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## KING OFF TO NEW YORK

His Majesty King Mswati III waves to some Cabinet ministers and other well-wishers before he left the country early yesterday morning at KMill International Airport for New York, United States of America to attend the 74th UN General Assembly. The King is accompanied by Inkhosikati LaNtentesa. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

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# JUDGE ABANDE IS NOT TELLING THE TRUTH – SHOT VICTIM

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

**I**t seems only the court can help determine what really transpired on the day Sithembiso Mngometulu (27) of Hhelehele was allegedly shot by Industrial Court Judge Abande Dlamini at Kai Kai two weeks ago.

This is especially because there are conflicting versions of the incident. Mngometulu and his friends have presented a different account from that presented by the judge and his acquaintances to the police.

Following the report on the judge's statement recorded with the police, which suggests that the judge was being attacked with a beer bottle, Mngometulu has come out to dispute the statement, saying some of its content was incorrect.

Mngometulu said it was not true that he attacked the Judge, he was carrying a weapon, and that the judge warned him before shooting at him. Instead, Mngometulu alleges that the judge assaulted him for asking who had assaulted his sickly friend.

Mngometulu added that the judge gave a different account of the incident when he visited him in hospital as he never mentioned the self-defence version, rather simply apologised and owned to the incident, saying it was a mistake.

According to him, the judge offered two cows as an attempt to smoke the peace pipe.

"To me he said sorry brother it was a mistake," revealed Mngometulu this past week.

## Fighting

He told this newspaper that he was from town going to pick up his friend at Kai Kai not knowing that he would end up being shot at.

"When I got at the bar, I gathered that some of the people had been fighting my friend," he narrated. "I started enquiring who had assaulted him, then I gathered that these were local people who are known to me thus there was no reason to fight them."

He said to make things worse one of them is his relative. "So I approached him asking him who and why they beat up their own," he continued.

However, before he could get a response the Judge allegedly assaulted him, 'with fists and I fell'.

He alleged that the judge and his companions continued to assault him with kicks and fists until he started bleeding and some patrons intervened and held back the Judge.

Mngometulu said the second question he asked



Judge Abande Dlamini (r) in this undated photo with CJ Bheki Maphalala.

## LEG MAY BE AMPUTATED

**S**ithembiso Mngometulu has said that doctors have informed him that he may have his leg amputated should the metal implant procedure fail.

In an interview with this newspaper, Mngometulu revealed that after he was discharged from the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital, he was transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital where he would know his fate.

"For now, they had to put on the plaster of Paris and it was supposed to begin from my waist but for me to be able to urinate they put it at a lower position. They said I had serious fractures which will require metal implantations or I may have it amputated," he said.

Mngometulu stated that this incident would affect his entire life and that of his family as he would no longer be able to fend for them as he was a traditional healer who lived by going to the mountains to dig roots for his business.

He said it was unfair that the judge offered E5 000 or two cows for such a damage that he had caused, stating that this would not even cater for his medical expenses that he was yet to incur.

"This is not an apology nor compensation but bribery. To me he said sorry brother it was a mistake. I have a family who was expecting him, but it never crossed his mind to go to it and apologise there, seeing I was still angry at him," lamented Mngometulu.

the Judge resulted in him being shot as locals warned the judge telling him that he was an ex-convict and could be dangerous should he decide to retaliate.

"I then crawled and fetched my hat from the ground while the other patrons held him and questioned him on why he was assaulting me. Someone among the locals said to him what are you doing to this person, do you know that he is dangerous if he fights back you will be in trou-

ble.

"He shot at me for that warning, yet I was unarmed. He then shot me, and I fell, and he came to me and continued to assault me until I was rescued by the patrons and he sped off," he alleged.

Mngometulu said at no point did he attack the judge with a bottle nor did the judge warn him before shooting at him and thus concluded that the Judge was not being truthful.

## CIRCULAR NO.3 DID NOT STAND A CHANCE

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

**T**he withdrawal and suspension of the Finance Circular No.3 of 2019 should not have come as a surprise.

According to Sunday Observer sources, long before the circular was subject for debate in Parliament, it had not enjoyed the support and enthusiasm of those within the corridors of power, including Cabinet.

As a result, sources have said they were not surprised at the turn of events, when Parliament was informed of its suspension.

It has now been officially rejected by both parliamentarians and Cabinet.

On Monday, the finance minister announced to the House that the new circular was suspended until further notice but failed to tell the legislators the reason why it has been suspended.

A source close to the matter stated that there were several reasons why the circular by the Phil Mnisi-led Royal Commission was withdrawn.

The Sunday Observer understands that the withdrawal of the politicians constituency allowances did not sit well with appointed Members of Parliament, who felt that this was unfavourable to them as it gave them less than their elected colleagues.

## Rejected

Furthermore, the elected politicians also felt Circular No. 2 of 2013, though it has not been reviewed for the past five years gave them a better salary than the new circular. These sentiments are said to have been shared by the Cabinet ministers who rejected it.

Sources close to the matter stated that the politicians came up with different views on how to resolve the challenge. Some are believed to have opted to go to seek audience with the King, while others opted to approach the court as they felt it was unlawful.

Both options are said to have been the reason the circular ended up being withdrawn.

"The authorities felt that the circular needed to

be reviewed to improve the salaries of the politicians as it became eminent that the salaries were lower than those in circular No.2 especially for the prime minister," said a source close to the matter.

According to the source also the threat to take the matter to court contributed to the suspension of the Circular which was expected to be effected next month.

Members of Parliament were already expressing their unhappiness with Finance Circular No.3 of 2019. Responding to the politicians Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg told the parliamentarians that the circular was suspended and would no longer be effected rather Circular No. 2 was going to remain until further notice.

This was accepted well by the parliamentarians who had started arguing if the decrease in their salaries was related to the fact that unlike unionised employees they were not able to engage the employer on their pay which they said was against the Employment Act.

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# STRIKE GOES AHEAD AS PLANNED – PSAs

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

The strike action by government employees that is scheduled for tomorrow until Wednesday is still on, this was confirmed by the Public Sector Associations yesterday evening, saying nothing has changed.

The PSAs said the strike will continue as planned and will members go to seek responses from the ministries where they had submitted their petitions.

This comes after government failed to stop them through offering a three per cent CoLA once-off offer on the table during negotiations on Thursday afternoon.

## Despite

This follows that civil servants crammed the SNAT Centre in Manzini on Friday and resolved to go ahead of the strike action, despite the work no pay rule evoked by government. Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini said they expected no classes on the days of the strike, as they expected all teachers to participate whether they were members of SNAT or not.

"We do not expect any school to proceed with classes during the strike action as we expect everyone to part take in the strike action, as the objectives of the cause of the strike action will benefit all teachers. We do not expect schools to be operating and we do not expect learner to go to school either," he said.

## Intimidated

Singing in the same tune was NAPSAW Secretary General, who assured their members that the strike was on going, as schedule, saying they should not be intimidated by what senior government officials are announcing about the strike as it is legal and the forms issued to heads of departments were for the

- *SNAT expects no classes in schools*
- *Government says everything will be normal*



Members of the Public Sector Associations (PSAs) marching on Mahlokohla Street in Mbabane where they delivered petitions at RA, REO and Mbabane Police Station last week.

purpose of intimidating them.

Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said people should not panic as the police will be pursuing their mandate as usual.

"We will be carrying on with our mandate of ensuring peace and order protecting citizens and property, no matter what the situation may be," she said.

Minister of Education and Training Lady

Howard Mabuza said schools will not be disturbed and pupils and teachers are expected at school, as those who will not join the strike will carry on with their duties and will be protected.

## Emphasised

She said no one had the right to say there will be no classes, except the ministry and emphasised that those who will not show up to work they will be faced with the no work

no pay rule.

Similar sentiments were shared by the ministry of public works Communications Officer Hlobile Vilakati who said government implore PSAs to exercise respect in the event the strike continues.

"Duty attendance registers have been distributed to controlling officers to monitor the presence of workers. Absent workers will experience the no work no pay principle," she said.

## Govt looks to notches for defence in CoLA battle

A few days into the protest action by the Public Sector Associations strike (PSAs), government has attempted to justify failure to give the civil servants the cost of living adjustment in the past three years, by using the notching system as a defence.

Government has claimed that civil servants have been receiving percentage increase in salaries over and above the current CPI and are, on average, better off than they were a year ago.

This notching system, government says, is pegged at 3 per cent per annum which it says has been cushioning civil servants.

The Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini while in parliament this week is said to have stated that the notching was easing the pressure on civil servants on prices of commodities.

This was also confirmed by a high-profile

source within government who said in essence this translated to percentage increase in salaries over and above the current CPI.

Furthermore, government has alleged that the current financial crisis resulted from the high salaries paid in 2017.

## Misguided

This has been disputed by the public sector associations saying government was misguided.

The business dictionary ([www.businessdictionary.com](http://www.businessdictionary.com)) defines the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as a measure of changes in the purchasing-power of a currency and the rate of inflation.

The consumer price index expresses the current prices of a basket of goods and services in terms of the prices during the same period in a previous year, to show effect of inflation on purchasing power.

A reliable source within government has revealed that civil servants who are notching were cushioned at an average of three per cent annually.

## Claiming

"Interestingly if we consider the current year where CPI is two per cent and the notching is three per cent, then one can come to the conclusion that the people that are going on strike on Monday, on average, have actually received one per cent increase in salaries over and above the current CPI and are actually, on average, better off than they were a year ago, even though they are claiming the opposite," said the source close to the matter.

The inflation is calculated based on the monthly CPI over a year.

The source said civil servants who are notching obtain a natural increase in salaries.

"What the man on the street does not under-

stand is that in government there is a natural increase in salaries for civil servants called notching that is applicable for several years, once a fresh post or a promotion takes place. Not all people get the benefit of notching every year but the average impact on the wage bill has been about three per cent per year for the last three years," the source revealed.

According to the source, if one takes this fact into consideration, then one needs to understand that this does assist civil servants to cushion the impact of the annual increase in the cost of goods (CPI).

On another note the source revealed that the current financial crisis faced by the country largely resulted from the high wage bill of 2017.

"We are in the third year that the Government has not awarded any CoLA increase due to the cash flow challenges, that were mainly caused by the high increase in civil servant salaries in 2017," added the source.

## GOVERNMENT MISGUIDED – PSAs

The Public Sector Associations say government is misguided and simply intends to portray them as being unreasonable to the public by continuing to demand the CoLA.

Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini said it was wrong for government to assume that the notching applied to every civil servant, as this was not the case and the notches were different among the departments.

He said if anything majority of the civil servants were not notching because when the salary review was done, they were moved to the corresponding notch, which was not in favour of those who had reached the ceiling. On the second account Dlamini said the two were not the same and their calculations were different as well as their application.

"We have heard from the electronic media where we are not given a platform save for the private sta-

tion that government considers notching as cushioning us. Government is misguided as about 96 per cent of the civil servants have reached the ceiling, thus they are no longer notching except the police, correctional services and the soldiers. I last notched in 2013 for instance," he said.

Dlamini also said government was incorrect in suggesting that the wage bill of 2017 was responsible for the economic crisis saying this was unfounded.

"There was an exercise which sought to uproot ghost employees which we appreciated but the report was never released.

## Untouchable

"This brewed the speculation that certain people were paid through the public purse illegally by private individuals who are untouchable. Some are said to be working for government in certain departments, yet they are untraceable, let alone those who earn double pay for different jobs when they do not report to duty," he said.

Similar sentiments were shared

by National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU), Secretary General, who said it was wrong for government to calculate the CPI on annual bases, when it should be calculated on an annual basis. He said the inflation was higher than the average CPI that government referred to in the beginning of this financial year and the previous years and thus government was behind with 19.3 per cent due to the civil servants.

He made an example of the time of the budget speech where the inflation was higher than the CPI.



# KING OFF TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI



His Majesty King Mswati III waves to some of the Cabinet ministers, House of Assembly Speaker Petros Mavimbela and others before leaving the country yesterday morning at the KMI International Airport for New York, United States of America to attend the 74th UN General Assembly. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



His Majesty King Mswati III waves to some of the Cabinet ministers, Republic of China (Taiwan) Ambassador Jeremy Liang and others.



The King about to leave the country for New York.

His Majesty King Mswati III left the country early yesterday morning for United States, New York to attend the 74th UN General Assembly.

The King in the company of Inkhosikati LaNtentesa, Emazinyanye, Cabinet ministers and other dignitaries jetted out of the country through the King Mswati III International Airport at 5am where hundreds of Emaswati, members of the Royal family, the prime minister and his Cabinet bid him farewell. Emakhosikati, Chiefs and members of the different Royal councils were also present to see the King off.

The King will be joining other heads of state from 192 states to discuss and work together on a wide array of international issues covered by the Charter of the United Nations, such as development, peace and security and international law.

Primarily, the UN was set up to promote peace and stability amongst mankind and develop nations socially and economically, to mention but a few. Every year in September, all the members meet in this unique forum at the UN Headquarters in New York for the General Assembly session. Sitting arrangements in the General Assembly Hall change for each session. During the 74th Session (2019-2020), Ghana will occupy the first seat in the Hall, including in the Main Committees (followed by all the other countries, in English alpha-

betical order).

Among other items in this year's agenda is the climate change summit to be held tomorrow, where UN Secretary-General António Guterres is calling on all leaders to come with concrete, realistic plans to enhance their nationally determined contributions by 2020, in line with reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45 per cent over the next decade, and to net zero emissions by 2050.

## Review

On the same day, the UN High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on Universal Health Coverage will take place during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) high-level week.

On 24 and 25 September 2019, Heads of State and Government will gather at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to follow up and comprehensively review progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event is the first UN summit on the SDGs since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015.

Despite progress since the adoption of the Addis Ababa Agenda, growing uncertainties and risks threaten development progress and sustainable finance prospects, hence on Thursday the General Assembly will convene its first High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development since the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.



Inkhosikati LaNtentesa accompanied His Majesty the King to New York.



Emakhosikati LaMotsa, LaGija, LaMahlangu, LaFogiyane and LaMashwama also came to bid farewell to His Majesty.



The PM, HMCS Commissioner General LaMakhosini Phindile Dlamini, National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini and Army Commander Jeffery Tshabalala respond as His Majesty waves to them.



Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini and Senator Alberto Samuels share a light moment.



Prince Sicalo with Jomo Dlamini at the airport.



# DOMINIC NXUMALO GETS HIS NAME ON E5m BUILDING

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

St Marks High School's E5 million building was yesterday unveiled under the name Dominic Nxumalo building.

This was during the school speech and prize giving day and official unveiling of the building, which was formerly known as the Form 5 block. Dominic Nxumalo is former head teacher at the school he served for 28 years before retiring.

Speaking during the unveiling of the building was Bhekthemba Gama, Under Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Training. Gama represented the Minister of Education Lady Howard Mabuza, who could not make it to the function as she was reportedly held up in other engagements.

In her speech the minister said the ministry of education prides itself with working with parents who are committed in improving the education system in the country.

She stated that "The new structure will be an answer to academic needs of our children. I would like to thank parents, school committee, His Majesty's government and Micro-



Group photo of St Mark's teachers, school committee members and representatives from the ministry of education. (Pics: Mhlonishwa Hlophe)

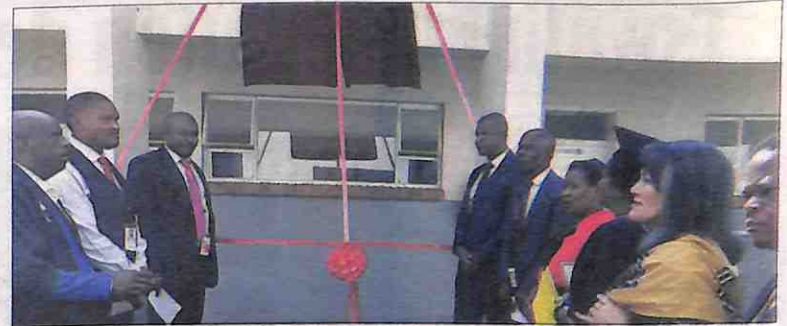
Projects in ensuring that the building ends up finished."

She mentioned that with such an approach, the country will definitely meet goal number four (4) of the sustainable development goals, which guarantee inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. The new building consist of six (6)

classrooms, two (2) staffrooms and toilets for disabled pupils.

## Pursue

In the same vein, the school bid farewell to some teachers who left to pursue other adventures. That is Innocent Cindzi who was Deputy Head Teacher at the school, Noah Gama joined Macmillan and Musa Zwane who ventured into politics,



Ministry of Education Under-Secretary Bhekthemba Gama with retired head teacher of the school Dominic Nxumalo ready to unveil the new building.



The ribbon was cut by Phungwayo, confirming the official unveiling of the new Richard Dominic Nxumalo Building.

and now holds the position of Mbabane West Member of Parliament (MP).

On another note, REO for the Hhohho region Tamari Langwenya also took time to applaud the students who were presented with prizes for excelling in their academic work. She urged those who did not receive anything not to despair and work

towards achieving something in the future. In her closing remarks, she thanked Dominic Nxumalo for the wonderful work he offered at the school "Today we unveiled a building under your name, this shows how we appreciate the hard work and commitment you showed while at the school."

## Komati Basin Water Authority



## INVITATION TO TENDER

The Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) is a bi-national entity established in terms of a Treaty between the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Eswatini and is responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of Maguga Dam in Eswatini and Driekoppies Dam in South Africa together with their supporting infrastructure. KOBWA operates from its Head Office at Maguga Dam near Pigg's Peak in Eswatini and has a Water Management Office at Driekoppies Dam near Schoemansdal in South Africa.

KOBWA invites tenders from reputable suppliers for the following:

SURVEY OF FLOW MEASURING WEIRS AND UPDATING OF RATING TABLES/EQUATIONS IN THE KOMATI BASIN	BIOMONITORING AND VEGETATION SURVEY FOR KOBWA IN THE KOMATI AND LOMATI RIVERS
Purpose	Purpose
To evaluate the integrity of the flow measuring weir structures, survey the flow measuring weirs and update the flow rating tables. At the end of the project the supplier will be required to submit a comprehensive report detailing the work done.	Services in the implementation of the KOBWA river biomonitoring and riparian vegetation & alien aquatic plants survey of the Komati and Lomati Rivers to identify any potential problems that would require intervention and provide a detailed report.

### Submission Requirements:

Please follow the requirements for submission outlined for each tender as per the requirements posted on the KOBWA website [www.kobwa.co.za](http://www.kobwa.co.za). Inquiries are open till 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Terms of reference documents will be available from the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 between 07h30 and 16h00 at either Driekoppies Dam (Tel: +27(13) 7810317/9) or Maguga Dam (Tel: +268 24371463) reception desks upon payment of a non-refundable fee of R/E 500.00.

Proposals must be hand delivered on or before 12H00, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at either Driekoppies Dam or Maguga Dam tender boxes at Reception. Proposals must be clearly marked "CONFIDENTIAL" then the name and number of the Tender being bid for as below;

SURVEY OF FLOW MEASURING WEIRS AND UPDATING OF RATING TABLES/EQUATIONS IN THE KOMATI BASIN	BIOMONITORING AND VEGETATION SURVEY FOR KOBWA IN THE KOMATI AND LOMATI RIVERS
KOB/DD/02/2019	KOB/DD/03/2019

Applicants will be required to sign a tender delivery register at reception. Telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile, electronic and late tenders will not be accepted, but, automatically disqualified. Enquiries can be directed to the contact below;

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URL: [www.kobwa.co.za](http://www.kobwa.co.za)

KOBWA does not bind herself to accepting the lowest or any particular tender, and, may withdraw all the proposals without furnishing any reasons.

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## TENDER NUMBER: 22/2019 FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE

The Examinations Council of Eswatini (ECESWA) invites suitably qualified companies to tender for the Supply and Installation of Furniture for the new ECESWA Head Offices, Ezulwini.

Tender Documents together with General Conditions of Tender are available from the ECESWA Offices, Ngonini road, Ezulwini for a non-refundable fee of E1000.00 from 23 September 2019. Interested companies must submit the following with their tender:-

- Original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate
- Certified Form C
- Certified Form J
- Original Police Clearance
- Certified Labour Compliance Certificate
- Certified Trading Licence Certificate
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There will be a non-compulsory Site Inspection on 26 September 2019 at 10:00 hrs.

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Enquiries should be submitted in writing to the Project Manager at [steve@stevehalldc.com](mailto:steve@stevehalldc.com)

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# Eswatini delegation delights at Princess Ziyanda Umtsimba

BY SIMON SHABANGU

Their Majesties commissioned a delegation (Umtsimba) to Nkandla in South Africa to accompany Princess Ziyanda who got married to former President Jacob Zuma's son Mxolisi.

The local delegation left the country on Friday for the traditional ceremony, a second leg of the *lobola* that first happened at Ludzidzini Royal Residence that symbolised the union between the couple.

The Umtsimba ceremony started on a high note yesterday, attended by hundreds of people from both the Nkandla and Eswatini delegation. The ceremony, characterised by singing and dancing of both countries' traditional groups, is expected to end today with the presentation of bridal gifts to the Zuma family. The ceremony was held at the Nkandla homestead where the local delegation showcased the beauty of Eswatini culture. Emakhosikati, *balondoloz* and members of the Royal family are part of the delegation led by Prince Sigombeni who is responsible for marital affairs for Royalty.



Former SA President Jacob Zuma's son Mxolisi seated with his wife Princess Ziyanda at Nkandla, SA during their Umtsimba ceremony yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Prince Sigombeni who is responsible for marital affairs for Royalty with the bride during the event.



The groom's father Zuma displays his dance skills with other Zulu warriors.



Eswatini's Senior Princes could not be left out in this ceremony.



Khulubuse Zuma joins other Zulu warriors in dancing at the arena.



The Eswatini delegation were a marvel to watch crowd with their immaculate dancing.

## I said 'Yebo!' -Nothando

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

Gospel sensation Nothando Hlophe has publicly announced that she is officially engaged to Prince Majaha.

