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DONE DEAL: Minister of ICT Princess Sikhanyiso toasts with Israel Cyber-security team during the signing of the agreement between the two countries held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation offices yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu) **STORY ON PAGE 5**

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STOP INCREASING BUS FARES - MPs

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Lobamba

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) have stopped the increase of bus fares, for now.

The public transport operators might have to wait until Monday to hear what Parliament would say on the matter, as it will be debated on this very day in the House of Assembly.

This follows news doing the rounds that some public transport owners had started to increase fares for their routes. The House of Assembly yesterday pronounced itself that any increase should stop until Parliament gave it a go-ahead.

The Maximum Bus and Taxi Fares (Amendment) Regulations of 2019 are currently in Parliament, having been tabled yesterday by Minister of Public Works and Transport Chief Ndlehlulaza Ndawandwe in the House of Assembly.

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo brought to the attention of the House the fact that some business people were already charging the revised fares to commuters, which were still not approved by Parliament.



STOP IT: Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo.

MP Khumalo said some were charging prices that were in the plastic regulations, which were tabled by Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati last month in the lower chamber. The Lobamba Lomdzala MP called upon the House of Assembly Speaker Petros Mavimbela to call upon any business person who charged any higher price to stop. Speaker Mavimbela told Khumalo that he would make a follow up on the matter. This response did not satisfy Khumalo, who said he did not understand what Mavimbela meant, when people were already suffering from the business people.

Ndzingeni MP Lutfo Dlamini pleaded with the Speaker to pronounce himself

and tell the business people who were doing such a thing to stop.

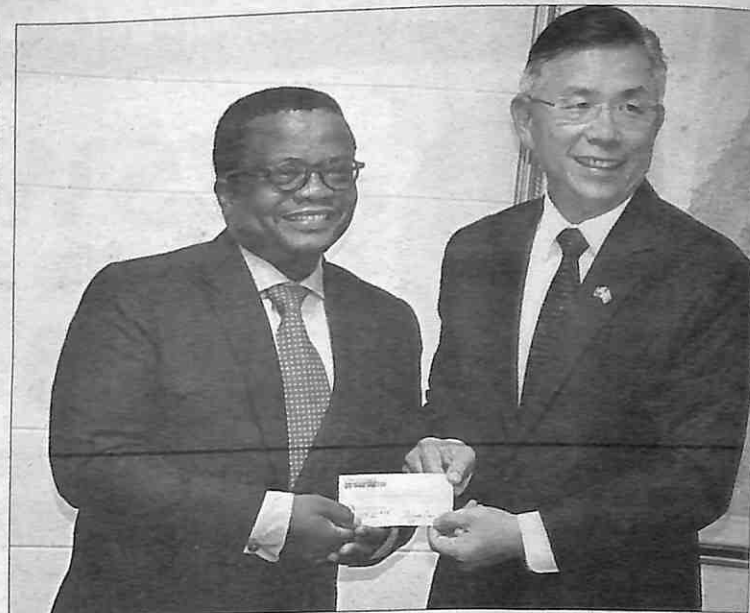
The Speaker did so and stated that any business person who would be found to be doing such a thing should stop until Parliament pronounced itself on the matter.

Mavimbela then ordered the portfolio committees of the two above-mentioned ministries to ensure that they worked on the two regulations over the weekend.

He said on Monday, the House of Assembly would be tabling the reports of the two regulations. The debate, adoption, and passing of both regulations would also happen the same day, according to the Speaker.

Reports doing the rounds are to the effect that some people, who are public transport operators are already charging the increased bus fares, especially in areas around the Lubombo region. A certain MP, who is in the same industry, said it was wrong for any public transport operator to increase the fares without the approval of Parliament.

A person producing more than 24 micrometre plastic risks being fined E50 000 according to the regulations, or face spending a year behind bars.



FOR ESWATINI GOVERNMENT: Member of Eswatini Malaria Fund, who is also the Public Service Pension Fund CEO Langalakhe Dlamini, receives E1.4million towards the fund from Republic of China (Taiwan) Ambassador Jeremy Liang yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

Taiwan donates E1.4 million to Malaria Fund

BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

THE Republic of China (Taiwan) yesterday donated E1.4 million towards the End Malaria Fund, launched by His Majesty King Mswati III in May at Mandvulo Grand Hall.

Making the donation was Taiwan Ambassador Jeremy Liang, who handed over a cheque of US Dollars 100 000 to the fund's Vice Chairman Langalakhe Dlamini in the presence of Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi. In receiving the cheque, Dlamini said he was happy with the money since it would go a long way in helping them fight and eradicate malaria in the country.

"We humbly accept and appreciate this donation made to us, it comes at a time where we are welcoming donations towards the End Malaria Fund," said Dlamini.

He also highlighted that every cent of the money would be accounted for by the Board before usage and proper paper work would be done to make sure there was clear accountability.

"We actually need or targeting to have raised E85 million, which will not only benefit Eswatini but also help other neighbouring countries in the fight against malaria," explained Dlamini.

Further thanking the donation was Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi, who said as a ministry they were

very happy with the donation and were looking forward to making it work for everyone.

"As a ministry, we are happy with the donation, of course we will be looking at proper ways to deploy and use the money properly and everything will be accounted for," shared the elated minister.

The Taiwanese ambassador said they were more than willing to help Eswatini as their relationship came a long way and they were happy to help where they could.

Pledges

"Eswatini is very dear to us and close to our heart, so when the King asked for pledges we were more than happy to help them and with this donation, we are saying our hands are always open," said Liang.

On May 31, His Majesty King Mswati III launched the End Malaria Fund at Mandvulo Grand Hall at Lozitha as part of the 'Zero Malaria Starts with Me' campaign.

The fund will close the US\$5 million funding gap required to meet the bold and ambitious targets of the Revised Malaria Elimination Strategic Plan (2015-2020) to eliminate malaria in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

One of the objectives of the Eswatini Malaria Elimination Fund is to eliminate domestic transmission of malaria in the kingdom by 2022, sustain elimination thereafter through surveillance, testing and case management; while also supporting malaria elimination at the sub-regional and regional levels.

Below is a table showing how the new fares are structured:

Maximum Bus Fares Category in Distance	Effective Date: Immediately upon issuance of gazette (Preferably 01/12/19)	Effective date: June 1, 2020
a) A charge for any passenger journey up to 8 kilometres	E7.50	E8.00
b) For any journey in excess of 8 kilometres up to 50 kilometres a charge per kilometre shall be	E0.66	E0.66
c) For any journey in excess of 50 kilometres, a charge per kilometre shall be	E0.63	E0.63

Maximum Taxi Fares The basis for the calculation of maximum fares for the conveyance of passengers by means of a taxi shall be as follows: Category in distance	Effective Date: Immediately upon issuance of gazette	Effective Date: June 1, 2020
a) A charge for any passenger journey up to 3 kilometres	E50	E50
b) For any journey in excess of 3 kilometres, a charge per kilometre shall be	E8	E8

Swazi Commercial Amadoda 'illegal'

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) are of the view that the Swazi Commercial Amadoda is illegal.

This was after Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo told the MPs that there was no statute that allowed for the existence of the organisation. Swazi Commercial Amadoda is an organisation that is supposed to facilitate the issuance of trading licences to people doing business on Swazi Nation Land (SNL). Khumalo was responding to a question posed by Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo. The MP wanted the minister to explain the legal standing of this organisation, and cite the pieces of legislation that allowed it to be a play-

er in the regulation of commerce in the country. The minister said he had engaged with members of the executive committee of the organisation, which is led by Prince Mgciso.

The minister said the members told him that they did not report to the commerce ministry, but only reported to the King. He said the organisation had its own constitution, which allowed an executive to be in office for three years. However, the present executive has been in office for almost 20 years.

The minister told the MPs that he could not control the organisation because its members reported to the King and to him, it was still relevant. Even chiefs recog-

nised Swazi Commercial Amadoda.

Other MPs suggested that the organisation should be allowed to be under some statutory laws so that it could be harmonised with the country's Constitution, especially because it affected people who wanted to do businesses on SNL. Mhlangatane MP Madala Mhlanga said even the name of the organisation was not all inclusive. It did not include women, yet they were also part of the people who were doing business.

The MPs further complained that some people who were not indigenous Emaswati were seen to be doing business on SNL. They wondered about the role played by Swazi Commercial Amadoda in that regard.

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SANDILE DLAMINI LEAVES FSRA

BY OBSERVER REPORTER
Mbabane

FINANCIAL Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) long-serving Chief Executive Officer Sandile 'Chief' Dlamini is leaving the organisation next week Friday.

The Eswatini Observer has it in authority that the FSRA has already communicated to Dlamini that his contract will not be renewed because he has already attained the retirement age of 60.

It was gathered that whilst the retirement age within the organisation was recently reviewed to be 65, because he was working on a contract than being a permanent employee, the review came into effect when already he was on his current contract, hence he could not be covered by it.

Dlamini joined the FSRA in 2009 whilst it still operated under a narrow mandate of being the Registrar of Insurance and Retirement Funds (RIRF).

In 2010, government transformed the entity when it amended the RIRF Act 2005 Act to regulate everything that falls under the non-financial services to include regulating Savings and Credit

Institutions, capital markets development and retirement and insurance funds. Dlamini has overseen the development of the insurance industry, growth in fund managers and introduction of re-insurers.

Whilst at the helm of the FSRA through his regulatory functions, he has crossed paths with a number of institutions, including withdrawing licences for a number of companies that were no longer complying with the Act and put clients' money at risk.

The high profile clash was between his office and that of the Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) whom he demanded that an audit be undertaken to look into how they invested their members' funds, something that was resolved by a political intervention of then Public Service Minister Owen Nxumalo.

The FSRA has today called a press conference, where it is expected that the retirement of the CEO would be addressed.

When Finance Minister Neal Rijkenberg was called last night on the latest developments, he could only confirm that the Board has already communicated with him with regards to the matter, but declined to reveal details of their com-



CALLS IT A DAY: FSRA CEO Sandile Dlamini.

munication.

"I would rather leave this matter to be addressed by the Board, I am not in position to divulge any details yet," the minister said.

Efforts to get FSRA Chairman Stephen Simelane's comment proved futile last night, as his MTN number was not available on the network.

FSRA outgoing CEO Sandile Chief Dlamini, when approached could only confirm that there was a press briefing today and declined to confirm or deny the matter.

Frequency of strikes a concern - Senators

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

SENATORS say the rate and frequency of strike actions by various sectors is a serious concern.

Just this year alone, there have been a number of strike actions by various sectors in the country for various reasons.

The ministry of labour and social security has been urged to formulate a strategy to address the issue, as it was proving to be a serious threat to the country's security.

This was revealed yesterday during the Senate portfolio committee debate of the ministry of labour and social security second quarter performance report.

Senator Mkhululi Dlamini said the rate and frequency of strikes in the country should be addressed once and for all.

He stated that this year there had been a number of strike actions involving different entities such as tertiary institution students, Public Sector Associations (PSAs) as well as staff at Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC). He



STRIKES: Senator Mkhululi Dlamini.

said this was a serious threat to national security, especially with institutions that were not usually associated with strike actions such as the ESRIC. He urged the ministry to consider looking at the root cause of the problems and evaluate where government was getting it wrong.

"Students have been engaging in strike actions for as far back as some of the CEOs currently employed in the different sectors were in universities. This has become a game and it should be addressed as soon as possible," he said.

He urged the ministry to consider

adopting a lasting solution to the problem as instead of focusing on the current state.

Senate Deputy President Ndumiso Mdluli concurred with Dlamini in that the tertiary institutions strikes were becoming a problem, as they were seemingly ongoing for various reasons.

He urged the ministry to consider *vusela* exercises where they occasionally visit the institutions to openly engage with the students and explaining the challenges they faced regarding the distribution of allowances and scholarships.

"Communication is key and communication lines should be open to avoid confusion and misunderstanding," he said.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati said one of the ministry's deliverables was curbing strikes. He said this could be achieved by distributing allowances on time.

Vilakati said as a ministry they were in the process of addressing the matter once and for all and were looking at engaging one of the banks to take up the distribution of allowances to avoid the delays.

Private sector should be roped into scholarship provision for students

SENATOR Tony Sibandze has urged the ministry of labour and social security to consider engaging the private sector to fund scholarships for tertiary institution students.

The senator commended the ministry for providing scholarships to 75 per cent of the qualifying students.

He said this was encouraging as education was key, even during the situation the country was facing in terms of the lack of funds.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati said in the reporting period, the ministry finalised interviews of 4 162 applicants to local tertiary institutions and due to budgetary limits, 3 295 applicants were awarded scholarships.

He said there were slightly over 800 applicants who were not awarded scholarships and due to the concerns that some of the applicants were contemplating suicide as they were already enrolled

in the institutions, government decided to award them the scholarships.

However, Sibandze said the ministry should look into engaging with the private sector to ensure that the remaining 25 per cent of the qualifying students were also provided with scholarships.

"This would go a long way in reducing the pressure on government and ensuring the country fulfilled one of its core mandates, of providing quality education for all," he said.

CORRECTION

In our article, 'Three armed men invade Mona Flats, rob man E11 000 valuables' (November 5, page 7), we reported that a man of Mona flats had been robbed at gun-point while he was at his flat. It has since been brought to our attention that this robbery never took place at Mona Flats, but instead at Ngwenya. However, the victim of the robbery does reside at Mona Flats, and that security at Mona remains intact to ensure the safety of tenants.

We, therefore, wish to unreservedly apologise to Tibiyo Properties and tenants of Mona Flats for this inaccurate and misleading reporting and for the embarrassment this story may have caused. We also apologise for the panic that this report may have caused to the tenants. We would like to place it on record that the newspaper is doing all it can to get to the bottom of this matter, and assure our readers that we do not take such inaccuracy lightly. *Ombudsman*

Warm weekend with thunderstorms expected

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE coming weekend is expected to be partly cloudy and warm to hot in the lowveld. Rain showers and thunderstorms are predicted in the lowveld, according to the Eswatini Meteorological Services.

Today will be partly cloudy and cool to warm in the lowveld.

Temperatures will range between 17 and 29 degrees Celsius. Rain

showers and thunderstorms are predicted in the Lowveld.

Tomorrow is predicted to be warmer than today with temperatures ranging between 18 and 34 degrees Celsius, thus making it the hottest day of the weekend.

The weather patterns will be the same as today.

On Sunday temperatures will slightly drop but will reach 31 degrees Celsius, thus making it a hot day.

Thunderstorms and rain showers are expected in some places.

TODAY

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big-bend
17/23	18/24	20/26	19/25	21/28	22/29

TOMORROW

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big-bend
18/28	19/29	21/31	x20/30	22/32	23/34

SUNDAY

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big-bend
17/25	18/26	20/28	19/27	21/30	22/31

Eswatini receives 365.4mm rainfall

ESWATINI received over 300 millimetres of rainfall in the past three days.

Rainfall received by from November 18 to 20 has seen the country receiving 365.4 mm.

Ever since the rainy season started this has been the highest rainfall received in the country. Information issued by Eswatini Meteorological Services Chief Meteorologist Sifiso Nzalo shows that Mbabane received the highest rainfall as compared to 17 other towns. In the past three days Mbabane received 56.9 mm of rainfall. However, the rainfall recording does not suggest that Mbabane was receiving the highest rainfall throughout the three days.

On Monday, Matsapha received the highest rainfall of 19.2 mm. It was followed by Nsoko in the Lubombo

region with 17mm. Kalanga came third with 16 mm.

"Mahamba and Nkalashane received the least rainfall," said Nzalo. On Tuesday, Mbabane received very high rainfall as compared to the other towns. Mbabane getting 33.9mm while followed by Motshane with 20.8 mm.

Matsapha and Manzini recorded 13.6 and 12 mm respectively. Vuvulane and Musi received the least rainfall of 1.2 mm.

On Wednesday areas in the Lubombo region received the highest rainfall as compared to other areas of the country.

Siphofaneni received the 23 mm which was the highest recording of the day. It was followed by Nsoko, Nkalashane and Kubuta with 20 mm, 18 mm and 15.5 mm respectively.

Rainfall Data for Monday

STATION	AMOUNT (mm)
Mbabane	14.5
Matsapha	19.2
Nhlangano	4.5
Madlangempisi	1.0
Khubutha	5.8
Motshane	2.8
Nkalashane	1.5
Mananga	2.5
Mahamba	2.0
Big-Bend	5.5
Siphobela	8.0
Ngwempisi	6.5
Ka-Langa	16.0
Nsoko	17.0

Rainfall Data Recorded on Tuesday

Mbabane	33.9
Matsapha	13.3
Nhlangano	0.4
Madlangempisi	6.0
Khubutha	3.1
Motshane	20.8
Nkalashane	12.0

Pigg's Peak	0.2
Siphofaneni	7.5
Siteki	3.2
Mavula	2.6
Ngwempisi	6.5
Ka-Langa	3.5
Nsoko	1.5
Vuvulane	1.2
Musi	1.2
Jericho	0.8

Rainfall Data Recorded on Wednesday

Mbabane	8.5
Matsapha	4.1
Nhlangano	0.1
Mahamba	8.2
Kubuta	15.5
Motshane	2.5
Madlangempisi	6.5
Mananga	9.2
Big Bend	9.0
Nsoko	22.0
Ngwempisi	2.5
Ka-Langa	15.0
Nkalashane	18.0
Siphofaneni	23.0



SMUGGLING: The vehicle which was confiscated for smuggling dagga from Eswatini to South Africa.



LOADED: The 12 bags of dagga confiscated near the borderline.

VEHICLE SMUGGLING DAGGA FROM ESWATINI CONFISCATED BY COPS

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

A vehicle loaded with 12 bags of dagga which were being smuggled across the border to South Africa was confiscated by the police and its owner arrested.

The vehicle was spotted in an area known as Magudu alongside South Africa and the Kingdom of Eswatini in the northern Hhohho region.

According to a media statement released by the South African Police Service (SAPS), the bust happened last week after police received information about a vehicle that was loading dagga at a farm in Magudu.

According to the statement police immediately responded to the information given and launched an operation.

The vehicle that matched the description was spotted, stopped and searched. SAPS Brigadier Leonard Hlathi stated that a few minutes after the arrest, police received another tip-off relating to dagga and immediately rushed to the scene and on arrival, about eight suspects fled the scene, leaving behind five bags fully loaded with dagga.

As the amount of dagga smuggled into South Africa from Eswatini continues to be on the rise this festive season, Hlathi added that three suspects aged between 39 and 51 were also arrested for dagga related charges near the Eswatini

border.

The arrested suspects have already made their appearance before a magistrate.

Worth noting is that such comes at a time when the South African government is in court over the issue of legalising dagga with some associations calling for its legalisation.

In the country there are also talks of having the illegal herb made to be grown legally.

This also comes at a time when members of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force are engaged in a serious clamp down on dagga dealers.

The last incident saw a dagga dealer getting shot during a shootout with soldiers at Gege.

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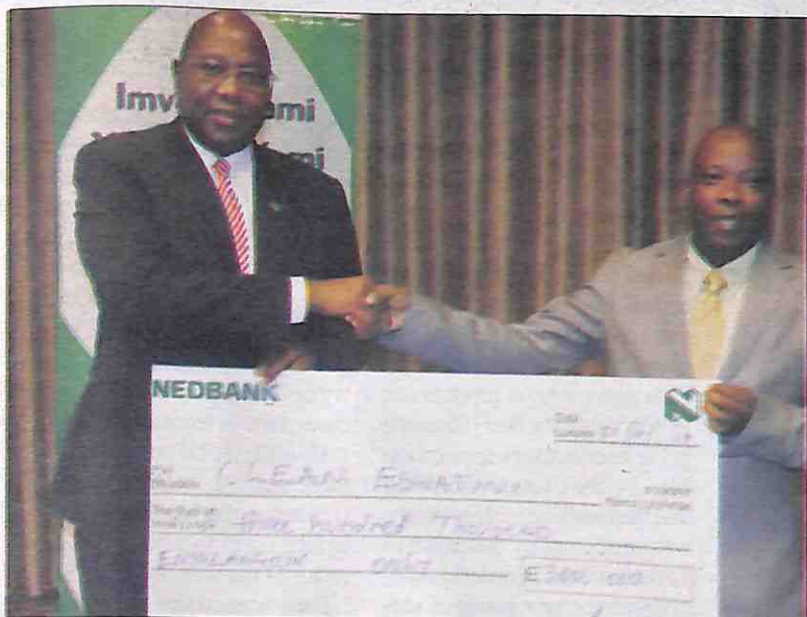
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OVER E100 000 RAISED AT CLEAN ESWATINI INVESTMENT SEMINAR



STORIES BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

OVER E100 000 was raised in the Clean Eswatini Investment seminar held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre yesterday.

The money was raised through pledges made by different companies. The event graced by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini was coordinated by the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs in collaboration with the ministry's

parastatal, the Eswatini Environment Authority (EEA).

The seminar attracted different stakeholders from the private sector as well as key government officers, who all convened to deliberate on collaborative opportunities towards ensuring a sustainable clean Eswatini.

Eswatini Coca Cola Beverages (ECCB) made the biggest contribution, presenting a E100 000 replica cheque, which was presented by Country Manager Sanele Khumalo.

"Issues that have to do with the environmental are very high on the pri-

ority list for our corporate social responsibility programmes mainly because of the industry we are in. "We are very proud to lend a helping hand for such a noble project, we can only hope that it will make a difference in making Eswatini clean," she said. Another company that contributed was Eswatini Beverages, who pledged E30 000 through Head of Legal and Corporate Affairs Mphumelelo Makhubu.

"As a company, we are very much excited to be a part of this initiative especially because we take issues of the environmental very seriously," he said.

Other companies that pledged included Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, RSSC as well as the Ezulwini Municipality, who all pledged technical help such as gloves and transport to name a few.

CHEQUE: Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini receives a donation towards the Clean Eswatini campaign from Minister Moses Vilakati on behalf of the Eswatini Environment Authority during the breakfast meeting held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Govt, Israel sign cyber-security deal

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE ministry of information, communication and technology has initiated the country's cyber-security programme with the help of Israel.

Minister of ICT Princess Sikhanyiso, speaking during an agreement signing ceremony between the two governments said it was her meaningful day since she had been in office. The ceremony was held at the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation boardroom in Mbabane yesterday.

"We sign with the only country in the world distinguished unto God as the God of this country and this country of God," she said.

The minister said upon visiting Israel, she discovered that the country was no longer what it was perceived to be. She said she found a peaceful country with peaceful people. Above all, she said she was motivated by the country's youthful workforce that is equipped to run unique systems for development in ICT and industry. "The programme will capacitate government to deal with crime," she said.

As a country, she said Eswatini sought to fortify itself with countries like Japan and the State of Israel and create a niche for itself. The minister as per the National Development Plan, Eswatini has chosen the niche of the technology industry. She said with the help of international partners and leaders in technology, Eswatini will be able to reach greater heights.

Israel is respected for its unmatched expertise in security and intelligence systems. It possesses an Iron Dome that protects its country's citizens from missile attack. It boasts with a Security Operation Centre that uses nanotechnologies that recover old age documents to deal with corruption and other acts of sedition. Therefore, with the launch of the national cyber programme, Eswatini is walking in a future where the above stated will be available. This system will be useful to the fight against corruption, as well as cyber-security. The minister thanked Israel for perseverance and being the forerunners of the initiative. The ceremony was attended by senior officials of the ministry of ICT, the State of Israel representatives, mainly the Head of Marketing and Business Development and ICT Roy Shaposhnik.

Shaposhnik said the national cyber-security programme was tailored for the country. He also described Princess Sikhanyiso as a brilliant and visionary leader. Worth noting is that the ministry of ICT at the beginning of November declared the month as a cyber-security month. This month worldwide is dedicated for fighting cybercrimes.

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SIPHO SHONGWE TRIAL:

'Electronic Evidence Act forced us to recall witness'

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

THE office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has alleged that the provisions of the Electronic Records (evidence) Act of 2009 has forced them to recall one of its witnesses who has already given evidence in court in Sipho Shongwe's trial.

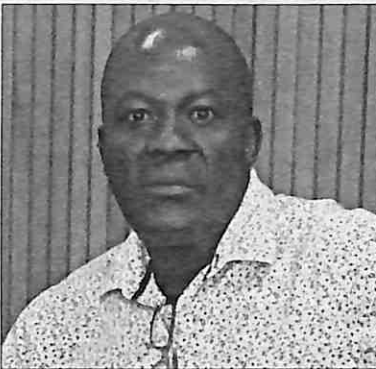
The state has submitted that during the period of 19, 20 and 21 August, the Eswatini police consulted with the Crown's prosecuting team in Johannesburg, South Africa in relation to the murder case.

It was there that it was pointed out that the provisions of the Act may have application and in particular the provisions of Section 5 and 5 (4) of the Act.

This is contained in the fresh interlocutory application filed by the state in the murder trial for businessman Sipho Shongwe who stands accused of the murder of businessman and football administrator Victor Gamedze, at the High Court.

The application was yesterday filed before Judge Nkosinathi Maseko and

...State says consultations with SA based prosecuting team pointed out that such evidence may apply in Shongwe's case



YOU CAN'T: Businessman Sipho Shongwe.

deposing to an affidavit is detective Bhokisisa Simelane who is part of the investigating team in the matter. He submitted that whilst it was not certain that such sections applied to the CCTV footages retrieved by CCTV expert Ricardo Mordaunt, the prosecuting team agreed that it should investigate as to who was responsible for maintenance of the CCTV systems.

Mordaunt is the witness the state has applied to recall in the matter to give

further evidence in as far as the CCTV systems are concerned.

Simelane submitted that this witness would state that during the months of January 2018 and on the days covered by his previous evidence, those CCTV systems from the Galp Filling Station at Ezulwini, near Corner Plaza, The Spar at Ezulwini and that of Eswatini Revenue Authority (ERA), were in good working condition, as a person who maintained them and would have been called if they were not properly functioning.

"The reason therefore that Ricardo has to be recalled is that at the time he was engaged by the REPS to upload the footage, it was not realised firstly that the Crown would want to prove that the systems were in good working condition, and it was not realised that it was Mordaunt himself who maintained the systems," detective Simelane submitted.

The Crown submitted further that it was important that the court exercise its powers and discretion under Section 199 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act (CPE) to allow the recalling of this witness, solely for the question arising above.

WITNESS CAN'T BE RECALLED - SHONGWE

IN his opposing papers filed before court, Shongwe has submitted that this witness (Mordaunt) cannot be recalled to give further evidence as he had already given evidence on all he knew and did as regards the matter before court.

Shongwe who is represented by senior attorney Ben J Simelane in the interlocutory application filed by the Crown, submitted that the recalling of this witness was an attempt by the crown to cover its tracks in order to comply with the provisions of section 5 of the electronic records (evidence) Act of 2009.

"As submitted by the applicant (crown) the role of this witness was to download the footage at the said venues and nothing more, the prosecution is trying to cover its tracks to comply with the provisions of the Electronic Evidence Act, in law, a party cannot have a second bite of the cherry wherein his evidence was led," he submitted.

He stated that it was part of

the elements of the trial to challenge and test the evidence the prosecution could not, where it forgot deliberately to lead evidence to attempt to recall a witness such as Mordaunt.

Shongwe through his defence counsel further informed the court that such a recall of the witness was prejudicial to the case of the defence and as such it should not be permitted as there were no exceptional circumstances that have been placed before court to amount to the recall of the witness.

They argued that the prosecution should not be allowed to prosecute in piece meal as they were still investigating the matter while prosecuting Shongwe which was extremely prejudicial and unconstitutional.

He submitted that after giving evidence this witness remained in court and went to the extent of assisting in playing the footages and further listening to what other witnesses had to say as he was done with his evidence.

Matter postponed to Monday for arguments

WITH both parties having filed their papers before it, the court was yesterday supposed to hear arguments by both counsel, however the matter was postponed to Monday.

Although the reason for the postponement was stated in open court, members of the prosecuting team and the defence counsel comprising principal Crown counsels Absalom Makhanya and Macebo Nxumalo together with defence counsel Ben J Simelane went to see presiding Judge Justice Maseko in his chambers.

Both counsel spent about 20 minutes inside the Judge's chamber before proceeding to court where Judge Maseko informed Shongwe that the matter was postponed to Monday.

"Mr Shongwe, I think counsel has explained to you, the matter is postponed to Monday, we cannot proceed today for the reasons explained to you, thank you Mr Shongwe see you on Monday, the court adjourns," Judge Maseko said before retiring back to his chamber.

The trial has been stalled by the present interlocutory application filed by the Crown as more witnesses were to be paraded when the fresh application to recall the witness was filed.

Judge Maseko is expected to make a ruling on an application to have two of the Crown's witnesses Ncaza Nkosi and Siphiso Ngubane give their evidence through a Video Audio Link (AVL) as they are incarcerated in the Republic of South Africa.

Toddler to be finally laid to rest

BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

THE family of Gelekececi in Ezulwini which lost their two-year-old baby due to drowning in a bathtub has received donations to bury their daughter.

Speaking to this publication, the toddlers mother said they were glad to have finally put together money to give their daughter a befitting send-off.

Sihle Lukhele said she was grateful that the community had helped them.

"We are thankful for the donations we have received; they will go a long way in helping us and making sure that we give our daughter a befitting burial," said Lukhele.

The family which lives at Gelekececi also

revealed that they would be able to cover all costs for the funeral.

Echoing Lukhele was the toddler's father, Ncamiso Ndlangamandla who said words could explain how thankful they were for the help they have received.

"Nothing can ever amount to how grateful we are, to the people who have come out to help us we really are thankful," said Ndlangamandla.

Narrating the ordeal, the mother said she was running a bathtub and getting ready for work and thought her daughter was asleep. The visibly-shaken mother said she could not believe it when she found her only daughter floating in the bathtub.

In an effort to try and save her baby, she administered first aid, but her efforts were in vain as the young one did not respond.

MBABANE - MANZINI CORRIDOR DAM ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT Notification and Public Consultation Meeting

The Government of Eswatini, Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy through the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) is in the process of assessing the feasibility of the construction of a multipurpose dam, the Mbabane-Manzini Corridor Dam (Nondvo Dam), which will have the main objective as being able to store water in order to provide potable water to the Mbabane and Manzini Corridor. The stored water could also be used for irrigation and for improving the output of runoff to the river hydropower plants further downstream.

The proposed Nondvo Dam will be located on the confluence of the Lusushwana River and Nondvo River. The site was identified for this purpose based on an initial multi criteria selection process developed during the execution of the Joint Maputo River Basin Water Resources Study (JMRBWS1; 2008) jointly undertaken by the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Mozambique.

A complete Feasibility Study for the Nondvo Dam up to the bankable stage, complete with conceptual design, specifications, an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), and a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) needs to be carried out.

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) have been appointed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy to undertake the required ESIA studies, including Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), for the proposed Nondvo Dam Project. WSP have appointed Maphanga Mitchell Associates (MMA) as the country liaison office.

As part of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, WSP warmly invites government agencies, local authorities, traditional leaders, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, interested parties, affected communities and individuals to a Public Consultation Meeting to hear public views on the project and determine the scope of work for the ESIA.

The venue and time for Public Meeting is:

Date: 28 November 2019

Venue: Exhibition Hall, Eswatini National Library, Mbabane, Cnr Mahlokohla and Zwide Str.

Time: 10:00 hours

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TODDLER (4) DIES AFTER EATING DEADLY INHLANYELO

BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

A four-year-old boy lost his life after ingesting a few maize seeds (*Inhlanyelo*) on Tuesday at Manzana.

The toddler is said to have taken the seeds from a bucket lying around in the yard and ingested them without anyone noticing. It was after he went quiet that they started looking for him, he was found lying lifeless next to the bucket full of the maize seeds.

Detailing the story, his grandmother Mariah Dladla, who is in her early 70s, said she regretted leaving the bucket recklessly.

"I was from planting in one of my farms and must have been tired since I left the bucket out the yard and took a nap," said Dladla.

She further elaborated that the toddler was used to being on his own around the yard which was not a problem since it was just the two of them.

"When I woke up, I realised he was awfully

quiet and that is when I started looking for him to no avail," elaborated the grandmother.

It is then that she later found him, behind one of the houses lying lifeless. The very old and frail lady said she tried calling for help to no avail.

Since she did not have a cellular phone and had to walk to her neighbour's house to get emergency help.

Upon reaching one of her neighbour's home, she was told no car was available and had to try other means to get her grandson to hospital.

"I think he would not have lost his life if we did not have to wait so long for a car to take him to the hospital," explained Dladla.

The boy is said to have been certified dead upon inspection at the hospital.

When the toddler's mother was called she had already been informed the sad news.

"This is a sad thing to have happened, my son had instantly become a friend to my mother since I'm always away on work in Matsapha," said the mother, Philile Dlamini.

She said she would not blame anyone for the passing of her son since her mother is of old age and this was a mistake which unfortunately led to loss of life.

The neighbour who transported the toddler and his grandmother to the hospital said he felt bad he could not be there in time to help the Dladla family.

Mcebo Sibandze said as soon as he got the call he made his way back to Manzana since he knew they needed the help.

"Gogo Dladla is my lovely neighbour, a hard working woman and I will see through this ordeal, it is very unfortunate she has been left all alone now," said Sibandze.

