça, a player who left the Masía. You have to be calm and I hope he has that."

Daily Mail

HOT TOPIC: Barcelona have clashed with the Spanish FA over their decision to fast-track Ansu Fati's nationalisation.