The gospel songbird this past week publicly let the cat out of the bag, sharing a photo of herself and the prince early in the week with a message that attracted hundreds of messages of congratulations.

The Instagram post early in the week seemed to confirm the growing spec-

ulation as to the decision for her to wear Ligwalagwala at this year's Reed Dance ceremony, during which Prince Majaha publicly 'decorated her'.

Her post shared information regarding her relationship with the prince.

"This is the start of our sweet little story, the part where your page meets mine, no matter where our tale takes us tomorrow, our story will always read," she wrote on the social media platform. Interestingly, the post received 4 403 likes from well-wishers and admirers. In the same post, she is quoted saying, "I said yes."

It all started when Prince Majaha publicly unveiled his girlfriend during this year's annual Reed Dance ceremony on September 2, at Ludzidzini Royal Residence, becoming the first of the king's children to do so. Prince Majaha is the first-born son of Inkhosikati LaMotsa.

When asked to explain how she feels about the whole scenario that happened before Their Majesties and the spectators at the dancing arena, Hlophe politely asked not to give answers to all the questions that were posed to her.

"Firstly, how did you get my number, please allow me not to comment on your question, I am just mum on the questions you are asking," she said.

When persisted to state how she would balance her hectic schedule now with her new role at the Royal household, she insisted that she will not respond to anything.

She then asked to hang up the phone. Worth noting is that on the day she was joined by the prince at the dance arena, Nothando had red feathers of the Royal bird known as Ligwalagwala plugged in her hair, just like the princesses.

Culturally, these feathers are reserved for members of the Royal family.

During the appreciation of the dance, Prince Majaha plucked a feather from Nothando's hair, which traditionalists confirmed as a public declaration of love.

Culturally, a man displays interest in a maiden by bowing and placing a shield in front of her while she dances with other maidens. In this case, Nothando was dancing along with some princesses when Prince Majaha and other princes went to appreciate the dancing.

While the incident involving Prince Majaha and Nothando was still on the lips of many, the unexpected happened when a man of Mozambican origin got up close with Princess Tiyaanza and decorated her with a white feather, this occurred at Mbangweni Royal Residence in the Shiselweni region during the Umhlanga Reed Dance.

Princess Tiyaanza is the third born child of Inkhosikati LaNgangaza.



# Big guns come out to play at airshow

BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

Last year's airshow was a total disaster, the lessons were clearly learned for this year's event, hosted to celebrate the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force's (UEDF) 40 years of existence.

This was also the 10th airshow, which drew top guns from the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini to the Army Commander Gubhuzumlambo Shabalala and Major Prince Sicalo, who was largely responsible for the success of this year's event.

The venue could also be said to be the reason behind the success of this year's airshow, as well as the scorching heat, given that last year's event was ruined by bad weather.

The VIP section was packed with dignitaries, including the Prime Minister's wife who made a rare appearance at a function with the head of government, as well as South African and Zimbabwean Defence Commanders and members of the royal family.



Prince Sicalo and the Prime Minister, Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini share a moment while Gubhuzumlambo Shabalala and the PM's wife Portia look on.

The Army Commander said they were happy to have invited other defence forces to come join them in this year's airshow.

"We are happy that indeed there is something that we too can do, to be beautiful and make the Eswatini Nation happy. We trust that after seeing what we have achieved in this year's airshow, people will have

the enthusiasm to attend the next event," said Shabalala.

He was also very grateful that the weather was favourable, given the challenges in last year's event, saying that it showed that God himself had blessed the event, further mentioning that His Majesty the King had blessed the event before leaving for the United Nations

General Assembly.

UEDF Communications and Information Officer Lieutenant Officer Tengetile Khumalo was also pleasantly surprised at the turnout. "The show was made with efforts to celebrate 40 years of the Defence unit's existence. We are very happy to have had dignitaries grace the show, together with the Defence force Generals from South Africa and Zimbabwe and we are also thankful to our neighbouring defence forces that also helped make the show a success," said Khumalo.

Capital Sound who specialises in major outdoor events all over the world, were in charge of the live broadcast and with them they had their custom made vehicles, highly trained crew who speak multiple languages and gave the best sound system.

Director Brian Emmenis said this was their tenth time coming to cover the Eswatini airshow.

The event was a thrill for families who attended with games for children, stalls selling food and toys.

## Prince happy with airshow success

Major Price Sicalo said seeing this day being such a huge success was pleasing.

He said that they were happy with the work that their visiting defence forces and other pilots had done, which included the stunts they performed in the sky.

"We are happy to have brought this to the country for people to enjoy and we are thankful to the Nation on its impressive numbers of attendance. The event was a success and all the fun activities were impressive to watch and we appreciate the support," said the Prince.

### Unfortunately

He added that their aim was to make both children and elders happy by showing them the different aircrafts and have them experience them and what they offer, which is something they wouldn't have done anywhere else.

"In this year's air show unfortunately no one was allowed to fly in the planes, but in future we are looking to having the children being flown in the planes for their fullest enjoyment.

We are expecting bigger games in the next air show to come and to also have on board more countries supporting us and making the show more superior than it is today," said the prince.

## World Championship Nigel Hopkins at Air show

Nigel Hopkins founder of Team Xtreme Formation Aerobatic team of four were also amongst the pilots who flew planes at the show.

The South African multiple aerobics championship winner, second in the world advanced aerobics championship winner, world rally flying champion in 2003 and the list goes on, as his achieved quiet a number of championships across the world.

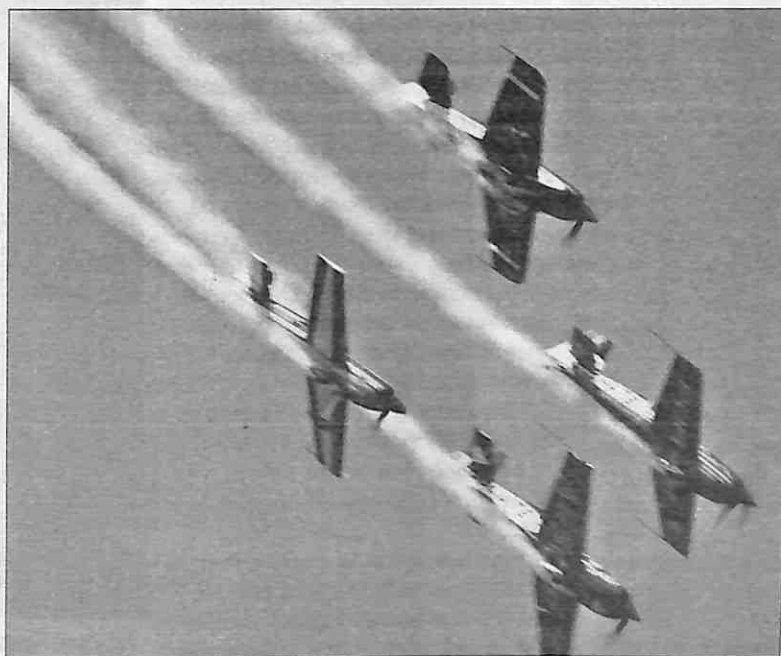
Team Xtreme brought

much entertainment to the event, as the crowd went crazy whilst they drew hearts and did other amazing stunts in the air.

### Amazing

"It was great being back here as I haven't been in the country for many years. It was nice to see the friendly people once again and we hope to come back soon.

We are looking forward to also future shows to come as the reception in the country is amazing," said Hopkins.



Team Xtreme realising thick smoke from their exhausts.



Nigel Hopkins during his interview with the reporter.

## WHY EXECUTOR DISPUTES MARRIAGE IN VICTOR ESTATE

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

Executor of the Estate late Victor Gamedze questions the affidavits brought before Court by Catholic Priest Father Jochonia Thayela Mahazule and Lloyd Maziya, in support that Princess Lungile and Gamedze were validly married in community of property.

The Executor Derrick Jele argues that both affidavits are deficient in material aspect.

Father Mahazule in his affidavit states that on 6 August 1994, he solemnised the wedding of Lungile Hotencia Dlamini and the late Victor Mfana Gamedze at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Mbabane.

Lloyd Maziya states that he was the best man at the wedding.

He attests that Princess Lungile contributed a lot financially to the success of the late Victor Gamedze.

Jele first acknowledges receipt of the objection from Princess Lungile, he says; "I am in receipt of the objection filed by Khumalo Attorneys on behalf of the Objector, wherein they object to the liquidation and distribution account filed in respect of the estate of the late Victor Mfana Gamedze."

Jele argues that the affidavit of father Mahazule does not advance the proposition any further.

He asserts that the affidavit lacks crucial detail.

He says the priest does not state that he is a marriage officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the Marriage Act nor does he state that the deceased and the objector

completed a marriage register in accordance with the provisions of Section 25 of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Act of 1983.

"Once again there is no explanation advanced why Father Mahazule cannot process a late registration of the marriage," said the executor.

### Deficient

On the part of the best man Lloyd Maziya, he averred that his affidavit is also deficient in material aspect.

"Quite importantly, Mr Maziya does not state he signed the marriage register as a witness as is required by terms of Section 25 (1) of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Act."

Jele states that it is that regard that he fails to find any legal basis upon which he should reach such conclusion and ignore the fact that there

was a valid, lawful and acknowledged marriage in terms of Swazi Law and Custom.

He affirms that it is widely accepted that with the passage of time, and modernisation, some traditional Swazi Law and Custom principles pertaining to the institution of marriage have evolved.

### Existence

He says notwithstanding such evolution, the fundamental principles pertaining to marriages in terms of Swazi Law and Custom still obtain.

"I am therefore not persuaded that I should ignore the existence of the Swazi Law and Custom Marriage and its derivative consequences when dealing with the distribution of the deceased's estate.

The proposition that I should consider the surrounding facts cannot

be correct, as there is no conflict of laws in the present matter.

I would be persuaded to consider this argument, if we were dealing with two marriage regimes," he said.

He further reveals that on a conspectus of the distribution of all proceeds flowing from the demise of Mr Victor Gamedze; "It is a fact that there are additional amounts that were paid to the Objector as a consequence of the demise of her husband these amounts do not form part of the estate but were paid by insurance companies to the Objector to my knowledge amounting to E5 500 000.

The Objector received these amounts apart from what I have awarded to her in the account."

Concluding, he states that it is in his view that the Objector has therefore received a generous reasonable provision from both the Estate and other sources.



# TIBIYO MD EXPECTS FUTURE PM FROM EKUDVWALENI HIGH

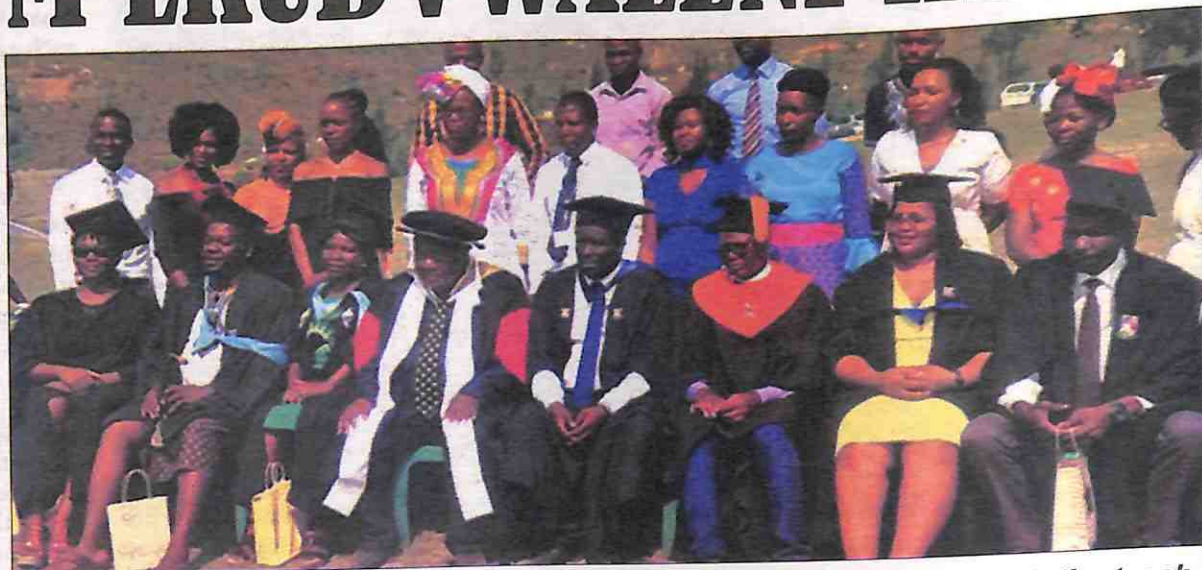
STORIES BY SIZWE DLAMINI

After gifting a laptop to the best performing pupil (12), Tibiyo Taka Ngwane Managing Director (MD) Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini said that he expects Ekudvwaleni High School to produce a future Prime Minister.

Dr Dlamini, who also served a full term as prime minister from 2003-2008, went on to encourage pupils to pray and build a good character for themselves. He was speaking at the 2019 Ekudvwaleni High School speech and prize giving day on Friday.

The Tibiyo MD said that integrity, credibility and employment opportunities were all fruits of having a good character.

"Authors and scholars have different definitions for character, but my



Tibiyo Taka Ngwane Managing Director (MD) Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini, with the teachers of Ekudvwaleni High School on Friday.

definition of character is a combination of qualities in a person that make

them different from others. Character makes you stand out from your peers,

siblings and colleagues. Character is what employees hire in a person.

## Tibiyo MD shares blueprint to creating good character

While speaking at Ekudvwaleni High School speech and prize giving day Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini gave pupils the blueprint on how to develop a good character.

Dlamini was speaking on Friday at Ekudvwaleni High School sports field.

Dlamini said that respect created self-discipline which is the most important attribute in building a good character.

"I will share this important blueprint on how to develop a good character with you, the future leaders of Eswatini. First respect God, your parents, yourselves, your teachers and your community. This is very important as respect builds self-discipline.

"Through self-discipline you will avoid bad friends. In *Corinthians 15:33* it reads 'bad company corrupts good character'. Also, there is a saying that 'if you associate with wolves you learn how to howl but if you associate with eagles you learn how to fly and dominate the sky above'.

"Next respect and always avoid breaking the law. If you fall into

crime your fingerprints are recorded by the police and you might never get employment for a crime that you committed in your past," he said.

He added that young people should be humble and should not be discouraged by failure as failure teaches people how to succeed. "Be humble; by being humble you lose nothing but gain other people's trust and respect, allowing you to take control of your own destiny through focusing on education," he advised.

He continued; "Don't be discouraged by failure as failure teaches people how to succeed. Always detest corruption by being transparent and accountable. Put your heart in everything you are doing with maximum effort as this will bear good fruit.

"Know whatever you do today will affect your tomorrow. Be trustworthy and honest as this is the greatest asset in your life. Use these points and you will develop a good character filled with integrity, thus allowing you to add value to your life. A life of value will allow you to make history in your life."



Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini gifting a laptop to the best performing pupil (12).

## I am accomplished through education not through favours

Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini has said he is accomplished in life because of education and not favours.

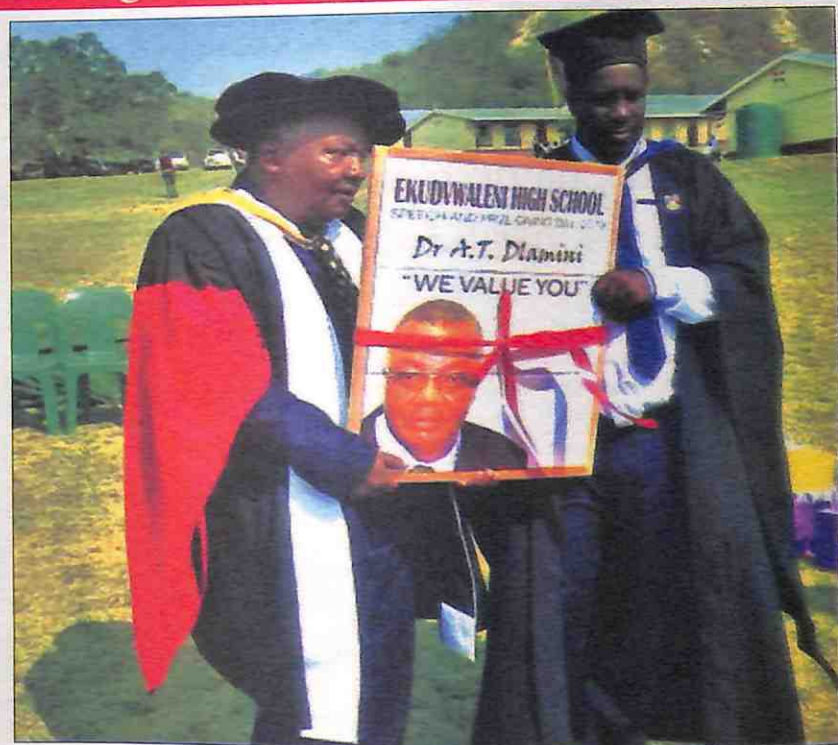
Dlamini, who was speaking to pupils at Ekudvwaleni High School also said that as a young boy he used to fetch water from the river for his mother before going to school.

"During my speech I focused on teaching you how to develop a good character and all the fruits that come with that.

"In addition to the speech I would also like to tell you that through education I managed to accomplish many things in life.

"I am not accomplished because of favours. My parents took me to school, and I feel it is my duty to share that important information with you so that you can all focus on your schoolwork. As a boy I grew up fetching water for my mother at the river before going to school but that did not affect my future in a negative way," he said. Dlamini added that in 1970 he was awarded a book as a prize for being the most responsible pupil at Lobamba High School.

"As a young man I was awarded a book as a prize for being the most



Tibiyo Taka Ngwane Managing Director (MD) Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini being presented with his portrait by Ekudvwaleni High School Principal Nelson Nhlanhla Gule on Friday.

responsible pupil in my high school, Lobamba high school. That prize made me strive to do better in my

life and I hope that little story will also encourage you to also do better," he added.

## PRAY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini has encouraged pupils to pray for themselves in order to receive scholarships without complications.

Dr Dlamini also said there were no longer any real prophets in Eswatini.

"Every year I have multiple meetings with desperate parents and their children," he said to an attentive crowd of pupils and guardians.

He said that most of these meetings involve the lack of scholarships, where both the parent and the child weep out of frustration at the lack of scholarships.

"In the Bible it reads, 'with man some things are impossible but with God nothing is impossible', hence today I am encouraging all pupils here at this

school to kneel and pray by yourselves," he said.

He further stated that currently many young people are being prayed for by their pastors, parents and teachers.

"But today I am telling you the pupil to learn how to pray alone in private so that you can develop a personal relationship with God.

### Relationship

"This relationship will grant you favour and blessings, hence you will receive a scholarship without any complications from God through man," he said.

Dlamini added that God was important as He was the only one who could give man wisdom to enrich the Eswatini economy.

"God is so powerful that he can enhance

Character is your brand and personality. People are not always drawn to you because of your qualifications, expertise and experience but people are drawn to you by your character," he said.

Dr Dlamini added that some individuals may look attractive but if their character is bad there is nothing attractive about them, saying 'ufana nelikhilwa lehlile kodvwa libe ligcwele tibungu'!

"Your qualification can earn you a job but your character can earn you a promotion and status in society," said Dr Dlamini, adding; "Without integrity no one will invest in your enterprise. *Ungabi yinjinga beyisola!* Character is the promise you make to your employers, investors and community. Society needs young people who are great thinkers and innovators who also demonstrate good character as well as high emotional intelligence, we need leaders who inspire confidence in the community and economy."

Dr Dlamini then awarded the laptop to Form 1B pupil Nkosiphile Mavimbela, who was the top performing pupil at Ekudvwaleni High School.

the Eswatini economy in mere seconds. However, God operates through man so we as people need to be tools of God. As we speak, the Eswatini economy is not operating at its full potential.

"This indicates that there are no longer any real prophets and if the kingdom had real prophets, those individuals would tell us how to enrich the Eswatini economy."

"Through education God will bless the youth with intellect and they will work like prophets and enhance the economy of Eswatini," he added.

Dlamini also thanked government for enacting the Sexual and Domestic Violence (SODV) Offences and warned teachers about sexual perversion with pupils.





St Michael's High School girls render a performance to the audience at the speech and prize giving day.

## ST MICHAEL'S CLASS OF '79 OFFERS LAPTOP TO TOP PUPIL

BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

What started as a group chat on the social media platform WhatsApp yielded positive results when St Michael's High School's class of '79 came together to contribute to the school that nurtured them.

Gcebile Ndlovu, Glenrose Nxumalo and Khabo Manzini brought together 37 of their former classmates together in a effort to give back to their school. When the group last met in 2016, they were able to collectively donate paint that amounted to E17 500 and have this year undertaken to donate a laptop to Deborah Mkhabela, the highest achieving pupil. Ndlovu said they were proud to be able to come together for the ben-

efit of the school instead of being a group that meets only for social events. Their aim is to give back to their school and contribute in a positive way in mentoring younger girls through the school system.

Ndlovu, who is the Programme Coordinator for the charity organisation Nguwe Likusasa Letfu said she was honoured to be invited to the school's speech and prize giving day last Friday, alongside a few other former pupils in her class.

Whilst they were honoured to be invited to the they were happy to attend and say a few words of motivation to the current pupils. "We are not only doing this for publicity purposes, but to show others that we don't have to neglect the

schools that nurtured us all those years ago. It is actually the beginning not the end for this brilliant team. Being on the ground at the school got us to interact with teachers and further identified needs for the school. We are definitely ready to show our appreciation back," said Ndlovu. She said on a personal level, their group has achieved quite a lot, noting that they have Princess Tsandzile, Dr Kelly who is with UNISWA, a few that are in Australia, one who works at the African Development Bank in Côte d'Ivoire and a lot others who are responsible citizens in their different communities as products of the school.

The head teacher of the school said she together with the school's administration are very grateful for the support



Ntombikayise Dlamini, Gcebile Ndlovu and Nozwelakhe Dlomo moved the crowd with their motivational speech on behalf of the class of 1979.

the class of 79 has shown them. She revealed that there aren't so many collective pupils who do what the class of 79 does but they do have a number of individuals such as Sharon Maziya, Gciniwe Fakudze, Nozizwe Mulela to mention a few, who have also shown their support to the school through motivational speeches and other things.