The funeral arrangements have been put in place and the boy will be laid to rest at his mother's residential place at Manzana on Saturday at 5am.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident and said a toddler had died after eating maize seeds.

Siteki Town Council forces vendors to clean town

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

SMALL businesspeople operating within the Siteki market have expressed displeasure after the town council compelled them to clean the town, or else they would be kicked out of business.

Yesterday, the businesspeople who are mostly vegetable vendors and fast-food stall owners were made to clean the bus rank before they could be allowed to continue with their normal business.

According to some of the vendors who spoke to this publication, the council communicated to them through the Market Manager, Thulile Dlamini that they were expected to start cleaning the surroundings of the market.

The vendors alleged that they were made to start

cleaning as early as 0800 hours to 1000 hours.

"The two hours that we spent cleaning the bus rank translated to a huge loss for our businesses," said a vendor who asked not to be named.

The vendors alleged that the council did not engage them about the cleaning exercise, but only instructed and threatened them.

When reached for comment, Town Clerk Sithembile Simelane confirmed the cleaning exercise. Simelane said however, the exercise was meant at encouraging every dweller of the town to make it his or her responsibility to keep the environment clean.

She explained that the cleaning exercise was a form of awareness to encourage residents to keep their environment clean.

"The council has designed this exercise as a cleaning campaign for businesses which are operating within the town centre," Simelane explained.

She disclosed that other businesses were yet to take part in the exercise.

Simelane said the council was currently running a number of initiatives which were aimed at involving the town residents development strategy. She said cleaning the town was one of these initiatives.

Asian sentenced to 8 years for bribing SRA official

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE Asian man said to have attempted to bribe Eswatini revenue Authority (SRA) officials to allow him to smuggle over E47 000 worth of goods into the country has been sentenced to eight years in prison.

During his trial, it transpired that Aslam Mohammed offered to pay customs official Sukubongwa Sikhondze an amount of E7 000, to let him cross the border post with E47 885 worth of undeclared goods.

According to Sikhondze's statement, after urging Mohammed to declare the goods in his vehicle, Mohammed offered him an amount of E5 000 to allow him to pass through.

Upon searching the vehicle, he stated that he discovered seven boxes, filled with various electronic devices and accessories.

"In a panic, Mohammed increased his initial bribe by E2 000.

"He then informed me that he had not declared the goods when he exited South Africa, as he had given an amount of E10 000 to a police officer, to allow him safe passage," Sikhondze explained.

To his surprise, Sikhondze, along with two other female officers, discovered that Mohammed was in possession of a total of 340 cellphones,

52 phone pouches, 26 packs of glass screen protectors and 250 cell phone accessories (headsets, chargers etc.)

"When I asked Mohammed to furnish me with an invoice for the goods, he gave me one of E35 000, dated October 14. However, the invoice was incomplete, as the unit prices, quantity and description columns were not completed.

Instead, the description column stated that it was 'mixed stock'.

Mohammed then admitted that the invoice was not an original. He further claimed that the original invoice was emailed to him and he would print and bring it to me the following day," he stated.

Mohammed was said to have returned to Sikhondze at Ngwenya Border Post the following day, where he was said to have furnished Sikhondze with four invoices.

After his vehicle and goods were detained for non-declaration offence, Mohammed was arrested and charged with contravening four counts of the Customs and Excise Act.

After finding him guilty as per his own plea, Mohammed was sentenced to serve eight years in prison, with the option to pay a cumulative fine of E16 000 on all four counts.

The court ordered for Mohammed's sentences to run concurrently, meaning he would have to pay E4 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in prison.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

MSPH ICAP at Columbia University is an international NGO under the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. ICAP programs in Eswatini are mainly funded by the US Government to support the Government of Eswatini/Ministry of Health to scale up TB/HIV care and treatment services as well as capacity building for Research and strengthening of Laboratory systems. ICAP in Eswatini invites suppliers wishing to be registered in the organization's database to express their interest for the supply of the following services for a period of one (1) year from 1st February 2020 to 31st January 2021.

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The Expression of Interest Document can be obtainable at ICAP offices reception located Injabbulo House 1st floor, Lot 192, Somhlolo Road, Mbabane from 25th November, 2019 and make a non-refundable payment of E350.00 cash per category.

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Documentation should be placed in sealed envelopes marked with the category for which the Expression of Interest is being submitted and addressed to: **THE PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE.**

The closing date for submission is **Friday 13th December 2019 at 12noon** at Injabbulo House 1st floor, Lot 192, Somhlolo Road, Mbabane. No documents will be accepted after the closing time.

Telegraphic, telephonic, telex, facsimile, e-mail and late proposals will not be accepted.

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E15 000 STEP UP IN HHOHHO PRINCIPALS' FAREWELL

BY BODWA MBINGO
Mbabane

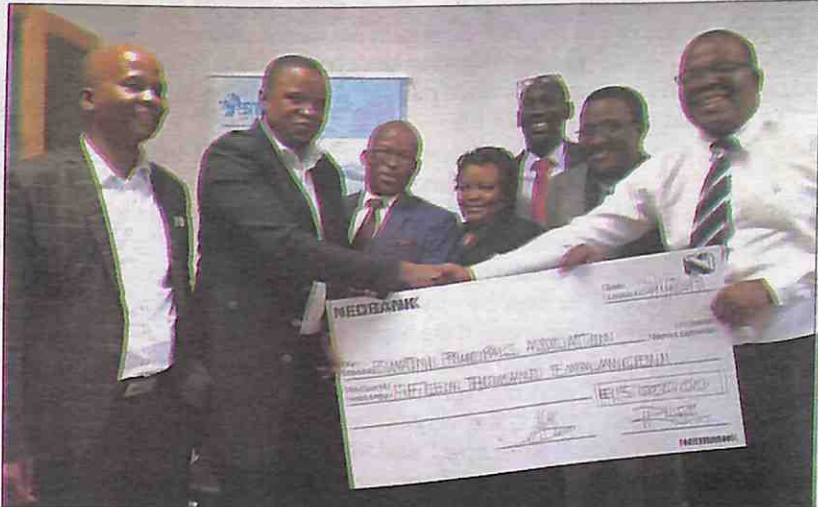
PARENTS, through pupils in various schools, are often burdened with providing monetary donations towards farewell functions for retiring teachers around the country, but Step Up Graphic Industries has eased the pressure on parents in the Hhohho region.

This is after the company that provides graphic design and printing services as well as produces soft and hard cover exercise books for distribution around the country's schools donated E15 000 towards a farewell function for retiring members of the Eswatini Principals Association (EPA) in the Hhohho region.

The event is scheduled for the Pigg's Peak Hotel on Tuesday morning, disclosed EPA Hhohho region Organising Secretary Mduduzi Masilela during the cheque presentation in Mbabane past Mahwalala on Wednesday.

Step Up Director Lindokuhle Nkambule speaking when presenting the cheque highlighted that by this gesture their main objective is to give back to the teachers who always support them in their business.

He said it all started in 2013 when Step Up started its operations in Mbabane and was only producing soft cover



EPA Hhohho region Chairman Samuel Sacolo (R) receives a dummy cheque from Step Up Director Lindokuhle Nkambule (2nd L) while Step Up's Moses Matsebula (L) and other EPA members look on. (Pics Bodwa Mbingo)

ledgers and exercise books to be used in schools.

Production

"We then graduated to also produce hard cover exercise books in one and two quire format. We start the production from scratch as we only use paper to make all our products.

Our slogan is 'We begin with one step' and if one sits down and does nothing then nothing will be achieved. From what we started in 2013 we are now able to contribute E15 000 towards a

teachers' event to be held in Pigg's Peak on Tuesday," he remarked.

Words

EPA Hhohho region Chairman Samuel Sacolo, on the other hand, said they were at a loss for words following the kind gesture extended by the company.

He said it was the first of its kind that this was sponsored by a company. He also expressed their appreciation for the assistance.

"We most especially like your slogan



Step Up Director Nkambule also had something to say.

and hope this is the beginning of an even stronger relationship between Step Up and EPA.

We assure you that your money will be utilised appropriately and with God's guidance.

We wish you the best of luck as you continue with your business and we will bring pupils to see the excellent job you're doing in producing the ledgers and exercise books that they use in their schools," he stated.

Sacolo then invited all their stakeholders to make it to Tuesday's event where they will be bidding

farewell to an undisclosed number of teachers that are leaving the profession after years of sterling work in nurturing many pupils who now hold different positions in society.

On another note, Nkambule then invited stationery shops and other distributors in the country to come and partner with them in ensuring that Eswatini children get the best quality stationery in their schools. He said they are proud to be producing quality material in their company and also invited any criticism from their clients to assist them grow from strength to strength as a fully Eswatini grown company.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Malkerns Property Owners, Business Community, All Residents and Rate Payers are invited to its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING wherein the annual reports and audited financials shall be delivered to the stakeholders.

Stakeholders are also notified that they shall be submitting inputs to the preparation of Malkerns IDP 2020-2025.

Date	Target Group	Venue	Time
Saturday 23 rd November 2019	Malkerns Property Owners/Rate payers, Business Community, All Residents	Princess Pholile Hall, Malkerns	10:00am to 1:00pm

MELUSI HLANZE
TOWN CLERK/CEO

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Operations USALAMA and Batho arrest 26

...12.5 hectares of marijuana destroyed during period

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

A total of 26 suspects were arrested for possession of cannabis, alongside the seizure of 163.3 kilograms of cannabis as well as the destruction of 12.5 hectares of cannabis during operations USALAMA and Batho last month.

This was revealed by Chief Police Information Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, who further gave a brief background of the two operations.

"Operation USALAMA is an initiative of the Southern African Region Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SARPPCO) and the Eastern African Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO) and was conceptualised in 2013, as a measure to curtail transnational organised crime in the East Africa and the SADC Region.

The operation which is derived from a Swahili name meaning safety, was on its sixth edition this year and targeted the following crimes, namely; drug trafficking, illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons, environmental crimes, stolen motor vehicles, counterfeit and illicit goods, theft of copper cables and non-ferrous metals," she said. Operation Batho on the other hand is an initiative of INTERPOL and is sponsored by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

It derives its name from a Sesotho which means

people and was on its second run specifically targeting human trafficking and people smuggling.

Both these operations were intelligence-led to ensure maximum impact, as road blocks and targeted swoops or raids were conducted in the process.

"Twenty six suspects were arrested for possession of cannabis, alongside the seizure of 163.3 kilograms of cannabis as well as the destruction of 12.5 hectares of cannabis, 10 motor vehicles were seized for failing to comply with the motor vehicle tax laws, two motor vehicles suspected to have been stolen and having their engine numbers tampered with were impounded in Manzini and Mhlaleni pending further investigation," said the PICO. Twenty one illegal immigrants which include 16 of Asian origin and five from the SADC region were arrested. Vilakati further thanked all stakeholders and the public for support as the REPS go about with their duties, and promised that they would continue working hard to ensure the safety of Eswatini.

"The Royal Eswatini Police Service will continue to accentuate efforts aimed at destroying criminal networks and syndicates with the view to reverse the frontiers of criminality brought to bear by transnational nature of crime.

The support of all stakeholders and the public in general, remains invaluable in achieving the reduction of crime in order for the country's socio-economic landscape to be conducive to support business and investor capital," she concluded.



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Chiefs feeling powerless

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

CHIEFS are concerned as they feel they are being stripped of their powers by the regional administrator's offices.

This concern was raised by Senator Prince Magudvulela during the Senate portfolio committee debate of the ministry of Tinkhundla administration and development second quarter performance report Wednesday.

The senator said as traditional authorities, chiefs were increasingly feeling powerless as disputes traditionally settled by them at chieftaincy level were now deliberated on by RAs and Eswatini National Courts.

Appointment

He said this was a cause for concern to them as they felt they were undermined. Another concern raised by the senator was with regards to the appointment of Tindvuna Temcuba, as their appointed candidates were not acknowledged by regional secretaries. Tindvuna have always been appointed by chiefs



CONCERNED: Senator Prince Magudvulela.

and it was concerning that their decisions were not acknowledged. He stated an example of Luhlekweni, where the an *indvuna* under his jurisdiction passed on some time back and he has on a number of occasions communicated through letters with the RS and to date, the appointment had not been acknowledged.

He said the ongoing disputes ranging from land disputes among chiefs as well as community members and

emabandla was letting the country's traditional systems down. "Traditionally disputes, especially land disputes were settled by chiefs and not national courts but nowadays traditional structures were being ignored," he said.

He, however acknowledged that it was not solely down to the courts but mainly due to the people who had these disputes and opted to run to the courts instead of following traditional structures. People need

to be capacitated and encouraged to follow traditional structures in dealing with disputes, explained the senator. Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala said the issue of settling disputes was under the ministry's jurisdiction and disputes, especially were settled by the chiefs and regional administrators. He, however said as a ministry they were willing to engage with the chiefs and RAs and forge a way forward and resolve the differences in specific roles.

Obligated

"As a ministry we have embarked on an exercise where we would meet RAs and the prime minister on quarterly bases, where the RAs were obligated to submit reports to the ministry and prime minister of issues faced in the different regions," he said. The aim for the ministry is to end all disputes be at Tinkhundla level as they derailed developments, explained the minister.

He further encouraged chiefs to contact the ministry whenever they had challenges so they could be solved as the aim was to work hand in hand with traditional authorities in developing the country.

2 soldiers in court over 12 bore gun drama

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

TWO members of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) appeared in court over a private firearm, which was found in their possession.

Information presented before Magistrate Nelisiwe Hlophe is that police invaded a house where the two stayed and found them with the firearm. It is alleged that the police were searching for a missing camera belonging to one John Yung.

When police raided the house, they found the gun in one of the soldiers' trunks. One of the soldiers, identified as Matsenjwa who is a witness in the matter, is alleged to have told the police that the gun belonged to a senior officer Sihlongonyane LaNgwenya, who is the accused person in the case.

The two appeared before Manzini Magistrate Hlophe on Wednesday.

During cross examination, Matsenjwa detailed to the court how police raided the house he was sleeping in, which belongs to LaNgwenya. Matsenjwa informed the court that police did not even produce a search warrant when searching the house. He said they simply told him that they were looking for a missing camera.

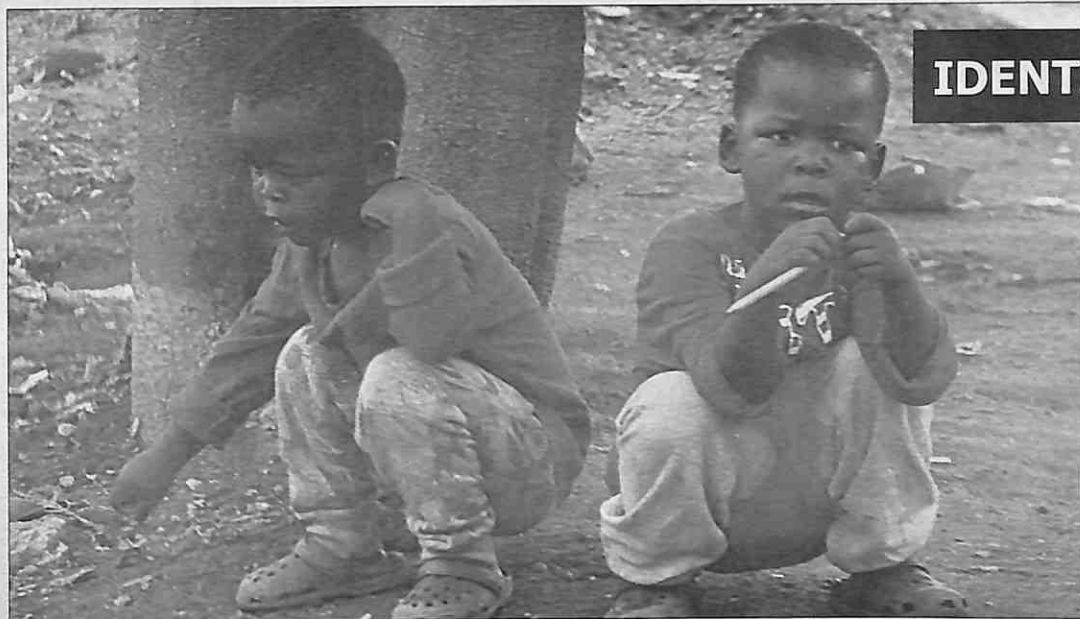
He said when they saw the soldier's trunk where members of the army keep their belongings they asked him to open it. Matsenjwa said he opened the locked trunk as ordered. He said police found the firearm and asked about the owner to which he responded that it was LaNgwenya who is his senior officer. The court disputed LaNgwenya's version, saying he was giving a different version. This is because when police first discovered the gun, he informed them that the senior officer gave it to him but now he was disputing that, saying the gun was kept in the house belonging to the senior soldier.

He also could not question his superior why he kept his private firearm in the house they both stayed in.

Matsenjwa when asked to give a description of the gun in question to which he said it was a 12 bore rifle. He said if he had told lies to the police, then he should have been arrested instead of his superior.

The Crown, however told Matsenjwa that the reason he has not been arrested was because he told officers that the firearm found in his possession did not belong to him but a senior officer.

The case was postponed until next year January for submissions.



IDENTICAL MATES

BEST BUDDIES: Twins play together without a care in the world at Msunduzi yesterday. There was no close parental supervision as the area is always abuzz with traffic. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Man in bitter dispute with brother over theft of river sand

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man is at loggerheads with his elder brother after he was arrested for stealing river sand, which he claims was bought with their father's money.

Fazoe Gumede has taken his younger brother Banele Gumede to task, claiming that he used his own money to buy the river sand, disputing Banele's allegations.

"I bought the river sand in 2012, with the intention to build a church at Mnyokane. Our mother was still alive during that time, so I informed her of my plans to build the church. I then left for South Africa, where I live and work," Fazoe explained.

Fazoe recalled that he returned to the country a few years later, to reports that his river sand had gone missing, and his brother was the main culprit.

"I was informed by one Mefika Mhlanga that he saw Banele with two men, loading the river sand onto a truck. I was livid, as this was not the first time that my brother has committed offences with me suffering the consequences of his actions," Fazoe stated.

Antics

Fazoe explained that he had sought assistance regarding his brother's criminal elements from the royal kraal, however Banele's antics got out of hand.

"I am his elder brother, and I have always had his best interest at heart. However, I have been unable to con-

trol or rather, help him out of this criminal phase. I have clothed, fed and educated him, something that our community has observed.

"When I paid for his tertiary education at a Technikon in South Africa, he dropped out and elected to immerse himself in a life of crime. I have had enough of it and I am stepping aside and letting the law take its course," he stated.

Fazoe added that he had even helped and supported this brother to start several businesses, including a block yard. "I also once bought about E10 000 worth of cement to make bricks, but my brother here decided to sell the cement instead of using it for his business. It was only after I stopped feeding him, that he became a complete monster," Even after hearing his brother's loving words, an irate Banele told the court that his brother was fabricating lies about him, as he claimed that Fazoe had bought the river sand with their father's money. "You never

supported me with any of my business ventures. The last venture, a block yard you sent your friends and community police to close the business down. And yes, I did take the river sand and I admit that I decided to take it to build my business. However, I should inform you that after our father's demise, the home belongs to him so does everything else," Banele shouted.

Lie

Banele shocked the court and his brother, when he stated that Fazoe took money received as dowry for his sisters and used it to purchase the river sand.

"The proceeds of the dowry intended for our sisters was in the name of our father, and you took it and spent it all on your own. You bought the river sand with that money, and I should further let you know that I am the owner and safe keeper of that home, not you!

You have come before this court to

lie about me, and paid all the witnesses, who are your friends to come and lie about me. Do you have receipts to show that you were feeding and supporting me? The clothes that I am wearing, did you buy them?" Banele questioned, angrily. To this, Fazoe responded that although he had indeed received the dowry on behalf of their father, he did consult with their mother on how it should have been spent. "I used my own money to purchase the river sand and so, it solely belonged to me. I do not understand why you cannot comprehend that what you did was commit the offence of theft, as the sand was not purchased by you and you never asked my permission to sell or even use it.

The sand was not yours, and you know it, there has never been a time where you have even been able to afford to buy anything," Fazoe responded. The matter was postponed for December 4, 2019 for the continuation of trial.



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ESWATINI



UNCONTESTED CIVIL ROLL BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M. DLAMINI 22nd November 2019 Court 'D'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEYS
1. 1842/19	MARIA ARMANDA CARDINAL MOREIRA MORAIS - PETITION	HENWOOD
2. 1722/19	MANCOBA MANUEL BHEMBE VS HLENGWE NELILE MKHATSWA AND THREE OTHERS	M.C. VILAKATI
3. 1810/19	MBONGENI SYDNEY MDZAWE VS MBALI PRIMROSE MDZAWE (BORN MATIMBA)	BHEMBE NYONI
4. 1811/19	FKILE NKAMBULE (NEE SHABANGU) VS JABULANI NKAMBULE AND TWO OTHERS	BHEMBE NYONI
5. 1749/19	SICALO PHETSILE SIPHANGA (NEE GAMEDZE) VS SIPHO FRANK SIPHANGA AND TWO OTHERS	MAMBA JOHNSON
6. 1128/19	SIFISO NXUMALO VS SIPHO SELBY MKHOMBE	SIMELANE MTSHALI
7. 1768/19	VENECIA ANDILE NOLANGAMANDLA VS LUCKY ZAKHELE MATSENWA AND TWO OTHERS	SIMELANE MTSHALI
8. 1265/19	ZANDILE MKHWANAZI VS LINDA DALTON TFWALA AND TWO OTHERS	L.M. SIMELANE
9. 1539/19 BERTRAM	TAMEN LINK INVESTMENTS LTD VS HANCY CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD	ROBINSON
10. 1080/18	SMILE CLINIC (PTY) LTD VS SWAZILAND MEDICAL AID FUND	HENWOOD
11. 1556/19	MARIA NTOMBI SIMELANE VS THE REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT AND ANOTHER	WARING
12. 1113/18	MILLENNIUM TENT MAKERS LTD VS SWAZILAND ELECTRICITY COMPANY	MANYATSI
13. 1866/19	NOMSA ANDILE DLAMINI VS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FIVE OTHERS	SITHOLE MAGAGULA
14. 1726/19	TEBOKGOE SIMBA VS MBHEKENI EUROPE DLAMINI AND TWO OTHERS	V.Z. DLAMINI
15. 1748/19	MOSES SHONGWE VS PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE DAVID KHUMALO AND THREE OTHERS	DLAMINI KUNENE

16. m976/17	HSAN NARSULA MOOK VS NEID HUMIL MOOK	S.M. JELE
17. 1750/19	GENEVIEVE MASIKI SIVAHARA (BORN MUNYAMBULU) VS THE REGISTRAR OF BMD'S AND TWO OTHERS	MTN NDLOVU
18. 804/19	THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS - EX PARTE	DPP
19. 1510/19	TQM INVESTMENTS LTD VS LUCKY'S ARK MOTOR SPARES	B.J. SIMELANE
20. 1584/18	SIMON DOCTOR NKAMBULE VS LABOUR COMMISSIONER AND THREE OTHERS	M. HLOPHE
21. 1698/19	NGWANE MILLS (PTY) LTD TIA FEEDMASTER VS ERNEST NOUMISO MDZEBELE	BOXSHALL - SMITH
22. 350/19	SIMON NYAMANE VS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS AND SEVENTEEN OTHERS	NKOSI
23. 162/19	SAMSON SHIBA VS DORRIS SHIBA AND TWO OTHERS	NKOSI
24. 1414/17	SIBONGILE MUZA VS ISAAC GRAHAM ROBERT AND ANOTHER	MKHANAZI
25. 1713/19	FERTEX SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD VS CATTIA INVESTMENTS LTD TIA CORBAN HARDWARE	DEMHELETA LEGAL
26. 952/19	RODRIGUES & ASSOCIATES VS INHLOHLA (PTY) LTD	RODRIGUES
27. 1649/19	SWAZILAND CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES VS WISDOM ACADEMY (PTY) LTD	M.C. SIMELANE
28. 1542/18	EXTRA DIMENSION 1168 TIA JONATHAN EDGES BROKES AND AGENTS VS NATIONAL MAIZE CORPORATION LIMITED	ROBINSON BERTRAM
29. 1486/19	INTERPARK (PTY) LTD VS PHELA LIVE WELLNESS CENTRE (PTY) LTD	WARING

CONTESTED CIVIL ROLL BEFORE THE HON. S.A. NKOSI 22nd November 2019 Court 'E'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEYS
1. 1469/18	MSOLWA DLAMINI VS VUVULANE MULTI PURPOSE FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY	T.R. MASEKO SITHOLE MAGAGULA

2. 618/16	GCINA DERRICK MAZIBUKO VS THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND ANOTHER	B.S. DLAMINI ATTORNEY GENERAL
3. 1378/15	SWAZI DELTA VS MUSA SACOLO AND THREE OTHERS	M. HLOPHE MKHWANAZI
4. 1435/19	CHRIS VAN ANNAN VS NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND TWO OTHERS	SY NGWENYA ATTORNEY GENERAL
5. 1443/19	ROYAL SWAZILAND SUGAR CORPORATION LTD VS SUPER MABUZA AND TWO OTHERS	SIMELANE MTSHALI MAGAGULA HLOPHE
6. 894/18	DUNSEITH ATTORNEYS VS ESWATINI WATER SERVICES STAFF ASSOCIATION	DUNSEITH MAGAGULA HLOPHE
7. 1416/19	ROSE RAUTENBACH (BORN MASEKO) VS REUBEN BERNARD RAUTENBACH AND FOUR OTHERS	ROBINSON BERTRAM BOXSHALL - SMITH
8. 1318/19	MABANDLA V. NXUMALO AND ELEVEN OTHERS VS BUNYE BETFU BUHLE BETFU SAVINGS & CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY AND TWO OTHERS	DLAMINI - KUNENE C.J. LITTLER
9. 1125/19	PHETSILE NDZABANDZABA VS GODINHO	S.M. JELE T.M. BHEMBE
10. 1517/17	ROBERT ZWANE VS SEHLULE MINGADI AND FIVE OTHERS	MANYATSI T.M. BHEMBE

RULE 45 (13) (i) BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE T. DLAMINI 22nd November 2019 Court 'F'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEYS
1. 1400/17	KYLE MATSIMBE VS SWAZI JIVE ENTERTAINMENT LTD AND ANOTHER	MABILA
2. 1376/18	NEDBANK SWAZILAND LIMITED VS WELILE PRETTY DLAMINI	SITHOLE MAGAGULA
3. 401/18	NGWANE MILLS LTD TIA FEEDMASTER VS SICUSHA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD	ROBINSON BERTRAM
4. 670/17	VIAN DLAMINI VS WISEMAN MAGAGULA	M.C. SIMELANE

DEFAULT JUDGMENTS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE T. DLAMINI 22nd November 2019 Court 'F'

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEYS
1. 1004/10	ADCOCK INGRAM HEALTH CARE (PTY) LTD VS	MAGAGULA HLOPHE

2. 1502/19	STD BANK SWAZILAND LTD VS LOVIS DUMSANI MAKHUBU	SITHOLE MAGAGULA
3. 1481/19	STD BANK SWAZILAND LTD VS SIKHUMBUZO MAMBA	SITHOLE MAGAGULA
4. 1771/19	SWAZI PROPERTIES LTD VS SKYWORLD (PTY) LTD	WARING
5. 728/19	THEMBA NTSHALINTSHALI VS STEVEN NTOKOZO TFWALA	MASINA MZIZI
6. 1689/19	STD BANK ESWATINI LTD VS ANDREAS DLAMINI	S.V. MDLADLA

UNCONTESTED BAILS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE T. DLAMINI 22nd November 2019 Court 'F'

CASE NO.	ACCUSED	CENTRE	ATTORNEY
1. 407/19	MABILA	REMAND	LUCAS SANELE
2. 408/19	MUSA MSIBI	REMAND	GCINIMUZI CELLU-
3. 409/19	NGWENYA	REMAND	MAKHOSONKHE
4. 410/19	MKHATJWA	REMAND	SIPHO RICHARD
5. 411/19	BETFU MAKAMA	REMAND	ZAKHELE MSIBI
6. 300/19	FORT GADLELA	REMAND	FRANK BUHLE-
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1. 304/17	CELIMPIO CHARLES MABILA
2. 280/18	MUSA ZEZE VILANE

MBABANE CORRECTIONAL

408/19	GCINA NKAMBULE
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BIG BEND CORRECTIONAL

1. 380/17	SIPHO OWEN MKHABELA
2. 302/18	BONGANI ELMON MACHEL

CONTESTED BAILS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE J. MAGAGULA 22nd November 2019 Court 'G'

CASE NO.	ACCUSED	CENTRE	ATTORNEY
375/19	SMANGA ISRAEL DLAMINI	REMAND	IN PERSON N. MABILA



STEPMOM REPORTED TO WELFARE OFFICE OVER ABUSE SUSPICIONS

STORIES BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

IT appears that members of the public are now conscious of issues of domestic violence as they are now able to report such cases either to the police or the Social Welfare Department.

This comes after an 11-year-old pupil of Sitsatsaweni Primary was visited by officials from the Deputy Prime Minister's Office after receiving reports that the child had been physically abused.

The child, *Sisana has been absent from school for over a week after being spotted with a swollen leg and arm, unable to walk freely. Neighbours of the girl's family have alleged that the child had been assaulted by her stepmother.

This publication gathered that the child had been unable to walk to school due

to what her stepmother, Hlaleleni Lushaba described as a mysterious sickness which was caused by an evil spell.

During a visit at the child's home on Tuesday, the child was found to have been taken to clinic for medical attention. She was said to have gone with her stepmother who is currently serving an extra-mural sentence at the same clinic.

Sentenced

Apparently, Lushaba was said to have been recently found guilty of a criminal offence by the Magistrate's Court, upon which she was sentenced to community work.

When speaking to this publication, a relative who did not want to be named, stated that the child has been unable to walk freely after one of her knees suddenly became swollen, compelling her to stop going to school.

The relative said as a family, they were

aware of some ill-treatment of the child by one of her parents.

She said however, it had not been ascertained what really caused the child's leg and arm to suddenly get swollen. "I noted that the child would be beaten up at the slightest mistake, but I am not really sure about the latest incident which has caused her injuries," said the relative.

Meanwhile, when the stepmother was eventually reached, she confirmed that the child was currently unable to go to school due to her swollen leg and arm. Lushaba however dismissed claims which suggested that the swollen leg and arm was a result of some beating which had been effected on the child. "I personally did not beat up the child, and there is no one else who could have done that because I am the one who stays with her," she said.

Lushaba further dismissed all allega-

'Child looks depressed at all times'

WITH allegations of physical abuse surrounding the swelling of Sisana's leg and arm, teachers at Sitsatsaweni Primary have revealed that the child has been looking depressed over the past few months.

This was gathered when this publication visited the school on a fact finding mission about the child's plight. Principal Neamsile Matsenjwa confirmed that the pupil has been absent from school for over a week. Matsenjwa said she had received a report from the class teacher, to the

effect that the said pupil has been looking depressed before disappearing from school. She stated that in many instances, the pupil would come late at school and report that she had been made to cook before going for school.

"I may not have a clear background of the child, but what we have on the table is that the child looked depressed," said the principal. Matsenjwa said the administration would make arrangements to ensure that the child eventually writes her examination, which she had already missed.

tions which suggested that the child was being abused. She claimed that the child

had been bewitched as her leg started swelling mysteriously.



MORE INFORMATION: The DPM's representative and others at the SOS Children's Village stall during the tour.



LISTEN: Parents and pupils from different schools listen to speeches.

EVERY CHILD HAS

STORIES BY DELISA THWALA
Mkhiweni

PRIME Minister Ambrose Dlamini says every child has a right and government must protect those rights.

Speaking on Wednesday at Mkhiweni Inkhundla during the celebration of 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the premier said it was not even up for discussion that every child had a right.

He said Eswatini was ranked number nine in child friendly countries in the whole of Africa.

"Today we celebrate rights, the rights of children. For every child on this earth there is a right, and it is up to us as a government to protect these rights and further implement them," said the PM.

The country is celebrating exactly 24 years since the convention of children's right was exercised. Wednesday marked 30 years since the establishment of the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

"We take this opportunity to pause and look back, take stock of the country's experiences and efforts invested to advance the wellbeing of our children in the country and worldwide," the premier said.

The PM said as a government, they engaged in an introspection to evaluate their individual and collective efforts. They also measured the ground that



GUEST: Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini addressing the gathering during the commemorating 30 years of the convention on the Rights of the Child held at Mkhiweni Inkhundla on Wednesday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

they had covered in the child protection landscape.

They are still pondering what they must do as government to integrate the best interest of children, without discrimination while valuing and recognising their views as they strive to guarantee their right to life.

On a lighter note, Dlamini shared that Mkhiweni used to be his hometown, and he was happy to be back.

"Back in 1977 I used to live here at a home called 'KaMlota' and I was doing

my Grade Two at St Florence, so this place is close to my heart and I would not have missed being here for the world," said the prime minister.

On that note, Human Rights Commissioner Sabelo Masuku said they wanted to intensify the law that would be stern on people who abuse and misuse children's rights.