"We are very happy with the support as this goes a long way in motivating other pupils. I would also like to send my sincere appreciation to the group and just say may God bless them," said the head teacher.

The handover of the laptop to the principal will be done this coming Saturday September 28.

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## Central Bank still working on 'mortgage funding processes'

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

Property owners will have to wait a bit longer before the official release of the report on the mortgage loan and mortgage based funding processes.

The report will contain findings on the probe the bank has been undertaking in the past couple of months on mortgage loan processes. CBE intends to uncover any irregularities in the mortgage based funding processes including investigation of allegations of irregular practices by key stakeholders in the mortgage sector, with respect to repossession of consumer properties.

This was revealed in an interview with Central Bank of Eswatini CBE's Senior Communications officer Lindokuhle Sithole. The bank released a statement whereby it requested members of the public with information or evidence concerning any misconduct or malpractice in the mortgages sector by any bank to provide that information or evidence and the deadline of submissions was August 29.

Sithole first appreciated the responses they received from members of the public. She assured them that they are doing everything in their power to have the report submitted to the public with its findings. "However, it will have to be endorsed by the governor first."

She stated that the bank has already engaged the services of Ombudsman, who is tasked with visiting the banks to ascertain the truthfulness or falseness of the complaints brought to them and try to rectify all irregularities encountered.

She opined that in terms of Section, 52 of the Central Bank Order, CBE established an Ombudsman for financial institutions that are licensed by the Bank.

She said the Ombudsman offers fair, independent and easily accessible dispute resolution for consumers who are unable to resolve complaints with their banks.

She stated that the reason they engaged the public concerning the misconduct in the mortgages sector is because they are keen to hear

from all market participants about their experiences, hence, they invited the consumers to offer their input.

"Consumers are the users of financial products and services provided by financial institutions. In the process of making use of these institutions, consumers may encounter situations that could leave them unhappy and frustrated.

"These may include unfair debit and credit card charges, fraud, lack of transparency about loan contracts and loan repayments." She said this is why banking consumer protection is crucial.

"It helps address concerns and disputes that consumers have with banks. The vulnerability of customers who are exposed risks brought about by rapid changes and the lack of experience and understanding of financial products, is addressed by consumer protection," she said.

She stressed that financial consumer protection is important. It helps address concerns and disputes that consumers may have with banks. She said the vulnerability of customers who are exposed, risks brought about by rapid changes and the lack of experience and understanding of financial products is also addressed by consumer protection.

When asked to state how the CBE regulate the country's financial sector, Sithole said they are empowered by the CBE Order as the regulator of the banks in Eswatini. "Section 4 of the CBE Order charges the Central Bank with the responsibility to supervise banks, and other financial institutions to the end of promoting a sound financial structure," she said.

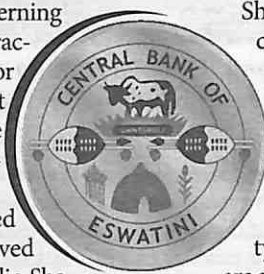
Elaborating, she said in its regulatory process, the CBE issues guidelines, circulars and legal notices as regulatory tools, all of which flow from provisions of the Financial Institutions Act, 2005.

She further shared that the CBE has issued quite a number of regulations over the years. She said most of the regulations are internal operations, whereas others are bank specific.

**She listed the regulations and said are available in the government gazette;**

1. The Financial Institutions Act, 2005
  - Licensing of banks
  - Protection of public against illegal deposit taking
  - Publishing and disclosure of information
  - Safety and soundness framework for banks
2. Legal Notice No.62 on bank Charges; provides for
  - Publishing of banking fees and charges
  - Encourage banks to create budget to conduct consumer education
  - Setting banking fees and charges on cash deposit at zero
  - Penalty for dishonoured cheques
3. Exchange Control Order 1974
  - Provides for the regulation of inflows and outflows of foreign exchange

- Limits are reviewed from time to time
- 4. Guidelines on Banking Practice; This is a consumer protection banking code that regulates banking practices on issues of;
  - Consumer rights and responsibilities
  - Relationship between banks and customers
  - Opening of accounts
  - Closing of accounts
  - Card services
  - Fees and charges
  - Liability for loss
- 5. The Money Laundering And Financing Of Terrorism (2011)
  - An Act to criminalise money laundering and suppress the financing of terrorism
  - To establish a financial intelligence unit
  - To provide for the forfeiture of ill-gotten property and for matters incidental thereto



## SA Court declares 'RICA

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

The constitutionality of the SIM card registration exercise called VELA has been brought into question following a South Africa High Court ruling made on Monday which declared some clauses of the Act like it unlawful and invalid.

Judge Roland Sutherland issued a judgment in favour of the AmaBhungane Centre for Investigative Journalism, which challenged the constitutionality and validity of parts of the Regulation of Interception of Communications and Provision of Communication-Related Information Act (RICA), to reduce the state's one-sided powers to spy on citizens.

RICA is believed to be similar to the on-going VELA SIM card registration, which is currently at an advanced stage in the country with its deadline having been shifted several times to allow those who had not yet register to do so.

The local SIM card registration is provided for in the Swaziland Communications Commission (Subscriber Registration) Regulations, 2016.

The clause in question in the local context is that on data protection and confidentiality which states that the service provider will, on its electronic communication system, record, store and on request, provide subscriber communication data to an authorised Security Agency within 12 hours.

Security Agency according to the regulations refers to the Royal Eswatini Police Services, the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force, Correctional Services and National Fire Emergency Services.

"A licensee shall, on its electronic communication system, record and store: personal information, every MSISDN-number used with every IMEI-number and IMEI-number used with every

...this could have a bearing on the VELA exercise



MSISDN-number, which shall, on request, be provided to an authorised Security Agency within 12 hours," reads the contentious clause in part.

The regulations further state that the licensee shall take precaution with the subscribers' data by not disclosing it to a third party except when requested by an authorised security agency.

"A licensee shall take all reasonable precautions to preserve the integrity and prevent any corruption, loss or unauthorised disclosure of Subscriber Information retained and shall take steps to restrict unauthorised use of the Subscriber Information by its employees who may be involved in capture and or processing of such Subscriber Information.

"A licensee shall not transfer subscriber information outside the Kingdom of Eswatini, except on instruction by an authorised Security Agency," further reads the regulations

On the other hand, the recent judge-

ment in the neighbouring country brings an element of notifying the subscriber whose information is transferred as the High Court ruled that the state's ability to spy on people's communication without informing them is unconstitutional and its ability to conduct bulk surveillance on South African citizens is unlawful and invalid.

The judgment stems from an application brought by media group amaBhungane, who had challenged the constitutionality of the Act after it learned that one of its investigative journalists, Sam Sole, had been the target of State surveillance under RICA, while investigating the decision by the National Prosecuting Authority to drop corruption charges against former President Jacob Zuma.

The amaBhungane had argued that RICA lacked the necessary safeguards to protect the public's right to privacy and felt it necessary that some of its sections should be declared unlawful.

## Agonising wait for a lawyer for Mangwaneni folks

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

Failure to raise the required money for an attorney has compelled Mangwaneni residents to wait a bit longer before their case is brought back to court.

Mangwaneni, Manzana and eSitibeni residents are in need of an attorney to help them pursue their case in court.

This comes after they were moved from their homes and some left uncompensated during the construction of the MR3 road, which connects the Mbabane-Ngwenya highway.

The attorney agreed to help the residents at a fee of E15 000, but proceeded to accept E7 000, meanwhile they raise the balance. Members of the Project Affected People in the construction of the bypass road, disclosed that so far they have managed to raise E2 800.

Initially, the High Court of Eswatini had ruled that they should be compensated, however, some families are still battling for their compensation. It is reported that over 10 families are without houses, whereas others received their share.

The case was scheduled to be back in court on September 13, however, due to failure to raise the required money, they

will now have to wait for their attorney to give them an alternative date for their next appearance in court.

A representative of the Project Affected People Gideon Gwebu revealed that about 10 families have come forward to state that they are still homeless. He said the figure could increase.

"The High Court made a ruling in 2007 that the families should be compensated, however, some were compensated and some were left out. Hence, we have engaged the Commission on Human Rights to assist. They have agreed to work closely with our attorney in seeing to it that we eventually get compensated," said Gwebu.

Gwebu encouraged the affected residents not to fear being victimised, as they are fighting for their rights. He disclosed that some residents who were part of the relocation had passed on, whereas some are sickly because of depression and stroke caused by the delay in resolving the issue.

Another member of the committee Sibusiso Fakudze revealed that the compensation policy at their possession states that the displaced persons were supposed to be compensated before the resettlement commenced.

"The compensation policy further states that mechanisms will be instituted from

time to time with the affected community in line with the base line survey conducted which clearly show what the residents have to be compensated for, and these residents will be identified by any means suitable," he said.

He opined that they worked with a resettlement committee which was tasked to appoint a valuer, either from government or the private sector. "Who valued all immovable assets for compensation."

He said after the evaluations each resident signed the valuation certificate with the valuer, the valuation certificates were submitted to the resettlement committee for compensation.

This newspaper got a hold of a document which outlined all the procedures that were supposed to be followed during the resettlement process.

According to the project affected people, government was supposed to work according to the laid down procedures of the document. They stated that it is the same document that was used to solicit funds for the resettlement project.

The document states that whenever 10 or more households in a specific project area affected by resettlement (large scale resettlement), a resettlement plan shall be developed which outlines all resettlement planning and relocation.



# spying' unconstitutional

The media group also put it before the court that if a subject had been placed under surveillance, they should be notified once the surveillance had been concluded, thereby safeguarding the principle of open justice.

The Judgment said the act failed to adequately prescribe the procedure for notifying a person whose information has been intercepted. The court also stated that the Act failed to adequately prescribe the proper procedures to be followed when State officials are examining, copying, sharing and sorting through data obtained through interceptions.

Sutherland added that the Act was not clear in situations where the subject of surveillance is either a practising lawyer or a journalist.

He suspended the invalidity of the act for two years to allow Parliament to bring the legislation in line with the Constitution.

The Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) could not be drawn to comment on the ruling and its impact in Eswatini, as the Commission requested time to get the facts on the case and the judgment before responding to our questionnaire.

However, the Commission last year assured subscribers that their privacy was guaranteed. The Commission was responding to our sister publication, the Swazi Observer when asked on the situation in the local context on the same matter.

The Commission said it had cemented the protection of consumers by inserting a clause on confidentiality of customer information in the terms and conditions of the licenses issued by the Commission to operators.

The clause provides that, the Licensee shall not, under any circumstances whatsoever, disclose any information about a customer to any third party except to

the extent that such information is required in compliance with a court order or an applicable statutory obligation.

The Commission further stated that the information was protected through the Regulations under part V, entitled; Data Protection and confidentiality and consumer awareness provides that a licensee shall take all reasonable precautions to preserve the integrity and prevent any corruption, loss or unauthorised disclosure of subscriber information retained and shall take steps to restrict unauthorised use of subscriber information.

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The Licensee shall not, under any circumstances whatsoever, disclose any information about a customer to any third party except to the extent that such information is required in compliance with a court order or an applicable statutory obligation.

## Sensitive balance is required - Justice minister

The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Dlamini-Shakantu stated that she had not been privy to the judgement and the articles of the RICA that were declared unlawful by the court, thus could not comment on them but could give insight on the laws of privacy in general.

"Concerning the laws of privacy in general, I can say that data or information protection is an integral part of safeguarding a person's right to privacy. Our laws and common law provide for

the legal protection of a person where his or her personal information is being collected, stored, used or communicated by another person or institution. Article 14 of our constitution provides for the protection of the privacy of the home and other property rights of the individual. The right to privacy is in itself not absolute and must in other cases bow down to competing matters of national security and safety," she said.

The minister said where the collection of personal information is allowed by law, it must be done with integrity and for the purpose intended. A sensitive balance is required when dealing with individual interests and legitimate concerns of the state mostly in crime prevention and investigation.

## CANGO - Educate Emaswati on the VELA and privacy laws

The Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) has appealed to government to educate the public on the Swaziland Communications Commission (Subscriber Registration) Regulations, 2016 and their rights to privacy.

CANGO Communications Officer Nkosingiphile Myeni said they have had members of the public questioning the constitutionality of the law governing VELA following the judgement of on RICA.

"We would like to appeal to government too and stakeholders to educate people on these laws in the same way people are educated on SODV Act. Some of the questions that have been posed are how long do the police keep people suspected to be involved in crime under surveillance? And under which circumstances are the security agencies allowed to retrieve data from ones phone," he said.

## TOURISM AUTHORITY HOSTS SA MEDIA FOR UMHLANGA

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

Two South African radio stations and a magazine covered live broadcasts and coverage of the delivering of the reed and Umhlanga Main Day on September 1 and 2, respectively.

The annual celebration of young maiden's chastity got a live coverage on Radio 2000 and Channel Africa, and as Nomad Africa magazine.

This was revealed by Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Linda Nxumalo, who said the South African journalists arrived on August 31 and departed on September 3, after witnessing the spectacular Umhlanga Ceremony and other events.

"The main objective of this initiative is to showcase the Kingdom of Eswatini on a global stage, with the radio stations broadcasting live from the Reed Dance for the South African audience," said Nxumalo.

The media houses from the Republic of South Africa came at a time when the kingdom hosts and celebrates some of the biggest, long-anticipated festivals and events.

The CEO said in past years, the ETA hosted different media from different countries to cover events in the country.

Nxumalo said this approach was working for the tourism industry as the hosted media spoke highly of Eswatini in their various publications and broadcasts.

She said the ETA has partnered with SkyWorld Travel and Tours for this particular initiative. Nxumalo said: "We are grateful to SkyWorld Travel and Tours, who have partnered with the ETA to provide tour guide services and refreshments for the media during their stay in the country."

Director of Operations at SkyWorld and Travel Tours Akhona Fakudze confirmed the partnership with the authority and said all was scheduled. He said they would, as they always had, continue providing the best services to the South African media, adding that they had an interesting itinerary.

"Since 2012, SkyWorld Travel and Tours has been the partner of choice between the Kingdom of Eswatini and Southern African cities. We provide safe, comfortable, and reliable travel services. To us safety, exceptional customer service, timely departures and remote payment options among other services are a priority," confirmed the director of services.

The media houses also had a chance to visit some of the finest attractions of the kingdom. On their way into the country they visited Ngwenya Glass and later made a whistle-stop at Legends Backpackers in Ezulwini, where the Green Lifestyle Festival took place. They also visited the Manzini Market to explore the best arts and crafts before visiting Swazi Candles to witness the art of making candles from scratch.

They lodged at the George Hotel in Manzini, and were able to experience The Home Brew Carnival which took place at the hotel. The media covered the delivering of the reed before the Queen Mother at Ludzizini Royal Residence before covering the main day of the dance on Monday.

"As SkyWorld, we will use the opportunity of transporting the South African media to showcase our other tours, which are based on the official calendar of events developed through the leadership of the Minister of Tourism," said Fakudze.

He said their other tour packages included Buganu, Eswatini Trade Fair Craft Tour, Culture and Heritage Tour, and MTN Bushfire.

Fakudze said the journalists would be able to experience the best in local entertainment at the Mantenga Cultural Village, taste local cuisine at Whispers Shisa Nyama, and do handicraft shopping.

"As part of Government's Economic Recovery Roadmap, tourism has been identified as a key driver for growth," said Fakudze.

He said ETA was mandated to market the kingdom as a preferred tourist destination, adding that the authority was active in working with his industry in growing tourism numbers and encourage longer stays.



It says the resettlement plan shall be drawn up under the supervision of the resettlement committee, either by themselves or delegated to some other party.

It further reveals that each resettlement plan shall include; "Community participation outline, which is to be followed, compensation calculation criteria for inconvenience payments, monitoring and evaluation by the resettlement committee; annual and mid-term reviews throughout the construction of the main project investment shall report on resettlement needs and actions which must be taken, and for a rea-

sonable period after all resettlement and related development activities have been completed, the resettlement committee shall continue to monitor the effects of resettlement on residents."

It is worth mentioning that the ministry of works and transport was part of the resettlement committee.

The document states that a compensation determination committee was established at the commencement of the resettlement-planning phase to determine and negotiate compensation norms and rates for non-beneficiary affected homesteads, prepare com-

penetration guidelines and norms for beneficiary affected homesteads.

Residents who had their fruit trees and crops removed are to be compensated, the document outlines that; "Construction of the bypass road will be planned to allow for the harvesting of crops before land is acquired. Where crops cannot be harvested or the destruction of crops is unavoidable, cash compensation will be paid, based on rates that will be determined by an independent property valuer. Compensation will also be paid for the loss of future production from fruit trees (excluding

indigenous fruit trees). Compensation rates will be supplied by an independent property valuer," states the document.

Ministry of works Communications Officer Mayibongwe Dlamini asked not to comment on the matter as it is still before the court.

## Did senior officer kill himself over compensation?

A senior officer in the ministry of public works and transport committed suicide after he was suspected to have not acted in good faith during the compensation of families that were affected by the Mbabane-Ngwenya Highway. The incident occurred in April 2009.

Reliable sources at the Ministry of works disclosed that some people who were tasked with the compensation process have retired whereas one of them allegedly committed suicide after suspicions that he had not acted in good faith during the compensation process.

An employee at the ministry said the matter of Mangwaneni residents has been dragging for some time now, and some of the people who were tasked in doing the job have retired and some are dead.

It is alleged that the deceased employee held the position of a Chief Project Engineer.

"He drank weevil tablets, after he was summoned by the then minister of works, to give a detailed report on the compensations after several complaints from the people who were affected by the multi-million Emalangeni project.

"After his meeting with the minister he looked a worried man. He did not confide what was troubling him or what the minister said to him," said a source in the ministry, who preferred to remain anonymous.

It is worth mentioning that one of the local dailies also published a story of the ministry of works employee who committed suicide by drinking weevil tablets, after he was questioned about the irregularities in the compensation





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# PANIC SETS IN AS THREE CONTESTANTS ELIMINATED

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE



Nsika Mazibuko, Madoda Nsibandze and Kwanele Magongo made it to the next round.



President of the South African Promoters Association China Mpololo with SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini.



MTN Senior Marketing Manager Meshack Maseko hands Ncamiso Dlamini his gift after being eliminated from the contest.

The elimination of three contestants on The Spotlight competition frightened the remaining ones to a point where it affected some of their performances.

Performing after the first elimination of the theatre week stages threw some of the participants off as some said the removal of the three made them realise that the competition was getting tougher.

The remaining singers and rappers had the opportunity to perform for the judges to fight for a spot in the next round.

The singers were given 10 songs to choose from and perform this week.

Most of the singers went for Beyoncé's '1+1', Daniel Caesar's 'Best PART' and 'Natural woman' by Aretha Franklin.

The judges were impressed with a few of the performances as they said most of the contestants had improved from the previous round.

Guest judge Sands, who gave mostly constructive criticism said he already had his favourite contestants after seeing all of them perform.

The 'Tigi' hitmaker made his second appearance on the show as a guest judge, after being the guest judge at his hometown in Nhlanguano for the auditions. "The talent is definitely there, these young people are really talented but I think I have chosen two of the contestants who are my favourite, but I wish them all good luck," said the singer.

Some contestants said they love the feedback they are getting from the judges as it encourages them to do better. Lunga Mabizela who sang 'Best part' by Daniel Caesar said the judges were on point with their comments.

"I like how they were honest with



Ncamiso Dlamini, Phetsile Nkosi and Dick da Cunha pose with their gift bags from MTN after being eliminated from the competition during the top 26 performance week at Mahlalekhukhwini House yesterday morning. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)

me. The comments they gave me are things that I know I need to improve on and I usually give the same advice to other singers.

"I hope I will improve next time, using the criticism they gave today," he said. Another singer that felt she did not do well was Rina Mthethwa, who sang 'Natural Woman'.

"I know that was not my best performance even though the judges gave

me fairly good comments, I know deep down I did not do well," she said.

Rapper Madoda Nsibandze admitted that the eliminations threw him off from delivering a great performance. "The competition is getting tougher and by eliminating the first three, one can feel the tension from all the other contestants and that messes up with your confidence a bit but we continue to do our best," said Nsibandze.



Nosipho Shelembe also made it through to the top 26.



Melusi Mndzebele wowed the judges with his outfit.



Namisa Nhlengetfwa sang 'Natural woman' by Aretha Franklin.

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A section of the audience that came to watch the show inside the performance room.

## Internal auditor warns against spoilt votes

The Spotlight Internal Auditor Mphumzeni Lukhele warned contestants about spoilt votes. Speaking to the singers and rappers, Lukhele said they should give out clear voting information to their fans because they were currently receiving a lot of spoilt votes.

"A simple mistake such as a coma or full stop where it is not supposed to be automatically qualifies the vote as spoilt. We do not count votes that have errors in them so make sure you tell your family members and friends not to include anything else on the SMS but the correct number," said Lukhele. The voting lines for the next week will open today after the airing performances of the top 26 on Eswatini TV at 5pm.

To vote for your favourite contestant, the public would have to SMS the contestant's number to 7768 using any MTN number or by visiting [www.mtnspotlight.co.sz](http://www.mtnspotlight.co.sz)

## ONLY FEMALE RAPPER CUT OUT

Amongst the three contestants that were eliminated yesterday was Phetsile Nkosi, also known as Lil Kartz. Nkosi was the only female rapper who auditioned for The Spotlight.

Nkosi could not find words to express how she was feeling as she shed tears after being eliminated. After calming down, she then said she was grateful for the opportunity she had been given by the platform and Eswatini has not seen the end of her.

"The competition taught me a lot of things about the craft and the industry as a whole. For that reason you have not seen the last of me, as I will take what I gained from this experience and make the best out of it," she said.

Another rapper who was disappointed to be eliminated from the competition was Dick da Cunha.

The rapper from Mbabane said the platform has given him more content to rap about. "It is a competition at the end of the day. I am sad to have to go, but there are still many rappers left that I believe will represent rappers very well," he said.

The only singer who was eliminated from the competition was Ncamiso Dlamini.

The singer originally auditioned in Mbabane and surprised the judges with his voice which did not match his image. The



The only female rapper Phetsile Nkosi after being eliminated from the competition.

judges also liked how he presented himself every time during his performances.

The Spotlight was supposed to see four people being eliminated but only three were cut as one of the singers who did not show up for the top 30 performances was eliminated.

Thembelihle Khoza who went through to the top 30, quit the competition for unknown reasons.

The automatic elimination of Khoza resulted in three contestants exiting the competition instead of the intended four.

However the three did not leave empty handed as they were given

gifts bags by MTN. According to MTN Senior Marketing Manager Meshack Maseko, the gift bags are meant to encourage the artists to continue to pursue their dreams.

**The competition taught me a lot of things about the craft and the industry as a whole. For that reason you have not seen the last of me as I will take what I gained from this experience and make the best out of it**



Thabiso Makhanya, Nosipho Shelembe and Gcobani Masuku wait their turn.



Ministry of Labour and Social Security

## PRESS STATEMENT

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

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

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

The Committee Members are as follows:

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

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

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

BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

## THE SPOTLIGHT TOP 26:

Sambulo Matse	- 001	Madoda Bongani_JR Nsibandze	- 022
Melusi Mndzebele	- 004	Zweli Gule	- 012
Nontsikelelo Dlamini	- 006	Rina Mthethwa	- 014
Gcobani Sisekelo Masuku	- 009	Lindelwa Tsabedze	- 017
Quinton Sibisi	- 016	Philile Motsa	- 019
Samkele N Dlamini	- 002	Namisa Nhlengetfwa	- 021
Mbali Gamedze	- 003	Khethokuhle Sibandze	- 020
Nontsikelelo Magongo	- 007	Lunga Mabizela	- 026
Thabiso Makhanya	- 010	Eyethu Gama	- 027
Siphosemusa Simelane	- 018	Celimphillo Mphilwenhle Dlamini	- 028
Nsika Nsizakalo Mazibuko	- 008	Nosipho Shelembe	- 029
Mpendulo Mndvoti	- 011	Kwanele Magongo	- 023
Clive Herbst	- 013	Nompendulo Nsibandze	- 024



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SWAZI WOMAN ATTENDS AWEC

STORIES BY  
KHETSIWE  
KHUMALO

**T**wenty-six year-old Ntsandvose Dlamini has told of her excitement at being part of the African Women Entrepreneurship Cooperative (AWEC), a sponsored leadership and business management capacity building programme that helps empower women across Africa with business knowledge and leadership skills.

Dlamini has been drafted into the 12-month programme which will be hosted in Tanzania. She left the country yesterday for the second year programme summit that begins tomorrow.

AWEC is open to all African women that have an entrepreneurial idea or are already entrepreneurs in their own rights, working in any industry and seeks to equip and train them for a whole year with assignments and online tutorials that help them achieve the most desirable businesses.

Dlamini, together with other young women around the country, have met the requirements and will be attending the programme in Dar Es Salaam. "What made AWEC stand out for me was that they were more focused on the African female entrepreneur and I liked that," she said.

She disclosed her business as a non-profit entity, DreamCatcher Eswatini that focuses on helping the less fortunate through sourcing donations, sponsorships and personal development in supporting them in two main projects.

"When I joined AWEC my business was just a con-

cept and it had been a concept for years to tell the truth. But being part of a cohort of other African females who are in business, has taught me so much about running a successful business. The icing on the cake for me is the programme also assigns mentors who are experts in their field for participants and having these experts allows us to learn from people who have experience in business and we learn from them how we can run our businesses," she said. Ntsandvose said more than anything she looks forward to the opportunity where all the participants will come together and learn from each other. She said that this will give her the opportunity to network with other African women that are in business which will help her view business not just in Eswatini, but in Africa as a whole. Dlamini further encouraged young women to invest themselves more to survive the business world by using technology to their advantage. She said programmes like these are available and if people have a business idea or a business already running, big or small to join them, and trust in the AWEC process.

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**“What made AWEC stand out for me was that they were more focused on the African female entrepreneur and I liked that”**

### Eswatini's first AWEC Alumni

**P**earl Tukamuhelwa is Eswatini's first AWEC alumni, having got the opportunity to be part of the program which started last year in Rwanda.

She attended the program in representation through her business Jabula Events which might be known for sometimes hosting outdoor movie nights.

She said the program had lots of achieved top business owners from around the world who mentored them, trained them and who they had easy access to mentioning a Christopher Caine, President of Center for Global Enterprise who spoke to them more about the failure of business before it can succeed. Through the program Pearls says she was taught how to tailor her business in such a way that it teaches you day to day mile-

stone to milestone technical things that she wouldn't have learnt at school, University or anywhere else.

"Don't forget the networks your connected to many different women in Africa, it breaks all the borders and get advice, get to ship things and fosters a continental free trade area networking which is also a great thing," she said.

She hopes to try and get as many Emaswati as possible as a way of promoting the programme to young people. After the programme Pearl has been able to have re think about her business and says Jabula Events is evolving to make the company more projects-based than events based. She mentioned that after the program she was able to host an event in April that was a success.



Candidates singing before their baptism during the convention.

## 55 DECLARE UNFAILING LOVE

STORIES BY SUNDAY REPORTER

**“I** have found love, comfort and hope,” said Thuli Malinga (42) from Nhlangu, after she was baptised as a Jehovah's Witness at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

“I now have new hope for everlasting life and it's something that I look forward to,” she said. Malinga who is with disability was one of the 55 who were baptised during the three-day 'Love Never Fails' convention of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She started studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses two years ago.

“I have found a new purpose in life and I am really happy,” she said. Baptism is always a highlight in Jehovah's Witnesses assemblies and large conventions.

### ENCOURAGEMENT

The baptism ceremony began at about noon, starting with a Bible talk by Siculo Kunene. Kunene encouraged the baptismal candidates to always imitate Jesus Christ in everything they do; in their thoughts, speech and actions.

He encouraged them to develop qualities such as kindness, compassion, perseverance



Sandile Dlamini helping out with parking.

and above all, unfailing love in tandem with the convention theme.

He warned them that Satan would target them because of their declared status as new Jehovah's Witnesses and assured them that

they had a huge family of other Jehovah's Witnesses to rely on for support.

“But most importantly, you should rely on Jehovah,” he said.

## When helping the needy, leave the camera at home

**C**ontrary to what most people do when helping the poor, Jehovah's Witnesses have been warned to help the destitute without publicly exposing their plight or blowing horns whilst helping.

Most people go to the extent of even inviting the media when helping the poor or show-off what they do on social media for self glory. During the ongoing 'Love Never Fails' convention of Jehovah's Witnesses at Somhlolo National Stadium, the delegates were encouraged to look after orphans and widows in their tribulation.

### MORAL DECAY

Speaking during his address, Solomon Tsabedze said the decaying moral environment of our times has contributed to the lack of compassion in the hearts of many. “This adversely affects many who,

because of various circumstances, become destitute,” he said. Tsabedze urged the delegates to assist them by taking care of both their spiritual and physical needs.

### GOD'S VIEW

In addition to that, Tsabedze said, “The form of worship that is clean and undefiled from the standpoint of God, is to look after orphans and widows in their tribulation. Delegates were further advised to invite orphans and widows over to their homes and share meals with them and even invite them for vacations”.

“Look at where they are staying and help them with their needs. If they don't have clothes, give them clothes. If they don't have food, give them food to eat, but do so in secret, without exposing their plight,” he further stated.

### ABUSE

Tsabedze said orphans and widows are vulnerable to many forms of abuse, including sexual abuse. “It is our responsibility to protect them from any kind of abuse and we can successfully do so by making sure that we avail ourselves to support them and show the love at all times,” he said.

### LOVE ELDERLY

Meanwhile, Mduduzi Dlamini also urged delegates to show unending love to the elderly. “The Bible encourages us to show honour to the elderly. Therefore, for we should support and show them love at all times,” he said.

### LONELY





Sicelo Kunene addresses baptismal candidates.



Thuli Malinga (42) from Nhlangano being baptised.

## THROUGH BAPTISM



Cleaning volunteers roll tissue to be used at the toilets.

### DECISION

That's what Malinga did two years ago, when she decided to start the process of officially becoming one of Jehovah's Witnesses. "To get baptized during the convention was the best thing for me," she said. "It's about the love that I have for Jehovah—that's what matters most," she said. She said her belief in Jehovah has made her a happy person.

### NOT ALONE

Kunene told the baptismal candidates that they were joining over 8.5 million Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide. "To be baptised, candidates are expected to have a basic understanding of the Bible's teachings, how to apply those teachings, and the responsibilities they will have to their brothers and sisters in the organisation," said Jehovah's Witnesses local Spokesperson Lucky Dlamini.



The Dlamini family enjoys the programme during the sessions.

Dlamini said the elderly at times as they grow old 'they feel like a solitary bird on a roof,' meaning they feel lonely.

"We should visit them, invite them over to our homes to read the Bible and have meals with them at our homes. As they get older and frail, they also need help with many

house chores. We should make ourselves available to help them and to show them love at all times," he said. Today is the last day of the Jehovah's Witnesses 'Love Never Fails' convention. The public is invited to attend the final programme today starting at 9:20am.



Noxolo Mdluli's aunt Jabulile Mdluli narrates her family's anguish to reporters. (Pic: Mhlonishwa Hlophe)

## Noxolo Mdluli's ghost won't go away

STORIES BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

**A**lmost 23 years since a then 12-year-old girl was killed by a stray bullet, Noxolo Mdluli's ghost is coming back to haunt the man who was at the centre of the protest march that led to her death.

Jan Sithole has refuted claims that he offered to compensate Noxolo's family after the teenager was hit by a straying bullet during a protest march by the now defunct Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions (SFTU) at ka-Khoza in Manzini. The question arising now, is could Sithole have promised the family of the deceased compensation after her death?

The deceased was shot when police were dispersing a crowd that was engaged in a protest march on January 22, 1996.

Noxolo's aunt Jabulile Mdluli has opened up the wounds of two decades ago, stating that as a family they are still expecting feedback from Sithole concerning the compensation he allegedly promised the Mdluli family.

"(Mr) Sithole was a regular visitor at home ka-Khoza. He would come and engage in meetings with my brother (Noxolo's father). He together with other men whom we were told were also from SFTU promised my brother compensation on what had befallen him. They further urged him not to take compensation from the police," she explained.

She asserted that after the tragedy they were constantly visited by police, and she alleged that they promised to compensate them. However, the SFTU members strongly warned her brother against taking the money. She alluded that SFTU members then distanced themselves from her brother after he constantly asked them to compensate him as they had promised. She said

he kept asking them till he met his death.

She said before he met his death (Noxolo's father), he was not a happy man since nobody from SFTU came forth with new developments on what was happening. She disclosed that they were puzzled as a family to learn in the news that Sithole was now a member of Parliament, working for the same government he spoke negatively about.

"I plead with Sithole to keep his promises. We are still expecting the assistance they promised to render even if it's not in the form of cash, we would appreciate it, as we are now struggling as a family," said Jabulile.

She added that she was now taking care of Noxolo's siblings, some of whom could not finish school after their father passed on.

### Refuted

However, Sithole refuted the claims of responsibility over the young girl's tragic death.

"On the issue of Noxolo Mdluli, may her soul rest in peace, the innocent girl who was shot by the police stray bullet in 1996, SFTU then stood by the family even when government and the traditional structures then harassed the family for allowing SFTU to play a role in the funeral instead of government doing it and deny any harassment at the time," he narrated.

He said it was not true that SFTU committed to compensate the family, saying that compensation in all situations can only come from the perpetrator and not from the sympathiser.

He mentioned that he still had knowledge of the events and in life no compensation that can come from the victim of the same process.

He said SFTU was the target of the dispersal using live rounds of ammunition, "even today we remember Noxolo as a heroin who deserves to be remembered even in the future," he stated.

## SWADEPA slams govt on current labour impasse

**T**he Swaziland Democratic Party (SWADEPA) has urged government to tone down the fighting and threatening tone to employees and focus on how best to solve the problem.

These are the words of SWADEPA President Jan Sithole in an interview with this newspaper. He said they believe that the matter between government and the public servants' associations of the Kingdom of Eswatini could have been handled a lot different than the approach and strategy that the government has opted to use.

He said from day one government did not follow the bargaining rules.

"Bargaining is a give and take exercise. But from day one to the dispute stage, government gave nothing either than the 0.0 per cent and permuted no other options."

He opined that government arrogantly said they must show it where can get the money from? He said that is where the public servants'

associations without hesitation pointed at a variety of financial wastage points and non-priority areas, pointing among other things, the armed forces budget being the highest over that of education. Sithole said they were happy to note that health and agriculture was one area government could save and re-prioritise, and cutting big delegations on ministerial trips. He asserted that the list of suggestions of realisable losses was glaringly clear and government did not do anything about the suggested cost cutting of wastage and extravagance.

Concluding, he said in the case of the on-going impasse; "Workers followed all the lawful steps including the strike action which is a lawful tool used to coerce the other partner to focus on the issue at table, government instead went to court to stop the intended lawful strike which the court did temporarily stop and postponed a date upon which it could be taken but even during that period government came with their zero 0.0% offer," he stated.



**T**he Shiselweni Umhlanga Ceremony held at Mbangweni Royal Residence last weekend saw maidens proudly celebrating their heritage and culture in front of Their Majesties and local and international guests.

Shiselweni Imbali also had the opportunity to dance in front of Their Majesties after delivering the reed the previous day. Led by Princess Temaswati and Indvuna yeMbali Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko, maidens successfully danced to conclude the ceremony.

Eswatini maidens were also joined by maidens from the neighbouring country South Africa. The Zulu maidens also had an opportunity to showcase their dancing skills for Their Majesties and fellow maidens.

His Majesty King Mswati III also took his time to greet the maidens, who screamed and jumped up and down at the sight of His Majesty. Showing the maidens how it is done was Imbali leader Zubuko and KaBhamsakhe leader Bongwiwe 'Vivane' Hlatjwayo.

The two were a marvel on the arena causing Emakhosikati and Emazinyane to stand and appreciate their dancing skills.

Princesses Temaswati, Tiyaanza and Sakhizwe were also a marvel to watch at the ceremony, as they also showcased their skills in front of Their Majesties.

Many were impressed with the skills shown on the day, including South African actress Gugu Gumede from 'Uzalo', who stood up countless times to appreciate the maidens who were dancing in the arena.

Gumede also danced with Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso and Mrs Africa Globe 2019 Lucia Ochan. They all appreciated Imbali by ululating and dancing with them.

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

*(R) Imbali from the Royal family dances up a storm before the throngs of people present during the last day of the Shiselweni Reed Dance Ceremony at Mbangweni Royal Residence last Sunday.*  
(Pics: Simon Shabangu)

## COLOURFUL AND BEAUTIFUL



*Mrs Africa Globe 2019 Lucia Ochan and SA actress Gugu Gumede aka MaMlambo appreciate the Imbali with ICT Minister Princess Sikhanyiso.*



*Imbali at their element at the arena.*



*Uzalo's MaMlambo dances up a storm as another Imbali (r) shows off her dance skills.*



*Princess Sakhizwe was also a marvel to watch. RIGHT - A maiden dances during Sunday's event.*





# SHISELWENI UMHLANGA



Emazinyane Princess Tiyandza and Temaswati lead by example during the song and dance session.



Part of the members of Imbali who were at the reed dance.

LEFT - Imbali enjoys themselves at the arena.



Imbali in song and dance. RIGHT - Imbali from HMCS in an elated mood as they dance up a storm.



A section of the jubilant Imbali from Ngabezweni as they left the arena.



Emazinyane appreciate KaBhamsakhe Imbali leader Bongiwe Hlatjwayo.



Imbali from REPS in a jubilation while HMCS Imbali (r) follows suit.



A maiden dances as these two ladies (l) appreciate other Imbali.





### RAPE VICTIM SPEAKS OUT

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

# WHAT HAPPENED TO HUMANITY?

A fortnight back, I touched on the fact that young people are facing problems and that depression and suicide will continue ruining the future generation if we don't take this issue seriously.

Yesterday, I attended Eswatini 5km Run which held in Manzini.

The race hosted by the Church of the Nazarene is meant to raise funds to assist domestic abuse survivors among other needs, and after the race, two young people came through to give their stories of what they have gone through. I am only sharing this with the hope that it will help get more young people coming out if they're facing this or it will raise awareness and sensitise everyone, making them aware of the reality on the ground.

A 16 year old young lady shared her story on how she was abused by her father for about three to four years, and she couldn't run to anyone as all family members were protecting the perpetrator. Her face and name will be protected.

My major question then comes back, do we even have real men in this day and age? What is wrong with humanity?

#### Missing

If they don't beat women, they rape them? What is going on? What is missing? What's happening? Why so much anger towards women?

What pleasure do you get from seeing another human being suffer? We need to sit-down and discuss this issues, as men because just the other day, I discovered that a colleague of mine had no idea that having sex with your wife, is rape if they haven't consented.

Still on that note, we have to empower women as well. Many young women have been raped and didn't even think of it as such because they blame themselves for 'leading him on' or for 'falsely leading him and giving him ideas, whatever that means!

Women have to know that they don't have to do anything they don't want to do, and that whenever they have been forced to do anything that they didn't have any intention in doing, they should make those people pay, dearly!

As is, it's quite clear that every second girl you meet in the street



#### THE CONFESSION

My father started sexually abusing me when I was in grade six. It was always one thing that pained me and I couldn't even concentrate in class or be like any other normal child after he did it for the first time, but then he never stopped, instead he kept on coming back and this continued for a number of years until I reached Form 1.

I tried to speak out to my uncles, but they also told me to keep mum about it, mainly because it would bring shame to the family and I have to thank my cousin who rescued me from that situation.

My cousin rescued me from my very own father, someone who was

supposed to protect and love me. I don't want to lie, going through this was excruciating and mostly because he would threaten to throw me out of the house if I ever told anyone about it.

I am glad to be here today sharing this story, and I hope that it will touch many of those who are currently being raped who will come out and get help as well.

I am currently undergoing a counselling session.

I would love to thank all of you for coming in their numbers to the 5k race. I am able to go to school because the 5k and I have toiletries and eat food because of people who have come together to make it possible to give hope to children who have gone through what I went

through.

I thank God who touched every person who joins the 5k organisation. Some of us are alive today because of you guys.

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has faced some sort of sexual assault and the worse thing of all is instead of trying to find a solution to this, we as men are

busy making fatuous excuses.

#### Organise

The local 5K Executive Board which organised the race includes

Tokky Hou of Golden Foot Club, Douglas and Margaret Eaton, Reverends Bheki Kunene and Sophie Nkata, and Siza Dlamini,

among others, and will be working hand in hand with government through the Deputy Prime Minister's office to help victims.



## ISTAYELA SYALAHLELA

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

## SiR's Chasing Summer a work of art!

I think I'm happy that I jumped on this album quite late because I'm usually anticipating Top Dawg Entertainment artist releases, not only because I'm a fan of the way Top runs the business in that label, but mostly because of the quality they deliver. Nothing of theirs is ever rushed, and the work always shows.

When this album dropped about two weeks back, I was already occupied with two RnB albums that were on high rotation; Snoh Aalegra's 'Ugh, those feelings again' and Mac Ayres 'JuiceBox'.

For those who aren't aware, TDE is an independent record label that started with a roster of hungry, West side rappers, namely; Kendrick Lamar (who was only 15 at the time), ScHoolboy Q, Ab-Soul, and Jay Rock, who all blossomed from underground beginnings to become renowned rap stars.

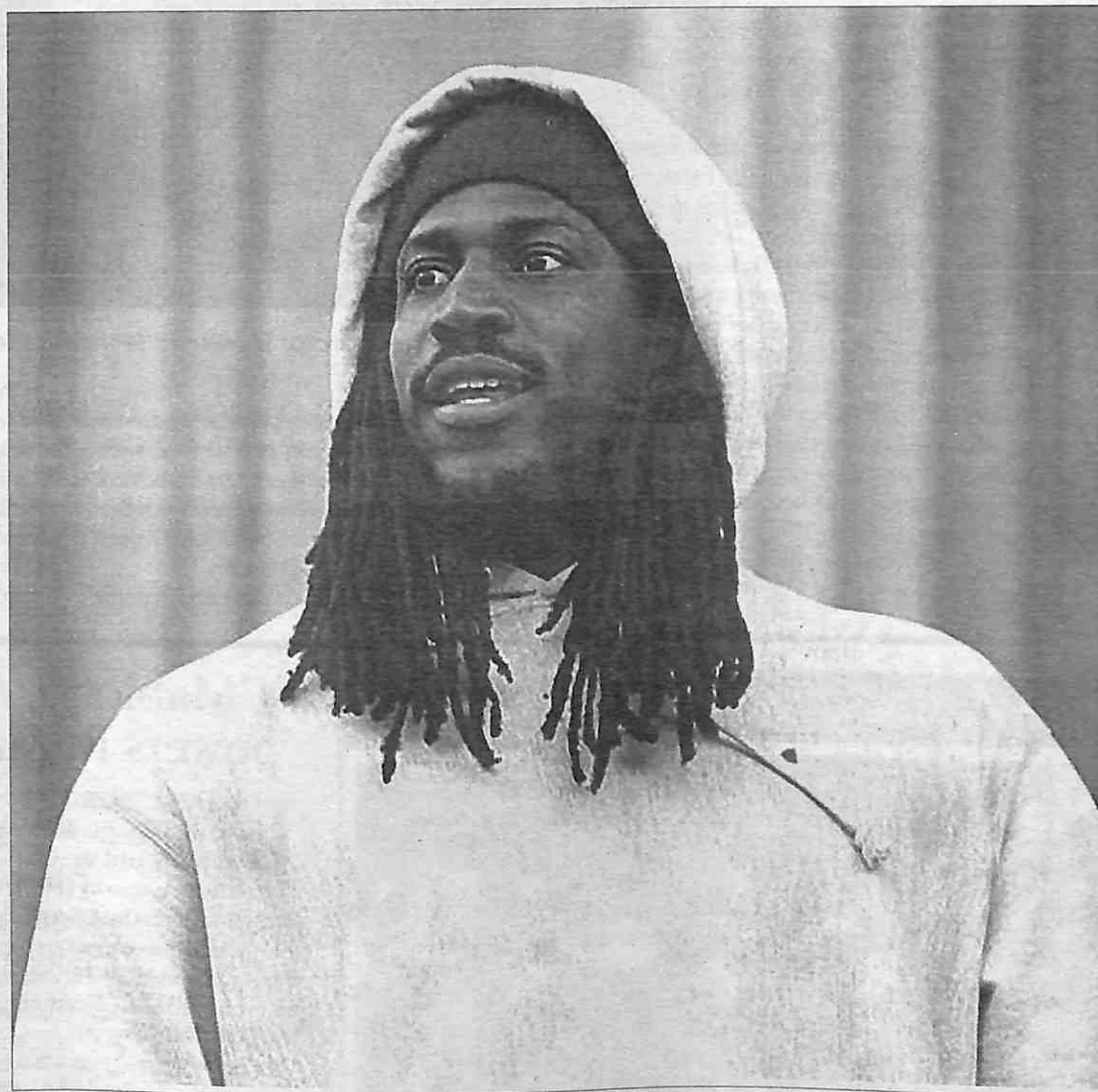
Kendrick Lamar is arguably the best rapper in the world right now, Jay Rock won a Grammy, ScHoolboy Q dropped an amazing album, and although Ab-Soul has been away, he has dropped projects that still cement his name in rap.