"As a commission, we have secured rights to education with continued collaborations that contribute to the rights of children," said Masuku.



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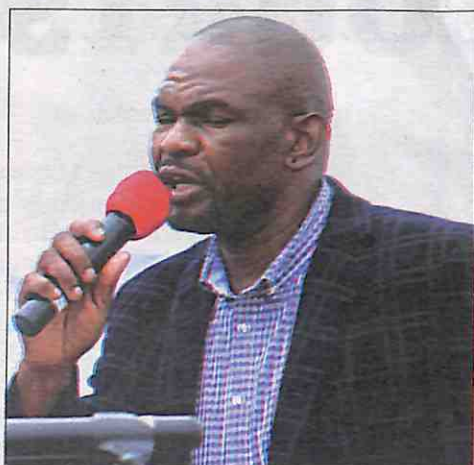
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		Hluti	Matsanjeni Village	Project Construction	10:30a.m. – 2:00p.m.
		Madlangempisi	Mnjoli, Mnjoli Primary and High Schools	Closing Span	9:30a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Tuesday	26 Nov	Hluti	Ngudzeni, Dumako, Lokokoma, Phongolwane, Mphaphane	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
		Madlangempisi	Mliba, Rest Camp, Mnjoli Primary and High Schools	Closing Span	10:30a.m. – 2:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Lavundlamanti, Nceka, Magojena, Sinceni, Sinceni Clinic, Khoza and Nkambule Farm	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
		Nhlangano	Phumula Guest House, Holneck, Maseyisini, Joppa, Mahamba Border, Mission, Gorge and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 3:30p.m.
Wednesday	27 Nov	Nhlangano	Phola	Transformer Uprating	10:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
		Hluti	Hhohho emuva emabeleni	Reconductoring	9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
		Pigg's Peak	Horo Clinic, Mvembili Primary School, Mswati High School and surrounding areas	Dual Line Stringing	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Madlangempisi	Buhleni Town	Transformer Installation	10:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Lavundlamanti area, Kukhanyeni	Reconductoring	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Thursday	28 Nov	Madlangempisi	Phemba Primary School, NGS Farmers	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
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INTRODUCTION: Mkhweni MP Michael Masuku introducing Manzini Regional Administrator Chief Gija. (R) **FEEL AT HOME:** Indvuna Yenkhundla of Mkhweni Dumisa Mamba makes his welcoming remarks.



HAPPY PEOPLE: Cheerleaders in jubilation as they welcome the guests.



MUSIC: St Josephs Primary School pupils entertain the guests.

Over 1 000 children get T-shirts

ALL the children that attended the celebrations received free T-shirts which were inscribed 'For Every Child Every Right'.

Members of the community were also presented with the

same T-shirts. One pupil who was interviewed said she loved the T-shirt.

"Everyone who has ever mis-used children's rights will think and do things differently when they see this T-shirt. I am happy

and thankful for it," said Nokwanda Khumalo.

The event was attended by over 12 schools which included St Theresa's Primary, Mater Dolorosa Primary, Ka Phunga and others.



DEPUTY COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Lesotho Highlands Water Commission is a bi-national body (Lesotho and South Africa) established by Treaty of 1986 to oversee the implementation of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

An opening exists for a professional with initiative to serve as **Deputy Commission Secretary** for the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission. This is an important position for which the successful candidate will have a key role in providing administrative, financial, legal and support services as well as an advisory function to the organization.

Qualifications

A member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) (or an equivalent recognized body) with a degree in accounting or law from a recognized tertiary institution.

Experience required

The candidate must have at least ten (10) years experience in a similar role in a comparable environment. The ideal candidate will have a good command of the English language and be computer literate. Diplomacy and service orientation are essential attributes.

The Position requires a candidate who is NOT a citizen of either Lesotho or South Africa.

An attractive salary is being offered for the right candidate.

Applications together with CVs and names of two (2) referees are to be forwarded by **Thursday, 28, November 2019 at 12:00 hours** to:

The Commission Secretary
Lesotho Highlands Water Commission
Private Bag A 156
Maseru 100
Kingdom of Lesotho

e-mail: sec@lhwc.org.ls

applications by e-mail only shall be accepted.

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YOUTH ENTERPRISE REVOLVING FUND LOAN APPLICATION PROCESS

The YERF is making a 4th (forth) call for loan applications from the Eswatini Youth (18-35 years) on the **04th November, 2019** and shall be closed on the **4th December, 2019**. The application process shall be as follows:

1. A call for applications will be made on a quarterly basis

The application process includes the following steps:

- Advertisement (call for applications) on various media houses
- The application period is opened for a period of one month.
- Forms are available on YERF website as well as distributed to among other stakeholders, Tinkhundla Centres, and Eswatini National Youth Council, Junior Achievement, ENACTUS, IDCE, SEDCO, LULOTE, etc.

2. Filling of Application Forms

The applicant fills in the forms providing information which shall among others include:

- Information about the applicant(s)
- Form is taken to Umphakatsi or Zone Leader for vetting where they append their signature and stamp the form
- The form is taken for further vetting at Inkhundla through signature and stamp
- The form with all the attachments is submitted to The Fund offices, ENYC Offices or left at Inkhundla centre where it shall be collected.
- Applicants should ensure that before submission, attachments are included as guided in the requirements checklist found in the last page of the application form.

3. Attachments

The following attachments shall be necessary to accompany the submission of the application form:

- Certified copy of ID
- Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation (for a registered company)
- Certified Copy of Form J
- Certified Copy of Memorandum & Articles of Association
- Premises / Land right (Chief's Letter, Title Deed, Lease Agreement, etc.)
- Business Plan (include relevant CV)
- Market Contract/Letter of Intent as proof of market
- Trading Licenses (where applicable)
- The applications received shall not be interpreted as deserving for funding.

Only relevant requirements shall be attached by the applicants, i.e. not all the above requirements will be applicable to all applications.

4. Loan Appraisal Process

The appraisal process shall be as follows:

- Stage 1 - YERF pre-screening to ensure; compliance, eligibility and feasibility
- Stage 2 - Pitch up for qualifying applicants to present their business proposals.
- Stage 3 - Qualifying applications are referred to the intermediary for viability analysis including site visits.
- Stage 4 - Viable applications are recommended to YERF by the intermediary, where the Board of Directors shall approve projects deserving funding.
- Stage 5 - Feedback is sent to applicants. Those that are not successful shall be given reasons for non-approval and they will be assisted to improve them

and re-submit in the next cycle.

- The process between receipts of loan applications to approval stage is expected to take about one (1) month.

5. Funding

The disbursement of funds shall follow the process below:

- The successful applicants shall undergo and intense business training
- Those that have previously undergone training from a reputable institution shall be exempted from the training.
- The successful applicants shall proceed to sign loan agreements
- All applicants will be expected to open bank accounts for their businesses.
- A mentor/advisor shall be assigned to the applicants before disbursement of funds. The mentor shall also be co-signatories to procurement or expenditure requisitions.
- Disbursements shall be made direct to suppliers as much as possible.

5.1 Lending maximum limits:

- Sole traders/Individuals - E50,000.00
- Companies - E100,000.00
- Cooperatives - E150,000.00

5.2 Loan terms to be provided:

- a) Seasonal term - 12 Months
- b) Short term - 24 Months
- c) Medium term - 36 Months

5.3 Interest rates

The fund will endeavour to price loans below market rate due to developmental mandate. Interest rates shall be categorized into the following three market segments subject to risk assessment.

- Market 1 - Prime +2% = 12.0%
- Market 2 - Prime +1% = 11.0%
- Market 3 - Prime +0% = 10.0%

Currently the prime rate is 10.0%

6. Deferred Loans

- YERF shall engage applicants with deferred loans with a purpose to assist them improve and re-submit in the subsequent cycles.

7. Loan repayments

- All loans to be granted shall be repaid in full with interest.
- Loans shall be repaid with the Intermediary through bank accounts.
- The onus is upon all fund beneficiaries to repay their loans within the agreed terms. The Fund will make all possible means to recover all granted loans to ensure sustainability of the Fund.

The above lending conditions are subject to review in due course in response to risk assessment, economic outlook, etc.

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JUSTICE MINISTER LAMENTS SHORTAGE OF COURTS

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) is currently pursuing investigations of over 375 matters brought before it by members of the public.

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shakantu addressing editors and journalists during their breakfast meeting with the prime minister on Wednesday, she said the shortage of courtrooms remained a challenge in terms of solving cases.

Giving a breakdown of the cases, Shakantu said currently, the ACC had 34 pending corruption cases and 18 of them had been completed, while four are pending in the magistrate's court and three had been partly heard in courts.

About nine are pending trial dates. She added that because of the nature of the cases, they tend to take a long time when it comes to the court process.

"This is influenced by interims such as urgent applications amongst other factors that may prolong cases," she said.



WORKING ON IT: Minister of Justice Pholile Shakantu clarifies some judicial issues.

She added that they are having continuous discussions with the judiciary. The first issue at hand is the availability of courtrooms.

"The high court and the supreme court are sharing premises," she said.

Therefore if there are on-going trials in both courts, some are stalled. Therefore the chief justice has put in place other facilities such as conference rooms that could be used

when the other cases are in session.

However, the minister said that process had not been completed because the available conference rooms were police station's facilities.

She said the issue of courtrooms remained a challenge.

The minister added that to address the shortage of courts, they are looking at alternative premises for the Supreme Court while they are still

waiting for construction which is a long term project.

On that note, Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini said besides investigations, the ACC had a mandate of educating the nation on corruption and related topics to society. This is being done through numerous platforms such as the media, radio, trade fair reach-outs, public and private entities. As an achievement towards the fight against corruption the ministry of justice has recently launched a radio programme through which it would collaborate with the ACC in educating and sensitising the nation on corruption.

Government fully supports the fight against corruption and the operations of the ACC.

Cabinet has positioned itself by creating a corruption prevention sub-committee under the headship of the DPM to assist and create an enabling environment for the agenda against corruption in the country. This included assisting the ACC and other stakeholders, especially in the justice value chain, in removing bottlenecks in the fight against corruption. One of the first steps has been to provide the ACC with a secure operating environment.

Anti-Corruption Policy to be finalised

THE minister of justice and constitutional affairs has said to fight against corruption; the ACC anticipates starting a fund.

She said the Asset Forfeiture Unit, complements the fight against corruption.

She said it would be funded by the money that will be generated from the forfeited assets.

The minister added that they have to link with other countries.

The PM Ambrose Dlamini said government understood that fighting corruption could not be the responsibility of one entity, thus multiple partnerships are required.

"In that light, the inter-agency task force against corruption which comprises, the ACC, police and the DPP will be resuscitated to tackle serious cases of corruption and enhance speedy resolution of cases," he said.

The Asset Recovery Unit placed under the DPP is already making interesting roadways in the recovery of crime tainted assets in the spirit of the Organised Crime Act, 2018.

The premier said a National Anti-Corruption Policy would soon be finalised and rolled out to entrench government's position against corruption.

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Two Mozambicans nabbed with dagga at Mhlumeni Border

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

TWO Mozambican nationals have appeared before the magistrate's court after they were nabbed while in possession of dagga at Mhlumeni Border Gate.

The accused persons, Antonio Manyisa (24) and Ghito Manyisa (32) were jointly charged for contravening the Pharmacy Act.

They were alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully possessed 4.16 kilograms of dagga, a potentially harmful drug.

The accused persons were nabbed by police who man the border gate to ensure that illicit goods do not cross to either side of the border.

The dagga, which was being transported to Mozambique, was wrapped in a black plastic bag.

During their appearance before court, the accused persons were informed of their right to legal representation.

Each of them elected to conduct

his own defence. The Crown filed an application to have the matter postponed to a later date pending commencement of trial. The Crown further opposed to a bail application, on the ground that the accused persons were of foreign national. The matter was set to return to court today for commencement of trial.

Meanwhile in the same court, Sambulo Mkhonta faced a charge of house breaking with intent to steal and theft. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully broken into the house of Mayibongwe Matsebula and stole items which were valued at E3 250. When informed of his right to legal representation, the accused person elected to conduct his own defence. He was, however, not asked to plead to the charge. The Crown filed an application to have the matter postponed to a later date pending setting of a date of trial. The accused was granted bail at E1 500 and ordered to return to court next Tuesday.



WELCOME: The Mhlumeni Border Post.

NEEDS SPECIAL ATTENTION



DANGER: The drainage system along the Malagwane Hill near Bahai School needs some special attention as it is now blocked and is forcing water into the road resulting in accidents. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

THE imminent bus fare hikes will hit hard on many and street vendors are amongst those.

Some of the street vendors who were interviewed revealed that the bus fare hikes would hit hard on them because they rely on public transport.

They said once the new fares are effected, customers buying power would be low due to the implications that would come with the new bus fare hike.

One of the street vendors who was interviewed, Nomthandazo Sibiya said it is always hard to do business more especially when the economy is not

doing well. She said it would be worse once the bus fare hikes are effected.

She said as street vendors they would not be spared by the recent development. Sibiya also lamented the fact that they travel long distances to stock their wares which they sell around town. With the looming bus fare hikes, it means they would lose more money trying to sustain their crumbling businesses.

Sibiya said it is not only the bus fare hike that would affect them, but also the increase of other commodities such as bread and fuel. "While we were still trying means to make it through the current economic situation we have to face the hike of bus fares and we really need our government to do something about it," she added.

In the same vein, Canaan Shongwe said as vendors they have no choice but to look at other means of doing business and how they will survive under such circumstances.

He said with the many years he had been in the business, the previous years proved that the country is heading for worst times in history.

Members of the public called for the collaboration of development bodies and government to come up with ways to salvage the situation.

Some even said that government had failed the nation on many areas, and it was high time government prioritised serving the people's needs in a different approach.



LONG LIVE: His Majesty King Mswati III representative Prince Guduza and the Russian Federation Ambassador Alexander Surikov toast to the 20th Anniversary of Diplomatic Ties at the Summerfield Botanical Garden on Tuesday evening. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR IMPILORED TO SHARE ESWATINI WITH HIS COMMUNITY

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Matsapha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has requested the Russian Ambassador to Eswatini to share investment opportunities Eswatini can offer to the Russian business community.

The King was speaking during the 20th anniversary celebration of Eswatini and Russia bilateral relation which was held on Tuesday at Summerfield Botanical Gardens in Matsapha.

He was represented by Prince Guduza.

The celebration was attended by the Russian community in the country, Cabinet ministers and members of the Royal family.

His Majesty said they were grateful for the warm relations the two countries had.

The King said Eswatini had opportunities in sectors such as information, communication, technology, infrastructure, manufacturing and agriculture amongst others.

He therefore asked the Russian



APPLAUSE: His Majesty's representative Prince Guduza joined by Ambassador Alexander Surikov and Prince Sicalo for a round of applause.

Ambassador Alexander Surikov to share the opportunities with the Russian Federation.

Summit

The King said he anticipated more Russia-Africa relations as they would help achieve the continental vision of 2063 themed 'the Africa we want'.

In the recent summit, African leaders and Russia agreed to work together. Adding, His Majesty thanked Russia for the exchange programmes that exist between the two countries.

Through the study opportunities extended by Russia to Emaswati, His Majesty said it showed Russia's readiness to share its expertise with the rest of mankind through the exchange programmes.

He highlighted the role played by Russia in the development of many African countries in different forms.

He said this was accepted by many African countries because it had the potential to add the required impetus to many lives in Africa.

The King shared that both Eswatini and Russia believed in the philosophy of non-interference to the affairs of other countries and had respect for sovereignty. "The Kingdom subscribes to the notion of addressing issues amicably rather than to use violence because such situations resulted to painful suffering of innocent citizens," he said.

He said Emaswati believed that dialogue and respect remained at the apex of nationhood.

Carmichael's family applauded

RUSSIAN Ambassador Alexander Surikov has thanked the late Consul of Russia John Carmichael and his family for their efforts in the bilateral relations shared by the two countries.

He said the Botanical Garden was not only one of the most popular attractions in Eswatini, but also a symbolic site as it was used for many years as an honorary consulate of the Russian Federation to the Kingdom of Eswatini. Speaking of the relations between the two countries; Surikov said Russia and Eswatini have always had a traditionally friendly relationship even before formalising the relations.

He added that the Russian Federation was one of the few countries that initiated the famous "UN Declaration on decolonisation" almost 60 years ago, granting independence to colonial countries and peoples.

From the first day of the independence of Eswatini in 1968 the Soviet Union recognised the Kingdom as a sovereign state and proposed to institutionalise bilateral links.

Further, the process of the establishment he said was not easy as it was delayed and finalised only by the new democratic Government of Russia on November 19, 1999. Since then every Ambassador of Russia to Mozambique also presents his Credential Letters to His Majesty King of Eswatini as non-resident Ambassador.

WLSA, CANGO and Liphimbo Labomake convene

BY NONCCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

WOMEN and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) in partnership with Liphimbo Labomake and CANGO's Gender Consortium have kick-started the 16 days of activism.

It was launched on Wednesday at the Alcon House in Manzini, during a women's conference which was aimed at presenting Liphimbo's constitution to members.

WLSA Executive Director Colani Hlatjwako said there were many factors that led to the organisation having its own constitution.

She stated that it was felt that members need to have rules and guidelines which would help assist them as they carry their mandate.

Hlatjwako said they also had the

meeting to discuss the current economic status of the country.

She mentioned that as members of the gender consortium they had to sit down, and look at ways that women could use in improving the country's economy.

She said society was over the era of women sitting at home and giving birth to children, but are now required to stand up and contribute in the different sectors of life.

Hlatjwako said as the 16 days of activism was fast approaching, they wanted to highlight how the economic crisis of the country contributed to the increased rate of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

She said poverty had been one of the key factors of GBV.

"We want to find out what is it that we women can do to tackle and mitigate such sensitive issues," she added.



EXCHANGE: Minister of Foreign Affairs Thuli Dladla exchanges some letters with the Russian Ambassador Alexander Surikov.



ATTENTIVE: A section of the invited guests including King's Office Legal Advisor Nsika Fakudze listen to the speeches.



CHEERS: Chief Defence officer Prince Hlangusempi and retired PS Defence Andreas Mathabela toast to the celebrations.



RESPECT: Some of the invited guests listening to the two countries national anthems.



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EswatiniPost also joined forces with SVNET who were commissioned by the Eswatini Television Authority (ETVA) to collect TV licence fees, to put systems in place for ease of television license fee collection and enforce the Swaziland Television

Act of 1983.

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Available Cover Options

Cover Option	Benefit Level	Monthly Premium
Silver Plan	E5 000	E32.00
Gold Plan	E10 000	E51.00

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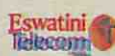


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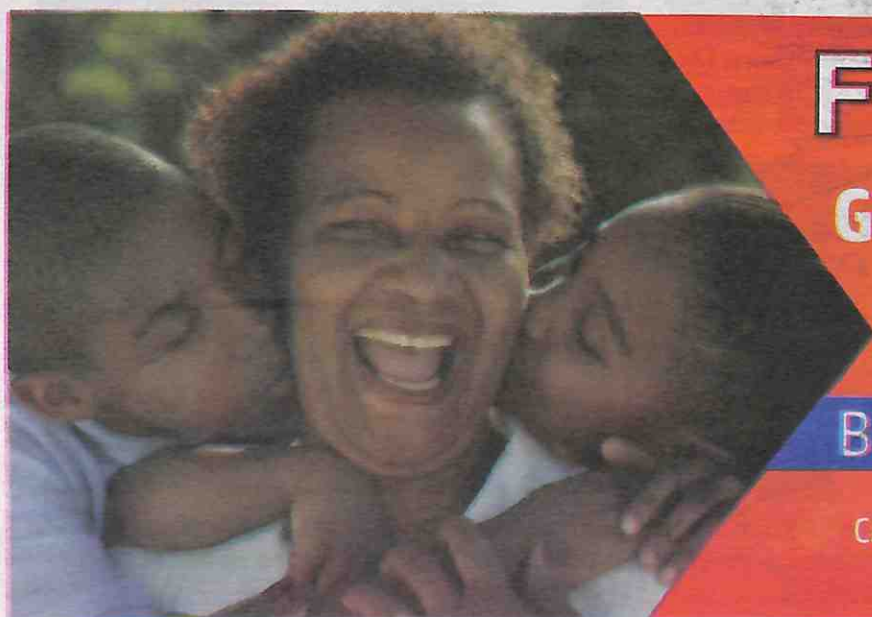
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BY NATHALIE NDONGO-SEH
Resident Coordinator of the United Nations
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PRIORITISING WATER, SANITATION FOR ALL IS ESSENTIAL TO REVERSE POVERTY

...In 2015, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 17 SDGs call for action by all countries, poor, rich and middle income to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. With only 10 years remaining to achieve these goals, countries are accelerating steps towards ending all forms of poverty, fighting inequality, tackling climate change and ensuring that no one is left behind. Every month, the United Nations places one of the 17 SDGs under the spotlight, highlighting its purpose, target, indicators and outlining its criticality in advancing Agenda 2030 for sustainable development. The focus is placed this month on access to clean water and sanitation for all, SDG 6.

ACCORDING to the 2019 United Nations World Water Development Report, improved water resource management and access to safe water and sanitation for all is essential for eradicating poverty, building peaceful and prosperous societies and ensuring that no one is left behind on the path towards sustainable development.

Clean, accessible water for all is an essential part of the world we want to live in.

Access to water, sanitation and hygiene is a human right and there is sufficient fresh water on the planet for all. Yet billions of people are still faced with daily challenges to access clean water and basic sanitation.

Water

The demand for water has outpaced the population growth, and half the world's population is experiencing severe water scarcity at least one month a year.

Three in 10 people worldwide lack access to safely managed drinking water services. About three billion people lack access to basic sanitation services such as toilets or latrines.

Millions of people, including children, die every year from diseases associated with inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene. Worldwide, more than two million people die every year from diarrhoeal diseases. Poor hygiene and unsafe water are responsible for nearly 90 per cent of these deaths and mostly affect children. 1,000 children die every day due to preventable water and sanitation-related diarrhoeal diseases.

More than 80 per cent of wastewater resulting from human activities is discharged into rivers or sea without any treatment, leading to pollution. Water scarcity, poor water quality and inadequate sanitation negatively impact food security, livelihood choices and educational opportunities for poor families across the world. At the current time, more than two billion people are living with the risk of reduced access to freshwater resources and, by 2050, at least one in four people is likely to live in a country affected by chronic or recurring shortages of fresh water. Drought afflicts some of the world's poorest countries, worsening hunger and malnutrition.

According to the 2019 United Nations World Water Development Report, titled Leaving No one Behind, water use has been increasing worldwide by about one per cent per year since the 1980s, driven by a combination of population growth, socio-economic development and changing consumption patterns.

This means that stress levels will continue to increase, as the demand for water grows and the effects of climate change intensify.

Fortunately, there has been great progress made in the past decade regarding drinking sources and sanitation, whereby over 90 per cent of the world's population now has access to improved sources of drinking water. Between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of the global population using an improved drinking water

source has increased from 76 per cent to 90 per cent.

However, water scarcity affects more than 40 per cent of the global population and is projected to rise. To improve sanitation and access to drinking water, there needs to be increased investment in management of freshwater ecosystems and sanitation facilities on a local level in several developing countries.

Continued prioritisation of water and sanitation as a basic social service, especially to the most vulnerable, has the potential to reverse the scourge of poverty and contribute to national development.

As Eswatini has set a target of 100 per cent access to water and sanitation, the country continues to make progress towards achieving SDG 6 targets by 2030, including through the setting up of an enabling environment. Water stressed populations are found mainly in rural communities where over 61 per cent people have access to safe water supply and 46 per cent have access to improved sanitation. In urban areas, 95 per cent have access to water supply and 94 per cent have access to sanitation. As diarrhoea is one of the top 10 causes of under five mortality among children, together authorities, communities, parents, schools, custodians, and partners alike – we shall ensure that every Eswatini has access to clean water, drinking water, as well as basic sanitation and hygiene, thereby resulting into a significant drop of diarrhoea and risk of diseases outbreaks. The government shall be lauded for its efforts to invest in water infrastructure. Indeed, the country has invested in bulk water transfers across river basins to bring safe water to water stressed and vulnerable communities. Sanitation subsidies and advocacy for community participation have seen the most vulnerable households access basic sanitation services, a key national deliverable in line with Eswatini National Development Strategy.

Early this month, the ministry of natural resources and energy launched the National Water Policy, which will introduce water reforms to promote the development and the review of compliance frameworks that encourage the proper use of water in Eswatini. Key objectives of the policy include the promotion of integrated planning, the development and the management of water resources with a particular emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders.

Access to clean water and sanitation is not only a basic need but a foundation for good health and economic development. A healthy and productive population is key to reducing work force down time, school absence and medical expenses due to diarrhoeal diseases. All these have a positive economic impact.

Facts and figures

- 1 in 4 health care facilities lacks basic water services
- 6 in 10 people lack access to safely managed sanitation facilities.
- At least 892 million people continue to practice open defecation.
- Women and girls are responsible for water collection in 80 per cent of households without access to water on premises.
- More than 80 per cent of wastewater resulting from human activities is discharged into rivers or sea without any pollution removal
- Approximately 70 per cent of all water abstracted from rivers, lakes and aquifers is used for irrigation
- Floods and other water-related disasters account for 70 per cent of all deaths related to natural disasters.

Worldwide Targets for SDG 6 under Agenda 2030

- By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all.
- By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.
- By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally
- By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity.
- By 2030, implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate.
- By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes.
- By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies.
- Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.

The United Nations Development System in Eswatini remains committed to working with the government and stakeholders to ensure that key development aspects are pointedly addressed in water resources management and access to water supply and sanitation services. In 2016, during the El Nino drought, the United Nations Development System in Eswatini mobilised resources to ensure a coordinated response to maximise existing resources.

Funds

Among the eight United Nations Agencies, funds and programmes present in the country, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has supported the government through capacity development for the rehabilitation and the management of wetlands to protect critical freshwater sources.

Under the Climate Smart Agriculture project, a study was supported to enable Eswatini to optimise groundwater use in line with the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Framework and General Water Sector Reforms. UNDP also supported the improved management of water sources, including watershed protection for more efficient irrigation infrastructure. Within the UN family in Eswatini, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) rehabilitated and constructed water systems, including rainwater harvesting systems in over 80 schools during the El Nino episode. UNICEF also supported the development of the Sanitation

and Hygiene Strategy, which leveraged funding for development partners to assist the government in developing the policy, in addition to supporting a Water Sanitation and Hygiene Financing study to identify possible funding sources towards achieving equitable access to Water Supply and Sanitation services.

For its part, the United Nations World Health Organisation (WHO) supported the government in submitting the country chapter in the Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) Report 2018.

In order to sustain the gains made and improve access to water and sanitation, coordination mechanisms shall be improved; locally available resources shall be used efficiently; research into the conjunctive use of groundwater and hygiene behaviour change shall be addressed; and partnerships shall be strengthened.

The economic impact of not investing in water and sanitation costs 4.3 per cent of sub-Saharan African GDP.

Without better water infrastructure and management, there will be losses in lives, biodiversity and ecosystem resilience, undermining prosperity and efforts towards a more sustainable future. Decision-makers, the private sector, civil society, communities, citizens, academia, labs, start-ups and partners shall join hands: no contribution to the advancement and the attainment of the SDGs in this decade of action and acceleration is too small.

ON THIS DAY

...NOVEMBER 22

1985 - 38,648 immigrants became citizens of the United States. It was the largest swearing-in ceremony.

1986 - An Iranian surface-to-surface missile hit a residential area in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, wounding 20 civilians.

1986 - Attorney General Meese's office discovered a memo in Colonel Oliver North's office that included an amount of money to be sent to the Contras from the profits of weapons sales to Iran.

1986 - Mike Tyson became the youngest to wear the world heavyweight-boxing crown. He was only 20 years and four months old.

1988 - The South African government announced it had joined Cuba and Angola in endorsing a plan to remove Cuban troops from Angola.

1989 - Rene Moawad, the president of Lebanon, was assassinated less than three weeks after taking office by a bomb that exploded next to his motorcade in West Beirut.

1990 - US President George HW Bush, his wife, Barbara, and other congressional leaders shared Thanksgiving dinner with US troops in Saudi Arabia.

1990 - British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher announced she would resign.

1993 - Mexico's Senate overwhelmingly approved the North American Free Trade Agreement.

1993 - American Airlines flight attendants ended their strike that only lasted four days.

1994 - Inside the District of Columbia's police headquarters a gunman opened fire. Two FBI agents, a city detective and the gunman were killed in the gun battle.

1994 - In northwest Bosnia, Serb fighters set villages on fire in response to a retaliatory air strikes by NATO.

1998 - CBS's "60 Minutes" aired a tape of Jack Kevorkian giving lethal drugs in an assisted suicide of a terminally ill patient. Kevorkian was later sentenced to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder.

2005 - Angela Merkel was elected as Germany's first female chancellor.

2005 - Microsoft's XBOX 360 went on sale.

2013 - The discovery of Siats meekerorum was announced. The dinosaur skeleton, more than 30 feet long, was found in eastern Utah.

2016 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 19 000 for the first time in its 120-year history. It closed at 19 023.87 for the day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Scarlett Johansson
(movie actress)
November 22,
1984 (35 years old)



Hailey Bieber
(Model) November
22, 1993 (26 years
old).



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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THE WITNESS PROTECTION ACT, 2018

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Witness Protection Act, 2018.

(2) This Act shall come into force on a date to be appointed by the minister by notice in the Gazette.

INTERPRETATION

"Director" means the Director of the witness protection programme;

INTERESTED FUNCTIONARY MEANS-

- (a) the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- (b) the Commissioner of the Royal Swaziland Police; or
- (c) any person designated as such by the Minister.

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Justice;

"Office" means the witness protection office established by section 2 and includes any branch established in terms of that section;

"place of safety" means a place of safety designated by the Director;

"proceedings" means any procedure conducted by or under the supervision of a judge or judicial officer in relation to any alleged or proven offence or property derived from such offence, and includes an inquiry, investigation or preliminary or final determination of facts;

"programme" means the witness protection programme;

"protected person" means any person who has been placed under protection;

"related person" means any member of a family or household of a witness, or any other person in a close relationship to, or association with, such witness;

"witness" means any person who is or may be required to give evidence, or who has given evidence in any proceedings;

"witness protection officer" means a witness protection officer appointed by the Director to administer the witness protection programme;

"witness protection programme" means protection of a person's personal safety.

PART II
ESTABLISHMENT OF WITNESS PROTECTION OFFICE

ESTABLISHMENT OF WITNESS PROTECTION OFFICE

3. (1) There is hereby established an office within the Ministry called the Witness Protection Office.

(2) The Minister may, after consultation with the Director, by notice in the Gazette, establish a branch office of the office for any area consisting of one or more regions of the country.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR AND MEMBERS OF OFFICE

4. (1) The Minister shall, subject to the laws governing the public service, appoint a person to the office of Director, who shall be the head of the Office.

(2) The Director shall, subject to directions from the Minister, perform the duties and functions



assigned to the Director under this Act.

(3) The Minister may, whenever a Director is unable to carry out the functions of the Director, appoint a person as acting Director to carry out the functions of the Director.

(4) The Director shall, in the process of carrying out the functions of the Director, be assisted, subject to the control and directions of the Director, by witness protection officers and any other officers from a public or other body who may be seconded to the office.

(5) A person seconded under subsection (4) who is not a member of the public service shall be entitled to such remuneration, including allowances for expenses incurred by the person in the performance of duties assigned by the Director, as the Minister, in consultation with the Minister of Finance may determine.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF A DIRECTOR

4. (1) The Director-

(a) shall be responsible for the protection of witnesses and related persons, including temporary protection and related services in terms of this Act;

(b) shall carry out the administrative duties relating to the protection of witnesses and related persons, including temporary protection and related services;

(c) may make arrangements necessary to allow a witness to establish a new identity;

(d) may make arrangements to provide a witness with accommodation or to relocate a witness;

(e) may enter into agreements to make use of the services of persons, bodies, institutions or organisations;

(f) may make an arrangement with any Government department or enter into an agreement with any person, body, institution or organisation-

(i) in terms of which the Office will be authorized to make use of the facilities or equipment belonging to or under the control of such Department, person, body, institution or organization;

(ii) in order to obtain documents and other information that may be required for the protection of a protected person; or

(iii) regarding any matter for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act;

(g) shall regulate the procedure and determine the manner in which the provisions of this Act shall be carried out;

(h) may designate places to be used as places of safety;

(i) shall exercise control over witness protec-

tion officers; and

(j) shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to the Director.

(2) Government departments shall render assistance reasonably required by the Director in the performance of the duties of the Director under this Act.

(3) The Director shall not obtain documentation that represents that a witness participating in the witness protection programme has a qualification that the witness does not have.

WITNESS PROTECTION OFFICERS

5. (1) The Director shall, subject to the laws governing the public service, appoint witness protection officers to assist with running the programme.

(2) A witness protection officer shall, subject to the control and directions of the Director, exercise powers and perform the functions assigned by the Director.

(3) A witness protection officer shall be assisted by other members of the Office designated for that purpose by the Director.

(4) A witness protection officer shall, at least once every six months, submit to the Director a report of activities or on any other matter that the Director may request the witness protection officer to deal with in the report.

Factors to be considered for inclusion of a witness in a witness protection programme

6. (1) The Director shall be responsible for deciding whether to include a witness in a witness protection programme.

(2) In deciding whether or not to place a witness in the witness protection programme, the Director shall have regard to the following-

(a) the seriousness of the offence to which the statement or evidence of the witness relates;

(b) the nature and importance of the statement or evidence;

(c) the nature of the perceived danger to the witness;

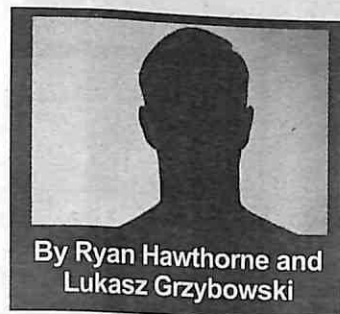
(d) whether there are viable alternative methods of protecting the witness; and

(e) whether the witness has a criminal record, particularly in respect of violent crime, which indicates a risk to the public if the witness is included in the programme.

(3) A witness shall not be included in a witness protection programme unless the witness, or a person legally responsible for the witness, agrees in writing to be included in the programme.

(4) The Director shall not include a witness in the witness protection programme if the Director does not have enough information to assess the matters referred to in this section in relation to the witness.

Mobile access won't fix the digital divide. Fixed-line is needed too



By Ryan Hawthorne and
Lukasz Grzybowski

MOBILE services have had an important and positive impact on developing countries where they are the main means of connecting to the internet.

However, mobile services have capacity constraints. They use limited radio frequency spectrum, which means mobile data typically has usage limits. They also have high prices per unit (per gigabyte), which results in lower use per connection.

Fixed-line broadband, on the other hand, has significantly lower prices per unit. It is often offered on an uncapped or unlimited basis, and therefore has higher usage per connection. This enables a wider range of services. Fixed lines are expensive to roll out, but these costs are falling.

So a question arises: is mobile enough for developing countries like South Africa?

It's an important question because there is a substantial 'digital divide' between countries, as well as within countries like South Africa.

This difference in access to digital technology also exists between households that have access to the internet at home, and those that do not.

In a recent paper we looked at the question of substitution between fixed and mobile broadband services. Our results show that having a computer and access to an internet connection at work or school are at least as important in driving broadband penetration as reducing mobile data prices.

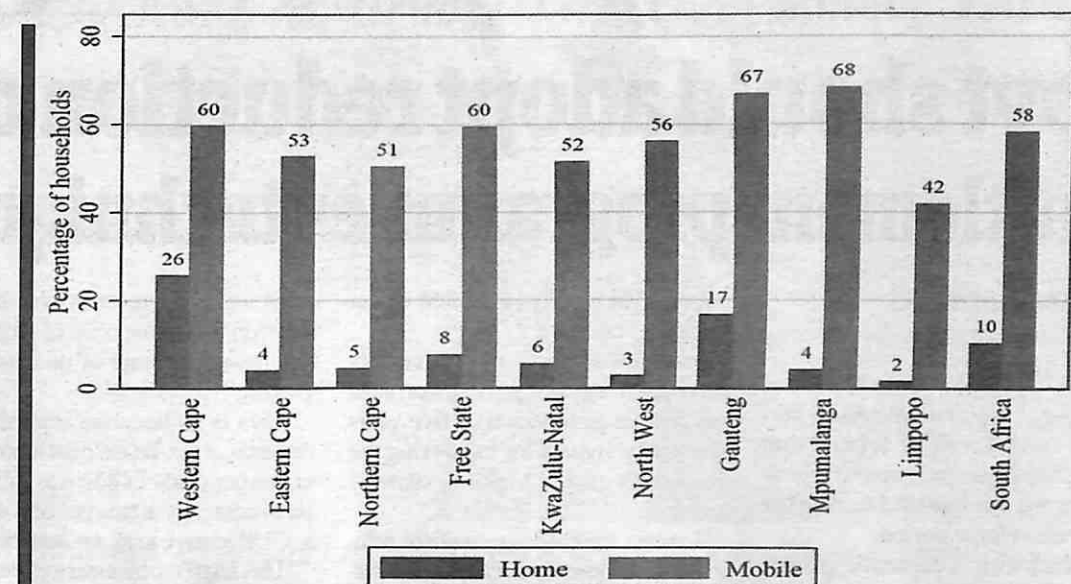
Our findings suggest that relying solely on mobile networks to bridge the "digital divide" is not enough. Policymakers and regulators should consider ways of expanding access to computers and internet at work and schools, together with expanding access to fixed-line broadband.

The digital divide

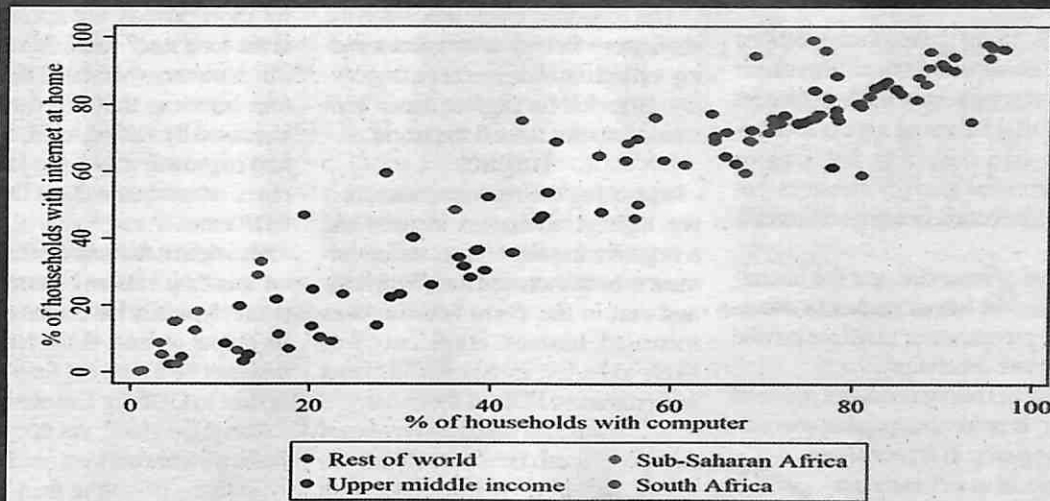
Overall, only 10 per cent of households in South Africa report having access to the internet at home. This compares to almost 50 per cent across developing countries. But even the low average internet access in South Africa masks important regional disparities.

In the Western Cape, for example, 26 per cent of households have internet access at home, compared to 2 per cent in Limpopo.

This suggests that access to the internet in South Africa is very low overall, and highly skewed, reflecting the extreme levels of inequality. In our paper, we show that



NEEDED: Percentage of households with access to the Internet at home, or for which at least one member has access to, or used the Internet any place via a mobile cellular phone. Statistics South Africa, 2018, General Household Survey.



INTERNET: Relationship between internet access at home and having a computer (2012-2016). Figure produced from data from the International Telecommunications Union.

access to the means of using the internet, such as owning a computer, plays an important role in household choices of fixed or mobile data services. Where a household has a computer, fixed and mobile are less likely to be substitutes.

Our research shows that if fixed-line coverage was expanded to the entire population and computers were available to all, fixed-line broadband penetration would increase significantly by 9.6 percentage points, while mobile broadband penetration would increase by half of a percentage point.

This is consistent with the positive relationship we observe between having a computer and home internet access across countries (see Figure 2).

Our results also corroborate survey evidence in South Africa and other countries that identifies the high cost or lack of equipment, such as computers, as being a barrier to using the internet at home. The price of subscribing to a service plays less of a role.

We also show that when consumers access the internet at work or school they are less likely to see fixed and mobile data services as substitutes. Having an internet connection at work or school would add an additional 5.7 percentage points to fixed-line broadband pen-

etration, and three percentage points to mobile broadband penetration. This is over and above the effect of expanding fixed-line coverage and providing households with computers.

This may be due to 'learning effects' where users of high-speed internet at work and school learn applications for high-speed internet at home. In addition, being employed, and being self-employed in particular, makes fixed and mobile data services weaker substitutes. Unemployment in South Africa is currently 38.5 per cent.

At higher levels of employment and particularly self-employment, more fixed-line services will be needed.

This is important in view of a recent study. The study shows that the expansion of high-speed internet access in African countries, including South Africa, results not only in greater employment but also in greater productivity.

Implications

These results have several implications for regulators and policymakers in developing countries, particularly in Africa. Regulators have so far focused largely on interventions in respect of mobile data services. But our findings suggest that this is not enough to expand

access to broadband.

Firstly, it is important to stimulate demand for broadband services. This can be done by providing the tools, such as computers, for using such services. Furthermore, our results suggest that ensuring individuals have access to the internet at work and educational facilities would likely increase broadband adoption.

Secondly, our findings show that, for large groups of consumers, fixed and mobile complement one another. This means that greater fixed-line broadband adoption leads to greater mobile data adoption, and vice versa.

The number of consumers that see fixed and mobile data as complements is greater at higher levels of employment and self-employment. It is also higher among those who have more access to computers and greater connectivity at work and at schools. This suggests that relying solely on mobile networks to bridge the digital divide is not enough.

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"Man, when you lose your laugh you lose your footing."
— Ken Kesey, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

"My only love sprung from my only hate!
Too early seen unknown, and known too late!
Prodigious birth of love it is to me,
That I must love a loathed enemy."
— William Shakespeare

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."
— Barack Obama

"I have accepted fear as part of life - specifically the fear of change... I have gone ahead despite the pounding in the heart that says: turn back..."
— Erica Jong

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."
— C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory, and Other Addresses*

"People, generally, suck."
— Christopher Moore, *The Stupidest Angel: A Heartwarming Tale of Christmas Terror*

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
— Walt Disney

"If I am not good to myself, how can I expect anyone else to be good to me?"
— Maya Angelou

"Hello, Harry" said George, beaming at him. "We thought we heard your dulcet tones." "You don't want to bottle up your anger like that, Harry, let it all out," said Fred, also beaming. "There might be a couple of people fifty miles away who didn't hear you."
— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

"The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time."
— Friedrich Nietzsche

"I address you all tonight for who you truly are: wizards, mermaids, travelers, adventurers, and magicians. You are the true dreamers."
— Brian Selznick, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*

"Love the world and yourself in it, move through it as though it offers no resistance, as though the world is your natural element."
— Audrey Niffenegger, *The Time Traveler's Wife*

"Whenever you think or you believe or you know, you're a lot of other people: but the moment you feel, you're nobody-but-yourself."
— e.e. cummings

"It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do."
— Jane Austen, *Sense and Sensibility*

"I don't hate you... I just don't like that you exist"
— Gena Showalter, *Seduce the Darkness*

"If we listened to our intellect we'd never have a love affair. We'd never have a friendship. We'd never go in business because we'd be cynical: 'It's gonna go wrong.' Or 'She's going to hurt me.' Or, 'I've had a couple of bad love affairs, so therefore...' Well, that's nonsense. You're going to miss life. You've got to jump off the cliff all the time and build your wings on the way down."
— Ray Bradbury

"The course of true love never did run smooth."
— William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E13.65 per litre
Replacement	E13.70 per litre
Diesel	E13.65 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 21 NOV 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.7342	14.7842
British Pound/SZL	19.0483	19.1129
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3457	7.3700
Swiss France/SZL	14.8740	14.9169
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3467	1.3661
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0148	10.0562
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.0741	11.1109
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
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Govt should adopt reduction of entitlement programmes technique

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

HAVING considered both sides of cutting government spending and hiking taxes, it can be argued that reduction in social security programmes is less harmful during the economic reform period.

In compliance to economic growth, the country can adopt the technique of reducing in its entitlement programmes and other government transfers as they are less harmful to growth than tax increases.

This is one of the recommendations by the Southern African Research Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED) following a cross sectional time series study of the implications of government austerity measures that might lead to cutting spending and increase of tax.

Also recommended was the liberalisation of the labour market to stimulate the private sector to reduce private investment uncertainty.

"SARFED recommends that in a short term, it is prudent to regulate government spending in favour of capital projects, as well as reduce in tax as measures to stabilise the economy in order to attract the implementation of expansionary fiscal adjustments policies.

"This would increase economic competitiveness and efficiency in both short and long term basis.

"This assumption is based on the findings of IMF analysis over 173 countries that engaged in fiscal consolidation whose conclusion was that countries that mostly raised taxes suffered about twice as much as

nations that mostly regulated or cut spending," it stated.

It stated that the fact that Eswatini economy was growing at less than three per cent for past period of five years sent many signals for catalysing the economy's growth trends in strategic areas.

However, the challenge might be within the government's fiscal policy intervention strategy, particularly the spending and taxation aspect in light of whether to cut spending at the same time increasing tax.

"This economic article articulates the implications for high government spending and high taxation in economic recovery. Empirical findings are drawn from various studies around the world.

Impact

In reaching the recommendation, it was highlighted that tax increase had a negative impact on private investment in both short and long term basis and that in the event taxation was increased, business confidence was likely to be lost as this would attract less prominent FDIs in the country.

It was also stated that tax-based fiscal corrections were mainly associated with

large and long-lasting recessions

sions which in turn can even cripple the economy to the point of stagnation this being the state of no economic growth.

"This is so because according to research, a tax-based plan amounting to one per cent of GDP was followed, on average, by a two per cent decline in GDP relative to its pre-austerity path.

"This large recessionary effect tends to last several years and many not be recommended for Eswatini at the moment; the understanding is based on the fact that while it might be good for short periods, but not sustainable in the long run," reads the report.

In summary was stated that the bottom line was that if a surplus was increased by raising taxes, the downturn in growth may be so large that it raises rather than reduces the debt-to-GDP ratio.

Also deficit reduction policies based on spending cuts on recurrent expenditure, typically have almost no effect on output at least in the long run, so they can be a sure bet for a reduction in debt to GDP for Eswatini.

Also highlighted was that spending-based adjustments were much less costly in terms of output than tax-based ones.

In fact, when government tries to reduce their debt by raising taxes, the policy was more likely to result in deep and pronounced recessions, possibly making the fiscal adjustment counterproductive.

"Finally, there is evidence that expansionary fiscal adjustments are more likely to occur when they are accompanied by growth-oriented policies, such as liberalising both labor regulations and markets for goods and services, in addition to a monetary policy that keeps interest rates low," it reads.

SACU receipts rebound by E6.3 billion in 2019/20

BY BAHLE GAMA

GOVERNMENT revenue continues to be heavily affected by movements in SACU receipts.

Compared to the previous financial year, SACU receipts rebounded to E6.3 billion causing total revenue to grow by nearly 12 per cent to E17.6 billion in 2019/20. Of this, non-SACU revenue grew by 14.2 per cent.

This is contained in the mid-year budget review statement presented by Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg in Parliament earlier this week.

He said that dependency on SACU receipts, from both cash and budgetary perspective is creating vulnerability in public finances and affecting long-term planning and focus should be on diversifying revenue sources.

Volatile

"Whilst SACU receipts remain volatile and cause large swings in total revenue, domestic collection has been more stable.

Tax revenue (excluding SACU) accounts for 50 per cent of total revenue and grew by 11.2 per cent in 2019/20. Of tax revenue, PAYE is the largest single item and accounts for close to 20 per cent of total revenue," he said.

He further disclosed that government expenditure remains largely in line with the budget but continues to be pressured by over-expenditure and off-budget expenditure on particular items.

Total recurrent expenditure has been executed up to 48 per cent and the execution rate for locally funded capital projects stands at 41 per cent.

RETAIL SPACE TO LET

ABOUT WOODLANDS SHOPPING CENTRE

Is a neighbourhood Shopping Centre with great potential for growth. It is located at the Woodlands suburban area, nestled between Embangweni and Dalriach, about 5km radius from the Mbabane Central Business District.

convenience retailers such as a pharmacy, ATMs, liquor store, restaurants, Engen filling station etc. There is also provision of sufficient parking, toilet facilities and a good location offering easy access for residents from surrounding suburbs.

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Space to Let
Size: Approximately 40 m²

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CORPORATES, PARASTATALS SHOULD SUPPORT WFF-MIN. MABUZA

BY BAHLE GAMA

MINISTER of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza has urged corporates, parastatals and donor organisations to support the Woman Farmer Foundation (WFF).

He said this during the Woman Farmer Network Platform that was held at S&B Restaurant in Matsapha yesterday.

The networking platform was intended for women farmers to interact with sponsors and have round table discussions.

He said the foundation did not have an official donor.

"This will ensure continued contribution by the foundation in empowering women and the youth of Eswatini," he said.

He further stated that it was his aim that with donors onboard, they could take agriculture production to another level and change the economic situation of Eswatini.

The minister also thanked the private sector markets for taking their time to network with farmers and assured them of their willingness to buy local women farmer produce.



CONVERSE: NAMBoard Chairman of the Board Dr Mike Matsebula in deep conversation with the CEO Siphephiso Dlamini. (Pics: Bahle Gama)

"As a ministry, I encourage you farmers to always have a consistent supply to the markets to ensure you have a reliable market for your produce," he said. He elaborated that this was part of the ministry's mandate of promoting farming as a business. Mabuza also requested potential markets within the private sector to buy local produce as it is done in other countries, where they promote locally-produced products.

Meanwhile, WFF Visionary and Founder Sonia Paiva said the appetite

for youth in agriculture seemed to be slowly increasing, and it was apparent that something need to be done to combat youth unemployment and encourage the youth to venture into agricultural business.

"This is possible and WFF is ready to engage with the relevant ministries to initiate the agricultural entrepreneurship development programme as an effort to address national issues such as high unemployment rates amongst the youth," she said.

As a ministry, I encourage you farmers to always have a consistent supply to the markets to ensure you have reliable market for your produce



WINNER: Dr. Matsebula and WFF Founder Sonia Paiva present Woman Farmer of the Year Thabsile Dlamini (c) with a gift.



YOURS: Youth Farmer of the Year Sindisiwe Mavuso (c) receiving her gift from NAMBoard Chairman Dr. Mike Matsebula and WFF Founder Sonia Paiva.

Loan for clearing arrears increasing confidence with suppliers

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

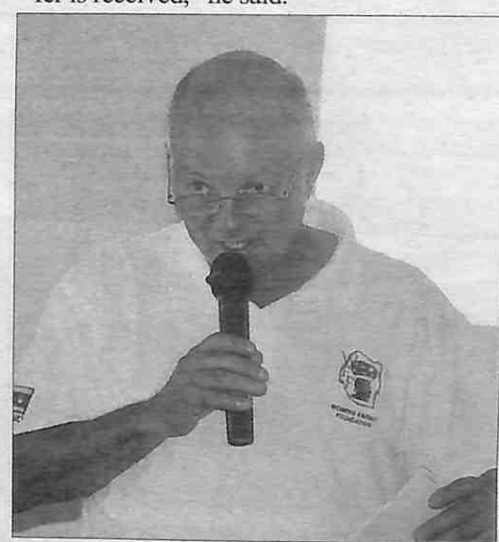
PRIME Minister Ambrose Dlamini says government's efforts to secure a loan for clearing arrears with suppliers have boosted their confidence in doing business with government.

The PM highlighted during his meeting with the Eswatini Editors Forum, that this was anticipated to provide financial relief for suppliers and also stimulate economic activity, as suppliers would be able to continue with their operations without cash-flow constraints.

Furthermore, he said this would increase the credibility of government in terms of delivering on its promises. He also added that private sector players had positive sentiments and a sense of confidence in the new Cabinet.

"This is evidenced by the recent arrival of multi-national companies to invest within the economy such as Kellogg, Jonsson Workwear and increased investment for expansions by the Clockwork Giant Clothing," he said.

On another note, the PM mentioned that the Gross Official Reserves level of 3.1 months of import cover was sufficient to boost investor confidence and also protect the Lilangeni/Rand peg. He mentioned that as of October 2019, the gross official reserves were recorded at E7.16 billion, bolstered mainly by SACU receipts. This is sufficient to cover 3.1 months of imports, which is just above the international benchmark of three months of import cover recommended. "Reserves are normally up during the first month of the quarter when the SACU transfer is received," he said.



ROUND-TABLE: WFF co-founder Carlos Paiva leads the round-table discussions.

GEW SPREADS IMPACT TO REGIONS

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE Global Entrepreneurship Week 2019 has impacted hundreds of people in the different regions of Eswatini.

This has been through activities around this year's themes of education, inclusion, ecosystem and policy.

One of the members of GEN Eswatini technical team Stanley Mkhwanazi said the events that they aimed to host were all done successfully through the past week. "We would like to express our gratitude to the municipal councils, the various speakers and participants of the activities. We are quite happy with the impact GEW 2019 has had in various areas," he said. Mkhwanazi

...speakers are entrepreneurs from different fields and experiences to motivate people into entrepreneurship

said some of the activities were held at the Pigg's Peak Town Council, Mbabane Municipal Council, Manzini Municipal Council and Nhlalango Eswatini Water Services Corporation. The speakers were entrepreneurs from different fields and experiences to motivate people into entrepreneurship. In one of the sessions the topic was 'Are Entrepreneurs made or born?' While in Pigg's Peak, Wandile Hlatshwayo from SHERQPRO motivated the business people on how to overcome challenges and urged them to dream big. At the Manzini Municipal Council

GEN Board Member Culumusa Dlamini shared his business journey that has also seen him travel many countries, telling the youth that anything was possible if you set your mind to it. GEW is hosted by GEN Eswatini through Junior Achievement Eswatini.

Topics have not only impacted young people but also gender issues as part of the inclusion theme. Mkhwanazi said activities will continue beyond the GEW as JA Eswatini hosts regular lectures and also mentoring sessions for aspiring business people in Eswatini.



ENTREPRENEURS: Participants of the Global Entrepreneurship Week 2019 session.

INFLATION DIPS TO LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 2011

JOHANNESBURG – Cash-strapped consumers breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as inflation dipped to its lowest in nearly 10 years, allaying fears that today's decision by the SA Reserve Bank (SARB) could curtail Christmas spending.

Data from Statistics South Africa yesterday showed that headline inflation eased to 3.7 per cent year-on-year in October as food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as tobacco and transport, contributed to the decline.

The slowdown marked the 31st month that inflation fell below SARB's target band of three to six per cent. The market consensus was 4.7 per cent.

In September, inflation declined to 4.1 per cent.

Investec economist Kamilla Kaplan said the print was, however, unlikely to force SARB's hand to cut rates, due to fiscal deterioration, as the economy remained weak.

Kaplan said the moderation was mainly on account of the base effect induced downside price pressures stemming from the fuel price component.

The slowdown came against a back-



drop of a further deceleration in food inflation to 3.5 per cent year-on-year from 3.7 per cent in September.

Transport eased to 0.3 per cent, contributing 0.1 percentage point to overall inflation.

"We expect headline CPI to remain broadly anchored around the midpoint of the SARB's inflation target band amid an inability to pass on material price increases to the consumer due to constrained consumer income growth," FNB economist Matlhodi Matse said.

"Moreover, subdued international oil prices will likely continue to contain the

overall inflation trajectory."

The SARB's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will today announce its rates decision. It cut the repo rate by 25 basis points in July from 6.75 per cent to 6.5 per cent, and decided to keep it unchanged in September.

The country's weak fiscal position and the probable downgrade in February could, however, become the focal point of the MPC's monetary stance.

Last month, the SARB slashed the country's growth forecast to 0.5 per cent from 1.5 per cent previously.

Business Report



CHANCE: Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan.

Give new Eskom CEO chance - Gordhan

PARLIAMENT - Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan on Wednesday defended the surprise appointment of Andre de Ruyter as Eskom's new CEO and urged stakeholders to give him a chance to do his job.

"He was the choice of the Board," Gordhan said when asked about suggestions that De Ruyter was a compromise candidate, chosen to keep labour and political factions happy.

"Let's get behind this individual and give him a chance to do his job."

The minister added that rigorous selection process was followed to find a successor to Phakamani Hadebe, who left the loss-making power utility at the end of July, citing health concerns.

De Ruyter comes to Eskom from Nampak and will have the task of overseeing a make-or-break restructuring to rein in Eskom's cost and bring its debt under control while

improving efficiency.

Eskom has R441 billion in debt and its inability to service it without successive bailouts from government is seen as the single biggest threat to the South African economy.

Gordhan also defended the blueprint for the unbundling of Eskom's generation, transmission and distribution units, which he unveiled in late October. Critics have suggested the plan did not go far enough to bring competition into the energy sector because the transmission arm, which will be the first to be split off, will remain the property of the Eskom holding company.

He said authors of the plan had been informed by international precedent in this regard, and the new transmission entity will also purchase from independent producers as its primary selection criteria will be the lowest cost.

- African News Agency



STRIKE NOTICE: Comair has issued a statement refuting reports that the company has been issued a secondary industry strike notice by NUMSA.

Comair refutes claims of NUMSA strike notice

JOHANNESBURG - Comair has issued a statement refuting reports that the company has been issued a secondary industry strike notice by NUMSA.

"Comair would like to clarify that there are two different processes pertaining to Numsa i.e. (1) Comair and Numsa disputes and (2) Calls by Numsa for a secondary strike," the company revealed in a statement.

According to Wrenelle Stander, Comair's Joint CEO, NUMSA has been issued two certificates of non-resolution for disputes about both Comair's ground and cabin

crew. Stander said before a strike happens, NUMSA will conduct a secret ballot of its members, and thereafter give Comair 48 hours' notice. Comair has not yet received a notice of intention to strike.

"We continue to engage with all union stakeholders and are committed to reaching a 'win-win' outcome for all parties involved - in a way that ensures business sustainability. "Comair has contingency plans in place should it be ground and/or cabin crew choose to exercise their right to strike," said Stander.

The statement revealed that Numsa has

called for a secondary industry strike in support of the current South African Airways (SAA) and South African Airways Technical (SAAT) strike. "Comair has not yet been served the required seven days' notice for a secondary industry strike. "We have contingency plans in place to mitigate the impact of the SAAT strike, however, our operations are currently under pressure, and we are experiencing disruption to our flight schedule. Safety remains our foremost priority while serving our customers remain our focus," added Stander. *IOL*

LexisNexis SA managing director retires

DURBAN - The Durban headquartered legal technology company, LexisNexis South Africa has announced the imminent retirement of its long-term Managing Director, Billy Last, after a stint spanning over three decades with the company.

The company announced that Last, who has been at its helm for more than a quarter of a century decided to officially retire at the end of this month. Last delighted in having had the pleasure to spearhead the evolution of LexisNexis from a publisher to that of a total solutions legal technology business.

"I am extremely proud of the company's continued progress on this journey. I am delighted to hand over the baton but will still remain onboard as a senior advisor in the short term to ensure the company's smooth transition to its new MD," said Last.

LexisNexis has operated in South

Africa for over 85 years and is part of RELX, a global provider of information-based analytics and decision tools for professional and business customers. President for RELX Central Europe, Middle East and Africa (CEMEA) Philippe Carillon appreciated the outgoing MD for his many years of dedicated leadership and the commitment he brought to the business. "His professionalism, strategic vision, and strong and passionate advocacy to secure the best interests of LexisNexis South Africa will be greatly missed by all in the South African business and CEMEA region," said Carillon.

The CEMEA president said he was positive LexisNexis SA would remain in excellent hands with the appointment of its incoming MD Ms Videsha Proothveerajh. She officially joined the business last month, having most recently served as general manager for Intel Corporation South Africa.

Business Report

PIC/IISA Impact Investing Report aims to close knowledge gap

JOHANNESBURG - The Public Investment Corporation (PIC) SOC Limited and Impact Investing South Africa (IISA) launched the first Africa Impact Report 2019.

The report is aimed at closing the knowledge gap, which needs to be

addressed in order to advance impact investing on the African continent. It does so by advocating a sound investment case for African economies, so that impact investing becomes a catalyst for collaboration between governments and private investors.

Impact investing has the explicit intent of generating measurable social or environmental benefits alongside sound financial returns for investors. Impact investments provide capital to address social and/or environmental challenges. Sholto Dolamo, Executive

Head: Research and Projects Developments at the PIC, said the report would improve the knowledge base for impact investing. "The PIC appreciates the opportunity to contribute to develop a body of knowledge that can meaningfully inform

investment decisions and feasible opportunities for impact investing.

As a long term investor, the PIC believes impact investing must be elevated as a strategic investment priority if we want to progress towards achieving the United Nations (UN) 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," he said.

Business Report

NENE APPOINTED NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GROBANK

JOHANNESBURG - Former South African Minister of Finance Mr Nhlanelhla Musa Nene has been appointed a non-executive Director of Grobank Limited and Grobank Capital Holdings, effective 13 November 2019.

Nene, who was awarded his BCom (Honours) from University of the Western Cape, also holds a certificate in Micro and Macroeconomics from University of London, among a number of other academic and business achievements.

"I am delighted to join Grobank at the start of the journey to position the bank as a specialised food and agricultural

bank. This priority sector can play a leading role in alleviating unemployment and contribute to food security in our country. I look forward to contribute to these lofty ambitions", Nene said.

Grobank CEO Bennie van Rooy, said, "We are delighted to welcome someone of the calibre of Mr Nene to our team. He is a true South African that shares our vision of being obsessed with making a meaningful difference to all our stakeholders and we look forward to benefiting from his many years of experience in the financial and public sectors."

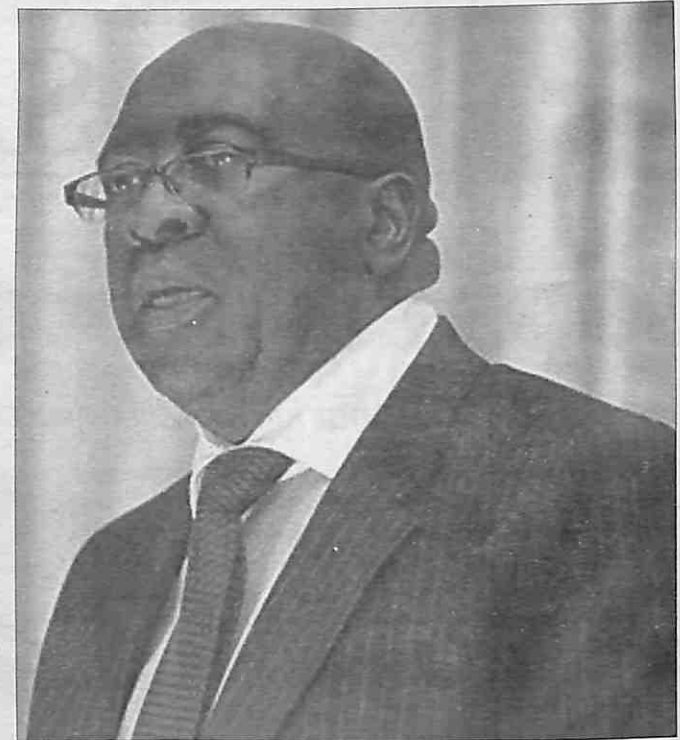
Finance minister Nhlanelhla Nene asked

President Cyril Ramaphosa to be let go as the minister of finance in October 2018.

It came after mounting pressure from a number of political parties over his testimony at the commission of inquiry into state capture.

Nene admitted that he attended a number of meetings with the controversial Gupta family at their Saxonworld home and businesses in Midrand. The minister then issued an apology to the South African people for his failure to disclose the information.

Business Report Online



APPOINTED: Former South African minister of finance Nhlanelhla Musa Nene.

Investec reports fall in earnings

DURBAN - Investec reported weak earnings for the six months to end September, hit by a poor performance in the UK.

The group said the decrease in the UK Specialist Bank's adjusted operating profit of 18.9 per cent reflected lower investment banking fees in weak market conditions. However, this weak performance was offset by the South African Specialist Bank's division which reported a 6.7 per cent increase in adjusted operating profit.

The group's overall headline earnings per share (Heps) declined by 17.2 per cent to 22.7 pence a share, down from 27.4p compared to last year and adjusted operating profit declined by 1.7 per cent to £373.6 million.

The group declared an interim dividend of 11p a share, in line with the prior period.

Looking ahead Investec said it plans to conclude the demerger of the asset management business, subject to Investec shareholder and other customary approvals, and deliver the benefits of focus and simplicity. *Business Report*

Mr Price profit drops 10% as clothing unit lags

JOHANNESBURG - South African budget retailer Mr Price Group Ltd said yesterday its interim profit dropped over 10 per cent, as its apparel division was affected by an "imbalance" in its product assortment and weak economies at home and abroad.

Mr Price, known for its no-frills clothing and furniture stores, has grown for more than three decades by undercutting competitors and catering to thrifty shoppers' fashion needs. The South African company, however, has struggled amid a tough retail environment and economic slowdown in key markets.

Its headline earnings per share, the main profit measure in South Africa, for the 26 weeks ended Sept. 28 stood at 443.2 cents compared with 494.3 cents last year. Falling comparable sales at the apparel division dented its first-half performance. An imbalance in its product mix resulted in excess stock that required markdowns to clear, the company said.

Mr Price faces stagnant economic growth, high unemployment and rising cost of living in its home market South Africa, while other economies in the continent have also struggled.