Over the years, they have grown and it was about four years ago when they added rapper Isaiah Rashad and songstress SZA to the label and the two have also held their own, both of them having dropped projects that have put them on as established artists in the industry.

This of course then adds pressure of course to any new signees, because it is prestigious to be under the TDE wing and it comes with a high bar of expectation. This is why I was finally excited to get the album this past week, because since he joined the gang in 2017, he had released a few singles, where I was just taken by his distinctive song writing and his captivating voice.

Now, because of my obsession with trying to find out how musicians make money through music in this age, I learnt that earlier this year, SiR followed in SZA's footsteps by signing a joint record deal with TDE and major label RCA. Now this is a Sony Music Entertainment-owned label, so I knew that this album had paired with a machine that is filled with experience and knowledge of the industry, so with SiR's talent, I knew that they would work on a solid project, plus Top wouldn't just let anything slide.

'Chasing Summer' doesn't aim to be a blockbuster, rather the TDE signee focuses on relatability. He sings of romance and relationships not as a love guru, but as a thoughtful witness who knows the words and tones to translate situations into accessible songs. At best, you feel SiR. At worst, you know someone who will. SiR is the everyman romantic, and women are a source of pleasure and pain the poison and the antidote and he tailors this gentle affec-



tion to the album's sweet production.

He also has a stellar guest feature line-up which has Jill Scott, Kendrick Lamar, Sabrina Claudio, Smino and Lil Wayne. I love everything about this album, I can't even get myself over it at the moment. From his vocals and the way they're mixed to the pro-

duction value, 'Chasing Summer' is as radiant as they come.

This is not an album where you should expect radio bangers or earth-stopping. This is a collection of real life experiences. SiR knows for a fact that he is a good singer-songwriter, and 'Chasing Summer' has announced his arrival to the world with the

prospects of leaving a legacy.

## FAVOURITE JAMS

● 'That's Why I Love You' ft. Sabrina Claudio - 9/10

What a build-up leading to drums. Man, this is such a pure R&B album. SiR isn't trying to lean into any hip-

hop aesthetics, nor is Chasing Summer touched by any pop influences. I commend his consistency. The passion in his voice. This might be my favourite beat in the album, and the feature is with Sabrina and she sounds excellent. Such a sweet, sensual voice. The tempo is great for the two. Duet pre-hook and they kill it, nothing feels forced. SiR's second verse goodness gracious! This personally is my best record in the album.

● 'La Lisa' ft. Smino - 8/10

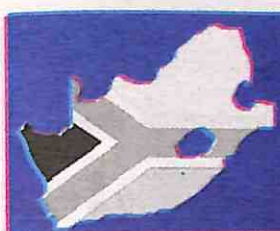
Once again, wonderful pacing, and he has picked a feature of a personal favourite of mine as feature in Smino who has body bagged everything he's been on this year. Once again, the production takes me with its sweet groovy chord progression.

Smino gets in and their voices are compatible Smino has been on a nice feature run this year, as I mentioned and he delivers a strong verse again with this out of this world flow. Sharp and witty writing, which shows where he originates from. The departing sound is that of a young lady roasting SiR. "What does he mean he is the best RnB singer, he can't even move like Usher." A great skit which is placed perfectly.

● Hair Down ft Kendrick Lamar - 8/10

SiR's vocal linger above beats as if it's untouched by gravity, and without even hearing K. Dot's verse, I see why this record was selected as the first single. Kendrick is rapping, and this makes you realise that we haven't heard from him in a long time, so it's quite enjoyable to hear him. His voice sounds a bit deeper than I remember. He isn't overwhelming and he does a lot in a small space, of time and the song is enjoyable.





## Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

### Xenophobia denialists should be held culpable

**JOHANNESBURG** - By insisting that the recent violence was 'just crime' and blaming migrants for our ill, politicians and commentators spread the hate that sparks pogroms.

After two weeks of xenophobic violence in which 12 people were killed, the South African government and much of the political elite have again denied that the violence was xeno-

phobic, maintaining a stance employed after the worst outbreak of xenophobic violence in May 2008.

#### Denied

Former president Thabo Mbeki famously denied that the violence then was xenophobic, insisting it was 'naked criminal activity'. More than 60 people were killed in what many described at the time as 'pogroms'. But Mbeki,

who has a sorry history of denialism, said: "What happened during those days was not inspired by possessed nationalism, or extreme chauvinism, resulting in our communities violently expressing the hitherto unknown sentiments of mass and mindless hatred of foreigners - xenophobia." Xenowatch, which monitors xenophobic attacks in South Africa, has collected data on

more than 300 xenophobic murders since 2006, but cautioned that the numbers were likely much higher because of under-reporting.

#### Outbreak

Following the latest outbreak of xenophobic violence in the first two weeks of September 2019, ministers and other politicians toed the same line - the violence wasn't xenophobic but mere

criminality. This despite copious evidence that the people organising and carrying out the violence have explicitly presented their actions in xenophobic terms.

Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula insisted the violence wasn't xenophobic after she briefed the justice and security cluster ministers in Parliament following the 12 murders. "South Africa is not a xenophobic country," she insisted. *Citizen*

### EFF threaten court action on Parliament committee

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), through its lawyers, have written to the speaker of Parliament for a second time requesting that a joint standing committee on intelligence be established.

In the letter, penned by the party's lawyers, the EFF claims that should Parliament fail to do so by September 27, they 'will have no alternative but to approach the High Court of South Africa for a relevant order compelling Parliament to constitute same and seek punitive costs against the Speaker.'

#### Development

The party said that this was in light of 'developments in the country involving our intelligence divisions and services', including the xenophobic attacks, the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) deployment to the Cape Flats, as well as the Public Protector's South African Revenue Service report.

The EFF further cited constitutional obligations placed on Parliament to hold the executive accountable.

"Section 55(2) of the Constitution clearly states that, 'in exercising its legislative power, the National Assembly must provide for mechanisms a) to ensure that all the executive organs of state in the national sphere of government are accountable to it, and b) to maintain oversight of any organ of the state.' They add, "The establishment of a Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence (JSCI) is one such important mechanism to hold the state and its intelligence divisions accountable."

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## Parliament pondering rules on removal of Public Protector

**JOHANNESBURG** - Political parties are proposing that an independent panel should consider prima facie evidence on whether a public protector is fit to hold office.

This would also apply to heads of other Chapter 9 institutions, including the Auditor-General. Parliament's currently considering rules for dealing with the removal of heads of democracy-building institutions. It comes in light of calls from the DA for Busisiwe Mkhwebane to be removed as Public Protector.

#### Believes

The DA believes Busisiwe Mkhwebane is not fit to hold the office of Public Protector. But Parliament has no rules in place to deal with a process for removal.

Political parties appear to be in agreement that the Speaker should appoint an independent panel to consider any evidence.

"This is important because before any deliberations starts in the house, before any reflection on the office bearer, this independent panel must say there's a prima facie case to answer, so you then remove frivolous cases brought against heads of chapter 9 institutions," said DA Chief Whip John Steenhuisen.

Based on the panel's findings, the ANC says Parliament is well placed to take the matter



SA Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

further.

"As Parliament we are empowered to do our work. We are well equipped to deal with inquiries, so that is why a committee of Parliament will be the right mechanism to deal with this matter with the necessary support," said Deputy ANC Chief Whip Doris Dlakude.

Although the committee was at pains to point

out that it wasn't formulating these rules to deal with a specific individual, the IFP wanted to set the record straight on a potential point of conflict.

Parliament's legal services will now draft definitions for what constitutes misconduct, incapacity and incompetence, before the matter is considered again. *eNCA*

### Ramaphosa apologised to Zim because he 'felt their pain'

**JOHANNESBURG** - President Cyril Ramaphosa has revealed that he recently felt hurt when he was booed at the late Zimbabwean former president's memorial service in Harare.

The incident occurred last weekend in the presence of a number of his African counterparts as he started his speech in a stadium packed with about 40 000 mourners.

#### Expressed

"They all collectively expressed their unhappiness about my presence there," he said.

The president told thousands of ANC supporters who packed the Pietermaritzburg City Hall on Friday for his memorial lecture on Mugabe that he understood that the anger of the Zimbabweans was caused by attacks on foreign nationals in South Africa.

"They were expressing it because of what some of their own nationals, our own brothers and sisters from Zimbabwe



President Cyril Ramaphosa at an ANC KwaZulu-Natal memorial service for late former Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe.

had been subjected to here in South Africa, and they expressed that unhappiness and I felt it.

"I felt that at that particular moment it was necessary to engage with our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe by saying I

regret what has happened, and I also apologised," he said.

Ramaphosa said while other South Africans supported his apology, others condemned him for that.

*ENCA*

### 'Mahlobo, Abrahams abused powers in Zuma poisoning case'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former state security minister David Mahlobo and ex-National Prosecution Authority (NPA) head Shaun Abrahams have been dragged into the drawn-out tensions between former president Jacob Zuma and his estranged wife, Nompumelelo Ntuli-Zuma.

For years, Ntuli-Zuma was accused of poisoning her husband with the help of foreign intelligence agencies.

But the NPA has declined to prosecute, saying there was no evidence of any poisoning.

The former first lady's lawyers have now pointed fingers at Mahlobo and Abrahams, accusing them of abusing their positions in the matter. It was the former state security minister who confirmed that

Zuma had been poisoned and then received treatment in Russia.

Ntuli-Zuma was labelled the prime suspect.

She was swiftly taken out of her marital home in Nkandla, and spent at least four years with the allegations hanging over her head.

Her lawyer Ulrich Roux said there was no shred of evidence to suggest the former president was poisoned - least of all by his client.

"The entire charge was, in my view, politically fueled trumped up charge and one can only point a finger at the head of the NPA at the time as well as the minister of state security. It's an absolute abuse of their position."

Roux said Ntuli-Zuma may sue the state for damages.

*ENCA*



A full-page photograph of a woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a black coat and boots, posing in a field. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and foliage.

# SundayObserver Scene

BECOMING A MODEL

A BASIC GIRL  
WHO LOVES  
CLOTHES  
AND STYLE

I'VE BEEN A  
MODEL SINCE  
BIRTH - SPHA





## EDITOR'S NOTE:

It is usually easy to want to become something when you do not know what is needed to achieve it.

This week, we look at the art of modelling.

It may look as simple as posing but it is very tricky and needs hard work and dedication.

On pages 2-3 we focus on helping you follow the correct steps on becoming a model. We give you the low down on what to do if you want to pursue modelling as a career.

There are certain things one needs to learn and understand in order to become a model, especially if you want to get paid for it. In all honesty, not everyone can become a model, yes some people learn how to become a model and some people are just born with it, but learning to become a model is possible.

Read through and get some of the best tips of becoming a model.

We also talk to Lusanda Nxumalo, a former model, who tells us about her experiences as a model. She also tells us how the industry has changed her life. Nxumalo shares a few words of encouragement to upcoming models.

On pages 4-5 we speak to models with the passion for the art. Sakhile Simelane and Sphamandla Msibi tell us about their experiences as models.

Sakhile discovered that she might have a modelling talent in 2016, to be precise. She used to get a lot of positive feedback from the general public about the pictures she would publish on her social media profiles.

Initially though, she never appreciated being labeled as a model because of certain stereotypical assumptions and that she wasn't sure if it really was her passion or it was just a phase in her life.

Sphamandla, on the other hand was skeptical about being a model. He believes in himself although he once thought he wouldn't make it in the industry, but instead Sphamandla believed in himself and is proud to say he is his own role model in modelling.

Read through and get to know both models and what their aspirations are in the industry. If you want to become a model, we hope this issue inspires you to pursue your dreams.

*Till next week,  
Enjoy the read.*



# MY CAMERA AND I ARE

Lusanda Nxumalo who has been in the modelling industry feels her career was short lived more than anything.

However, she enjoyed it, because she says she is best friends with her the camera. She never misses an opportunity to take new pictures, especially when she is wearing a new outfit.

"I would say the industry now is more open and inclusive in the sense that clients are more open-minded to working with models that are 'different'.

This includes working with women with



tattoos, body marks and scars and of course more recently plus sized women," she said.

Photography has also expanded

in terms of quality with more photographers now taking their craft more seriously.

The rise of social media has also

## PERKS OF BEING A MODEL



Following is everything you need to know about a career as a model with lots of details.

As a first step, take a look at some of the following jobs, which are real jobs with real employers. You will be able to see the very real job career requirements for employers who are actively hiring.

Models pose for artists, photographers, or customers to help advertise a variety of products, including clothing, cosmetics, food and appliances. Models also work as a fit or fitting model, enabling the manufacturer or fashion designer to achieve the best fit for new styles.

### Duties of models

Models typically do the following:

- Display clothing and merchandise in print and online advertisements
- Promote products and services in television commercials
- Wear designers' clothing for runway fashion shows
- Represent companies and brands at con-

ventions, trade shows and other events

- Pose for photos, paintings or sculptures
- Work closely with photographers, hair and clothing stylists, makeup artists and clients to produce a desired look
- Create and maintain a portfolio of their work
- Travel to meet and interview with potential clients
- Conduct research on the product being promoted—for example, the designer or type of clothing fabric
- Answer questions from consumers about the products

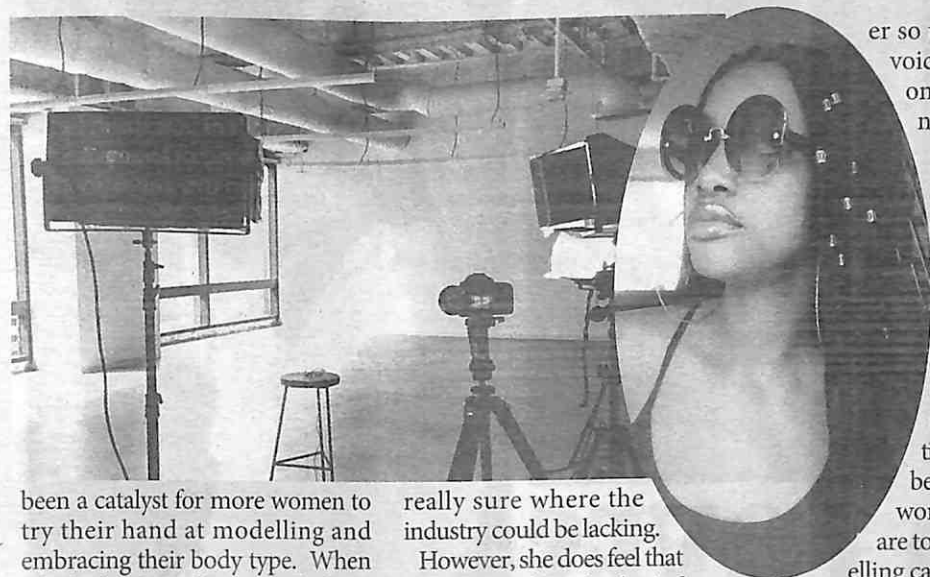
Almost all models sign with modelling agencies. Agencies represent and promote a model to clients in return for a portion of the model's earnings.

Models typically apply for a position with an agency by submitting their photographs





# THE BEST OF FRIENDS



er so that they may have a voice and be able to help one another in times of need.

Her advice to someone who would like to enter the modelling industry is that "I would say they must do their research first and go for it.

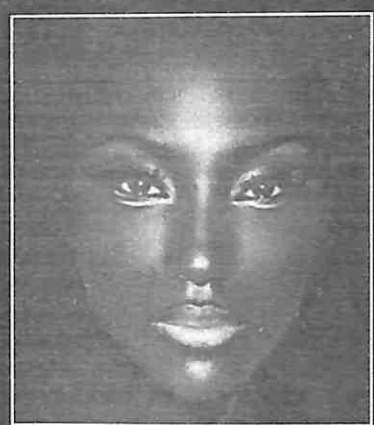
They must however realise that there are also greater opportunities abroad and they must be prepared to put in the work and sacrifice if they are to succeed in their modelling careers, she shared.

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been a catalyst for more women to try their hand at modelling and embracing their body type. When asked what the industry was lacking, she said she hasn't really focused on modelling in a while, so she is not

really sure where the industry could be lacking.

However, she does feel that women working in the industry should know their worth and create a support structure for one another.



through its website or by attending open casting calls and meeting with agents directly.

Models must research an agency before signing, in order to ensure that the agency has a good reputation in the modelling industry. For information on agencies, models should contact a local consumer affairs organisation.

Some freelance models do not sign with agencies. Instead, they market themselves to potential clients and apply for modelling jobs directly. However, because most clients prefer to work with agents, it is difficult for new models to pursue a freelance career.

Models must put together and maintain up-to-date portfolios and composite cards. A portfolio is a collection of a model's previous work. A composite card contains the best photographs from a model's portfolio, along with his or her body measurements. Both portfolios and composite cards are typically taken to all casting calls and client auditions. Because advertisers often need to target specific segments of the population, models may specialise in a certain area. For example, petite and plus-size fashions are modeled by women whose sizes are respectively smaller and larger than that worn by the typical model.

Models with disability may be used to

model fashions or products for consumers with disabilities. 'Parts' models have a body part, such as a hand or foot, particularly well-suited to model products such as nail polish or shoes.

Models appear in different types of media to promote a product or service. Models advertise products and merchandise in magazine or newspaper advertisements, department store catalogs, or television commercials. Increasingly, models are appearing in online ads or on retail websites. Models also pose for sketch artists, painters, and sculptors.

Models often participate in photo shoots and pose for photographers to show off the features of clothing and other products. Models change their posture and facial expressions to capture the look the client wants. The photographer usually takes many pictures of the model in different poses and expressions during the photo shoot.

Models also display clothes and merchandise live in different situations. At fashion shows, models stand, turn, and walk to show off clothing to an audience of photographers, journalists, designers, and garment buyers. Other clients may require models to interact directly with customers. In retail establishments and department stores, models display clothing directly to shoppers and describe the fea-

tures and prices of the merchandise. At trade shows or conventions, models show off a business' products and provide information to consumers. These models may work alongside demonstrators and product promoters to help advertise and sell merchandise.

Models often prepare for photo shoots or fashion shows by having their hair and makeup done by professionals in those industries. The hairstylists and makeup artists may touch up the model's hair and makeup and change the model's look throughout the event. However, models are sometimes responsible for applying their own makeup and bringing their own clothing.



## BECOMING A MODEL: EASY STEPS

A lot of people want to be models because it looks glamorous and lucrative, I mean just pose and get money, right?

Well it is not that easy, being a model is a discipline. There are certain things one needs to learn and understand in order to become a model, especially if you want to get paid for it. In all honesty, not everyone can become a model, yes some people learn how to become a model while some people are just born with it, but learning to become a model is possible. The modelling industry is extremely competitive and it is filled with rejection, but successful models spend their time doing something that they love. Knowing what to expect when entering the world of modelling can help prepare you to become a model. According to my research these are the things one should do to become a model.

### 1. Mastering the basics of modelling

Be healthy inside. Eat and drink healthy foods and get plenty of exercise. Having a healthy body will help you look your best.

Fitness is important. Consider working with a trainer who works specifically with models. Tell him about your modelling goals and how you want to look, and ask for a tailored exercise regimen that will support those goals.

Eat right. Contrary to what some people tell you, you should eat healthy foods, as well as healthy amounts of food. Veggies, fruit, whole grains, healthy fats, and proteins should make up the basics of your diet. Sugars, starches, empty carbohydrates, and unhealthy fats should be avoided as much as possible.

Be sure to drink a lot of water. Avoid sodas (even diet sodas) and minimise your alcohol intake.

### 2. Maintain your appearance.

Take care to make yourself look healthy and well-groomed. What you wear and how you carry yourself are important as well, but you should have a routine that supports the health of your skin and hair. Focus on keeping your skin clear and glowing. Wash your face in the morning and at night, exfoliate once a week, and remember to wash your makeup off before you go to sleep.

Keep your hair shiny and healthy. Some agencies and managers prefer the 'natural greasy look,' so it may be okay if you prefer to minimise shower.

### 3. Match your modelling goals to your body type

Technically, anybody can be a model. However, if you don't meet certain requirements, the work available to you will be incredibly limited or you may have to compensate in other areas (reliability, technique.)

**A plus-sized model:** If your body is full and curvaceous, you may be able to be a plus size model.

**A runway model:** Most women

on the catwalk are at least 5'8 and commonly small-breasted. Men are mostly between 5'11 and 6'2.

**A print model:** Most editorial female models are at least 5'7, but a beautiful face with great personality are the most important features for print models.

**An underwear model:** For women, this requires large breasts but small hips. For men, this requires broad shoulders but slim waists.

**An alternative model:** Some agencies hire alternative models: models who do not conform to the industry "standards" of beauty, height, and weight. Additionally, having a specific passion or cause that you're working towards can help open doors that may be closed due based on a body feature that does not "fit industry standards".

**Other types of modelling:** If you don't fit any of the face or body descriptions, perhaps you can be a foot, hair, or hand

### 4. Consider situational modeling

If you do not think the runway or magazines are the place for you, look into other types of modeling. Companies use models for special events or to promote specific products. There are fewer restrictions on body type and more emphasis on personality for these modeling jobs.

**A promotional model:** Some companies want their customer base to interact directly with models who are generally attractive with likable personalities to promote their brand.

You may see these models in grocery stores, events, or clubs promoting things like food, liquor, or new products.

**A spokes model:** Spokes models are hired to be consistently associated with a specific brand. Contrary to popular thought, spokes models don't always have to verbally promote the brand.

**A trade show model:** This type of model is hired by companies or brands to advertise to attendees at a trade show tent or booth. These models are typically not employed by the company but hired as 'freelance' models for the event.

### 5. Consider your 'look'

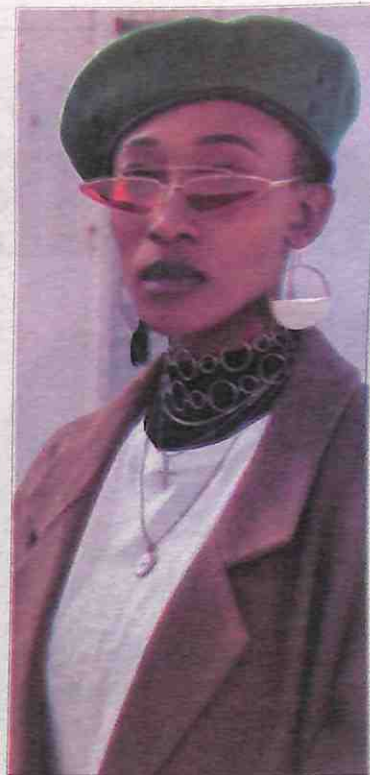
The look that you communicate can be made up of both your body type and your style. There is more of a curvy California look, a svelte and sophisticated New York look, a waif-like European look, and a boy- or girl-next-door look. Know what you're equipped with, but also try to pull off other looks.

### 6. Do not be shy.

You will have to promote yourself and look for opportunities to step up and prove your abilities. Standing back and being "polite" will not get you where you are going. Be yourself, let your personality shine, and have a confident attitude. If you don't feel confident, fake it; modeling often requires acting skill as well!

BY PHETSILE MAMBA





# A BASIC GIRL WHO LOVES CLOTHES AND STYLE



The beautiful Sakhile Simelane who is a model in the kingdom thinks her love for fashion is what steered her towards modeling. "I just enjoyed dressing up and taking 'cool' pictures, and then that naturally transitioned into my love for modeling," she said.

When it comes to modeling agencies, she wouldn't know much because she has never been signed with one really. She has been managing herself since she began about 3-4 years ago.

She is however in the works of scouting (internationally) for any agency that she thinks would represent her the way that she sees fit. Sakhile discovered that she might have a modeling talent in 2016 to be precise. She used to get a lot of positive feedback from the general public about the pictures she would publish on her social media profiles. Initially though, she never appreciated being labeled as a model because of certain stereotypical assumptions and that she wasn't really sure if it really was her passion or it was just a phase.

As time went on she however embraced the title and made sure to represent it in a way that she wants to be addressed irrespective of any stereotypes people might have.

And with the amount of time

and effort she puts in it, it sunk in that modeling really is what she passionate about, and she does believe that she has the talent.

"My proudest moments come after every photo shoot I have. When it comes to my work, I (together with the photographer) usually try to make sure that the latest shoot should be better than the last one we had, so I think Everytime I get the results, I do see the growth and that's what makes me happy and proud," Simelane mentioned.

She has been a model for about 3-4 years, but to be precise, three years. This is because four years ago, She had not really accepted the 'model' title because of reasons she has already stated, but 3 years ago (2016) was when she truly embraced her passion and didn't flinch. Every time she was being called a model.

Simelane's journey as a model has been bumpy, according to her. There are so many resources that she needs that she hasn't acquired yet. Also, it's extremely difficult to score a modeling gig in Eswatini because of reasons that are a topic for another day. She strongly believes that for as long as one puts in effort and hard work in a particular course, there definitely will be results at the end of the day depending on how hard one pushes. The harder she pushes, the more intense the effect will be. She says this bumpy road is her season of acquiring lessons and some thick skin in the industry.

Sakhile thinks the modeling industry in the country doesn't even exist to be quite honest. If it exists, it's extremely weak. She also thinks that modeling has been confined into one small category, which is pageant modeling (e.g. Miss Eswatini, Miss Tourism and more) in Eswatini. According to her observations however, this may be a result of the fact that it's kind of relatively new in the country. Eswatini is more familiar with pageants than it is with fashion modeling, so there's still a lot of awareness and

proposing that needs to be done in order for us to finally have an actual modeling industry. She added that there's an awareness that needs to be spread about it to educate the country (especially the youth) about the fashion and modeling industry as well as some careers that it may entail. Another issue is that she thinks actual models should be hired for modeling jobs, but the reality in Eswatini is that the issue of convenience is at the forefront.

For instance, if a certain company wants to market its product and they need a face for it, it's easier and more convenient for them to pick out anyone from their list of employees (or anyone they know who isn't necessarily a model) to do the job. This then results to models never getting gigs and staying jobless. At this point and rate, she is not even sure about what can be done or if anything can even be done, it's just a sad reality. Sakhile thinks what holding the country back in most cases the attitudes that people have. She does not know how many times she has had to write down proposals and presentations about ideas that she thought the country would jump at, but attitudes are just there, stagnant and stationary, especially our elders.

It's harder for them to understand and relate to some things because they already have certain attitudes and their own truths, myths and misconceptions about certain things, and it's even more difficult to change someone's mindset, especially if they're older. So until our attitudes change, she believes nothing will in terms of the modeling industry.

"Sakhile Simelane behind the scenes is a basic girl who loves clothes and style. I am generally nice to people even though I don't seem welcoming. I am a goofball when I'm with my friends or just people I'm comfortable around," she shared.

BY PHETSILE MAMBA



# I'VE BEEN A MODEL SINCE BIRTH - SPHA

Eswatini model Siphamandla Msibi, famously known as Pamo says because modelling is about being confident, was what made him even more interested in the art.

Modeling is about natural beauty which comes with accepting yourself and being content with how you look without the need of anyone's approval.

He knows he is handsome and he has the body that says "you are a model". Simbagazo, a SA model, has always inspired him to join modelling.

He believes in himself, although he once thought he wouldn't make it in the industry because he lives with albinism but instead Sphamandla saw himself in him and proud to say he is his role model in modelling.

The standard of the dress code got Sphamandla hyped up because he loves looking good and it makes him feel good. He also enjoys taking pictures and this is an everyday thing in modelling.

To know that a modeling agency is legit, you have to be certain of who you are working with since there's a lot of scams. Your agent should be registered and it is your responsibility to go through their previous work, check their achievements, negative publicity if any and get as much information as you can about the agency. A formality in the form of a contract should be provided so you abide by it and it should also give you leverage on the agent you are working with.

It's not easy to discover your own talent when you have not been exposed to that

one thing that will make you realise you always had it.

"Making it to the finalists in the pageant I entered unfolded my talent and continuously modelling every day is not a struggle and I keep falling in love with it. Getting compliments from my fellow contestants gave me certainty to know I am talented in this.

"First time I walked on the ramp, I was already made an example to those I was competing with and till today my confidence keeps escalating," Sphamandla shared.

Him being selected as a finalist gives him the courage to introduce himself as a model and that on its own is a title he is proud of.

As a model, you're supposed to dress well, he is proud of his efforts, the hard work he puts in the gym because he makes the clothes look good instead of the clothes making him look good.

Whenever we go for a photo-shoot Sphamandla makes the person behind the camera proud.

After being asked how long he has been a model, he said he has been a model his whole life, just that he was not exposed to the industry and have experience as an official model.

"I am happy to say I'm still fresh in the industry as this is the beginning of my modelling career. Every journey has its own ups and downs, but I have been keeping my head up high and not losing focus. It is a journey that requires time, dedication, working hard, perseverance and consistently," he added.

He said it is all about believing through yourself and that has kept him walking in this journey and proud to say it is a journey he enjoys and appreciate. "The industry is still growing and we can make it to the top. Emaswati mahle futsi ayatimisela. Being the small country that we are, we can rule the industry and be the leading country the world over. This can all be achieved through our dedication and giving it more attention," Sphamandla suggested.

"The Eswatini modelling industry needs to gather information and teach our youth and our parents about modelling and what it entails. We also need to seek assistance from our neighbouring countries who are making it in the industry. Getting sponsors and investors would take the industry to the next level. Giving it more attention would also

improve it. His option on how the industry works was that we lack knowledge and we have little information on what modelling is about and resources to get into the industry. A model can be anyone regardless of how they look complexion wise. We are also missing the concept that it is not only for people with light weight but also for plus size weighted people as well.

Moreover, we come from different backgrounds and that on its own can be a factor due to the fact that most of our parents are old fashioned and see modelling as a non-appealing career because most of the time we get to expose our bodies, which I fathom is actually a way of showing that you are proud and not ashamed of the way you are. Lastly, as much as you can make it in the industry, keeping up with it requires a lot from you, confidence alone will not keep you, so people tend to lose themselves in the process.

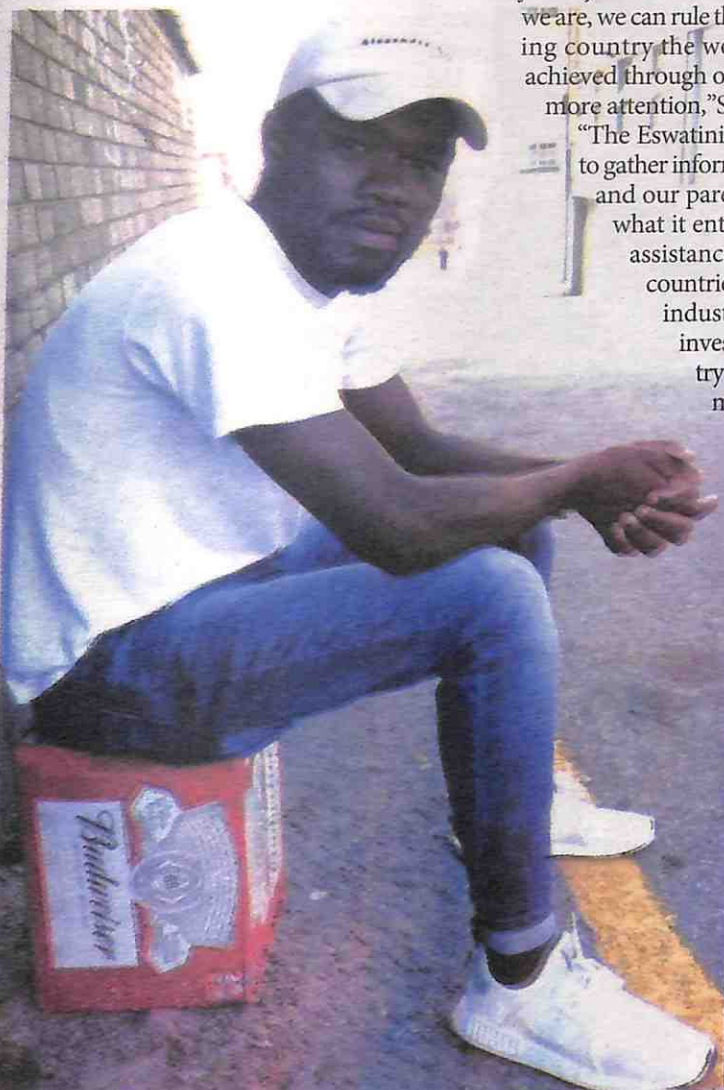
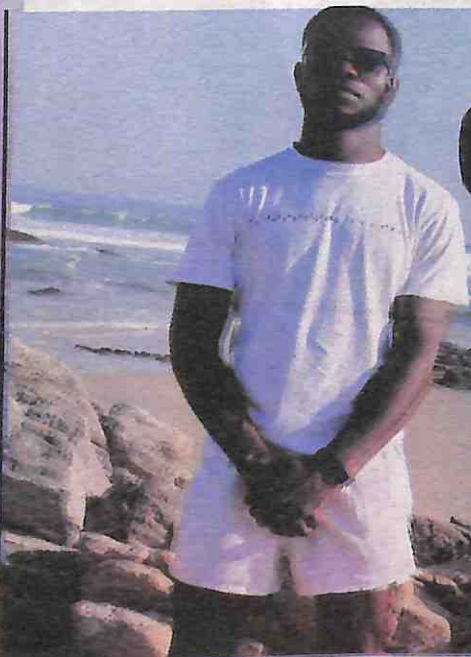
Msibi added that modelling is a profession which he approaches professionally.

Sphamandla behind the scenes is how he conducts himself otherwise in everything that he does he stays true to himself.

"First and foremost, I love myself and it helps me to show love to others because I believe everything starts within you. I am a humble person but you only get to see that side of me when I start a conversation with you, otherwise my matured face would intimidate you sometimes. I prefer doing to others what I would accept when done to me.

I approach every new day with a positive mind, learning from yesterday's setbacks, challenges and achievements to command my tomorrow into existence through faith and deeds and live today to the fullest because the next second is never guaranteed. I am still pursuing my degree at the Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, studying towards a BSc Construction Economics: Quantity Surveying with Financial and Business Management and God permitting, I will complete it in record time and continue keeping on until I leave a legacy behind, which will be an inspiration and motivation to most and envy to those who aren't content," Msibi telling us about himself behind the scenes.

BY PHETSILE MAMBA





# UNDERSTANDING PORTFOLIOS AND AGENCIES

**T**ake photographs for your portfolio. You should include professional-looking headshots: shots of you up close without a lot of makeup and on a plain background.

You should shoot them in nice natural light (but not direct sunlight) without a lot of distraction in the photos. These are meant for agencies to get a look at you in a raw state.

Consider a head shot, a body shot, and profile shots.

The most important thing to communicate in a portfolio is that you are able to present a range of "characters" and looks.

## 2. Image titled Become

### a Model Step 10

Consider getting some professional photos taken. Though professional photography can be expensive, it can make the difference between being passed over and getting an interview.

Think of professional photography as a worthwhile investment in your career!

Get your favorite professional shots printed into 8x10s. Save these in case you are asked to leave a photograph before or after an interview.

If you've got enough good professional photos, consider compiling them into a portfolio. Bring this portfolio with you to castings or agencies.

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## Image titled Become a Model Step 11

Take your measurements and know your stats. This information can help modeling agencies place you. Knowing the information off the top of your head will help you seem professional when you are speaking with an agency or potential client.

The most basic measurements to know are your height, weight, and shoe size.

You should also know your clothing measurements such as dress size, hip, waist, chest/bust, etc.

Your personal stats include information such as hair color, eye color, and skin tone.

## 4. Image titled Become a Model Step 12

Visit a modeling

agency. Almost every major city has multiple modeling agencies, and almost every agency has "open-calls" where they look for new talent.

Bring your photographs and/or portfolio.

Be sure to have your (accurate) measurements as well.

You may be asked to walk or pose for a headshot or other photos during an open call interview.

If an agency rejects you, don't get disheartened; often an agency is looking for a diverse set of models, so you may just not fit their model lineup right now.

## 5. Be wary of scams.

Try to research the reputation of a modeling agency prior to an open call or interview. Too many people don't know about the business and end up getting conned.

The agency will charge you a commission when you model, but shouldn't get much up front. If they ask for hundreds of dollars from you before you do any work, walk away.

BY PHETSILE MAMBA





# BEAT ON BEATS WITH MDUBASA

## DJ PARIS CORNER



## MISTOSOUL'S 'LIVE IN CONCERT' LEAVES FANS DROOLING FOR MORE



Zama 'Mistosoul' Ntshalintshali on the decks. This was during the Mistosoul Live In Concert with a 10 piece band held at Cafe Mogambo at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha.



Back-up singers Nontobeko Mbingo, Avuyile Dlamini and Thobi Dlamini gave their all during the show.



Ear Candy's DJ MBO took over from the Live Band and kept everyone on their feet with his dance selection tunes.



DJ/Producer Slotta was also spotted at the event.



Mzwaa came right on time to experience the talent during the event.



Brothers in the industry; Beats & Bass's Katz, Village Vanguard's Ipileng, Msakri and Kelvin of The Groove Basement came through to support Misto.



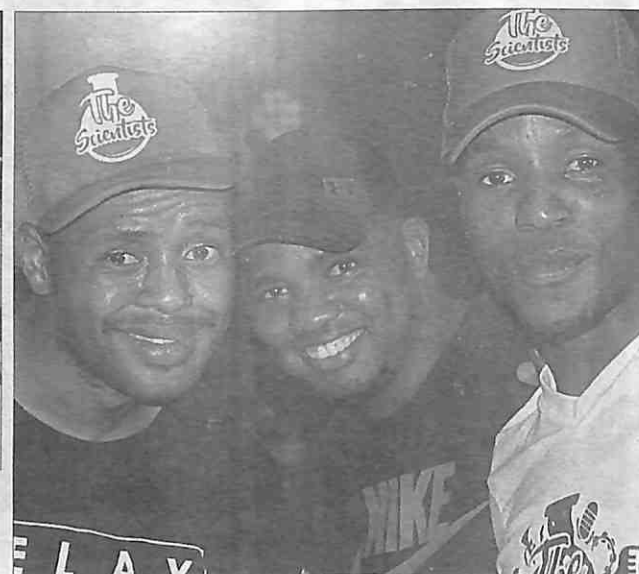
Alexander James was a marvel to watch, performing tracks such as 'Golden Lady' and 'Masquerade', a track he collaborated with Black Coffee.



An excited Mxolisi Dlamini having fun during the concert.



DJ ZuluD and songbird Lomasoul were amongst the artists who showed their love and support.



Sam of The Scientists poses with friends.



# PINKY GLOVER'S BARBIE 40<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

**F**ashionista, stylist and business woman Pinky Glover celebrated her 40th birthday in style at the MTN Golf Park last Saturday. The party was themed 'Barbie' and everyone came looking all sorts of stylish. Family and

friends made sure to stick to the theme to celebrate the birthday girl. The theme was inspired by the famous Barbie doll and of course the birthday girl's name. A party fit for a fashionista, the décor and cake also made the event come together beautifully.

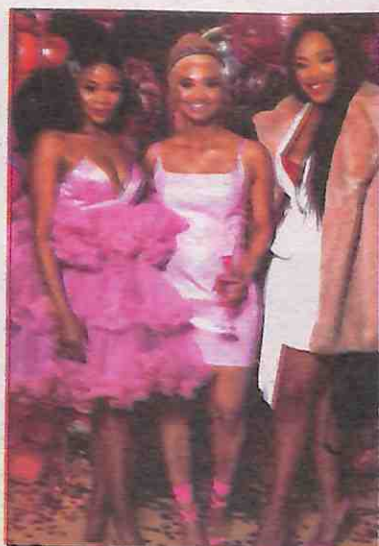
BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE



Pinky Glover smiles as she poses at her 40th birthday celebration held at MTN Golf Park in Ezulwini last Saturday.



The birthday girl had a change of outfits during the night.



Pinky with her friends Jojo and Nomvuyo.



Pinky with her cousin Futhi and aunt Phindile.



Pinky Glover with her friends all looked stunning in pink.



Pinky poses with her friends Denise, Susan and Khanyi after an outfit change.



Pinky smiles as her friends Sengetile and Ceebo join her for a picture.



Pinky's sister Fiso and cousins Futhi, Pinkie and Sibongile could not miss out on the party.



Cindy and Lwazi pose with the birthday girl.



Pinky with the party planner Voe Mook.



Pinky pose with Phylicia Augusta.



Cousins Hlengwa Manzini and Bandile Nkosi pose with the special lady.



# Analysis & opinion

## Speaking in tongues



Mbongeni Mbingo

Long before Mandvulo Dlamini could stride through the crowd at Sibaya to be crowned the country's prime minister, there was a collective understanding that the country was headed for tough times, as well as that we needed a breath of fresh air.

There was also a collective understanding that the economy had contracted, and that there needed some very strong decisions to be taken going forward.

Many who answered the summons to Sibaya and who took part in the somewhat pleasing surprise by Ingwenyama to deliberate on the next move and candidate ideal for the challenge that lay ahead, were adamant that there was a need to be brave in the appointment of a new prime minister - a candidate many would have wanted to be younger and energetic to turn the tide around.

### Open secret

It is, therefore an open secret that the country has been on this downward turn for a while. In fact, I seem to recall the former Prime Minister Barnabas Dlamini saying that he feared for the next prime minister, when talking about the state of the economy.

So, for three days, those who went to Sibaya for submissions, and those who were fortunate enough to get the opportunity to present before the Nation, were thrilled at the choice of Prime Minister, even if the choice was somewhat unexpected if not much younger than many would have expected.

But Mandvulo was viewed as a perfect fit for the job at hand; a young man passionate and hungry for success, and not to disappoint the Nation. A young man who would be eager

to make the right and difficult call that His Majesty the King warned would need to be made.

Although not voted into the position, Mandvulo was easily a people's choice, a product of the consensus that this country prides itself for, and admirable in the manner in which he himself presented his ideas to the public.

Since then, Mandvulo has had to hit the ground running in an attempt to demonstrate that not only is he the man for the job, but he is also one with a big dream for this country.

But the job is not easy, and he does not have the luxury of time to achieve the things he desires for this country. There are a lot of challenges that he has to overcome, the first one being the buy-in to his overall vision for turning the dire economy around.