"While trade has been challenging, the energy across the business is high and the team is clear



on what is needed to return the group to its winning ways," the company said in a statement, adding that it was focused on winning market share, especially in apparel, and a shift in momentum was underway.

Sales in the apparel division declined 4.3 per cent to 5.8 billion rand (\$393.17 million), on a comparable basis. The unit also constitutes almost 70% of retail sales outside of South Africa, which were down 2.2 per cent.

Total revenue, however, was up 2.6 per cent at 10.8 billion rand, despite a 1.5% drop in retail sales on comparable basis. The home segment reported sales growth of 3.2 per cent.

Reuters

Double-digit growth brings joy to Lewis Group

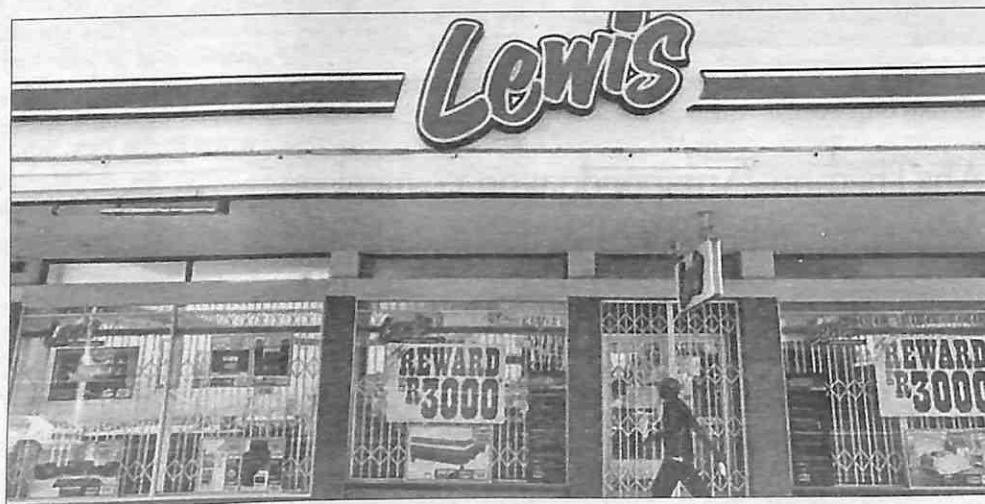
DURBAN - Lewis Group surged more than 12% per cent on the JSE on Wednesday after the multi-brand furniture and appliances retailer defied constrained consumer spending with double-digit growth in the six months to end September on the performance of its United Furniture Outlets (UFO) subsidiary.

Lewis said sales in UFO - which it acquired for R320m in 2017 - rose 8.8% per cent, pushing up its overall headline earnings per share by 18.9% per cent to 215 cents a share during the period.

The group said merchandise sales shot up 6.4% per cent to R1.7 billion. It said traditional retail brands Lewis, Best Home and Electric and Beares grew sales by 3.7% per cent.

Chief Executive Johan Enslin said the performance was an indication that the group's strategy of diversifying across market segments and retail channels continues to gain traction.

"The credit health of the group's customer base continued to improve, despite the weak consumer credit environment," Enslin said. "Credit collection rates improved from 77.2 per cent to 79.6% per cent, which contributed to debtor costs declining by 0.4% per cent."



During the comparative period last year, UFO pushed Lewis total merchandise sales by 25.9% per cent to R1.6bn.

The group said its headline earnings during the first six months of the year increased by 14.4% per cent to R171m, while revenue rose by 6% per cent to R3.1bn. It said gross profit margin improved by 40 basis points to 40.3% per cent following the launch of new merchandise ranges.

The group declared an interim dividend of 120c a share from 14.3% per cent last year.

INSpire, the omni-channel home shopping retailer launched in 2018, generated sales of R35.7m during the period. The group said credit sales increased by 8.1% per cent, benefiting from the change in the National Credit Act's affordability assessment regulations, and cash sales grew by 4.1% per cent. *African News Agency*

Solidarity brings business rescue application to SAA

JOHANNESBURG - Trade union Solidarity has revived its plans against the South African Airways (SAA) by announcing that it is bringing an application to place the cash-strapped airline into business rescue.

Last year, Solidarity was already planning to bring a business rescue application against SAA, but decided not to proceed with the application after negotiations and an agreement with previous Chief Executive, Vuyani Jarana.

In a media briefing today, Solidarity said it has served court papers on SAA and the ministers of finance and public enterprises, asking the court to put SAA in business rescue.

This comes as SAA confirmed yesterday that lenders would not advance the airline any further credit without the security and support of a sovereign guarantee.

SAA Chairperson of the Board Implementation Committee Martin Kingston said if SAA failed to secure guarantees from the National Treasury, the company would have to be placed into liquidation and be responsibly closed down.

Application

If Solidarity's application is successful, this would be the first time in South African history that a state enterprise is placed into business rescue.

The union has been vocal about the misuse and squandering of tax money at the airline for some time.

Solidarity Chief Executive Dirk Hermann said business rescue was essential for the sake of the security of its members at SAA, as well as for the sake of taxpayers.

Hermann emphasised that business rescue was not liquidation, but on the contrary it was an effort to find a solution on the other side of liquidation. "We are deeply aware of the crisis that SAA is in. The SAA is on its way to liquidation with enormous consequences for employees, the South African economy and the taxpayers," he said. "Business rescue means that we can limit the damage for all interest groups, create security and save billions of rands of tax money. The longer we take, the worse the consequences will be." SAA's crippling strike entered the seventh day on Thursday as wage negotiations with the National Union of Metalworkers Union (NUMSA) and the SA Cabin Crew Association (SACCA) continued under the auspices of a mediator.

Business Report

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Cops cannot explain

...why loaded gun that killed KZN advocate was taken to court

DURBAN - Police and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) cannot explain how the loaded gun that killed Senior Advocate Addelaid Ann Ferreira-Watt ended up in the Umzimkhulu Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Ferreira-Watt, 51, was accidentally shot when the gun, thought to be a shotgun that was presented as evidence in a house robbery case, reportedly fell and discharged itself.

The Pietermaritzburg prosecutor died after being shot in her left hip.

Loaded

The firearm, according to Provincial Police Spokesperson Brigadier Jay Naicker, was brought to the court to be "entered as evidence", but it is not clear why it was loaded.

Asked to explain the process followed when firearms were presented in court as evidence, Naicker said: "A case of culpable homicide is being investigated by Umzimkhulu police."

"It is alleged that on November 18, at 3.20pm, a 51-year-old woman was taken to hospital after she was struck by a bullet on the left of the hip. She



NO MORE: The late Senior Advocate Addelaid Ann Ferreira-Watt.

later died in hospital. "It is alleged that the weapon was brought to court to be entered as evidence in a house robbery case when it accidentally discharged in court. Unfortunately we cannot divulge further information as the investigations are at a sensitive stage." A mid-level police officer, who asked not to be named, said presenting firearms as

evidence during trials depended on lawyers' arguments during proceedings.

He said every firearm linked to a crime was taken for tests at hand, I'm not sure whether the firearm was stolen, found and returned to the owner, and the owner in turn brought it to court during the case.

IFP wants debate on partial privatisation of SOEs re-opened

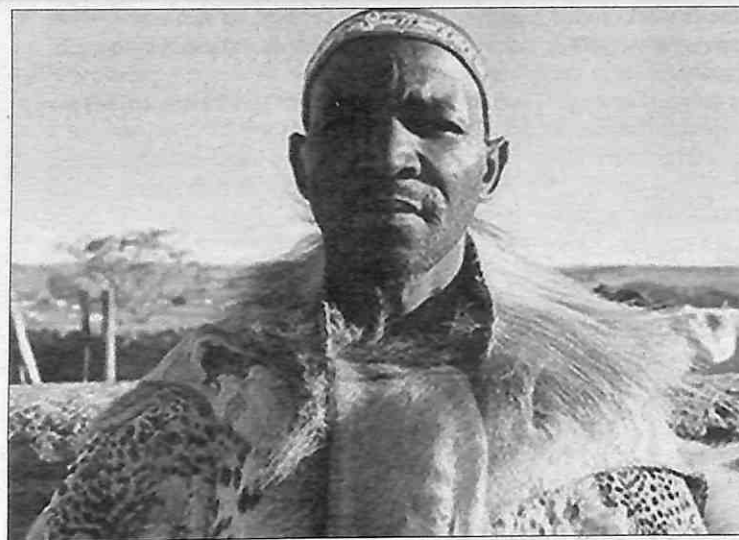
DURBAN - The IFP said on Wednesday that the Auditor-General's 2018/2019 financial year report was sufficient grounds to reopen the debate on the partial privatisation of state owned entities (SOE).

"The release today of the AG's 2018/19 financial year report and the sobering pronouncements made on the financial state and behaviour of officials at all our SOEs, including the financial results of all national and provincial government departments, is reason enough to kick-start the process of selling off what we cannot afford," said the party's Finance and Public Enterprises Spokesperson Mzamo Buthelezi.

The country's SOEs had drained the state coffers and continued to abuse resources that could be better spent in delivering "dignified, quality, effective and efficient services to all South Africans," said Buthelezi.

He said it was "unfathomable" that the country was "bleeding billions against the already austere and grim backdrop of sluggish economic growth and the ever increasing debt-to-GDP bill". It was unacceptable to continue year after year condemning financial year-end results and then thinking it was "okay" to condone gross neglect and the rot of corruption, he said.

"In striving for excellence, we must shake-off the culture of mediocrity we have accepted from government, SOEs and private companies." *Times Live*



CELEBRATED: The late AmaXhosa King Mpendulo Zwelonke Sigcawu.

AbaThembu, Amapondo won't cancel celebrations in honour of AmaXhosa king

JOHANNESBURG - Two royal houses in the Eastern Cape have announced they will not instruct their subjects to stop celebrations to mourn the passing of AmaXhosa King Mpendulo Zwelonke Sigcawu.

AmaMpondo King Ndamase Ndamase and AbaThembu Royal Spokesperson Thandisizwe Mtirara said while they grieved with the AmaXhosa kingdom, they would not heed their call to cancel initiation and wedding plans.

This comes after the AmaXhosa royal family announced this week that Sigcawu would be mourned for

a year and that initiations and weddings should be postponed for this period.

AmaXhosa Royal House Spokesperson Prince Xhanti Sigcawu said while they could not force anyone to do so, celebrations should be called off until the mourning period was over.

An estimated 35,000 boys are set to go to the mountains in the summer initiation season in December.

The announcement sparked a public outcry from parents who are planning to send their boys to the bush, as well as those soon to be wed.

Times Live

Speaker agrees to urgent parliamentary debate on SAA

PARLIAMENT - Speaker Thandi Modise on Wednesday agreed to a request from the opposition Inkatha Freedom Party to call an urgent debate on the state of SA Airways.

"We welcome the speaker's decision in heeding not only our call for this debate but the nation's yearning for a return to normality in management and proper functioning at SAA," IFP Chief Whip Narend Singh said.

Singh added the debate would allow Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan to explain to the country what corrective steps will be put in place to prevent a repeat of unprecedented disruption as staff walked off the job.

Members of the National Union

of Metalworkers of SA (NUMSA) and the SA Cabin Crew Association (SACCA) went on strike last Friday over wages and proposed job cuts at the loss-making national carrier. They are demanding an eight per cent salary increase.

Cautioned

Gordhan cautioned on Wednesday that not only did the airline not have the money to pay the increase, but there was also a risk it might not be able to pay salaries at all. He noted that mediation efforts were underway and said he hoped these would prove successful.

Singh said yesterday the National Assembly's planning committee would schedule a suitable time for the debate next week.

African News Agency

Black Twitter turns on Malema

JOHANNESBURG - The leader of the red berets is still receiving a backlash from issues including his support of Nigerian musical star Burna Boy.

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema was the number one trending topic on social media yesterday morning for all the wrong reasons. While the commander-in-chief of the red berets is probably used to negative feedback on social media, what is interesting about the current wave of negative sentiment is that it comes primarily from black South Africans - the demographic Malema and the EFF look to for support.

Among the many tweets accompanied with the hashtag #JuliusMalema are numerous people apologising for having voted for the EFF in the May 8 elections. This appears to be an extension of an issue that first started five days ago, relating to Malema's support for Nigerian singer-songwriter Burna Boy, who went on a Twitter rant in response to xenophobia in South Africa which includ-

ed physical threats to local rapper AKA.

"Looking forward to receiving and being entertained by my brother [Burna Boy] here at his home called South Africa," Malema tweeted.

"There's no mascot that can stop him from performing, he's one of our own and we will protect him. We must resolutely oppose regionalism led by political illiterates," he added.

This led to a backlash, to which the EFF leader responded:

Intimidated

"I won't be intimidated or blackmailed by bed wetting boys, welcome home [Burna Boy]. South Africa is a home for all Africans, kill me for defending an African brother, bloody cowards," he said.

While Burna Boy appears to be the main reason behind Malema getting dragged, other tweets described the EFF as arrogant, calling the party's policy of open borders in Africa into question and posting videos of incidents of alleged assault involving the EFF leader.

News24



BACKLASH: EFF Leader Julius Malema.

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ANC MP BONGO RELEASED ON R5K BAIL AFTER HAWKS ARREST

JOHANNESBURG - The former state security boss is facing bribery and corruption charges.

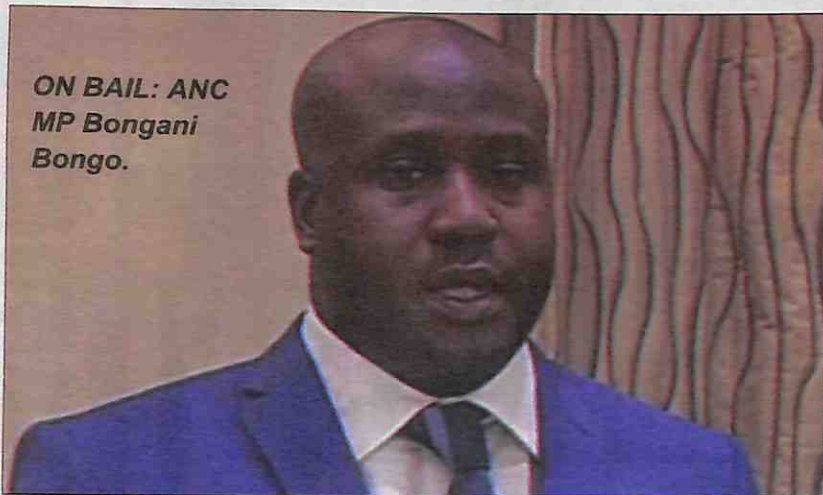
Bongani Bongo, an African National Congress (ANC) MP and chair of parliament's home affairs portfolio committee, has been released on R5 000 bail after appearing briefly in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on bribery and corruption charges.

National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) Western Cape Spokesperson Eric Ntabazalila confirmed that the case will next be heard on January 31, 2020.

"Conditions of bail include that the accused must not interfere with any of the witnesses in any way," said Ntabazalila.

According to a statement from the Hawks, Bongo is also required to give two weeks' notice to the case's investigating officer if he intends to make any overseas trips, as part of his "stringent" bail conditions.

**ON BAIL: ANC
MP Bongani
Bongo.**



The Hawks explain in their statement why 41-year-old Bongo was arrested on Thursday morning by the unit's Serious Corruption Investigation team.

The arrest is in relations to allegations

relating to alleged bribery which took place during the commission of inquiry into irregularities at struggling power utility Eskom.

Citizen

EFF vows to free mentally ill Fees Must Fall activist Cekeshe

JOHANNESBURG - The EFF student command says it will intensify the fight for the release of Fees Must Fall student activist Kanya Cekeshe.

This after Cekeshe was sent back to prison after being hospitalised at the weekend, allegedly because he had not received medical treatment he needed in prison.

Cekeshe was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in December 2017. He was arrested in 2016 and pleaded guilty to setting alight a police van during Fees Must Fall protests. His lawyer, Wikus Steyl, told TimesLIVE that Cekeshe was "suffering from extreme mental health problems".

"We are in the process of arranging a private psychiatrist and psychologist to urgently consult him," Steyl said. Speaking on Power 98.7, EFF student command president Mandla Shikwambana said: "Given

these new developments with the status of Kanya, the EFF student command will intensify the struggle of saying we are going to go to the streets and make sure we fight for Kanya to be released."

He called on communities and students countrywide to support Cekeshe.

He said, as students, they had given up on receiving assistance from the government.

"There is no political will and humanity within people that are leading us. Kanya now is back in prison where he lost his mind. You can tell this government doesn't care about the future of the young."

Cekeshe's bid to appeal his conviction for public violence and malicious damage to property, and be released on bail pending the appeal, was dismissed in the Johannesburg Magistrate's court in October. *Times Live*

PUBLIC PROTECTOR DENIES USING HER OFFICE TO 'PLAY CHESS WITH COUNTRY'

JOHANNESBURG - Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane has rejected an accusation by Basani Baloyi, the fired chief operating officer of her office, that she played politics with her reports and was "playing chess with the country".

Baloyi has approached the North Gauteng high court to get her job back and have the court declare that Mkhwebane abused her office and violated the constitution.

In an affidavit filed in response to the application, Mkhwebane said Baloyi was trying to create sensationalism around her dismissal, which she deemed to be fair.

She defended what Baloyi called a "disturbing" message, where Mkhwebane said she had to "play chess" in reference to the rogue unit investigation involving minister Pravin Gordhan. "That is the nature of the inevitable chess game that comes with the territory of the office. Like a literal chess game, it features kings, queens, knights and no shortage of witting and unwitting pawns," Mkhwebane told the court.

Baloyi said the message showed that Mkhwebane was playing a political game with her reports.



**DENIED: Public Protector Busisiwe
Mkhwebane.**

The message read: "COO. I worked with few people to deal with the sabotage of the [Pravin Gordhan] camp. The notice is almost ready for rogue, will issue this week and report will also be issued in the manner I will determine. *News24*

Pupil stabs Grade 8 girl to death

JOHANNESBURG - A girl in Grade 8 was stabbed to death at her school in Upington, in the Northern Cape, on Wednesday.

The provincial education department said the girl was a pupil at Rosendal Intermediate School. She was reportedly stabbed by a fellow pupil. "At this stage we are not sure what triggered the incident, but our district office is investigating," said Department Spokesperson Geoffrey van der Merwe.

"The alleged perpetrator was issued with a suspension letter, pending the outcome of a disciplinary hearing, and will be isolated and continue to write her examinations under supervision." Counsellors have been sent to the school to offer counselling to affected pupils and teachers. "Schools are a mirror of society and it pains us that schools have become war zones where learners settle community issues," said Van der Merwe.

"We call on the broader community of Upington to work with us to establish safer schools, safer homes and safer communities."

Times Live

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LONDON - The Queen has effectively sacked Prince Andrew from Royal duties after discussing the Epstein scandal with Charles and summoning the distraught Duke of York to Buckingham Palace to learn his fate.

The Monarch took decisive action to contain the fall-out from the duke's disastrous Newsnight interview about his friendship with paedophile financier Jeffrey Epstein.

Last night the duke issued a statement confirming he was, with his mother's permission, 'stepping down' from public duties. He will lose his £249,000 annual income from the Sovereign Grant as a result.

The TV interview triggered days of catastrophic headlines and caused a string of businesses and charities to desert him. Following lengthy discussions with the Prince of Wales, who is touring New Zealand, the Queen summoned Andrew to Buckingham Palace and told him to step down.

Reputations

Last night, a friend of Andrew told The Sun: 'The Queen summoned the Duke to Buckingham Palace to tell him her decision. It was a devastating moment for both of them. His reputation is in tatters. It is unlikely he will ever perform royal duties again. He is disgraced.'

The devastated prince, who is eighth in line to the throne, was told he could write his own statement in an attempt to allow him to bow out gracefully. A royal insider said: 'When the Queen and the Prince of Wales stand firm together they are a pretty formidable combination in terms of get-

ting things done.'

After informing the wider royal family first, Buckingham Palace put out a statement shortly before 6pm on the distraught prince's behalf saying: 'I have asked Her Majesty if I may step back from public duties for the foreseeable future, and she has given her permission.'

Andrew and Ms Maxwell are seen on holiday with Epstein at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida. Epstein and Ms Maxwell attend a party at Windsor Castle hosted by the Queen to mark Andrew's 40th birthday, the Princess Royal's 50th, the Queen Mother's 100th and Princess Margaret's 70th.

2001

Virginia Roberts claims to have had sex with Andrew 'three times, including one orgy', with the first encounter allegedly taking place in Ms Maxwell's London townhouse. Ms Roberts claims to have had sex with Andrew on two more occasions, at Epstein's New York home and at an 'orgy' on his private island in the Caribbean.

2008

Epstein admits prostituting minors and is sentenced to 18 months in prison.

2010

Epstein is released from jail. Andrew is photographed with the disgraced Epstein in New York's Central Park. Footage emerges years later, reportedly shot on December 6, 2010, showing him inside Epstein's Manhattan mansion, from where he is seen looking out from a large door of the property waving a woman goodbye after

Epstein leaves to get into a chauffeur-driven car.

2011

The duke quits his role as UK trade envoy after the fallout from the Central Park photos.

2015

Buckingham Palace denies Andrew has committed any impropriety after he is named in US court documents related to Epstein. A woman, later named in reports as Ms Roberts, alleges in papers filed in Florida that she was forced to have sex with Andrew when she was 17, which is under the age of consent in the state.

At the World Economic Forum in Davos, Andrew, in his first public engagement since he was embroiled in the allegations, responds, saying: 'Firstly I think I must, and want, for the record, to refer to the events that have taken place in the last few weeks.'

'I just wish to reiterate, and to reaffirm, the statements that have already been made on my behalf by Buckingham Palace. In April the claims against Andrew are struck from US civil court records following a federal judge's ruling.'

2019

Newly released legal documents show that Johanna Sjoberg, another alleged Epstein victim, claimed Andrew touched her breast while sitting on a couch inside the US billionaire's Manhattan apartment in 2001. Buckingham Palace said the allegations are 'categorically untrue'. Epstein is found dead in his jail cell on August 10, having killed himself after being charged with sex trafficking. *Daily Mail*

'Trump reads from giant, handwritten notes'

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump told reporters on the White House lawn Wednesday that he didn't make any requests from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, and that there was no "quid pro quo" for Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter in exchange for military aid.

He dismissed today's impeachment testimony from Gordon Sondland, his handpicked ambassador to the European Union who also donated \$1 million to his inauguration fund. In October, Trump called Sondland "a really good man and great American."

"I don't know him very well. I haven't spoken to him very much. This is not a man I know well," Trump said of Sondland. "Seems like a nice guy, though."

In fact, the White House-produced memo of Trump's call with Zelensky - which Trump frequently insists everyone read - show that Trump asks Zelensky to do him a "favour" and speak to his attorney general about investigating the Bidens. Five witnesses in the impeachment inquiry so far have testified under oath that Trump wanted the investigation in exchange for military aid, which Trump also discussed in the call, as part of a "quid pro quo." Trump made the comments about Sondland while reading from notes written in giant Sharpie lettering on Air Force One stationery. *Business*

Son of former German president stabbed to death

BERLIN - An assailant has stabbed to death the son of former German president Richard von Weizsäcker in an attack at a Berlin hospital that left one other person seriously injured, police said Wednesday.

Fritz von Weizsäcker, a doctor, had just delivered a lecture on liver diseases at the Schlosspark Hospital in the west Berlin neighbourhood of Charlottenburg on Tuesday evening when he was stabbed in the neck. The 59-year-old, a father of four, died at the scene despite efforts to save him.

His assailant was overpowered by other people present, one of whom was severely injured in the process. Prosecutors said the 57-year-old attacker had bought the knife in his home state of Rhineland-Palatinate in the far west of Germany and travelled to Berlin by train. They said he had been diagnosed with an "acute mental illness" and had a "probably delusional general dislike" of the Weizsäcker family. Richard von Weizsäcker was considered one of Germany's great post-war political figures. *AFP*

BRIEFS

Mexicans sue Walmart over shooting

MEXICO - Mexico's Government said on Wednesday it has helped 10 Mexican citizens file lawsuits against Walmart over an August shooting at a store in El Paso, Texas, where a suspected white nationalist killed 22 people. "The objective of these suits, presented in El Paso county, is to hold the company responsible for not taking reasonable and necessary measures to protect its clients from the attack," the foreign ministry said in a statement. "The plaintiffs are seeking not only justice for themselves, but security for the general public." The suits were brought by survivors of the attack, their relatives and families of the victims, the foreign ministry said. *AFP*

Patient killed by infected organ

OXFORD - A patient was killed and another nearly died after they received contaminated organ transplants due to a blunder by an NHS surgeon. The surgeon was removing the kidneys, liver and pancreas of a donor when he accidentally cut the stomach - spilling its contents on to the other organs. This meant they became infected with the fungal infection *Candida albicans*. However, the surgeon at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust failed to record the incident so the organs - meant for chronically ill patients - went on to be used. They were transplanted into three patients. *Daily Mail*

White officer threatens to arrest 2 black shoppers

INDIANA - Aaron Blackwell and his cousin Durell Cunningham had no idea why the Nordstrom Rack security guard was striding purposefully toward their car. It didn't make sense, Blackwell would later recall. The man had watched the pair pay for their items inside the Indianapolis store, yet he still followed them outside and tried to take down their licence plate number. Now, he was demanding Cunningham present his driver's licence. "You're acting suspicious," the man told the cousins, who are both black. If he didn't see identification soon, the man threatened to tow their car, or worse, have them arrested. *The Washington Post*

Top diplomat implicates Trump

WASHINGTON - A senior US diplomat directly implicated President Donald Trump Wednesday in a scheme to force Ukraine to probe a political rival, in bombshell testimony to a televised impeachment hearing. Gordon Sondland, the Ambassador to the European Union, told lawmakers he followed the president's orders in seeking a "quid pro quo" deal for Ukraine to investigate Democrat Joe Biden in exchange for a White House summit. Sondland said Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani led the effort at Trump's direction to pressure Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky for the investigation and that of top officials in the White House. *AP*

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Condoms recalled in Uganda over quality concerns - Marie Stopes charity

KAMPALA - Global health charity Marie Stopes said on Wednesday it had recalled hundreds of thousands of faulty condoms on sale in Uganda, where HIV rates are among the highest in the world.

The recall followed a warning from Uganda's National Drug Authority (NDA) that the "Life Guard" brand

condoms had failed manufacturing "quality tests" because they contained holes and may burst.

The affected condoms were manufactured by India-based MHL Healthcare in April 2019, and have an expiry date of April 2024, the government regulator said.

Marie Stopes Uganda spokesperson

David Kamu told AFP on Wednesday that the two affected batches each contained "around 400 000" condoms.

Suggested

Earlier reports had suggested millions of condoms could have been involved, but NDA spokesperson Fred Ssekyaana told AFP the figure

was below one million.

Marie Stopes Uganda said more than half of the condoms of concern had been recalled.

"While the Life Guard brand follows strict quality controls, unfortunately two recent batches have fallen short of the quality we demand," the charity's country director, Carole

Sekimpi, said in a statement on Tuesday.

Marie Stopes is the largest and most specialised sexual reproductive health organisation in Uganda, the charity says on its website.

According to UNAIDS, 1.4 million Ugandans are living with HIV.

Last year, 53 000 people were newly infected with the disease in the East African country, the UN agency said.

AFP

ZIM ON CHINA AID:

'We are working on establishing a common accounting position'

HARARE - The Zimbabwean Government has responded to the Chinese Embassy's call for the country's 2020 national budget statement to reflect funds given to it by China.

It said it was doing necessary consultations that would result in the two countries establishing a common "accounting position". It said: "Government has noted the query raised by @ChineseZimbabwe regarding bilateral aid figures captured in the 2020 national budget statement. Necessary consultations are underway to establish a common accounting position. We thank the Chinese Government for their support @zhaobaogang2011."

The Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe released a statement on Tuesday calling on the neighbouring country to accurately reflect funds given to it by China.

Budget

In its 2020 national budget statement, the Zimbabwean Government said it had received only \$3,631,500 (R53 million) from China, which was "very different" from the actual situation on the ground, said the Chinese Embassy.

"According to our records, from January to September 2019, the actual bilateral support provided to Zimbabwe by China is 136.8 million USD (R2 billion). Such a figure does not include

the other bilateral supports such as the expense of expert assistance, embassy's donations to local vulnerable groups and so on. "The embassy wishes that the relevant departments of the Zimbabwean Government will make comprehensive assessments on the statistics of bilateral supports and accurately reflect its actual situation when formulating [the] budget statement," it said. It further said it believed the Zimbabwean Government and its people, along with international support, would be successful in achieving prosperity and development. The country would also realise its vision for 2030.

Citizen

MDC condemns 'police brutality' on Zimbabweans

HARARE - Zimbabwean police on Wednesday used batons, tear gas and water cannons to beat up and disperse supporters of the main opposition party who had gathered outside its building in the capital to listen to a speech by their leader.

The latest police action comes as the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) accuses President Emmerson Mnangagwa of adopting the heavy-handed tactics of his predecessor, Robert Mugabe who died on September 5.

Last Sunday, Mnangagwa defended his record in an opinion piece carried by CNBC Africa, saying his administration was opening up political and media space. But police have this year banned several MDC gatherings, saying they feared the events

would turn violent.

Hundreds of police blocked roads leading to MDC headquarters in Harare but supporters continued to gather, singing and chanting before the arrival of party leader Nelson Chamisa, who was set to address them.

A few minutes after Chamisa entered the party building, police charged the crowd with batons and fired tear gas, causing a stampede, according to Reuters witnesses.

Police officers declined to comment. MDC officials said the skirmishes once again showed that the opposition party was a victim of government brutality.

"The MDC strongly condemns that violent attack by the police on the citizens who had peacefully gathered outside our (headquarters). *Citizen*



ATTACK: An anti-riot policeman in Zimbabwe kicks a woman as they dispersed a crowd gathered to hear an address by the leader of the MDC Alliance, Nelson Chamisa, at Morgan Tsvangirai House, in Harare.

Ethiopia's Sidama region begins vote on self-determination

JOHANNESBURG - Ethiopia's Sidama region in the south, where four per cent of the country's 105 million people live, has begun voting in a referendum which would allow them more self-determination.

The polls opened on Wednesday and their results are being closely monitored by other ethnic groups also seeking more

autonomy ahead of an election next year, the East African reported.

The national electoral board said the polls closed yesterday, with 2.3 million voters registered at nearly 1 700 polling stations expected to cast their vote.

There are fears violence could again break out following clashes between Sidama activists and security forces in

July which left 17 people dead after the government delayed the referendum for five months.

There are currently more than a dozen other ethnic groups considering, or already in the process of campaigning for regional status in a country with 80 ethnic groups.

African News Agency

BRIEFS

Peace activist killed by 'stray bullet'

SOMALIA - A prominent rights activist was shot dead in Somalia's capital Mogadishu on Wednesday, with security officials suggesting she had been hit by a stray bullet. Almas Elman Ali, who came from a leading family of peace campaigners, was travelling by car inside the heavily fortified airport compound when she was hit. "She was riding in a car along a road inside the airport," said Mohamed Omar, a Somali security official. "A stray bullet hit her, and she died within a few minutes." Gunfire is a regular occurrence in Mogadishu, although the levels of violence are far lower than in past years of heavy conflict. *AFP*

President launches campaign

NIGERIA - Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari on Wednesday announced a campaign to end defecation in public, in a country where tens of millions of people going to the toilet outside poses a major health risk. "Nigeria has committed to end open defecation throughout the country by 2025," a statement by the presidency said a day after the United Nations marked World Toilet Day. The decree set up a new body called the Clean Nigeria Campaign Secretariat to ensure "that all public places including schools, hotels, fuel stations, places of worship, market places, hospitals and offices have accessible toilets and latrines within their premises". *AFP*

CAR rebel chief held in Chad - govt

CHAD - A veteran leader of one of the militia that control most of the Central Africa Republic (CAR) has been arrested in neighbouring Chad, the CAR Government said on Wednesday. Abdoulaye Miskine, leader and founder of an armed group called the Democratic Front of the Central African People (FDPC), "has been arrested in Chad. We are seeking his extradition," Spokesman Ange Maxime Kazagui told the press. In the Chadian capital N'Djamena, a senior Chadian security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Miskine had been arrested at Harare Mangueigne on the Chad-CAR border. *AFP*

24 Mali soldiers, 17 jihadists die

MALI - Twenty-four Malian soldiers and 17 jihadists fighters were killed in clashes in the east of the country, the army said, as security in the west African nation deteriorates further. Mali and Niger forces were carrying out a joint operation when a patrol was attacked Monday by "terrorists" near the northeastern town of Tabankort, the army said on social media. According to the military the total toll was "24 dead, 29 injured and material damage" while 17 of the jihadists were killed and a hundred more suspects captured. The prisoners are in the hands of Niger soldiers, the statement said.

AFP

ESWATINI
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IT'S THE SPOTLIGHT
SHUTDOWN WEEKEND

It's a weekend! There is no reason for anyone to be indoors from today till Sunday as it's a busy weekend. Go out and have fun with your friends. We welcome the festive season with a bang. Tomorrow is the big day as The Spotlight talent search Top 3 will be battling it out for a brand new Kia Picanto and a music recording deal. You don't want to miss this one. To buy a ticket using MTN MoMo, all you have to do is; dial *007*3*12#, select MTN Spotlight and then ticket type. Tickets cost E150 for adults and E80 for those aged less than 18 years. Make sure you get your ticket, and join the country when we all hold our breath as The Spotlight first season winner is announced. The Spotlight Shutdown Concert marks the end of the first season of The Spotlight, whose aim was to unearth unknown talent and turn it into a spotlight sensation.

TONIGHT

Khuli Chana Album Tour

Where: Déjà Vu Cocktail Lounge

Time: 7pm

South Africa's seasoned rapper Khuli Chana will be giving his fans a taste of his latest album titled 'Planet Of the Have Nots'. He will be supported by Swazi Boy spinners and artists. Tickets cost E100 for pre-sale and E150 at the gate. VIP tickets cost E250.

Sweet Sounds Eswatini Edition

Where: Solani's Shisanyama

Time: 7pm

It's on at your favourite entertainment spot as the Sweet Sounds Records Tour, Eswatini Edition will be launching their album at Solani's Shisanyama. Hosted by TK, the show will parade DJs LK Baba, Sgitha, Rhythmic Soul, Bloss, Cololam, Tung Yas, M'eugie, Ayacity and So What on the decks to mention a few. Damage is E60 before 10pm.

TOMORROW

The Spotlight Shutdown Concert

Where: Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre

Time: 6pm

The Spotlight Shutdown Concert marks the end of the first season of The Spotlight, whose aim was to unearth unknown talent and turn it into a spotlight sensation. The final three, Nompandolo Nsibandze, Nsika Mazibuko and Madoda Nsibandze admitted that they were mostly excited for their collaborations with local artists who will be featured on the show. The contestants will share the stage with South Africa's AKA, Velemseni, Sands, Mozaik,



MZANSI STARS: AKA and Ntsiki Mazwai.

Nomalungelo and comedian Mdura. E150 gets you in for adults and E80 for the youth below 18 years.



hottest tracks from all music genres. Solani's Shisanyama resident deejays include Sgitha, Rhythmic Soul, Bloss, Culolam, Ayacity and many more. TK will host the show and dress code is smart casual. Entrance is free before 10pm and E40 thereafter.

Urban Saturday

Where: Solani's Shisanyama

Time: 4pm

Solani's resident deejays will bring it all out on the decks as they serve the

Karaoke and Trivia

Where: Matsapha Industrial Site

Time: 1pm

Music and games will be the order of the day. Remember to bring your drinks, food and camp chairs. For more information and directions, you can call 76126904. Entrance fee is E50.

SAVE THE DATE

Glory tour with Benjamin Dube

Where: Metropolitan Church, Manzini

When: November 30

The Kingdom Lockdown Eswatini

Where: Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

When: December 7

Miss Trophy Album launch

Where: The George Hotel

When: November 30

The Shutdown Crossover

Where: Malkerns Country Club

When: December 31

GUGULETHU:
Indlovukazi.

Triple Treat Show with Ntsiki Mazwai

Where: Eswatini Theatre Club

Time: 5pm

Comedy, poetry and opera will be the order of the day at the inaugural Triple Treat show featuring South African controversial Ntsiki Mazwai. She will be sharing the stage with other local artists. E150 gets you in for general while VIP tickets cost E300.

fanatics will be treated to the jams of Berita, Indlovukazi, Velemseni, Nothando Hlophe, Nomalungelo, Floewe and Phumla.

Attendees will also enjoy music by deejays Zoe and Lady Bream. Personalities Frankie and Ur Gal Zee will be directing proceedings for the show.

Tickets to the show cost E100 for general entry and E200 for VIP and are available at CompuTicket.

SUNDAY

The Divas Concert

Where: The George Hotel

Time: 2pm

Music fanatics are in for a treat as the Divas Concert is here. Revellers and music

MUSIC MAN:
DJ Bloss.

SONGBIRDS: Floewe and Nomalungelo.

THE SPOTLIGHT TOP 3 MEETS MINISTER 'MADZE'

STORIES BY PHETSILE MAMBA

MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga officially met The Spotlight top three on Wednesday.

The minister encouraged the finalists not to stop after the competition but rather use it as a stepping stone to kick off their careers.

He said whoever won should use the record label they will be presented with and make the best out of the opportunity that has been given to them.

The minister also thanked MTN and SWAMA for giving this platform to upcoming artists, making sure that their talent does not go down the drain.

SWAMA PRO Penny Bouwer spoke about the journey of the competition from where it started till the end, which will be the finale tomorrow with South African artist AKA who will be headlining the show at Mavuso Trade Centre.



SMILES: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga receives tickets to the final from the three finalists, Ntsiki Mazibuko, Nomphendulo Nsibandze and Madoda Nsibandze.

She said when they started the talent search, they had 800 contestants who were all fighting for the first position but at the end of the day, they will have one winner. The Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Principal

Secretary Prince Mlayeto said he was proud of the finalists and was looking forward to see them tomorrow at the finale. The three finalists are Ntsiki Mazibuko, Nomphendulo Nsibandze and Madoda Nsibandze.

...tickets available at selected service centres

MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko has urged the public to get themselves tickets and find out first-hand which contestant will be crowned the winner tomorrow.

"We advise customers who have bought and received confirmation of

their MTN MoMo tickets to go to the nearest service centres to redeem their tickets," said Maseko. The Spotlight Shutdown Concert tickets are now only available at the following service centres; Bhunu Mall, Moneni, Nkonyeni, Mbabane next to Pick n Pay, one next

to new Fincorp building, Woodlands, Pigg's Peak, Nhlanguano opposite Shoprite, Matata, Big Bend, Simunye and the King Mswati III International Airport. The Spotlight Shutdown tickets cost E150 for adults and E80 for under 18 years.

Fans shade Cassper about Burna Boy, Trevor Noah Grammy typo

JOHANNESBURG - When Cassper Nyovest congratulated Burna Boy and Trevor Noah on their Grammy nominations, the last thing he expected was to be dragged about a typo in his message.

The rapper got some of his followers deep in the feels when he took to Twitter to congratulate the pair on their nominations.

Burna Boy was nominated in the Best World Music category, while Trevor scored a nod for Best

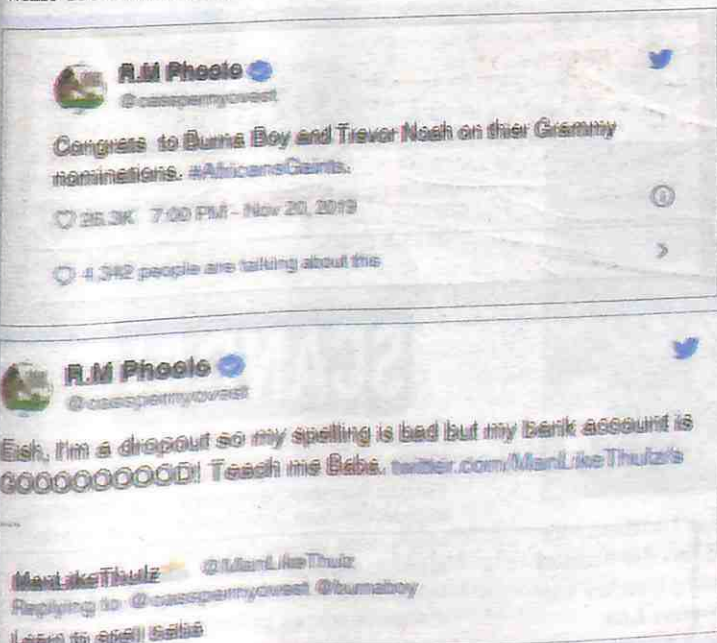
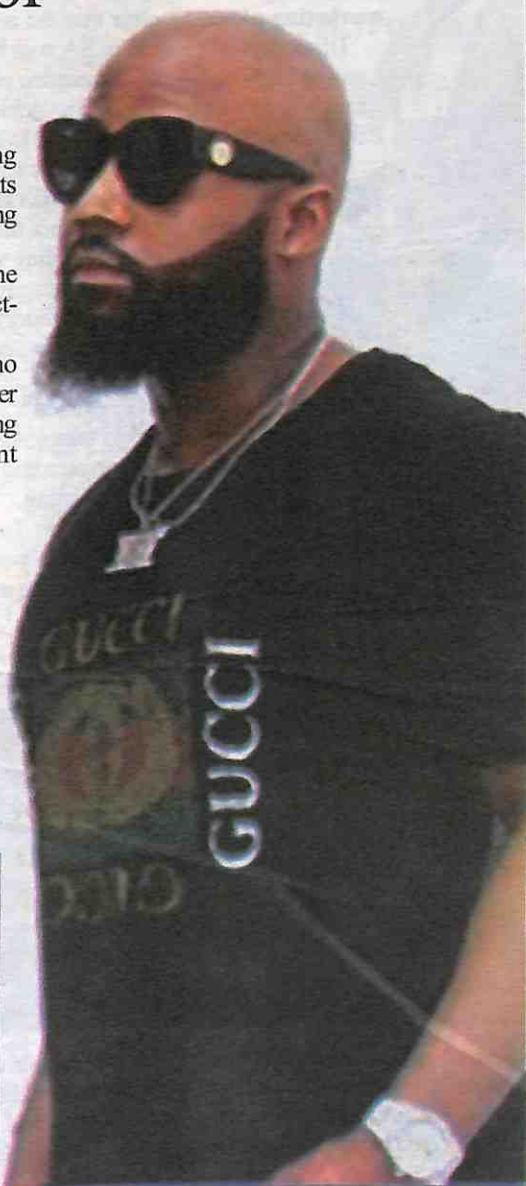
Comedy Album.

Fans zoomed in on his spelling of "their" and soon the comments section was swarming with spelling bees and haters.

Cassper, who may feel like he can't even breathe without attracting haters, hit back.

Responding to a follower who urged him to 'learn to spell', Cassper said he was a dropout, so his spelling was bad, but his bank account wasn't.

Times Live



More Emaswati to feature on Muvhango

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

THREE Emaswati Ntombifuthi Simelane, Mkhosi Masuku and Nkosingiphile Dlamini will be featured on SABC 2's most loved soapie Muvhango.

This was confirmed by Becky Casting Agency Director Bekezela Dube yesterday.

Dube stated that they would be playing a role of being nurses and they started shooting last Thursday night. "I am happy that more Emaswati are following their dreams and that I am able to help them bring their dreams to live. There three actors are really dedicated and I am enjoying their dedication. Having to work with such talents humble me especially because helping people achieve their dreams has been my dream

for a long time," said Dube.

Dube further stated that she would be helping more Emaswati as she promised during her visit in the kingdom early this year.

She said the talent in the kingdom was beyond measure and she saw that next year will be even much more fruitful for Eswatini artists with determination. In an interview with the publication, one of the actors Ntombifuthi Simelane said she was happy to have met the agency. "If it was not for the Becky Casting Agency, I would have not got the chance. "I am feeling blessed to have got the chance to be part of such a big soapie. Becky Casting has helped me a great deal in polishing my craft. Acting has always been my dream and having the change to part of such is amazing," she said.



THE CAST: The three Emaswati who will be featured in the Muvhango soapie: Ntombifuthi Simelane, Mkhosi Masuku and Nkosingiphile Dlamini.

Eswatini meets SA in Mpumalanga Worship Encounter

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

ESWATINI'S gospel musicians will share the stage with some of their South African counterparts during the Worship Encounter event, which will be held in Matsulu on December 6.

This was revealed by one of the organisers of the show Mancoba Dlamini.

Dlamini said the gospel music extravaganza had been organised by local gospel moguls Frans Dlamini, and Sithembiso Dlamini.

Expected to perform at the event will be gospel singers including Siphos 'Big Fish' Makhabane, Donny Ngwenyama of 'Basheshe Bahleka' fame, Police Gospel Messengers, Phathwakahle, Nduduzo Matse, Bishop Vusi Maculuvu, Nondumiso Maseko from Spirit of Praise, Lizwi

Myeni, Prophet Nkosing'phile Dlamini and Phiwokwakhe Dlamini.

The show will be held at the Christian Life Tabernacle Church (CLTC) next to KaMafuyeka Bricks, in Matsulu C, Hamba Vangeli Street.

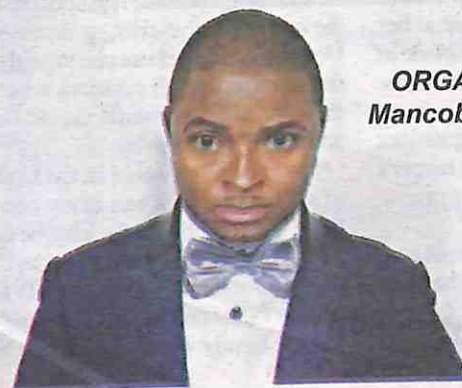
It will begin at 6pm.

Dlamini invited gospel music lovers to join them as they celebrate the Lord through worship.

"We invite Emaswati living next to Mpumalanga borders, our brothers and sisters from Matsulu and surrounding areas as well as anyone who can join us to do so.

"We promise a night of encounter with God because we believe where worship is, the Lord is there too," Dlamini said.

General tickets to the show cost E50 and VIP tickets go for E100. They are available at Matsulu Spar, Matsulu Pep Stores, Matsulu C Day's Café and CLTC.



ORGANISER: Mancoba Dlamini.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Trevor Noah gets Grammy nod

HOLLYWOOD - Trevor Noah's 'Son of Patricia' stand-up special has bagged a Grammy nod this year.

SA's Trevor Noah has scooped a prestigious Grammy nomination and Mzansi is buzzing with joy and excitement.

The comedian and US television host has been nominated for the best comedy album at the 62nd Grammy Awards, set to take place on January 26 in Los Angeles.

...and Mzansi is here for it

The nomination is for an audio recording of Trevor's stand-up special, Trevor Noah: Son of Patricia. He is up against the likes of talk show host Ellen DeGeneres and comedian Dave Chappelle.

The nominations for the annual awards were announced on Wednesday and Trevor expressed his deep gratitude.

"Today I woke up to the news

that I've been nominated for a Grammy award. A GRAMMY AWARD!!!

"And just when I thought the feeling couldn't get any better I saw the other names in my category and I almost cried," he said.

On social media, Mzansi showered Trevor with congratulatory messages.

Times Live

BIGGER BOSS:
Trevor Noah.



Nadia Nakai wins her first major music award

PRETORIA - Nadia Nakai is on cloud nine, after winning her first major music award.

The star walked away with the Best Female award at the SA Hip-Hop Awards in Johannesburg on Wednesday evening.

In her acceptance speech, Nadia said people kept asking when she would drop an album and now that she

has, they can see how good it is.

"B*tch, I got a motherf*cken album and it's dope. Thank you guys so much. I want to thank my best friend, to God and all those who believed in me. Thank you guys so much. I finally have one!" she screamed.

She also took to Instagram to thank those who voted for her.

"Guys, I won! Finally! Thank you for voting for me!"

Nadia's boss, rapper Cassper Nyovest, was also a big winner at the awards.

The Tito Mboweni hitmaker walked away with the Promoter of the Year and Hustler of the Year awards.

But he was perhaps more excited by Nadia's win, as were many on social media. They poured onto TLs to share messages of love for the star and made her name trend.

Sowetan Live

Sho Madjozi declines performing at Burna Boy concert

DURBAN - Sho Madjozi believes the now-cancelled Africans Unite concert was nothing but a marketing ploy.

This comes after major backlash about Nigerian artist Burna Boy being included as

one of the headline acts. Burna Boy made controversial comments about SA in the wake of xenophobic attacks

a few months ago. At the time, the rapper pledged to never set foot in SA again.

On Twitter, Sho said: "It was so clear that the issue of xenophobia in SA was being used more as a marketing ploy by the organisers of the Africa Unite concert than as a way to effect real change."

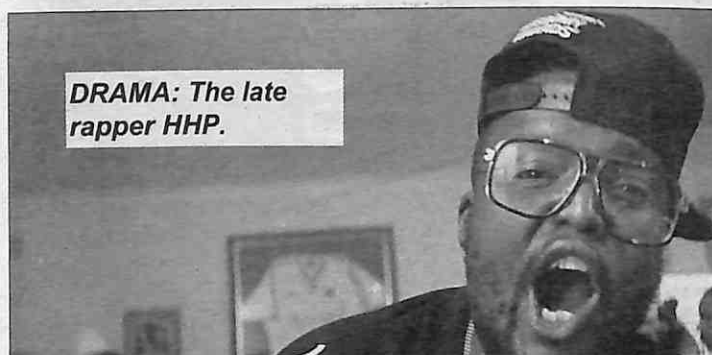
"That was my worry when I declined to perform. Just from the headline act they chose, it was clear that they wanted a controversial figure more than someone, e.g. Wizkid, who was engaged in the issue in a constructive way."

The John Cena hitmaker said she believed the organisers' failure to take a stand on the hostility surrounding the concert was disheartening.

"That was further proof that xenophobia was just a way for them to make money."

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DRAMA: The late rapper HHP.



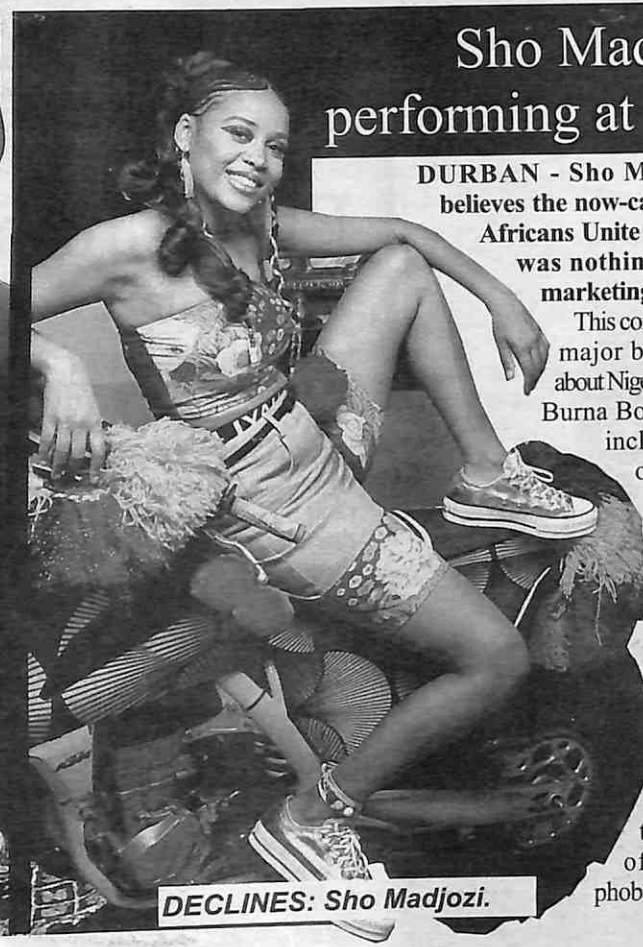
the time of publishing this article. Lerato said it was not about money, but she wouldn't erect a stone in secret.

"I will not erect a stone under some

cloak and dagger vibe. I will erect the one he wanted and have it blessed accordingly, and have him lay like the king he is." *Sowetan Live*



CLOUD NINE: Nadia Nakai.



DECLINES: Sho Madjozi.

HHP TOMBSTONE DRAMA

MIDRAND - HHP's widow Lerato Sengadi has rejected calls for crowd-funding to erect a tombstone at her husband's grave, hitting back at suggestions she has neglected the site.

Lerato faced a barrage of questions this week after two of the rapper's friends visited his simple grave to take him a "blunt".

The grave, covered with a basic concrete slab and bricks, caught the attention of many, who flooded Lerato's mentions with questions about the

absence of a tombstone.

Some suggested she had neglected the rapper's grave after his death in October 2018, a claim she strongly denied. She said all questions about the lack of a tombstone should be addressed to the family.

"Do you think I would let this kind of sh*t happen if it was in my control?! A stone fit for the king he is would have been erected same day!"

Several attempts by SowetanLIVE sister publication TshisaLIVE to contact the family were unsuccessful at

DAILY SOAPIE DIGEST



Watch Yvonne of Scandal tonight.



Duma and Fezile finally face off in what seems like a life and death struggle. Phumelele confronts Mpiyakhe about what happened to Fenyang.



Simon hits an iceberg when a familiar face returns to HD. Majola plans a special birthday party for Nina. Sibiya and Cebisa tear up the dance floor.



James reels as the onslaught on Qalabasha deepens. Marangs' visit ends up in a night of passion. Shaz's popularity with the in-laws gets her into hot water.



Can Lucy pull off acting like a proper businesswoman? Lesedi is delighted about her friend's good news, until she hears more. Gadaffi has formulated a plan but will it work?



The ghosts of the Tembisa Ten threaten to disrupt the Khoza proceedings. While Kagiso struggles with his guilt, Mmabatho's pent up anger and grief is like a volcano set to explode.



Khathaza is faced with a tough choice, Gabisile shuts the world out, and Mr Mbatha makes a special entrance at the church.



Chumani's teetering close to the edge and Tshepo makes a revelation that threatens to push him over. Hlengiwe's furious about interference behind her back, but her day's about to get a lot worse. Despite a heartfelt promise to his mother, Kgosi considers a dubious course of action

MEME OF THE DAY

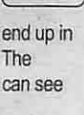
All relationship applications were closed last week. Anything that comes from now til January ke fraud



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

A new unity and purpose could create a more positive atmosphere regarding your career. Recognition and an increased income are just over the horizon. Don't be surprised if changes lie in store. You could end up in an entirely different profession! The support and affection of friends can see you through the transition.



New learning and improved communication with friends and family add greatly to your sense of self-esteem. A task into which you've put some effort over the past several weeks has been completed successfully. You're now basking in the glow of others' admiration. You may even have a few extra dollars to spend. You've worked hard for this and deserve it.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Optimism and excitement permeate any get-togethers that you're involved in today. You and those around you tend to see only positive trends for the future - success with few obstacles. You need to hang onto that attitude because there are always obstacles. You might forge a new support group with some of these upbeat individuals. Make the most of it!



Leo July 23 – August 22

An improvement in your relations with a love partner or close friend has you feeling optimistic about the future and even more so about the present. Your sense of self-worth is strong and you're formulating positive ideas about your life in the months ahead. Don't make any definite plans now. Write them down and go back to them later when the rosy glow has faded a little.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Today you might be in the right mood to organise. High-tech equipment may be of help in this project, and so could the help of friends. An optimistic, enthusiastic attitude will sustain you through any tasks. You will be more than happy with what you've accomplished by day's end. Treat yourself. Go out and celebrate - you deserve it!



Virgo August 23 – September 22

An unexpected raise could have you feeling especially generous toward those you love. Your gifts will be appreciated, but take care that you don't wipe out all you've gained. Romantic ideals could permeate your consciousness, and you'll be thinking wonderful thoughts about a passionate encounter with your love partner. Go for it. Hang onto the memory in the days and weeks to come.



Aries March 21 – April 19

You could feel especially amorous today. If you're romantically involved, you could have an overwhelming urge for an intimate dinner with your significant other. If you're uninvolved, expect that status to change shortly. A new person could cross your path and sweep you off your feet. Or you could see an old friend in a new light. Be prepared for anything.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Falling in love at first sight is something you never thought would happen, but it could happen today. A romantic involvement may follow or not, but the high you get from meeting a new person will make you feel better about yourself and life. A sense of adventure may have you longing to take a trip to a distant land. If you've wanted to plan a vacation, do it today.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Necessary cleaning or repairs in the home could inspire you to go a bit further and do some redecorating. Get rid of old furniture or other castoffs to make room for new objects that make your home look more attractive. Friends and your special someone could volunteer to help you. Make a party of it! Everyone will have a good time.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Movies that involve a lot of special effects might be especially appealing to you now. You may decide to learn more about how such effects are produced. You might also want to try your hand at computer graphics. The far reaches of your imagination might surprise you. Have fun with this. You could make it work for you in the future.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Life is an adventure. At least, that's the attitude you take today. Flush with past success and basking in the affection of friends, you're feeling especially confident and enthusiastic. You'll consider if not adopt any possible option for your future, even if it involves taking off for an exotic land! It will involve learning and meeting new people who share your interests.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

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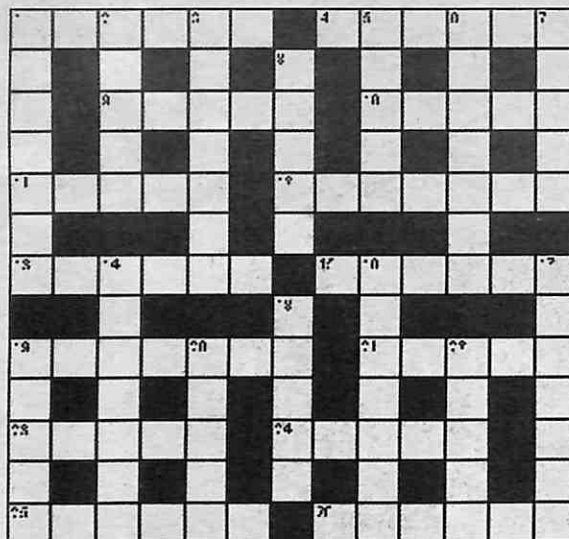


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

CRYPTIC 04



Down

- Sounds like clean cut grass, not wet (7)
- Serve a jumble of poetry (5)
- Short umpire employed and turned down (7)
- Some foolish rugged gesture (5)
- Used with snakes for a game (7)
- Replace an apple core in public places with a meal starter that makes the grade (5)
- Supports rays (5)
- Final stage could lead to checkmate (7)
- Confused his glen with a language (7)
- Communicate to catch employment (7)
- A facet of speaking (5)
- Find cafe astir, so wine and dine (5)
- Dance, slim body essential (5)
- Sounds like clemency in France, thanks (5)

Across

- Venus de Milo versus some Valentine couples (6)
- Find refuge in easy lumber (6)
- Plunder with arms (5)
- Palindrome instrument (5)
- Decorate a garment (5)
- Short publication catches attractions (7)
- Replace pieces of land beginning of February with crops end of July (6)
- For each child is individual (6)
- Fidgets with musical instruments (7)
- Complete range found in mega mutation (5)
- Some warning given in ideal army (5)
- More ironic machine (5)
- Endlessly shake a woody plant, to a greater extent (6)
- Disoriented hikers shout (6)

DEGREES....

The graduate with a science degree asks, 'Why does it work?'
The graduate with an engineering degree asks, 'How does it work?'
The graduate with an accounting degree asks,

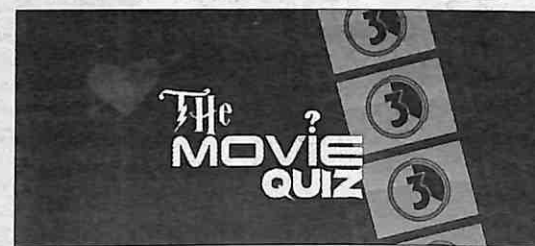


'How much will it cost?'
The graduate with a liberal arts degree asks, 'Do you want fries with that?'

DID YOU KNOW

- For a few years, there were "Balloon Races."
- Mickey Mouse made his parade debut in 1934.
- A reindeer's eyes change color through the seasons
- Salvador Dali avoided paying restaurant tabs by using checks.

MOVIE QUIZ
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Yesterday's Quiz

- British actor who played Mandela in the film Mandela: The Long Walk to Freedom.

Answer:
A. Idris Elba

Today's Movie Quiz

- Portrayed the brilliant physicist Stephen Hawking in the film The Theory of Everything

Answers:
A. Eddie Redmayne
B. Leonardo DiCaprio



CELEBRATING MEYER'S TRACKERS AS M-NET'S TOP-PERFORMING

TRACKERS, the exhilarating five-part adaptation of bestselling author Deon Meyer's internationally-acclaimed crime novel, has shattered DStv viewership records to become the most popular show on M-Net in 2019.

And, this tremendous success story for M-Net and the African television industry hasn't even completed its run! Trackers' final episode will be screened on M-Net, DStv channel 101/102 on Sunday November 24, at 20:00 CAT.

Average viewer numbers per episode have outshone not only local shows in all genres on M-Net Channel 101/102 but also international audience favourites such as Game of Thrones, Big Little Lies, Chernobyl, The Big Bang Theory and The Enemy Within. Perhaps, most impressively, Trackers has attracted more eyeballs than a much-loved M-Net institution – the Sunday night blockbuster movie premiere.

Furthermore, Trackers is currently trending at the top of the charts on both DStv Now and ShowMax.

"We are over the moon about Trackers' phenomenal performance to date," says Yolisa Phahle, CEO of General Entertainment. "With this first co-production between M-Net, HBO's sister channel Cinemax and Germany's ZDF, we set out to create a trailblazing, high-end production that would enthrall our MultiChoice customers, as well as global audiences. It's wonderful to know that

Trackers will soon also be shining the spotlight on our magnificent actors, behind-the-scenes talent and breath-taking landscapes to a wider audience." More than a 1 000 television professionals ensured that Trackers raised the bar in terms of cinematic excellence. Sisanda Henna's chilling performance as Inkunzi, a snazzy but ruthless villain, has already landed him a leading role opposite Megan Fox in the forthcoming film Rogue.

If you haven't joined the Trackers craze yet, be sure to binge-watch it on DStv Catch Up and ShowMax! To see how local audiences are raving about Trackers, go to mnet.tv/trackers. You can also join the conversation on Twitter at #TrackersSA. Do not miss out, simply sign up or upgrade to DStv now.

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What we know about Busiswa's documentary

WHAT you need to know about Busiswa's documentary.

When she stopped by for an exclusive chat on V-Entertainment recently, Busiswa whispered in our ears that she's working on a brand new venture. While her music fans have been begging for some new music in time for the looming festive season, Busiswa shared with us that she's been quietly working on a documentary about her life.

Hitmaker

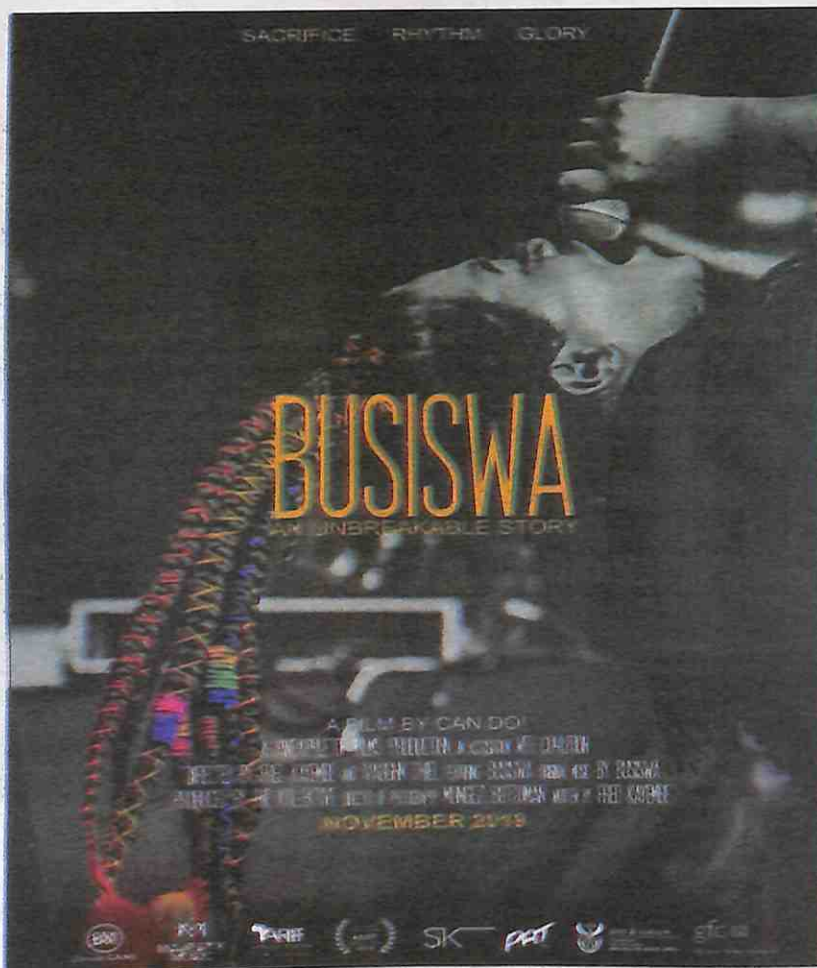
The Banomoya hitmaker has been working on Busiswa: An Unbreakable Story, a documentary that takes us back in time to explore the complex conditions that helped hone a young girl from Umtata into the big voice that echoes through our speakers alongside Beyoncé on The Gift, in what has been touted as arguably one of the most iconic moments in the South African entertainment business.

Narrated by Busiswa herself, the Fred Kayembe and Vaughn Thiel directed feature will feature themes of independence, femininity and identity through the singer's awe inspiring life story.

Made by Pineappletop Films and produced by 'The Kollektive', the grungy visual will give fans a glimpse into the world in which Busiswa's dream was made.

Busiswa: An Unbreakable Story will premiere at the Africa Rising International Film Festival on November 27th.

"The focus of the Africa Rising International Film Festival this year is inclusion. With that said, we are thrilled to have a story about a powerful woman who is changing



the game in more ways than one lead our opening night," said Ayanda Sithebe through a press statement.