Mandvulo is a man who requires time to do what he wants, and the way he wants to do things. The Public Sector Associations strike, therefore is the iceberg he had not foreseen.

This past week, the Prime Minister must have asked himself a lot of questions about dealing with this situation, and wondered if the very people who are threatening to grind this country to a halt are not themselves Emaswati, for the manner that they are not willing to budge.

I say this because for the Prime Minister has consistently begged for time, and understanding, promising that the ship he is steering will turn the corner.

### Problem

The problem with this is that government does not always work like clockwork, as I am sure the Prime Minister and his team of corporate governance gurus must have found out. Government is not as swift, as efficient, as dynamic.

Government is frustrating in the manner it seems complex yet so easy, simple yet so systematic and consequently difficult to persuade because of the many forces involved.

This is what the Prime Minister must be frustrated with, certainly in convincing the public servants that they can trust in his word that the tide will be turned, or that there is no money to afford a cost of living adjustment.

I have always said that this CoLA issue was going to be a tough test for the Cabinet, and certainly for us as a country.

For starters, under-

standing why the Prime Minister is pleading for time from the public servants before he can commit to the funds needed, it makes sense to be cautious with the expenditure, and especially the wage bill, which has spiralled way out of control for years now. It can, therefore be appreciated that the situation is really perilous.

But, in order for this message to be believable, government cannot then be seen to be less concerned with its spending in other areas. For instance, the handling of the finance circular No.3 of 2019 leaves a lot to be desired, if not a bitter taste to the mouth for those demanding the cost of living adjustment.

It also seems a very clear double-speak by government and the politicians, who on one hand behave as though they are concerned there is an impasse between government and the PSAs when they themselves are working to exploit the situation for their own good.

### Clear

The public sector associations have always been clear that government is not sincere about the failure to grant the cost of living adjustment, and that the state of the economy was just scape-goating.

This, therefore should have challenged government to either demonstrate that the situation was as bad as it stated it, or to put something on the table.

The finance circular that has now been suspended by government could have been the proof that was needed that the situation was a bad - a pay cut for politicians during a period when the public servants are demanding an adjustment is the language to use in negotiations.

Yet, what do we get? We get a circular withdrawn

because politicians are not happy with their pay, and it is also understood Cabinet ministers

themselves refused to accept the circular from the first day!

The very same Cabinet that wants civil servants to be patient for salary adjustments should be seen to be demanding the same patience from the politicians, and running to implement this new circular.

It was ironic how no one from cabinet used this finance circular to the advantage of government or to justify the situation on the ground.

The silence from Hospital Hill was very loud. There was no one to stand up to state that this finance circular represented the actual situation on the ground.

When His Majesty said that there would be difficult decisions to be made, he must have been referring to this type of situation, where Cabinet leads the call for belt-tightening, and not just by words, but by action.

This decision not to support the circular, and even not to support it demonstrates clearly why this country can't be serious about turning the situation around, because we still have politicians who are only too happy to take what they can from a very desperate economy, but are quick to tell the nation that there is nothing left!

That is the hypocrisy that can't sustain this country, and that has led to the public servants convinced that there is enough money for them to afford a cost of living adjustment, and why they are adamant they will bring this country to a standstill if that is what it takes.

### Negotiate

Funnily enough, the strike is going to cost the country more than what it would cost to negotiate a percentage increase.

That, to me, is why the country was calling for a new kind of leadership; a leadership of corporate governance experience, to sit around the table and make decisions that are fair and in the benefit of the country than the politics of the stomach.

Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini needs to remind himself what the people called for at Sibaya in order to energise his government and Cabinet

to making decisions that will reflect his kind of thinking.

This business of speaking in tongues is not something that he should associate himself with.



Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini.

**I have always said that this CoLA issue was going to be a tough test for the Cabinet, and certainly for us as a country**

## COMMENT

### STUDENTS ALLOWANCE CONUNDRUM

It is difficult not to see the side of the students in this stand-off with government over the issue of the allowances, even if we are to accept that the coffers in this country are dry.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Security, especially the Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhali, needs to take a long look at the mirror over the implementation of this decision to offer students their allowances in monthly trenches of about E800. He will find himself culpable if his mirror works.

The issue is that students tried to engage his ministry over the figure being too small, and he was arrogant at best, if not stubborn.

The students presented their case with this issue, trying to dialogue and look for a solution. But, the ministry would have none of this and turned students down. In one such incident the PS told students they could not dictate to the ministry how the allowances could be dispersed, or how much.

Yet, a few weeks later, government was forced to backtrack and offer more money. The problem here is that this country fails to engage and dialogue with honesty, and without the arrogance of power.

### Grant

Student allowances are part of the scholarship grant, money that will be paid back. How this money is spent by students can't be the business of government, let alone their guardians. What government needs to be honest about is if this is a scholarship grant to be paid back or one that is not to be paid back.

If it is to be paid back - whenever - then it is fair to say that government needs to go out of its way to find the money to 'lend' the students. If it is a favour, and not to be paid back, then perhaps it is proper to dictate how much and when to give it out.

The way things stand, however, government has a responsibility to the students that requires that it listens to the concerns raised, including if the money is no longer enough to sustain a student. Government can't turn our children into sex workers, scavenging everywhere for money to sustain themselves when it hopes for a bright future with these young people.

We can't turn a blind eye to the fact that students are struggling to get by and as such, turn to other means to survive, means that become ingrained in them for the time when they are called to serve.

We need to give our children a sufficient environment to grow up and learn from, so that we can expect better of them. If not, we are only serving to groom more corruptible individuals who will be more interested to benefit out of the system than to make meaningful contribution.

If we are able to find loans for capital projects, we sure as much can find the money for educating the next batch of leaders.





By Comfort Mabuza

To have the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) not effected to civil servants packages for four years, is an insult of the highest order and definitely not acceptable in a civilised society.

The Kingdom of Eswatini is faced with the greatest economic challenges ever and there is no doubt about that. A sane leadership cannot afford to give lame duck excuses while the public sector has stated clearly that there is no bowing down to any pressure. We certainly have no leadership who sees value in dialogue in this nation.

The protest marches this week are indicative that this government only understands confrontation, even when indications are such that a sane and honest leadership would have sought audience with the civil servants and engaged each other more vigorously. No sane person can live without CoLA for so many years. The sooner we embrace that reality the better, and Eswatini leadership can't hide its head in the sand like an ostrich any longer, the country's economy is exposed.

#### THE Prophetic Voice Missing

When a nation is in crisis like the Kingdom of Eswatini right now, one would have thought the Church of Jesus Christ would have taken a lead in facilitating a reconciliation role. Where are the Prophets of God in such prevailing obtaining crises with a bleak future economically? We are seeking for the voice of reason not merely massaging messages but truth.

We cannot afford to be beating around the truth, truth should guide us from the very top, and national leadership must be confronted with truth.

It is not a matter of inciting anybody but raising a concern that we seem to have our church leadership dining with the powers that be, and

hardly speaking the mind of God and pointing to the problem and the cause of the mess we are in currently. Surely, if there is a missing voice currently in this nation, it is that of Church of Jesus Christ.

We are not hearing God's declaration and word in times of these obtaining crisis. Can someone take responsibility and point the right way out of this mess?

The Reality is that we are at the cross-roads needing a speedily solution. One was hoping that the Church would have brokered peaceful resolution and that the government of the day should have long spoken with the public servants. We surely do not need this unresolved crises.

## WHEN THE NATION'S ECONOMY FOUNDATIONS ARE SHAKEN - WHO SHALL REMAIN UNAFFECTED?



#### Speaking the Truth - A Prophetic Voice to the Nation

We all are claiming to be doing something, as economic crises are crying out for speedily and solution in seeking.

We often use 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my People who are called by my name will humble themselves and Pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." While this is a very pragmatic statement, we tend to forget that the Church as the voice of God must speak prophetic word to the political leadership on this land, who makes decisions on our behalf that has lasting impact on the economy.

When the national economic foundations are shaken, it takes a bold church leadership to make meaningful interventions and give a sense of direction and godly counsel. The Church leadership must arise with solutions, and begin to assist the political leadership find solutions. At the heart of the Christian response to such emerging crises, there is no beating around the bush. What is God saying to our nation facing the economic down turn? We are having disgruntled civil servants and they have had no adjustment to their salaries for so long.

We cannot afford to act like all is well when people are on the streets. Oh by the way, it is the only alternative to get attention by the way. So

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The demise of President Mugabe manifests conflicted opinions within international leadership and governance space.

Indeed, Mugabe was not a perfect leader but successfully led liberation struggle of his country, thus, a liberation icon within political and economic villain insightful lessons. Mugabe was born in 1924 in a country called Rhodesia, founded by mercenaries and missionaries, structured within Rhodes Company. This company expropriated land and minerals, dispossessing and enslaving peoples of Zimbabwe, through military and religious manipulation and deception. The treaties and concessions humiliated and dehumanised indigenous people resulting in their enslavement and poverty in the name of colonialism and religion.

Historically, Ndebele-Shona Chimurenga of 1890's struggle for resistance spread throughout Matebeleland and Mashonaland, many whites and blacks were killed. This spiritual warfare led by Svikiros prophets, who told the Ndebele and Shona that white men had brought suffering characterised in history books, as forced labour, hut tax and flogging including natural disasters of locus, pests and drought. These indigenous prophets convinced Africans that the Shona God, Mwari, Mlimo in Ndebele, moved by suffering of his people, had decreed that white men were to be driven out of the country. Moreover, Africans had nothing to fear because Mwari

was on their side and would run the white man's bullets into harmless water.

#### African Liberation Icon

This historical context resonates with my reflections on how President Mugabe was a formidable African liberation icon, rooted within the Svikiro approach towards liberation. Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, a teacher when his people asked him to use his western education and religion in leading their liberation.

This history recreates itself within the African continent, classic example Malawians requested President Kamuzu Banda a medical doctor to lead their struggle for independence.

Both leaders became formidable leaders who experienced extreme difficulty in balancing and synchronising their leadership with will of the people.

The Svikiro approach seems to overcome their leadership, behaving as messengers whose mandate was similar to those of indigenous prophets. With similar eventuality, labelled as dictators who became life presidents at the peril of people whom had requested their leadership.

President Mugabe liberated Africa, as the circumstance that created Rhodesia, became a leading icon and example of unapologetically reclaiming the rightful position of Zimbabwe. The land that was dispossessed was his priority, he challenged colonialism until the point when liberation of Zimbabwe was achieved. Mugabe paid a



major price, his imprisonment and all its consequences in my view created a bitter and angry man within him. Evidently, vigilant in post liberation, manifesting in soul inflicted with internal scars from the liberation struggle.

Moreover, African leaders put him on a pedestal as a Pan-African icon, when he spoke they clapped hands and gave him standing ovation. He became their anchor of pains they were harboring within them in post liberation, land and minerals expropriated being demanded and called upon by President Robert Gabriel Mugabe.

This African liberation icon, used his western education and religion to recreate Africa's intel-

lectual human capital.

Improving and enhancing the education of his people, today Zimbabweans are known as international human capital with tremendous potential to transform any country. This post liberation education stands as celebrated African resource, like the Svikiros of the 1800s, dynamites with extreme potential.

However, President Mugabe failed in creating an enabling, viable and sustainable environment for the Zimbabwean human capital to strive within their own motherland. Such that they are spread globally, whilst their country experiences political and economic crises, which they are highly competent and capable in resolving. This in my view typifies the anger and bitterness President Mugabe harboured within, subsequently transferred onto the people he liberated.

#### Political and Economic Villains

The mercenaries and missionaries manifested a villain political and economic base in Rhodesia, which earned its place as the bread basket of Africa, left landlessness and poverty, in faces of Africans in Zimbabwe.

The methods and institution of European domination recorded in UNESCO General African books, vary. Portuguese, Belgian, French, German, Dutch and British experiences were not uniformly crafted but their public policies were all for European interest and gains. Which as a researcher have contextualised as exclusive and undemocratic.

## FAREWELL PRESIDENT ROBERT MUGABE



before they are demonised and called names, what other platform is available for the masses except to match and make their voices heard. The groundswell anger and frustration as demonstrated is understandable, and what else could civil servants do in trying times such as these, if no one is prepared to listen.

### What is CoLA?

A cost-of-living adjustment is made to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income to counteract the effects of inflation. Cost-of-living adjustments (CoLAs) are typically equal to the percentage increase in the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W) for a specific period. So ordinarily it is very pathetic that a country can find itself to adjust salaries when the cost of living and commodities has continued to skyrocket in the market place.

A sane leader can attest to the fact that something is seriously wrong and that our public servants have not had theirs adjusted for so long. Even a fool can tell something is definitely wrong somewhere and someone has to take the blame or holding the nation in such a state. We tend to forget that our people live in the same world and are hard hit by the economic hardships just like any other person. Why punish the civil servants as if they have their own special shops elsewhere? These are human beings and they too are immensely affected by economic challenges.

### State of the Economy

There is no doubt that the state of the Kingdom's economy has been a big concern for the last 3 to 4 years in running. Domestic arrears negatively affected private sector business as a majority of these rely on government payments such as construction activities. Reality is that there has been a freeze on civil service wages, election related expenditure led to slight recovery of wholesale and retail trade sector and supported modest consumption spending.

This has immensely affected the civil service workforce. During the second half of 2018, the government instituted fiscal consolidation measures leading to marginal decline of the budget deficit. Suspension of most capital projects, a civil service wage freeze in 2018, and other fiscal consolidation measures introduced on November

22, 2018 facilitated this marginal decline. Despite these efforts, the government continued to finance fiscal deficit through accumulation of domestic arrears and partly by international reserves. Public debt increased by more than three percentage points of gross domestic product (GDP) year-on-year, reaching 23.8 per cent of GDP in December 2018. Gross official reserves dropped to the lowest level in five years, reaching 2.8 months of import cover in December 2018 (below the three-month international benchmark).

### But is Eswatini Broke?

Seeing Public Servants unions on the streets this past week is indicative of a crisis unfolding. It is understandable if one considers that their packages have not been adjusted for so long yet the inflation keep soaring. One would have loved to see the government showing signs that it is indeed broke and struggling. The government executives have continued to travel in first class and they get the perks associated with transit allowances. It is therefore not acceptable that on one hand there are claims of struggles financially when some people are still having a great time and are enjoying themselves.

Presently the controllers in the government machinery are not living what they claim, hence it becomes very hard to convince the ordinary civil servant otherwise. There is every reason to believe that the country is ok and still meeting its own loans' commitments and obligations. We therefore are in a tight corner convincing the ordinary person on the street. It is perhaps time that there is national dialogue to find each other because currently we seem to be miles apart and this is not healthy in maintaining national peace and stability by the way.

### Do civil servants have an alternative?

I wish there was another way to deal with this challenge, but from where one sits they have no other alternative but to go for these marches.

In a democratic country, civil servant are only availed such opportunity to make their voices heard.

It certainly does not sit well with me that your work force can have no CoLA for three years and you still expect quality services. The country is in crisis and the sooner we seek for solutions the better.

was the purpose of the liberation struggle. In the meantime, they are Africa's intellectual capital without dignity within their land, as political and economic villains changed skin colour now justified in the name of liberation struggle.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, personally, I enjoyed President Robert Gabriel Mugabe's rebellious moments as they feed the rebel within me, particularly when calling out western powers. As a scholar of African leadership, President Mugabe successfully resisted the negation of African people by colonialism and western powers. However, he successfully negated African people when he became like the political and economic villains, he detest embedded within colonialism and western powers. Thus, Mugabe has intriguing and insightful lesson for many African leaders on how anger and bitterness inflicts people they are leading.

During my research on African leadership, learnt of many icons within the Zimbabwe liberation struggle. Advocate Chitepo an outstanding example, killed in Zambia, would have been an intriguing voice of reason and wisdom in post liberation. It is unfortunate many liberation struggle leaders were lost during Chimurenga, resulting in wisdom void extremely and importantly required during post-liberation.

My other regret as an indigenous knowledge researcher, on the Mugabe legacy was labeling the land grab, an indigenisation policy. As it vilifies indigenous contexts to be perceived as moments of anger and bitterness, and yet redress of land and mineral expropriation is critical towards the Africa we want.

Thus, today I learnt through African liberation icons not to foster an agenda based on anger, but to drive the integration of indigenous knowledge and modernity. I am grateful to the schooling by King Sobhuza II on choosing from both worlds, creating balance for peace and stability.

## EVERY THOUGHT YOU THINK



By Lisa Mongelli

**D**o you live your life in a conscious state are you truly aware of what is going on inside you?

Or do you ignore the things around you and anaesthetise yourself with too much TV, too many computer games, too much food, alcohol or recreational drugs?

Do you go to church every Sunday yet have no real love for yourself, or your fellow man? Are you awake enough to understand that life is one thing it is the sum total of what you make it, nothing more nothing less.

Every thought you think is a creation, ever intention you set forth defines what your life will be, and no one else is responsible for you or what you ultimately become.

The hard truth is, it is all up to you every bit of it is you.

When you pray what do you ask the Creator to give you? Do you pray for one thing, and then think another? Do you ask God for a loving partner, and yet hold unloving thoughts toward yourself?

Do you pray for a new house or car, yet inherently believe you will never have it? How can the Universe bestow abundance upon you when you cannot give it to yourself? When you send out thoughts of lack denying yourself abundance you deny Creation the permission to give it to you.

Therefore you become stuck in a negative pattern of wanting better, but not thinking better there by creating a cycle of wishful thinking and denial. If you can't hold what you want in your mind, and truly believe you deserve it, you will never have it.

Believing you deserve abundance is the first step to receiving what you want out of life. When you question your own worth, and feel badly about yourself, you will create more of the same guaranteed.

Wealth and abundance is not just referring to money. Have you ever known anyone who was so poor all they had was money? Creating abundance on all levels with balance is the key to a Happy Life.

This is why making friends with yourself on

every level is so important becoming happy and content with you is the path way to materialising the balanced happy life that you want. As it is above so is it below as it is within so is it outwardly, Life is internal. What you are thinking you are creating and manifesting, and when you put a passionate charge behind those thoughts, it happens even faster.

Use your mind and the power within you to make your life successful, abundant and joyful. Constantly thinking about what you don't want to happen is a sinister rut that leads to failure and despair. The longer old hurts, trauma and anger go unsettled the more they fester within, and this creates a cycle of history repeating itself.

Resentment and anger left to fester spawn terrible malice and this destructive emotion leads to mental and physical illness. When we become so clouded with these menacing emotions we forget who we truly are this is when the possibility of substance abuse, abusive partnerships and self abuse becomes a real danger.

To understand the creative power of your mind and how your emotions fuel your thoughts, is so necessary. If your thoughts are corrupted by resentment, what chance do you actually have of creating a better you? Prayer and meditation are wonderful practices to assist in creating and understanding your own natural flow.

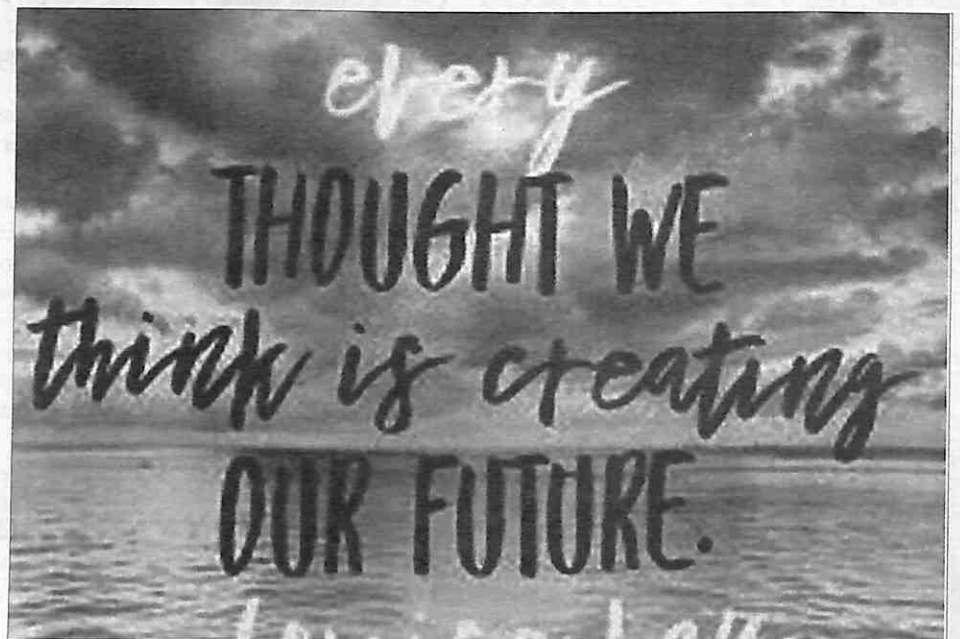
If you are feeling stuck and depressed this is where counselling and therapy can help. Finding a good therapist to help you work through your resentment and anger can help you facilitate healing at a much quicker pace. Ignoring depression and addiction of any kind will not heal it.

The disturbing truth is those who need psychological help, and refuse to find it are running in an endless circle. What you resist persists that is a Universal Law which applies to all of us. Refusing to work through past trauma could see you repeating history and that is a disturbing thought.

If you want a happy life clear the cob webs from your mind and bring the past in order; become conscious of who you really are, and embrace all parts of you. Remember the darkness inside only becomes evil when you refuse to turn the light on; bring those parts of yourself that threaten you out of the shadows, and give yourself a chance to heal. Never forget you are God's magnificent creature and he has prepared many mansions for you.

God bless you and enjoy your Sunday.

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## SECURE YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE WITH UNITED PAY



One are the days when parents would impose their career choices on a child.

Parents of yesteryears used to brazenly dictate occupations for their children. The youth nowadays are more opinionated and have a more defined sense of direction.

They also have a better understanding of what they wish to become career-wise.

While it is important to listen and take heed of their desires, especially when it comes to education, it is equally vital for parents to keep their children's dreams alive by planning for the future and involving them in the process.

Education has never been cheap and having a savings plan in place for your child's education is most definitely a great idea.

### Unplanned

There are, however, those unplanned for expenses that always creep up. United Pay's Micro Loan is the perfect solution for the times when some of these education expenses catch you unaware.