The four-day programme will include The Chi's creator and coveted writer Lena

Waithe's dynamic thrilling feature Queen & Slim, starring Black Panther's Daniel Kaluuya. Described as the 'modern day Bonnie and Clyde' the film is directed by Melina Matsoukas.

A star named Sneziey - Idols SA

THE start of great things to come for the Idols SA runner up.

Blessed with an incredible voice, a bubbly personality and endless talent, the world truly is Sneziey's oyster!

Stormed

The Gogo's girl who hails from KwaZulu Natal stormed onto the scene with a near perfect run from the moment she auditioned to her final performance on the Idols stage and it was all thanks to a burning desire to show the world she was a bonafide star.

Sneziey made her mark in particular thanks to a series of spine-tingling showcases that put her immense gift on display and never failed to touch souls.

Sang

It became common place for Sneziey to leave many eyes in the room watery as she sang from deep within and laid her heart bare through the microphone.

So now as her Idols SA journey comes to an end and her dream as a South African superstar begins, we take a look at some of her greatest moments.



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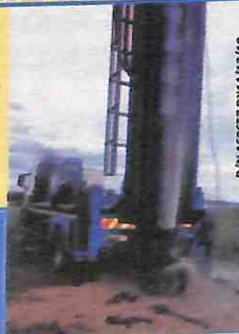
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ulaMingometulu



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Vigil: 22/11/2019

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Bandzile Maziya



Funeral: 23/11/2019
Vigil: 22/11/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo taBandzile Maziya kutsi akasekho emhlabeni emvakwekugula lokumtsetse sikhshana. Kwatiswa belibandla lakhe nalebekafundza nabo kaLobamba High School. Lilanga lekumfihla nguMgicibelo mhlaka 23/11/19 emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu. Lokhokha simmetelo ngubabe wakhe M. Maziya

Sibongile Dlamini



Funeral: 23/11/2019
Vigil: 22/11/2019
Place: kaLogoba

Kwatiswa tihlobo nelibandla laSibongile Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo kaLogoba eluhlokohla. Sitieshi kukaLanga. Kutawulindzelwa ngalesihlanu 22/11/19 afihlwe ngeMgicibelo ekuseni mhlaka 23/11/19. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumake wakhe egameni lemndeni

Augustine Divorce Dlamini



Funeral: 23/11/2019
Vigil: 22/11/2019
Place: Ludzeldzede

Relatives and friends of Augustine Divorce Dlamini of Moneni Royal Kraal are notified of his demise. Funeral service is on Saturday 23/11/2019 at 5am at Ludzeldzede, Thunzini after a night vigil. Announcement by his wife Phumzile Dlamini

Shadile Nane Masuku



Funeral: 24/11/2019
Vigil: 23/11/2019
Place: eNhlambeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Shadile Nane Masuku lose Luve kanye naka H h o h h o eMshingishini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, bekendze Ka Masina eNhlambeni. Kulindzelwa ngeMgicibelo mhlaka 23/11/2019 uyawubekwa ngelisonfo. Memorial icala nga 1.00pm ku Njelu Pentecostal Church ngeMgicibelo.



Thandeka Mashaba



Funeral: 24/11/2019
Short service: 23/11/2019
Place: Zakhele

Relatives and friends of Thandeka Mashaba are notified of her sudden death. She will be laid to rest on Sunday 24/11/19. There will be a short service at her home Zakhele Manzini on Saturday 23/11/19 at 6:30pm. Funeral service on Sunday 24/11/19 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church Manzini. Starting at 07:30am and proceed to Ngwane Park Cemetery. Announcement by her family.

Sibusiso Reginald "Skhova" Thwala



Funeral: 23/11/2019
Vigil: 22/11/2019
Place: Mafutseni

Friends and relatives of Sibusiso Reginald "Skhova" Thwala that he has passed on. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 23/11/19 after a night vigil on Friday 21/11/19 at Mafutseni Dispense. Announcement by Thandiwe Thwala

Gogo Khesaya Gwacubuhle Nhlabatsi



Funeral: 24/11/2019
Vigil: 23/11/2019

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Salinah Nhlengethwa



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Place: Fairview

Relatives and friends of Mrs Salinah Nhlengethwa of Fairview in Manzini are notified that she has passed on. Funeral will be on Saturday after a night vigil on Friday starting at 10.00pm at her home at Fairview. Service for funeral start at 5.00am on Saturday.

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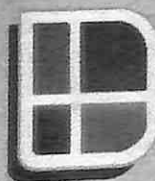
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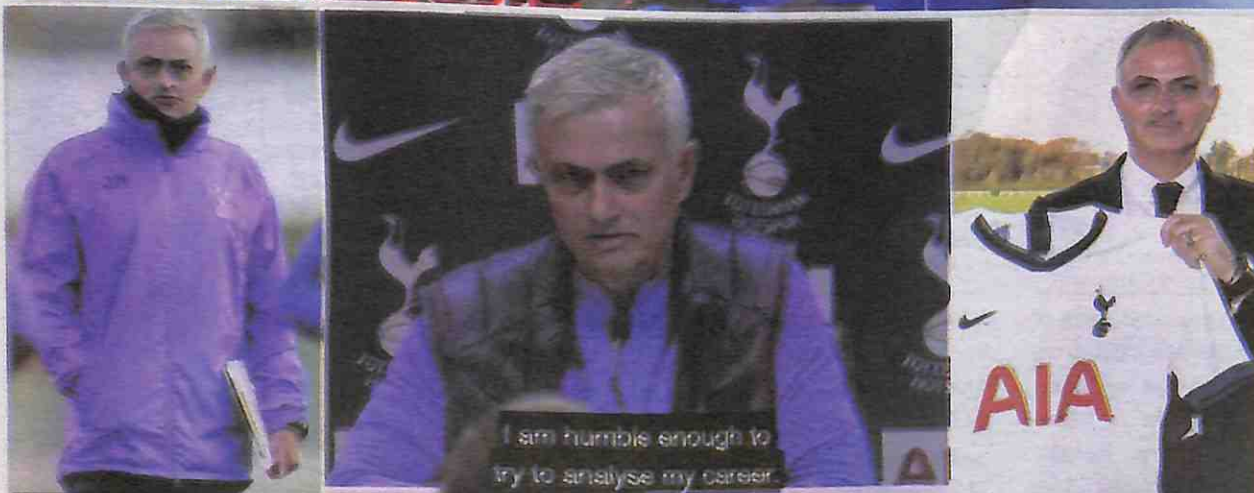
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THE HUMBLE ONE

LONDON - Jose Mourinho insists he has learned from his troubled spell at Manchester United and has vowed to learn from his mistakes after his 11-month break from football.

The new Tottenham boss, who described himself as humble, said his DNA remains the same but he will change some of his ways in order to get the best out of his players.

Mourinho fell out with key personnel at Manchester United - including star man Paul Pogba - and was sacked in December 2018 after losing the support of his players and executive Vice-Chairman Ed Woodward.

When asked if he has learned from

his Manchester United spell, Mourinho said: "I think so. These last 11 months have been used to think and to prepare. You never lose your DNA."

"You are what you are - for the good things and the bad things. I know in my career that I've made mistakes."

"I am humble. I am humble enough to try to analyse my career. Not just the last year but the problems and the solutions. The principle of my analysis was not to blame anyone else."

"I was always humble. The problem was that you didn't understand that. I was always humble but it was in my way." He was then asked if he had his 'mojo back' to which Mourinho jokingly replied: "I have to go to Google

translate to know what 'mojo' is."

He went on to say: "When I don't win I'm not happy. I cannot change that. 'If you are happy by losing football matches, it's difficult to be a winner in any moment of your career."

"But the emotional control to keep the self-esteem and confidence and in those around you is very important."

Mourinho, who has been heavily backed in the transfer market at Chelsea, Real Madrid and Manchester United, insists he is happy with his current squad. He explained: "The best gift are the players who are here. I don't need new players. I just need to get to know these ones better."

Daily Mail

Juventus consider offering players plus cash for Pogba

MILAN - Juventus are reportedly willing to offer Manchester United two players and cash in an effort to bring Paul Pogba back to Turin.

Pogba's future with the English Premier League side remains very much up in the air after he failed to get his wish of a move away from Old Trafford in the summer.

Both Juve and Real Madrid were in the hunt to do a deal, but he ended up remaining with United, where his situation has not improved.

In fairness, his season has been blighted by an injury that currently keeps him out of the side, and there is no sign of when he will return to the Reds starting line-up.

It is doing nothing to help his situation and a move away from United in the very near future looks inevitable.

A move in the January transfer window looks unlikely, but there is a chance United could agree to part company at the end of the season and the Bianconeri hope to be in the mix.

It has also been claimed that Juve will offer two players, Emre Can and Mario Mandzukic, plus cash, in the hope that could swing a deal in their favour. It could tempt United, as Can is known to be a long-term target, while Mandzukic could be the experienced striker they have missed since selling Romelu Lukaku to Inter Milan. It has also been reported that Pogba would prefer to return to Turin over a switch to Real Madrid.

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'Chelsea have a bright future under Lampard'

LONDON - Chelsea skipper Cesar Azpilicueta believes there is reason for optimism under the leadership of Manager Frank Lampard.

The Blues have defied the odds this season, and they sit third in the Premier League table after a superb response from Lampard's men.

Chelsea lost their first two matches of the campaign in all competitions, while they had to wait until the end of August for their first win.

Back-to-back defeats to Valencia and Liverpool put Lampard under immense pressure, but the west London outfit have responded in fantastic fashion. They have lost just one of their last 11 matches in all competitions, and they look like qualifying for the knockout stages of the Champions League. A top-

four finish in the Premier League could also be on the cards and Azpilicueta says he never had any doubt that the squad would turn their fortunes around. Lampard has helped get the best out of Fikayo Tomori, Reece James, Christian Pulisic, Mason Mount and Tammy Abraham so far this season. He has tried to keep his players grounded in recent weeks, but Azpilicueta admits he cannot help but be excited about the future. The Spaniard told GQ Magazine: "Obviously, as club captain, you have more responsibilities, but it's a joy to watch a lot of the youngsters. 'It has been a long path for all the youngsters to be in the first team, and now I think they are getting the rewards that they deserve."

Daily Mail

Pochettino leaves Spurs players a note saying goodbye

LONDON - Mauricio Pochettino did not have the chance to say goodbye to the Spurs players after being sacked and only had time to leave a note, according to reports.

The Argentine was dismissed after five years in charge of the north London side on Tuesday night and was replaced swiftly by Jose Mourinho as they look to recover from a tough start to the season.

Spurs are down in 14th in the Premier League and are 11 points off the top four after just three wins in their 12 league games.

While the decision was mooted for most of the international break, the axe finally fell so rapidly that Pochettino was unable to personally say goodbye to his former players.

Instead of speaking to them, Pochettino

instead had to leave them a note.

According to the Sun, the note apparently read: 'Sorry we cannot come to say goodbye, you are always in our hearts.' It has been reported there was a deterioration of the relationship between Pochettino and his players.

But a number of Spurs stars paid tribute to him after his exit following half a decade at the helm. *Daily Mail*

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INJURED SALAH TO MISS PALACE CLASH - REPORT

LIVERPOOL - Cape Town - Liverpool star Mohamed Salah is expected to watch from the sidelines when the Reds take on Crystal Palace tomorrow due to his ankle injury.

Salah has been struggling with an ankle issue since the start of October after limping out of the Reds' 2-1 win over Leicester City.

The 27-year-old ended up missing the 1-1 draw at Manchester United as a result but has since started the league leaders last three matches.

However, in the 3-1 win over Manchester City before this month's international break, Salah took a heavy blow to his left ankle and looks set for a spell on the sidelines.

The ex-Roma and Chelsea man was spotted during the international break watching his national side Egypt train while wearing a protective boot.

Although he was ruled out of playing in the Pharaohs' games against Kenya and Comoros, Salah still met up with his compatriots but has since returned to Merseyside to undergo further treatment.

It has now been reported that Liverpool are

Klopp's injury issues ahead of the return of domestic action.

The German tactician is also set to be without Andy Robertson (ankle) and Joel Matip (knee) for the encounter at Selhurst Park, while it is unclear if Xherdan Shaqiri will be cleared to return to action having been sidelined with a calf injury recently.

With Liverpool facing a very busy schedule between now and the end of the year - playing 13 games in a five-week period - Klopp would like to have the options to rotate but may have to call upon the same players for the coming weeks if the treatment room doesn't clear quickly.

An extended absence for Salah could open the door for Divock Origi to get a run in the side with last season's hero of Liverpool's Champions League success having been used sparingly so far this term.

The 24-year-old has made 13 appearances but the majority of those have been from the substitutes and he has one goal to show for his efforts.

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South African SOCCER

**I'll impress Pirates
when I return -
Hlongwane**

JOHANNESBURG - Defender Brian Hlongwa is currently out on loan at Highlands Park and believes he will come back to Orlando Pirates stronger for the experience.

Hlongwa, who was also out on loan at Real Kings last season, has been relishing the chance for more game time in the ABSA Premiership and is looking forward to improving himself over the rest of the campaign. "Everything is going well [at Highlands Park]. I am settling in well with the team. It's like home away from home," Hlongwa told KickOff.

"I am learning a lot here, I am getting stronger. You can see the training here. I am confident when I get back to Pirates I will be a stronger player."

Despite enjoying his time at the Lions of the North, Hlongwa remains determined to prove his worth at the Buccaneers once he makes his return. "I haven't got a chance as yet [at Pirates]. I am here again at Highlands Park on loan from Pirates. I am waiting for my chance. The team is still doing well so far.

"I am just waiting for the opportunity and once I get it I will grab it with both hands."

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CHIPPA MAKE CRUCIAL TECHNICAL TEAM CHANGE

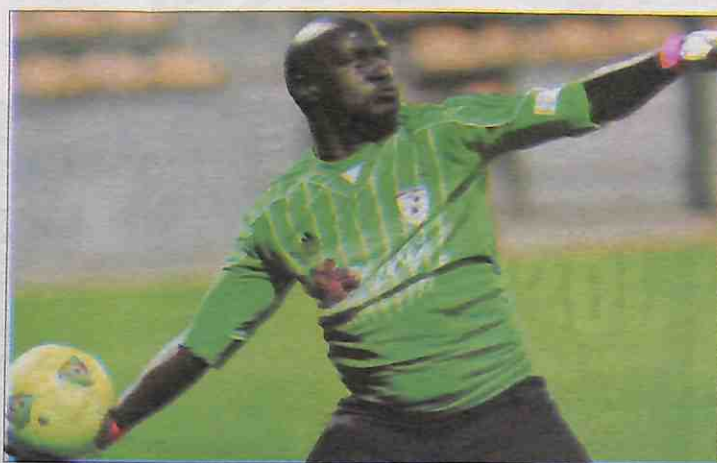
PORT ELIZABETH - Chippa United have reshuffled the technical team at a crucial time, as teams prepare for the re-start of the ABSA Premiership, after the FIFA international break.

The Siya crew can confirm that Postnet Omony, who has been serving as the goalkeeper coach at the Chilli Boys, has been relieved of his duties.

The former goalkeeper re-joined Chippa this season for a second stint, under the club's ex-coach Clinton Larsen.

The Ugandan previously had a stint as the goalkeeper coach at the Eastern Cape outfit, during the 2017/18 season under Serbian coach Vladislav Heric.

Chippa, who are at the bottom of the log, have conceded 11 goals in



RELIEVED: Postnet Omony.

11 matches in the League so far this season.

Though some have pointed fingers at the team's number one goalkeeper Patrick Tignyemb for some

of the goals conceded, it would appear that Omony is the one who has made to suffer the consequences for some of the notable schoolboy errors.

Contacted for comment, at first Omony was cautious about revealing all about the latest happenings at the Port Elizabeth club.

"I cannot confirm or deny it because nothing is on paper yet," he told the Siya crew.

Upon further enquiries, the former Bloemfontein Celtic goalkeeper confirmed that the club's general manager Wanda Mbenguzana broke the news to him this morning.

"It's just been a verbal notification from the GM of the club. Apparently, the coach (Norman Mapeza) is... I don't know. He's not comfortable with my presence," confirmed Omony.

Chippa are scheduled to host Black Leopards at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium on Wednesday in their next month. *Soccer Laduma*

PSL PROSECUTOR NANDE BECKER THREATENING PSL'S INTEGRITY

JOHANNESBURG - The Premier Soccer League (PSL) Disciplinary Committee, led by prosecutor Nande Becker, recently handed out six-month bans to both Cape Town City FC midfielder Mpho Makola and a TS Galaxy member of staff for misconduct towards match officials.

Makola was banned for "assaulting" a match official with TS Galaxy team Manager Vusi Ntimane receiving the same punishment for "abusing and harassing" a match official, according to a PSL statement.

Both sentences were severe with the latter receiving less coverage

as the match wasn't televised.

But a point should be made that any member of staff not directly involved in a match should never become embroiled in a heated exchange with a referee.

Makola's incident though is different.

Football is an emotional game played with passion by highly-competitive individuals which can occasionally spill over - and that makes it the game we all love.

It needs to be made abundantly clear though that what Makola did by physically shoving referee Abongile Tom during a Telkom

Knockout clash against Kaizer Chiefs was wrong.

But for the PSL to then ludicrously ban the former Orlando Pirates player for six months is both excessive and sets a dangerous precedent.

CT City Chairperson John Comitis claimed that Becker was initially intent on handing out a 12-month ban. This indicates that Becker has lost his head and is guilty of abusing his power as PSL prosecutor.

When handing out the punishment the PSL said: "Makola was found guilty of assaulting match official Abongile Tom during the Telkom Knockout fixture against

Kaizer Chiefs at the Cape Town Stadium on October 19."

The dictionary defines assault as: To make a physical attack on.

Example: "he pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer"

Synonyms: hit, strike, physical attack, aim blows at, slap, smack, beat, thrash, spank, thump, thwack, punch What Makola did by shoving Tom in a competitive game does not amount to assault.

The NSL Handbook rule 57.2 details the specific sanctions against any individual found guilty of misconduct against a match official.

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Lakay confident Sundowns will turn their form around

DURBAN - Mamelodi Sundowns defender Lyle Lakay is confident they will turn their form around ahead of the Telkom Knockout semi-final clash Golden Arrows tomorrow.

Masadowana have not secured an outright victory in their last four matches, losing twice in the league and playing to a goalless draw against Baroka.

The Tshwane club also had to rely on a penalty shoot-out to advance to the last four of the Telkom Knockout after they were held to a 2-2 stalemate by Chippa United in the last round.

Lakay though feels every team will have a bad patch during the season and that Sundowns will come through it soon.

In quotes published on IOL,

Lakay said: "It's nothing new. Last year we also went through a patch like this. We were drawing games and we lost a few.

"Lots of teams go through it during the season. The good thing for us is that we are getting it early. We can turn it around and go on the run that we usually go on close to December. "We normally start doing well around this time of the year. "We just have to try harder and break it. If you aren't getting the result, that means you aren't doing enough, so you have to keep pushing to break the ice and things turn around and results start coming. "We won the league on the last day last season, we have shown that we can turn it around. When we turn it around, things will start going our way and you will see the Sundowns that you know." *TeamTalk Media*

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'I WANT EVERYBODY TO BOW TO ME'

LONDON - Anthony Joshua has vowed to 'show how great I am' when he fights Andy Ruiz in their heavyweight rematch in Saudi Arabia on December 7.

Ruiz stunned the world of boxing when he defeated Joshua in New York's Madison Square Garden in June, but the Brit insists things will turn out differently on December 7.

"I'm fighting the best man in the world now. I'm going to whup him, and show how great I am," Joshua told Sky Sports.

"They think he's so great, so when I beat him I want everybody to bow to my feet and tell me how great I am."

"I couldn't beat Ruiz Jr before and get the credit I deserved. You saw me in the ring [before the fight] - I wasn't fighting King Kong, was I? I didn't have that mindset. "Apparently I'm fighting the quickest hands and the best fighter in the division. So once I beat him I want everybody to bow to me." *Daily Mail*

...Anthony Joshua vows to 'whup' Andy Ruiz in Saudi Arabia rematch and claim the adulation he lost in shock defeat



BOSS: Anthony Joshua poses alongside Andy Ruiz ahead of the December 7 fight in Saudi Arabia.

Emotional Ex-boss reacts to Spain sacking

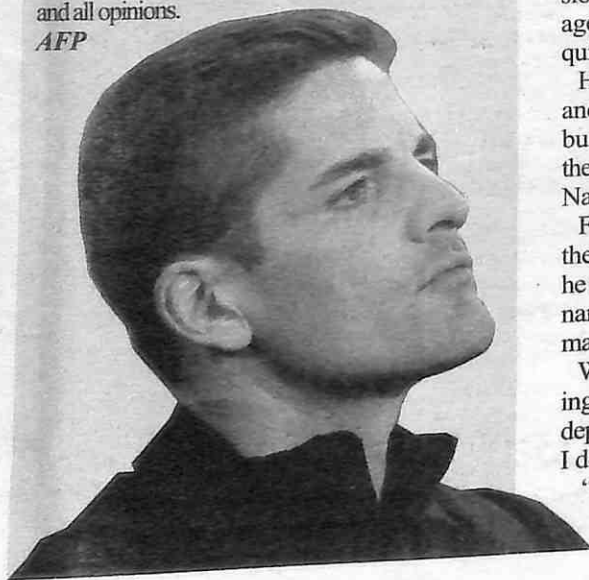
MADRID - Moreno was officially relieved of his duties following Spain's 5-0 win over Romania on Monday to make way for the return of Luis Enrique, despite securing the nation's qualification to the 2020 UEFA Championship.

Enrique was forced to step down from the role earlier in the year after his daughter tragically fell ill and later passed away, but an agreement had been in place for him to return to the position if he so wished. Notwithstanding this agreement, Moreno was visibly emotional after it was confirmed that Enrique would return, and the 42-year-old has now released a statement.

"Faced with an extreme situation like the one we experienced in Malta, I had to assume the leadership of the national team," Moreno said, as reported by AS.

"The objective of qualifying (for Euro 2020) entrusted to me has been achieved comfortably. "Assessing the last few hours in office or even the last few days would only serve to enter into a spiral of reproaches and justifications for each of the parties. I am not going to do it. I don't see any sense in that. "I have a clear conscience. It is impossible to please everyone, but I sincerely tell you that I respect everyone and all opinions."

AFP



BARCELONA 'JOIN BAYERN IN THE BATTLE FOR POCHETTINO'

BARCELONA - Barcelona have reportedly thrown their hat in the ring as Europe's top clubs circle around Mauricio Pochettino.

The Argentine's five-year spell at Tottenham came to an end when he was sacked on Tuesday night.

But already Pochettino's next move is being lined up, and The Sun report that it's Barcelona who are set to make the biggest approach.

Ernesto Valverde is under pressure at the Nou Camp after an indifferent start to the season.

Running

Bayern Munich are also believed to be in the running as they search for a long-term replacement for Niko Kovac, who departed at the

start of the month.

His former number two, Hansi Flick, has taken interim charge at the Allianz Arena.

The interest from Barcelona is the most intriguing, with Pochettino having previously distanced himself from the Catalan giants due to his ties with Espanyol.

He said in 2018: "It's something that is more than understood."

Friends

"I have a lot of friends in Barcelona, who are from the Blaugrana and to whom I have enormous respect, but my path and that of Barcelona are different, opposite directions, and coaching there would be impossible."

Daily Mail

FEDERER STILL CAN'T PUT A DATE ON RETIREMENT

BERN - Tennis fans are all wondering when Roger Federer will hang up his racket, but the Swiss legend says he still "cannot predict" when he will call it a day.

Federer has been playing professional tennis since 1998 and, at the age of 38, many fear that he could quit any day now.

However, he is still going strong and competing with the best in the business as he finished the year as the world number three behind Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic.

Federer plays a reduced schedule these days to prolong his career, but he still has energy for exhibition tournaments and he will feature in a few matches in South America this week.

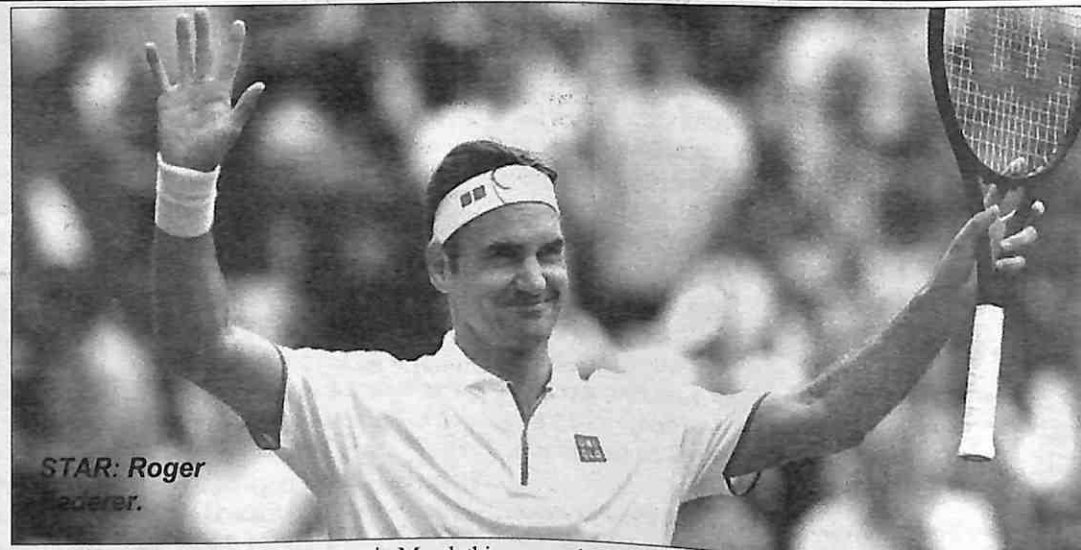
When asked when he will stop playing, he replied: "My retirement will depend on my health. At the moment I do not see any reason to retire."

"I did not think I would play beyond 35, 36 years and here I am. I am

doing well physically. I cannot predict when it will be the time to stop."

"I think in 2009 I questioned it for the first time. (It has been) 10 years and here I am. I'm exactly where I wanted to be at this age."

Federer won his 100th singles title



STAR: Roger Federer.



Mourinho chased Kane, Eriksen, Dier and Co

LONDON - It would be fair to say that Jose Mourinho's appointment at Tottenham has divided opinion.

The Portuguese boss was handed the reigns at the club less than 24 hours after Mauricio Pochettino was abruptly sacked as manager on Tuesday evening.

The decision sent shockwaves through the footballing world while many Spurs fans believe Mourinho doesn't quite fit the mould of someone who will promote youth and playing attacking football.

While he does have the huge challenge of reinvigorating this sluggish Spurs side, it may not be the match made in hell that many die-hard Tottenham fans have made it out to be. Pochettino admirably took the club to a whole new level but he appeared to have fallen out of love with the project. A black mark next

to the Argentine's name was that he was never able to make that final leap and win his first trophy at the club.

Their defeat in the Champions League final proved to sum up his time at the club - so close and yet so far. Having pushed both Chelsea and Leicester in two separate campaigns for the Premier League title, Pochettino and his squad always fell agonisingly short.

This, coupled with two cup final defeats during his tenure, has seen Spurs struggle to shake the unwanted tag of being 'Spursy', with their lack of trophies only providing ammunition for Pochettino's critics whenever Spurs fell at the final hurdle.

However, with the blockbuster signing of Mourinho, it seems Chairman Daniel Levy is ready to take that final step and see the club lift their first trophy in over 12 years. *Daily Mail*

Comrades Marathon suspends 3 cheats

CAPE TOWN - Runners found to have been cheating in the Comrades Marathon are tarnishing the reputation of the sport and the Comrades Marathon Association (CMA), as well as disrespecting fellow athletes.

It is in this light that the CMA has announced the suspension of three athletes who were investigated for having cheated in the 2019 Comrades Marathon.

These athletes were found to have either supplied false entry information and/or having utilised another athlete to run their qualifying race.

The CMA will not be releasing the names of the suspended athletes.

However, these transgressors will have their 2019 race result

declared null and void, in addition to being excluded from participating in the Comrades Marathon for the next two to five years, depending on the transgression.

The CMA has also notified the respective running clubs and provincial athletics federations of the offending athletes.

Cheating

CMA Race Director, Rowyn James says, "The CMA will not tolerate cheating in any form. It is incumbent upon every athlete to honour the ethical code and ethos of the sport."

James adds, "We promote fair sport and to this end are continuing with investigations into other alleged transgressions, the outcome of which may be announced in due course."

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in March this year and added another three titles to his collection to leave him on 103, six short of Jimmy Connors record of 109.

"With age everything gets a bit more difficult," he continued. "But at the same time, with experience also you

can savour the moments more. "I don't know how it's going to end. I hope it's just going to be somewhat emotional I guess and nice ... I just hope it's going to be good, the whole process, and not too difficult."

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Weekend Sports Fixtures

...Compiled by Jongile Xuba

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Today at Somhlolo National Stadium

Seven Dreams	vs	PIP Black Swallows	6:30pm
Ludzudze Killers	vs	Royal Leopards	8:35pm

Tomorrow at Mayaluka Stadium

Magwanyane FC	vs	Mhlume Peacemakers	2pm
Ilovo FC	vs	Tambuti FC	4pm

At King Sobhuza II National Stadium

Shooting Stars	vs	Manzini Sea Birds FC	11am
Hlathikhulu Tycoons	vs	Madlenya FC	1pm
Rangers FC	vs	Malanti Chiefs FC	3pm

At Mavuso Sports Centre

Hub Sundowns	vs	Tambankulu Callies	2pm
Ludzudze Brothers	vs	Mbabane Swallows FC	4pm

At Killarney Stadium

Vovovo FC	vs	Milling Hotspurs	3pm
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At Somhlolo National Stadium

Lobamba Sunrise	vs	Green Mamba	1:30pm
Umbelbele	vs	Denver Sundowns	3:30pm
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Moneni Pirates	5:30pm

Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium

Manchester FC	vs	Young Buffaloes	11am
Young Movers	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	1pm
Tinyosi FC	vs	Manzini Wanderers	3pm

Shiselweni Southern Super League

Sunday at Nsingingini	vs	Black Mashuba	11am
Nsingingini H Spurs	vs	Manchester	1pm
Piano	vs	All Nations	3pm

Shiselweni Northern Super League

Sunday at Ejeziyovu	vs	TP Mazembe	1:30pm
Thukubona	vs	Power Stars	3:30pm

At LaKhumalo

Assagal Killers	vs	Mpini Cosmos	1pm
Peacemakers	vs	Royal Power Stars	3pm

Ntlangano Promotion

Sunday at Kings House	vs	Mvela	11am
Mashobeni	vs	City Stars	1pm
Makhwela	vs	M Sundowns	3pm

Siphosethu Grocery - Hlathikhulu Promotion League

Sunday at Nkumbane	vs	Real Tigers	1pm
Free State Stars	vs	Boko	3pm

Swazi Trac Hlathikhulu Super League - E77 000

Southern Zone	vs	Corporation	1:30pm
Tomorrow at Maphaleni Sports Ground	vs	Burning Spear	3:30pm

Tomorrow at Embo Sports Ground

Enajukujuku	vs	H. Shooting	3:30pm
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Sunday at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground

Imbumba	vs	Sidwashini	1:30pm
Community	vs	Swazi Sun	3:30pm

Northern Zone

Tomorrow at Prison Sports Ground	vs	Sigodlo	3:30pm
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Tomorrow at Buhleni Sports Ground

Vultures	vs	Khanjana	1:30pm
Machibini	vs	Kappa Kappa	3:30pm

Sunday at Buhleni Sports Ground

Seven Stars	vs	Stone Breakers	1pm
Horo Spinners	vs	Msalweni	3pm

Hlathikhulu Mbabane League - E70 000

Promotion	vs	Mvakwile	3:30pm
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Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground

Village Stars	vs	Real Tec	1:30pm
Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground	vs	Amawele	3:30pm

PG Dribbling Stars

Sunday at Msunduzi Sports Ground	vs	Pot O Gold	11am
FC Vaal	vs	Mo. Celtics	1pm
Double Action	vs	White City	3pm

Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground

Freestyle	vs	Sandla	1pm
Mpolonjeni Y. Stars	vs	Interstars	3pm

B. Division

Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground	vs	Veni Cosmos	1:30pm
Mantholo FC	vs	R. Dynamos	3:30pm

Tomorrow at Sdwashini Sports Ground

Lusoti	vs	D. Darkies	11am
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Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground

National Rangers	vs	Red Stars	1:30pm
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Sunday at Police Sports Ground

Real Stars Utd	vs	Mphali	11am
Red Stars	vs	Mbabane Utd	1pm
Mangwenani	vs	Hurricane	3pm

South Stars Mzimba League - E65 000

Tomorrow at Mzimba Sports Ground	vs	Bombers	1:30pm
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Arsenal	vs	Rangers	3:30pm
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Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground	vs	All Stars	1:30pm
Africa Stars	vs	Rhinos	3:30pm

Tomorrow at Nsukumbili Sports Ground	vs	City Stars	1:30pm
Highlanders	vs	Amacabane	3:30pm

Sunday at Nsukumbili Sports Ground	vs	Rhumbas	1pm
Chiefs	vs	Swallows	3pm

Sunday at Hhukwini Sports Ground	vs	Rebels	1pm
Monaco	vs	Achievers	3pm

Sunday at Mzimba Sports Ground	vs	Barcelona	11am
Sundowns	vs	Drikopies	1pm
Bush Bucks	vs	Kasiko	3pm

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Matsamo	vs	H. Pirates	1pm
Besuthwini	vs	Ngonini	3pm

Sunday at Ndilambi Sports Ground	vs	Njakeni Utd	11am
Nhl. All United	vs	Vusweni	1pm
Young Tigers	vs	Njakeni City	3pm

Shebza Ntabezimpisi League - E50 000	vs	Skom Boyz	11:30am
Tomorrow at Fontofje Sports Ground	vs	Mayiwane	1:30pm
City Stars	vs	R. Bombers	3:30pm

Tomorrow at Ntamakuphila Sports Ground	vs	Manchester	11:30am
Young Professionals	vs	Fontofje Utd	1:30pm
Ntab. Swallows	vs	City Cosmos	3:30pm

Special Killers	vs	Hungry Lions	1pm
Superstars	vs	M. Arsenal	3pm

Tomorrow at Mkhuzweni Sports Ground	vs	Barcelona	11am
Young Professionals	vs	Ninlanyane	1pm
Ntab. Swallows	vs	sunolty	3pm

Teenagers	vs	Barcelona	1pm
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DU'S CORNER

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

WITH
DUMSANE SIBANDZE

PLE Chairman
Development
League Manager



Desmond Oswin a true friend of Eswatini football

DESMOND Oswin is a name synonymous with most people in Eswatini, not just because he is a successful businessman but also the fact that he has great passion for football development.

He is a unique businessman who understands that football development leagues have no mileage for any business but still worthy investment for the development of young football talent. The reality is that he is getting nothing from sponsoring the Under-17 league but being a football person that he is, he is doing it for the love of the game.

He has previously declared that nothing would make him happier than seeing young local talent not only unearthed but nurtured and developed for the benefit of Eswatini football. His dream has always been to see such talent competing at the highest level of the game including the local Premier League and in more

...his immense contribution towards the development of Eswatini Premier League football cannot even be qualified in words



A FRIEND: Desmond Oswin (R) socialising with bikers.

professional leagues outside the borders of this country. To a larger extent,

even the national squads including Sihlangu seMnikati have benefited

a lot from the Under-17 league sponsored by Esibayeni Lodge, hence it is safe to say that Oswin has seen the fruits of his investment towards Premier League football. After all, we have a lot of products from this league that are now plying their trade in the Premier League while others are outside the borders of this country in more professional leagues where they are proving their worth.

Testing

We have a number of such talented players now testing their skills in the senior national team Sihlangu which again underlines the importance of development leagues. Players like Richard MaCreesh (Mbabane Swallows), Sizolwethu Tshabalala (Sundowns), Justice Figareto (Mbombela United, South Africa),

Leon Manyisa (Wanderers), Rio Matsenjwa (Highlanders), Phumlani Shabangu and Lizwe Zwane (Moneni Pirates) amongst others.

These are players who were discovered through the Esibayeni Lodge Under-17 league and have not looked back since then as they are quickly rising to stardom.

This is what football development is all about and it is through people like Oswin that Eswatini football will be able to unearth more of such fresh talent. It is a pity that Oswin is one guy who is not properly celebrated yet he is the real deal for our football.

He deserves to be recognised and appreciated by the football family because he is a valuable stakeholder in the local game.

As Premier League of Eswatini (PLE), we owe a lot of gratitude to him for not turning his back on football development and always leading from the front.

We can assure him that the football fraternity is proud of his involvement in promoting young talent and to us; he is a very important person that football will cherish for years to come. *Siyabonga 'Dez'*, you are indeed a loyal servant of the local game.

Buckle Up: 'Touch' promises bigger, better MVA Ingwenyama Cup edition

PLE Chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula is assuring the King and the entire Eswatini nation that this edition of the MVA Ingwenyama Cup will not only be bigger but will be better.

This tournament is regarded as a great unifier of the nation because it brings together the young and old for a common goal which is promoting the culture of this beautiful kingdom through the football vehicle. This is the only tournament in Africa where we see the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs operating in full at once.

This makes us very unique as a country because bringing culture and football together is unheard of in other spheres of the globe. Ours is to invite the nation and all our friends who might be in the country for various reasons not to miss out on these games starting this weekend. Some of our friends are in the country for studies, vacation and we say that they must not miss out on the wonderful experience of Ingwenyama Cup. The fixture has already been released by the PLE office

and all that is left is for you to pick the game of your choice to watch. Please refer to the local media for the full fixtures and if possible, watch all the games. The games will be played throughout the country this weekend and please do not forget to buckle up because one of the objectives of this tournament is to educate people about road safety. Let us all respect the laws of driving so that we are able to reach our intended destination unharmed. Good luck to all the teams this weekend!



Esibayeni Lodge have forked out over E1m for football in past five years

THIS column would once again like to recognize the monetary value of Esibayeni Lodge's valued sponsorship towards the Under 17 league for the past five years.

We know that there are challenges in the economy of this country but Esibayeni Lodge, through the kind generosity of Desmond Oswin, have stayed loyal to this development league. Business entities like Esibayeni Lodge are actually playing a major role in assisting His Majesty King Mswati III realize Vision 2022 for the country. Esibayeni Lodge is helping to shape the lives of Eswatini people for the better. This is one of the leading hotels

in the country and the biggest yet affordable. The hospitality you get when you visit this facility for your leisure time is unequalled and this good thing is that this business is wholly Swazi owned.

Mine would be to encourage all people of this country to use Esibayeni Lodge for their leisure time especially during the approaching festive holidays. Those who have been to this place in the past especially during this time of the year would agree that it is the best place to be especially if you want entertainment. As football people, let us show our support for this business so that premier league foot-

ball will continue to benefit in the years to come.

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Sihlangu still a work in progress, let us not despair

LET me start by congratulating all the Sihlangu players for their commitment and effort they put up against the cream of African football Senegal.

Our boys competed quite brilliantly in the opening 45 minutes of the game against the much-experienced Senegalese squad but unfortunately, the heavy rains disrupted the momentum Sihlangu had

gained so well in the first stanza.

We must appreciate that this is a young team and the players learnt a lot from playing against such a quality side.

We might have lost both games against Guinea Bissau and Senegal but the good thing is that we are still going to play return matches against these

sides.

Let me again declare confidently that we will redeem ourselves in the next matches to play and to be frank, we will win those games.

To those that have ruled us out of this competition already, let me warn them to do that at their own peril because we are far from being done.

From the PLE COO Pat Vilakati

THE PLE Chief Operations Officer (COO) is inviting all football lovers in the four regions of this country to attend the MVA Ingwenyama Cup games this weekend in big

numbers.

The COO is however strongly warning those that will attend the games to be at their best behaviour, failing which punishment, as stipulated in

the rules and regulations of this tournament, will be applied accordingly.

Vilakati is urging football people to accept results in the field of play like true sports people and further wishing all the participating teams the best of luck!



INGWENYAMA CUP 2019/20

PREVIEWS

THERE IT GOES, FASTEN YOUR SEAT-BELTS

REPORTS BY SPORTS REPORTER

TONIGHT, we start with 32 teams and somewhere in February or March, there will be two in the finals.

Much to sponsors' Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) gospel, fasten your seatbelts, the fifth edition of the internationally-acclaimed Ingwenyama Cup is in motion. As we 'Buckle Up', teams have seen an increase in prize monies for this season's edition, something that will obviously trigger intense competition inside the field

of play. The richly-sponsored football tournament in the land begins tonight with a double header under floodlights at Somhlolo National Stadium and by the time the weekend ends, there will be 16 teams remaining. As rightly articulated by acting Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Christian Ntshangase in last Friday's launch at MVA headquarters ground floor conference room, few things are as exciting as witnessing the start of yet another edition of this truly unique tournament pioneered by a visionary leader, His Majesty King Mswati III. In his deep Zulu accent, the eloquent Ntshangase added that

it only felt like yesterday when the eyes of the world descended upon Somhlolo National Stadium to witness the finals of the fourth edition, where various champions across all six categories- culture part included were crowned.

The Ingwenyama Cup has not only afforded Eswatini's talents a platform to showcase their variety of skills, but has also united the nation and it continues to set our beautiful country apart from the rest of the world by bringing sport and culture together, two of our people's greatest passions. 'Buckle Up', it is game on.

Killers hunting down Leopard

Ludzeludze Killers vs Royal Leopard
Somhlolo National Stadium, 8.35pm

SOCCER – AFTER years of dominance, Royal Leopard have gone for three years now without testing silverware.

The last trophy the police outfit won was the 2015/16 MTN League under the tutelage of now Tinyosi coach Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane and tonight, under the Somhlolo National Stadium floodlights, they will be hunted by National First Division side Ludzeludze Killers. While looking to cause an early upset in the 2019/20 edition of the Ingwenyama Cup, reminding us of the biblical David versus the lardy Goliath story, Killers will obviously be mindful of the difference in class between their sides.

Leopard parade the cream of the crop-players who have represented or are presently part of the senior national

team Sihlangu and on paper, Edwin Matsebula's charges should easily brush aside Killers.

After losing the inaugural finals of this very same tournament, the feeling within Leopard's Matsapha Police Academy base is that they should go one better and register their name on the list of winners.

After taking the lead in the 2015/16 Ingwenyama Cup finals via the head of central defender Machawe 'Mshanga' Dlamini following a gift wrap free kick from Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo, Mbabane Swallows replied with two goals, a 25-yard stunner from captain Tony Tsabedze and a late second half diving header from galloping forward Sandile Hlatshwako to deny Leopard the history makers tag of being 'the first team to win this tournament'.

BLACK SWALLOWS' EYE 'JERICHO WALLS'

Seven Dreams vs Black Swallows
Somhlolo National Stadium, 6.30pm

SOCCER – HERE are two teams that know each other very well from their respective time in the National First Division last season.

Owned by Jericho Church in Zion's Bishop Bhelikibandla, Seven Dreams come to this one as underdogs as they look to eliminate premier league rookies Pigg's Peak Black Swallows. In their meetings last season, the two sides played to a 2-all draw at the very same tonight's host stadium, Somhlolo National Stadium in the first round before Black Swallows run away 1-0 winners in the corresponding second round fixture at

their fortress, Killarney Stadium inside the busy-as-a-beehive small Pigg's Peak town.

The Ingwenyama Cup has ensured the two sides get to meet once again for the third time in their footballing history in search of a place in the last 16 pot. With former Young Buffaloes and national Under-20 coach Mandla 'Stofu' Dlamini recently installed as the Malandalahle-based side coach, Black Swallows are a team in transition as they continue to adapt to life in the elite league and should see this one out to show they are ready to swim with the big boys.



INGWENYAMA CUP FIXTURE

Tomorrow

Mayaluka Stadium

Magwanyana	vs	Mhlume Peacemakers	2pm
Illovo	vs	Tambuti	4pm

King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium

Shooting Stars	vs	Manzini Sea Birds	11am
Hlathikhulu Tycoons	vs	Madlenya	1pm
Rangers	vs	Malanti Chiefs	3pm

Mavuso Sports Centre

Hub Sundowns	vs	Tambankulu Callies	2pm
Ludzeludze Brothers	vs	Mbabane Swallows	4pm

Killarney Stadium

Vovovo	vs	Milling Hotspurs	3pm
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Somhlolo National Stadium

Lobamba Sunrise	vs	Green Mamba	1.30pm
Umbelebele	vs	Denver Sundowns	3.30pm
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Moneni Pirates	5.30pm

Sunday

Somhlolo National Stadium

Manchester	vs	Young Buffaloes	11am
Young Movers	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	1pm
Tinyosi	vs	Manzini Wanderers	3pm

INGWENYAMA CUP PRIZE BREAKDOWN

Champions	E1 350 000
Runners-up	E510 000
X2 Semifinals losers	E405 000
X4 Quarterfinal losers	E300 000

HISTORY OF INGWEYAMA CUP WINNERS

2015/16	Mbabane Swallows
2016/17	Mbabane Swallows
2017/18	Mbabane Swallows
2018/19	Young Buffaloes
2019/20	Who will it be?????



● New Tottenham Manager Jose Mourinho will try to sign former Spurs forward Gareth Bale, 30, from Real Madrid, having wanted to sign the Welshman when he was at Manchester United. *(AS - in Spanish)*



● Mourinho is also targeting Sporting Lisbon and Portugal midfielder Bruno Fernandes, 25, as well as Benfica's Portuguese centre-back Ruben Dias, 22, and Manchester United's Serb midfielder Nemanja Matic, 31. *(Independent)*

● Ex-Arsenal defender Martin Keown believes the Gunners should consider appointing former Tottenham Manager Mauricio Pochettino. *(Mail)*

● Barcelona and Bayern Munich are ready to make a move for Pochettino. *(Sun)*

● Pochettino was forced to leave a note to say goodbye to the Spurs squad, rather than wish his players well in person. *(Sun)*

● Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen, 27, and Belgium defenders Toby Alderweireld, 30, and Jan Vertonghen, 32, could sign new deals at Tottenham now that Pochettino has left. *(Mirror)*

● Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, 30, has still not renewed his contract with Arsenal because he is waiting on Barcelona. *(Mirror)*

● England midfielder James Maddison, 22, is considering signing a new contract with Leicester despite strong interest from Manchester United. *(Manchester Evening News)*



● Zlatan Ibrahimovic's agent Mino Raiola has met with AC Milan over the Swedish striker's potential return to the club. *(Corriere dello Sport - in Italian)*

● Arsenal have stepped up their interest in Red Bull Salzburg forward Erling Haaland, 19, after inviting the striker's father, former Leeds midfielder Alf-Inge Haaland, to visit their training ground. *(Sport Bild, via Metro)*

● Manchester United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is intent on signing Norway international Haaland. *(Mail)*

● Juventus will try to convince France forward Kylian Mbappe, 20, to snub interest from Real Madrid and join the Serie A club from Paris St-Germain. *(Tuttosport, via Sky Sports)*

● Inter Milan's planned move for Chelsea and France forward Olivier Giroud, 33, could be scuppered by the player's demands. *(La Gazzetta dello Sport, via Mail)*

● Aston Villa want to sign a forward in January, are monitoring targets in Italy, Spain and France, and have been linked with Rangers and Colombia striker Alfredo Morelos, 23. *(The Athletic, via Birmingham Mail)*



2019 ESRIC E120 000 DARTS LEAGUE KICKS OFF TOMORROW

BY JONGILE XUBA

DARTS – THE new Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) E120 000 Darts League will kick-off this weekend with two games to be played at Correctional Gymnasium tomorrow.

This was confirmed by Eswatini National Darts Association (ENDA) Public Relation Officer (PRO) Mduduzi Masango.

He said they were happy the tournament was back again with an improved sponsorship package.

Masango said it was also good to note that they would have new teams included.

"We will kick-start a new ESRIC Darts League season this weekend and we are excited about it. We also have new teams in this year's competition in Elangeni Vipers and Sharp Shooters. We wish them all the best and expect this year's competition to be more competitive," he said.

Last year's champions Malkerns Darts Club will not be in action tomorrow.

This weekend fixtures include newbies Sharp Shooters against Mbabane City Council at 2pm while Umlilo have a date with Correctional.

Other exciting games will see Kilowatts take on rivals Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) while Smesh and Bonze will play against Umlilo.

The last batch of game will see Eco Water clash with Kilowatts B while Kilowatts A will do battle with Correctional II.



KICKS OFF: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga presents a trophy to 2018/19 Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation Darts league champions Malkerns Darts Club.

This was during the league prize presentation held at the George Hotel. *(Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)*

Masango urged teams to be at their best behaviour.

This year's sponsorship package has been increased by E20 000 due to the growing popularity of the sport.

ESRIC E120 000 Darts League fixtures

Smesh	vs	Scaras
Umlilo	vs	Correctional
RSSC	vs	Luswebhu
Mbabane	vs	Sharp Shooters
REPS	vs	Remnants
ESRIC	vs	Railway

At 4pm

Smesh	vs	Umlilo
Scaras	vs	Correctional
Kilowatts	vs	REPS
Remnants	vs	RSSC
ESRIC	vs	Sharp Shooters
Railway	vs	Luswebhu
Mbabane	vs	Kilowatts B
Correctional II	vs	Eco water
Kilowatts	vs	REPS

At 6pm

Kilowatts	vs	Correctional II
Eco water	vs	Kilowatts



POSE: Guests and dignitaries captured after the 2019 Army Commander's Shooting Tournament launch held at the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) Headquarters at Nokwane yesterday. *(Pics: Jongile Xuba)*

E25 000 SPONSORSHIP FOR ARMY COMMANDER'S SHOOTING TOURNAMENT

BY JONGILE XUBA

SHOOTING – THIS year's Army Commander's Shooting Tournament will once again be sponsored by Premier Swazi Bakeries to a tune of E25 000 and will be held at Nokwane Range on November 30.

This was revealed during the competition's launch at Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) Headquarters in Nokwane yesterday.

Premier Swazi Bakeries Specialist Bhika Khumalo said they were happy to be back for another instalment after last year's edition which was a huge success. "We will be sponsoring yet

another edition of the Army Commander's Shooting Tournament. We have forked out E25 000 towards the competition and expect another great round of shooting," he said.

UEDF Army Commander four star General Jeffery Gubhuzumlambo Tshabalala said he was happy the competition was back again and expected the UEDF team to do well.

"This sport is a perfect one for us soldiers as it improves our marksmanship which is an important skill to have as a soldier.

We thank Premier Bakeries for joining hands with us again and wish all the participants the best of luck.

I also hope and expect the UEDF

team will bring home this year's trophy," he said.

Meanwhile, Eswatini Shooting Association (ESA) President Siphon Ntshalintshali thanked the sponsor and the UEDF for making the competition possible.

"As an association we are grateful to the sponsor and UEDF for ensuring we have another shooting competition in this year's calendar.

We apologise for the delayed start but it promises to be an interesting one," he said.

This year's competition will involve teams under ESA and the competition is expected to be tight as the state security forces will square off once again on the shooting range.

Nine teacher coaches awarded rugby course certificates

BY NOMALUNGELO PHIRI

RUGBY - ESWATINI Rugby Union (ERU) last Saturday awarded nine teacher coaches, who took part in the World Rugby Level One coaching course with participation certificates.

The union's President Simanga Magagula applauded the effort and interest shown by the coaching.

Speaking during the awarding ceremony held at William Pitcher College, Magagula emphasised that this was the beginning of a long journey between the college and the union as they would work together for the development of the sport and human resource union.

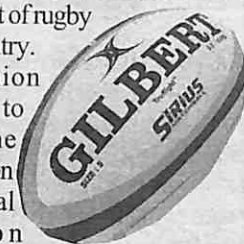
"The union views the teachers as the right people to take the sport to another level," said Magagula.

The union further promised to provide more opportunities for the coaches in future if they worked hard in the development of rugby for the country.

"The union would like to thank the administration and physical education department for making it possible for the union to equip future leaders of the sport," he said.

Meanwhile, the Eswatini National Rugby Union team represents Eswatini in the sport of rugby union.

They are ranked as a tier-three nation by the International Rugby Board (IRB). Eswatini has thus far not qualified for a Rugby World Cup, but has competed in qualifying tournaments.



'Ramos' out of action for a month

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders have been dealt a blow as their central defender Vusumuzi 'Ramos' Vilakati will be out of action for a month.

The former Mahlalani player suffered an injury during their MTN Premier League match against Mhlume Peacemakers, where they played to a 1-1 all draw at Nsukuwansuku Stadium before the FIFA break.

Ramos did not finish the match as he had to be substituted after he took a hard knock and was seen holding his shoulder writhing in pain.

He was part of the 23-man squad called up for duty by Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papić for the Guinea Bissau and Senegal clashes but couldn't make it due to the injury.

Word coming from the 'Bull's camp is to the effect that doctors have ordered the central defender to rest for a month before returning to action.

Mbabane Highlanders head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati said the player had started light training.



A MONTH: Highlanders' Vusumuzi 'Ramos' Vilakati receives medical attention from the team's technical bench during their MTN Premier League match against Mhlume Peacemakers recently.

He said he would find out from the doctors about the injury of the player.

The capital city giants will be facing Shiselweni-based outfit Young Movers on Sunday in the Ingwenyama

Cup grand opening at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Meanwhile, team captain Menzi Sithole is expected to make his appearance after close to two months on the sidelines due to an injury.

Fierce competition in RSSC Siyakha North East League

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SOCCER - FREE At Last FC and Zamalek are off to a good start in the RSSC Siyakha North East League.

Free At Last are at the summit and they tied at 10 points with second placed Zamalek.

Both teams are unbeaten in their opening four games, having recorded three wins and one draw.

Free At Last were in a goal-scoring spree last weekend as they humiliated struggling Silver Stars 7-2 in a one-sided encounter, while their fel-

low competitors Zamalek beat Shewula Classic 2-1 to maintain consistency. Third-placed Shewula Professionals beat XI Stars 2-1 to maintain their position with nine points. Occupying the fourth spot are Bacambi, who beat Shewula Arsenal 1-0 to reach eight points. Basement side JB suffered their third defeat as they were beaten by Zwelabantu 5-1.

The latter was now fifth with six points and they are tied with sixth placed Arsenal. Rhinos recorded their first win at the expense of Juventus, whom they beat 2-1 to climb to the 10th spot. Juventus are now pushed to 11th spot with two points in three games. The league comprise 13 teams.

Siweni United, Promising Stars in scintillating title race

SOCCER - IT is surely going down the wire in the Mbuso Maseko Malindza League.

Leaders Siweni United and second placed Promising Stars are consistently grinding the results as the league title race intensifies.

Both teams scored five goals past their opponents in their last weekend fixtures. Siweni humiliated Dvokodweni United 5-0 to maintain their pole position, while Promising Stars annihilated Eleven Angels 5-1 to keep their title hopes alive with nine games played.

Siweni now have 22 points, and they are separated by two points with

Promising Stars who are at 20 points. Lubhuku United, who were held to a goalless draw by Juventus, are third with 15 points. Hot on their heels are Malindza United who are fourth with 14 points. United are one game behind since they were not in action last weekend. It proved to be weekend of goals as Umseshi massacred Umshana 6-0 to maintain their fifth spot with 12 points. They are tied with sixth placed Lubhuku Young Stars, who succumbed to a 2-1 defeat against Black Mamba. The latter are now seventh with 11 points. Zamalek were held to a 1-1 draw against basement side Calabash.

Musa bounces back as PGAE President

BY NOMALUNGELO PHIRI

GOLF - MUSA Mdluli has once again been appointed president of the Professional Golfers Association of Eswatini (PGAE) following his exit from the throne back in 2009.

The outgoing president of the association is James Nhlengetfwa, who will now be an executive member. Other executive committee members are Sifiso 'Mashayikonjane' Nhlengetfwa, Paul Fortune, Victor Masilela, Sam Mkhombe and Nobuhle Dlamini.

Speaking during the unveiling of the committee, Mdluli said he believed it would be easy to work with the golfers, mentioning that a lot had to be done to improve the sport and was willing to work with the rest of the committee.

He further assured the golfers that they would work hard to get sponsors.

"We will work with my fellow colleagues to ensure there is a hive of activities happening around the sport," he said. Mdluli thanked the golf Board for appointing him to be part of the team responsible for developing Eswatini golf.

"I was appointed by the Board to come back and run the affair of professionalising golfers.

"May I plead with my fellow golfers to commit themselves to the sport and leave the rest with the executive committee," he said.

He added that he was happy to be back in the executive committee.

Board members:

Chairman- Maxwell Nkambule

Secretary - Peter Dlamini

Treasurer - Moses Magagula

Members - Moses Shongwe and Meshack Zwane.

E135 000 collected in Sihlangu /Senegal match

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – OVER E130 000 was collected during the 2021 AFCON Qualifiers match between Sihlangu Semnikati and Senegal.

The match was played at Mavuso Sports Centre last Sunday, where the Teranga Lions won 4-1, courtesy of Famara Diedhiou, who scored a hat-trick, while Badou Ndiaye scored the fourth goal. Eswatini's solitary goal was scored by winger Fanelo 'Order' Mamba. Entrance fee was E50 and 5 000 tickets were printed. Eswatini Football Association Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe

confirmed that 2 700 supporters watched the match. He thanked the nation for coming in their numbers to support the national team. "I can only confirm that 2 700 tickets were sold for the Sihlangu/Senegal clash. It was a fair attendance and we would like to thank the nation for coming in such large numbers to watch the game. We also hope that they will continue supporting the nation's pride." Meanwhile, Sihlangu Semnikati will return to action in May next year.

The squad will only play in official completions in May during the FIFA week. Radebe said the national team would play again in the AFCON and CHAN for 2022.

We will be cautious - Hurube

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - ROYAL Leopard Public Relations Officer Frank Hurube says they are not taking their Ingwenyama Cup last 32 match against Ludzeludze Killers lightly.

The two teams will face-off at Somhlolo national Stadium tonight. Hurube said they would be cautious during their match as Ludzeludze were capable of causing an upset.

He said Ludzeludze were a closed book to them. "They know us well yet they are a closed book to us. This is why we have to be careful going into this match." Hurube said they would prepare well for this match as

they wanted to advance to the next stage of the tournament. "This will be a tough encounter and the good thing is that the players know exactly what is expected of them. "We have no injuries in the team and all the players are ready for the match. We have never won this tournament, but the players have also promised to fight until the end this time around. They want to bring the trophy home this time around."

He then invited members of the public to come in their numbers to watch the games. "This is one of the biggest tournaments in the country, and mine is to urge fans to behave themselves until the end of the games."

He also encouraged fans to keep the stadium clean at all times.



NEW BROOM: The new Professional Golfers Association of Eswatini Executive Committee takes a group picture after they were unveiled at the Royal Swazi Golf Club in Ezulwini yesterday. (Pic: Nomalungelo Phiri)

**'WE ARE
BECOMING A
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RECKON WITH'**

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER – UMBUTFO Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) Army Commander Four Star General Jeffery Gubhuzumlambo Tshabalala believes Young Buffaloes are entering an age of dominating local football based on their current form.

General Tshabalala said apart from the disappointment of being knocked out of the CAF Confederations Cup by Bidvest Wits from South Africa, the team was well on its way to rule local football.

Young Buffaloes are the defending champions of the Ingwenyama Cup and the Eswatini Bank Cup. They are also currently at the top of the MTN Premier League log table with 26 points from 10 games. They are the only undefeated side in the league, boasting an impressive defensive record apart from Mbabane Swallows. Swallows have conceded only five goals whilst Buffaloes have let in six goals.

Tshabalala said the above accolades deserved praise and believed this was just the beginning of more things to come from *Amathole Ezinyathi*.

"I told my players after we were knocked out of the Confederations Cup that I expect them to bounce back and show the rest of country how good we are. I am confident and fully expect the team to defend the Ingwenyama Cup title starting with a win this weekend. Our league form so far is also a good indication that we are ready to dominate because we are undefeated," he said.

The army team president said another sign that his team was in ascendancy was the presence of the large number of his players in the national team set-up.

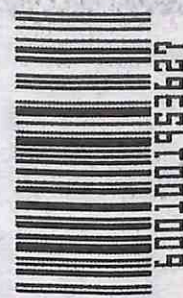
"If we look at the national team, a bulk of the players come from our team. This shows that we have the quality and the ability to produce players who can represent the nation. I would like to see more of our players playing for the national team and I am sure it will happen," he said.

On a lighter note, he mentioned that he wished other teams in the league the best as it was clear that sooner than later his side would have no competition locally.

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WANDERERS TO FIELD MANYISA SUNDAY

- Team maintains player rightfully belongs to them
- EFA failing to produce certain documents
- Football mother-body now suspected to have blundered

BY NOMALUNGELO PHIRI

SOCCER – WITH the case involving Manzini Wanderers and Malanti Chiefs still unresolved, the Weslians have vowed to use the player in question (Leon Manyisa) during their Ingwenyama Cup match against Tinyosi on Sunday.

This will be during the grand opening games to be played at Somhlolo National Stadium.

This comes after allegations that the player was ineligible to play after signing a two-year deal with Armenian side FC Van on October 20, 2019.

Goal

Malanti Chiefs recently lodged a protest against Wanderers for fielding Manyisa during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium on November 2, where they lost 0-1 through a goal scored by the same player in question.

The case has since been postponed twice by the

Eswatini Football Association's Protest and Disciplinary Committee.

Malanti claim the player is double-registered by Wanderers and the Armenia side FC Van.

Manzini Wanderers PRO Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini said the 18-year-old midfielder was a rightful Manzini Wanderers player and eligible to play in any of their games.

Contract

"It will depend on the coach's selection whether to use the player on Sunday against Tinyosi. I can tell you now that the player is eligible to play like any of our players," said Dlamini.

He said the player would be available for selection as he had been training hard for the match.

Manyisa is said to have played four official games in the Armenian side FC Van. It later transpired that the player's contract had been terminated after failing to agree on personal terms and he had to return home where he rejoined Wanderers.

The former Vovovo FC starlet is reportedly a subject of interest from Spanish giants but a trip for trials for the player has been delayed by visa problems.

Speaking to the British broad-

caster, Manyisa revealed that he was thrilled to have been given the opportunity to attend trials at Real Madrid. Manyisa has represented Eswatini at various youth levels, and has once been called up to the senior squad.

Meanwhile, the matter was again postponed to next Tuesday because the FA failed to produce certain papers.

Both lawyers Zakhele Dlamini (Malanti Chiefs) and Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila for Wanderers submitted that by today, they should be furnished with the documents.

Case

They agreed to the postponement of the case with costs to be incurred by the Eswatini Football Association.

Meanwhile, an independent investigation by this newspaper is now pointing fingers at the FA.

A reliable source also said it would seem the FA blundered in this matter.

"Let us wait and see, but this matter will leave a rotten egg on the face of the FA. Something seriously went wrong here, but I won't say much for now because the matter is with the disciplinary committee."

FIXTURES

INGWENYAMA CUP LAST 32 GAMES;

Tonight

Somhlolo National Stadium			
Seven Dreams	vs	P/P Black Swallows	6:30pm
Ludzeludze Killers	vs	Royal Leopard	8:35pm

Tomorrow

Mayaluka Stadium			
Magwanyane FC	vs	Mhlume Peacemakers	2pm
Illovo FC	vs	Tambuti FC	4pm

At King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium

Shooting Stars	vs	Manzini Sea Birds Fc	11am
Hlatikulu Tycoons	vs	Madlenya FC	1pm
Rangers FC	vs	Malanti Chiefs FC	3pm

At Mavuso Sports Centre

Hub Sundowns	vs	Tambankulu Callies	2pm
Ludzeludze Brothers	vs	Mbabane Swallows	4pm

At Killarney Stadium

Vovovo FC	vs	Milling Hotspurs	3pm
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At Somhlolo National Stadium

Lobamba Sunrise	vs	Green Mamba	1:30pm
Umbelebele	vs	Denver Sundowns	3:30pm
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Moneni Pirates	5:30pm

Sunday

Somhlolo National Stadium			
Manchester FC	vs	Young Buffaloes	11am
Young Movers	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	1pm
Tinyosi FC	vs	Manzini Wanderers	3pm

MPs WANT SECURITY FORCES TEAMS OUT

BY MBONO MDLULI

SOCCER – MEMBERS of Parliament are not happy with security services teams playing in the Premier League of Eswatini.

The MPs expressed their unhappiness yesterday when they complained to Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga. They accused him of turning a blind eye on the blatant abuse of scarce state resources by football teams run by security services organisations.

These are Royal Leopard, Green Mamba and Young Buffaloes.

The lawmakers said the abuse by the security services teams involved training during working hours, winning prize money and collecting

gate takings, yet not depositing same money into the Consolidated Fund.

The MPs also told the minister that players' salaries were paid by the State and the teams used government transport to players, management and some supporters to and from stadiums. There were also allegations that the teams also used government resources to scout for the 'winning chemistry'.

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo asked the minister to explain why he turned a blind eye on all of these activities.

Efforts by Bulunga to dodge the questions did not help him in anyway. He tried to explain that what was raised by the MP could not be addressed by his ministry because some other ministries were involved.

Khumalo was not convinced. He

said the minister was the one responsible for football activities in the country. He was the one who was supposed to address some of these anomalies happening in the football space. For instance, Khumalo said the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) was probing the same matter. He warned the minister that some of the big teams might die because of this situation because running a football team was very expensive. He said Manzini Wanderers wanted donations from its fans because it was very tough.

In response, Bulunga said he was aware of that matter and that they were waiting for feedback as a ministry and



would act on it if they deemed fit. Siphocosini MP Mduduzi Matebela, who declared himself as a Manzini Wanderers supporter, said the situation was unfortunate because it gave an unfair advantage to the security forces teams. Sithobela MP Bhikitje Dlamini suggested that security forces teams should start a league of their own, where they could compete with other government departments. In response, Bulunga

said some of the concerns raised by the MPs were pertinent.

"Football in Eswatini is still on its way to be professional and they had to level the playing field for teams to compete fairly".