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tified National ID document and your stamped 3-month bank statement. You will also be requested to fill up an application form with your personal, banking and contact details.

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It is important to note that applicants must comply with the 33 per cent salary deduction threshold set by the government.

United Pay understands that education is not limited to the four walls of a lecture hall.

Therefore, we implore all parents to teach their children about the importance of sound financial management practices. Never borrow more than you can afford and always make it a point that your monthly loan repayment fees are paid for in full and on time.

This will not only decrease your financial stresses, but also increase your credit rating should you wish to re-apply for a micro loan with United Pay.

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It will also give them life-long financial management skills, which in today's economy is a must.

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## ETA MARKETS TOURISM CAREERS TO SCHOOLS

Fresh from doing destination marketing activations in South Africa, Eswatini Tourism Authority has turned its attention to local schools where students are currently being educated and sensitised about the tourism industry.

This is aimed at equipping them with enough industry knowledge to inform their career choices. ETA believes in maximisation of potential in young people as well as inculcating entrepreneurial skills.

In collaboration with Junior Achievement Eswatini (JAE), the ETA saw the need to expose local schools to possible tourism careers and opportunities in the industry. In line with this year's World Tourism Day theme, "Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All", the two organisations have teamed up to equip learners for a successful future in today's exciting work environment.

Junior Achievement Eswatini is a youth empowerment entity which assists school children to learn business management and entrepreneurship concepts, while also exposing them to practical means of starting and managing a business.

ETA commends JAE for partnering with us in this initiative, as it empowers pupils and prepares them for the real world upon completion of school.

We have a responsibility to educate our people about the diverse opportunities that tourism offers. Tourism generates more money than food products, automobiles, and even oil exports worldwide. This industry is a non-perishable service that it continues to generate income, giving individuals with careers in tourism, a sense of security and optimism.

Tourism is a huge part of international commerce and has become one of the main income sources for many developing countries and as the number of emerging tourism destinations

continues to grow, the number of available careers in travel and tourism will continue to increase as well.

We advise students on the subject combinations if they want to pursue a career in tourism and travel. An Associate's or Bachelor's degree in tourism is recommended. An undergraduate degree in travel services will provide international students with many study options and they can choose to major in tourism management, hospitality, travel, entertainment, hotel management, destination management, among other majors.

Earning a degree in travel services will give students useful skills that can be applied to many different types of careers within the field. For example, an individual with this type of degree could work as a travel guide, convention planner, hotel administrator, transportation coordinator, travel agent, corporate travel representative, or as a travel and tourism manager, just to name a few.

Worth mentioning is that, despite the growth in job opportunities within the tourism industry, it is expected that the need for travel agents will decrease due to the comprehensive travel services available online. International students may want to shy away from this job as attaining a career as a travel agent seems unlikely in the future.

Also, careers in travel and tourism provide individuals with a diverse collection of different job locations and opportunities.

The World Tourism Organisation's tourism forecast predicts that the industry will continue to grow worldwide throughout 2020. The number of careers in tourism is also expected to increase as new tourism destinations and markets develop.

Many of these new career prospects will be located within the emerging markets of Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

## PHYSIOTHERAPY AND CHRONIC PAIN

Pain is a subjective unpleasant sensory and emotional experience with actual or potential tissue damage, or described in terms of such damage.

Many people report pain in the absence of tissue damage or any likely pathophysiological cause and usually this happens for psychological reasons. Pain is the primary reason people seek help from healthcare providers. Access to pain management is now considered a fundamental human right.

There are many areas of pain practice, but this article will provide an insight into acute and chronic pain, focusing more on chronic pain, which is the theme of this year's World Physiotherapy Day.

Acute pain is the initial pain associated with an injury or pathology, that has the purpose to elicit a response. It serves as a warning system to protect an organism from tissue damage. Treatment of the underlying injury or pathology relieves the pain.

In many cases, pain will persist either continually or episodically, after tissue healing has occurred. This pain is called chronic pain and is defined as persistent pain continuing beyond weeks, despite medication or treatment, or after healing is complete. In cases of it continuing after an injury or pathology, it is pain that has outlived its usefulness as it does not serve any useful biological function.

Sometimes chronic pain has no identified cause as it may come on without any history of actual or potential tissue damage. Chronic pain is considered a pathology rather than a symptom of an injury or pathology. It can affect a specific body area (e.g. low back pain) or be widespread (e.g. fibromyalgia).

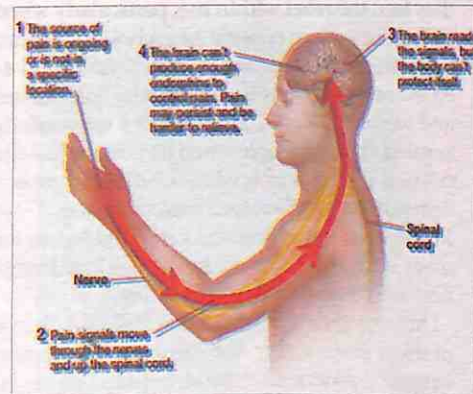
Chronic pain is a complex condition with physical, social and psychological components, which can lead to disability, loss of independence and poor quality of life.

For most patients, what is important about the persistence of pain is not the time they have been in pain, but rather the loss of function, productivity losses, loss of mental health, and loss of hope. However, researches have proved that in cases of chronic pain, pain and disability are not equivalent. Chronic pain management is a major personal, societal and economic burden.

It isn't possible to tell in advance whose pain will become chronic, however, there are documented risk factors that predispose an individual to the development of chronic pain.

Not all risk factors can be changed, however early optimal management of an episode of acute pain in individuals with one or more of the risk factors is important to prevent or manage the development of chronic pain.

### Some of the documented risk factors for development of chronic pain



- an existing chronic pain condition or a previous history of chronic pain
- tissue injury by accident or surgery
- history of psycho-social stressful events
- lifestyle factors including lack of physical activity, unhealthy diet, overweight
- depressed mood, tendency to anxieties and worries
- low self-efficacy, catastrophic thinking perceived injustice, disability beliefs
- occupational factors
- medico-legal issues
- opioid-induced hyperalgesia
- increasing age, female gender and other genetic predispositions

### Geographical and cultural background

Chronic pain after surgery is the most com-

mon. The risk of developing chronic pain after any surgical operation is 10per cent, the risk being higher in individuals with two or more other risk factors. People are more likely to develop chronic pain during or after times of stress or unhappiness. A depressed mental state easily leads to loss of energy, fatigue, less physical vigor and less motivation for physical exercises which all can contribute to the development of chronic pain or can also result from suffering from chronic pain. When a pain episode co-occurs with anxiety – including catastrophising thoughts, fear, low self-efficacy and avoidance of movements, the pain episode is likely to develop into chronic pain. The nerve network associated with chronic pain is also linked to those parts of the brain concerned with emotions. So, pain can affect our emotions, and our emotions can affect our pain

### The role of Physiotherapy in chronic pain management

If your pain persists and becomes chronic then the emphasis might shift more to managing the condition and minimizing its impact on your life (improve quality of life), rather than necessarily finding a cure. Your Physiotherapist will help you take control of your pain by developing skills needed to manage your chronic pain condition, increase your activity and improve your quality of life

Your Physiotherapist is part of a multidisciplinary team that is required to adequately treat pain. In cases of acute pain, the level of pain





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We outline courses associated with tourism:  
**Diploma Courses in Tourism**

Diploma courses in Tourism are an ideal course for those who want to quickly get into the professional field. The list of diploma courses on offer is as follows:

- Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management
- Diploma in Hospitality and Travel Management
- Diploma in Tourism Studies
- Diploma in Aviation Hospitality and Travel Management

- Diploma in Tourist Guide
  - Diploma in Tourism and Ticketing
  - Diploma in Airfare and Ticketing
- Depending on the institute and the program, course duration of these programmes could be anywhere between 1 and 2 years. Some institutes also offer basic Diploma courses lasting for a period of 6 months.

**Bachelor's Degree Courses**

The list of Bachelor's degree courses in Tourism is as follows:

- BA in Hospitality, Travel and Tourism Management

- BA in Travel and Tourism Management
- BA Tourism Studies
- BA Travel and Tourism
- Bachelor of Tourism Administration
- Bachelor of Tourism Studies
- BBA in Air Travel Management
- BBA in Hospitality and Travel Management
- BBA in Travel and Tourism Management
- B.Com. Travel and Tourism Management
- B.Sc. in Hospitality and Travel Management
- B.Sc. in Travel and Tourism Management

**Postgraduate Courses in Tourism**

After completing any of the above Bachelor's Degree Programmes, candidates can pursue Postgraduate courses such as:

- Master of Tourism Studies
- Master of Tourism Administration
- MBA in Travel and Tourism management

A postgraduate program in tourism is necessary to enhance a student's skills and find a better job in the industry. All the PG courses in Tourism are of 2 to 3 years duration and the minimum requirement to join these courses is graduating in any discipline with minimum 60 per cent marks.

experienced is often a poor measure of injury or tissue damage. Even if an activity is painful, it is not an accurate sign of doing harm.

Your Physiotherapist will develop a program for you to keep moving safely and be physically active while you recover.

Returning to movement and work is better for recovery and preventing recurrence than bed rest.

Studies show that immobility and bed rest for more than two days is not beneficial.

The Physiotherapist will also help you identify any risk factors that may predispose you to the development of chronic pain and intervene to stop this development.

If you already suffer from chronic pain, your Physiotherapist is part of a multidisciplinary team that will take you through a biopsychosocial rehabilitation program. Physiotherapy components of this rehabilitation may include pain education, exercises, occupational and ergonomic interventions, graded exposure to functional and physical activities, motor skills training, coping strategies, problem solving, sleep hygiene and relaxation.

Exercise therapy is included in all guidelines for the treatment of chronic pain. The overall aim is to improve your activity level and your participation in different life roles which will ultimately improve your pain symptoms. Physiotherapy helps to achieve healthy levels of activity and self-management for people with chronic pain. Individuals who catastrophise about the meaning of pain become trapped in

a vicious cycle of avoidance behaviour, pain and disability. A Physiotherapist can help interpret pain and use exercise to break the cycle and reduce pain. Your Physiotherapist will help you reduce the fear attached to pain and explore long-term strategies to build confidence through engaging in avoided activities that are threatening or painful to regain control. Physiotherapy also supports and enables people with chronic pain to remain in or return to work.

**Self-management of chronic pain**  
**To help manage your pain, consider:**

☞ **Planning your day** - a plan of things to do and places to be.

☞ **Pacing yourself** - don't push through the pain, stop before it gets worse, then continue whatever you were doing later.

☞ **Relax** - relaxing is hard when you have pain, finding something which relaxes you will reduce the stress of pain.

☞ **Regular exercise** - even a small amount will make you feel better and ease your pain, it will also keep your muscles and joints strong, any type of movement is exercise, do only what you enjoy and what suits you.

☞ **Walking** - you might start off with walking up and down your path or walking to the end of the street before progressing to longer walks

☞ **Enjoyment** - doing things you enjoy boosts your own natural painkillers, think about what you enjoyed before the pain and introduce it back into your routine.

# INSPIRING WOMEN, GIRLS IN STEM



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In the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields, women are often massively underrepresented.

However, that does not mean they are not making some of the most important and inspiring contributions out there.

My name is Bongekile Matsenjwa, the Co-Director of Women In Engineering (WomEng), an organisation that is passionate about raising the next generation of female engineers and female STEM professionals.

I am an Integrated Lean Six-Sigma Engineer (IL6S Engineer) at Mondelez International (Eswatini) and I am responsible for continuous improvement of processes in industry through innovations while ensuring zero losses.

I am a chemical engineer and an engineering manager by qualification and have been in the exciting world of engineering for some few years now. However, women in engineering in Eswatini make up less than 10 per cent of all the engineers in the country.

This is something I work tirelessly to change. Why because I believe that engineering across the world needs a female perspective because engineering will only get better with a female voice. A gender balance within the engineering industry will ensure that engineering caters the needs of all people.

To me, engineering is not just a technical industry but one that serves the community by providing products and services and improving people's lives. Research shows that due to increasing innovations the most sought-after careers in 2020 will be STEM related.

The STEM industry is crucial towards delivering forward-looking solutions to some of the challenges in society and plays a prominent role in economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation. Which is why I encourage women to embrace the fact that each one

has a purpose to fulfil in life and should use their talents to find and achieve it.

Women are breaking stereotypes, they are leading in their industries and are changing the world for the better. Women now have a voice which the world cannot help but listen to. Successful women who go on to do great exploits are those who believe in themselves and their talents. I believe that we all have potential and our circumstances are just perfect for us to succeed.

Growing up, I was told that maths and science are hard subjects and they are only for braininess.

That engineering was for males because they are strong and it is not an industry where women can thrive. I did not know of female engineers at that time.

But I was driven by her passion and love for science and maths and I decided to take on the road less travelled. I took the courage to pursue chemical engineering at university and it is now a career I enjoy.

I definitely would like to see more females in this industry, who will be responsible for developing ground breaking innovations that will lead Eswatini closer to being the first world country that we are striving towards.

Unfortunately, research shows that girls shy away from STEM and this is not only a problem in Eswatini but it is a global crisis. And there are various reasons for this. Mainly because of their social status or disadvantaged backgrounds. Many stereotypes surrounding STEM also hinder girls from pursuing STEM as a career such as "Engineering is a men's world", "You need to be smart for you to become a STEM professional", "Girls are not smart enough or they do not have the grit to be engineers".

There is a definite need to inspire and motivate our girls to take on STEM if they so wish. No girl should be disadvantaged of this, but there must be equal opportunities for both boys and girls if we want progress as a nation. Nothing can stop a person who has will power and determination.

It may take a long time to reach the goal and there might be struggles along the way but it is possible and attainable.

I encourage girls to believe in their talents and not be afraid to take on engineering if they so wish. My advice to them is "The world is your audience. Write your own story and do not let people or circumstances write it for you. Use your superpowers."







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## HOW TO GET HIGH QUALITY GRAIN ON FARM

We are in the thick of the harvesting season and local farmers are busy harvesting, storing and preparing to sell maize to markets like the National Maize Corporation (NMC). Several farmers have begun selling maize to NMC, whilst others have encountered problems on the ground, hence the inspiration for today's article.

Sourced from a training manual prepared on behalf of United Nations World Food Programme by Prof Rick Hodges and Dr Tanya Stathers Food and Markets Department, Natural Resources Institute, UK, the simplistic ideas in this article are the perfect solutions for some of the everyday problems encountered by farmers on a daily basis. We hope the article will be to your pleasure and satisfaction.

The National Maize Corporation's Farmer Development Division is always ready to provide technical assistance to grain farmers, if you'll let me walk this journey with you. Enjoy.

"If farmers have a market that offers better prices for better quality grain, then producing high quality grain on-farm allows farmers to add value to their work and so raises their incomes. To produce this high quality grain, it is essential to do on-farm postharvest handling in a proper and timely manner.

Care taken at this stage is far more cost effective than attempting to upgrade quality later in the postharvest chain, for instance at a maize collection point. In these places grain may have to be cleaned at the expense of the farmer and large amounts of grain may be lost in the process.

This is why farmers selling low quality grain receive a low financial reward.

Opportunities to raise incomes from the sale of high quality grain are most easily achieved through collective marketing by Farmer Groups, Farmer Cooperatives and/or Farmer Associations. For this reason, knowing how to form strong and effective groups with good business skills is essential.

### GOOD QUALITY GRAIN FOR BETTER MARKETS

#### ● Prepare yourself before harvesting:

- Planning ahead is essential. Make sure you have all the necessary equipment, know where the drying and shelling will be done and how the grain will be stored. Mend all holes in sacks and make sure stores are in good repair.
- Good hygiene is essential, if you will put your grain into sacks then make sure they are cleaned in advance. If you are using a store then make sure the residues of the previous harvest are removed.

#### ● Harvest the grain on time:

- Harvest on time, when the crop is mature, some cobs start to droop
- Harvest mature cereals or beans on a sunny day and place on a mat, tarpaulin or in sacks.
- If rain delays the maize harvest, then prevent water from entering the cobs by turning the cobs down.
- As soon as possible, transport crops from field to the homestead for further drying.

#### ● Dry the grain:

- Dry cereals or beans on mats, tarpaulins or racks so they are not in contact with the ground and make sure farm animals are kept away, or use a maize drying crib for protected drying.
- Don't let drying grain get wet, cover with a tarpaulin if it rains.
- Dry grain until it is sufficiently dry, for example cereal grains 13.5 per cent, beans 12 per cent and maize 12.5 per cent moisture content.

#### ● Shell/thresh the grain:

- Use hands to shell beans or dehusk maize cobs. If any maize or beans are damaged then consume them, feed to animals or if unfit for consumption then destroy them, do not place in storage.
- Shell maize cobs by hand or with a mechanical sheller to reduce damage to grain. Don't beat with sticks.
- Dry grain further if it is above the required moisture content.

#### ● Clean the grain:

- Win now grain or use a sieve to remove chaff and foreign matter, and broken grain. Be careful to remove insect damaged grain, mouldy grain and chaff and dispose of it

#### ● Ensure good storage at home:

- Put grain in sacks and sew them shut. In the house, store sacks on pallets of sticks or stones, away from walls. Check regularly for any problems.
- To store grain in bulk, place in a silo or other container and follow instructions to prevent insect attack.
- When the time comes, carefully transport maize to official maize buyers."

## It takes Eswatini to end sexual violence against children

The saddest thing to note is how people think once a sexual violence matter has been talked about, it can be swept under the carpet and be forgotten.

They think once a perpetrator has been talked to and he has asked for forgiveness, the criminality of his actions can be erased.

This is not the case.

The Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018 does not make allowance for community structures to decide on what to do in the event accusations against an alleged sexual offender become known.

The Act does not make provision for sexual offences to be 'tried' by any structure simply because they occurred within a certain area or chiefdom jurisdiction.

Instead, it makes it succinctly clear that all cases HAVE to be reported to the nearest police station.

Sexual violence which occurs within the church, work or even indlunkhulu do not give rise to the authorities of such places to play judge over them. As such, when a child is sexually violated by an uncle within the home, it is a criminal offence to sit and discuss how the 'matter' will be dealt with at the expense of reporting it to the police. All the people who partake in such a discussion should be arrested and charged along with the perpetrator.

Church leaders, in the same regard, are not allowed to counsel their congregants into accepting and forgiving their rapists and sexual assaulters while encouraging them not to involve the police. They are instead supposed to advise their congregants to report to the police and ensure that this occurs while offering the support and counselling from the church to the victims and ensuring that the perpetrator realises the wrong they have done.

At chiefdom level, there should be no committee set up to fine perpetrators of sexual violence unless these run parallel to a court process and are aimed at enforcing the protection of community members. Fining paedophiles for

# HOMES, CHURCHES AND IMIPHAKATSI NOT COURTS FOR SODV CASES



rape is not acceptable and should be avoided at all costs. Even in the work place, the human resource department has no capacity to try criminal cases as sexual harassment is a crime denounced by the SODV Act. Just as it should occur within the community chiefdom level, sexual harassment, which occurs within the workplace has to be reported to the police since the Human Resource department is secondary and their outlook bears no bearing on the resultant court case, in the event criminality indeed occurred.

It is therefore very disheartening to note how families and friends of perpetrators are quick to stand up and find them not guilty to the extent of voicing their opinions, invalidating a survivor's harrowing experience. Everyone has various different facets which they choose to show people at any time.

### Criminals

Some of the worst criminals are very loving to their own families, in the same manner that most rapists and gender-based violence perpetrators show a kind and compassionate face to the outside world.

The only time that a complainant's allegations can be invalidated is after thorough and unbiased investigations, then opinions on the matter can hold water. In the absence of this first step, invalidating a sexual violence victim's experience is tantamount to continuing the sexual abuse. It is in this regard that the family of the Inyanga who committed suicide after being

accused of having not only raped, but also impregnating a child years ago, should only base their misgivings on the law process. Invalidating the survivor's allegations that the Inyanga impregnated her without allowing the police to investigate in full is accusing the now young woman of having a hand in driving the old man to suicide. Their pain is understandable after such a loss, however they should recall that there is a young child involved who has, most probably, over the years been asking about his father's identity causing the mother to relive her horrid experience at each turn.

By throwing doubt over her experience, they are in fact accusing her of lying while vehemently defending their deceased brother of a worse crime.

In the same vein, It Takes Eswatini to End Sexual Violence Against Children, would like to take this time to commend the anonymous whistle-blowers who did not stand by and go about their day-to-day duties while a child was being sexually violated by a teacher.

Nearly two weeks ago, a member of the community took the initiative and called the police after noting how a 15-year-old pupil was suspiciously visiting a male teacher. Taking matters into his or hands called for this concerned member of the community to realise that nothing good could come from such a private visit and the perpetrating teacher was arrested. It is such action by community members, which will curb violation of children which has over the years happened with impunity.

It calls for community members to be vigilant and not allow perpetrators to go about their destruction comfortably. We also commend the police who took prompt action and caught the paedophile. It is now up to the Directorate of Public Prosecutions to ensure that such perpetrators get convicted for the damage they do to the nation.

It takes all of us.

# SAVED TO WAGE WAR AGAINST SATAN

Evang. Wilton Mamba



Everyone who gets born again immediately enlists in the Father's army to wage war against Satan. You would have had people complain that since they got saved they have faced more temptation than ever before.

Don't panic. That's exactly what is supposed to happen. As soon as you become a citizen of heaven, the Kingdom of darkness panics, and immediately Satan calls for your head. The war cry is 'bring him back - dead or alive'. Legions of demons with diverse expertise are sent after you, to bring you back 'dead or alive'. You see, what we must understand is that when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we undergo a deliverance of sorts.

That deep-seated demon of unbelief and numerous others that accompany it are cast out. As soon as this happens that demon, for lack of a place to go, as Satan does not tolerate failure, wonders about and joins others that are assigned to re-arrest the new believer.

Jesus explains this phenomenon in Matthew 12:43-45; "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before.

That will be the experience of this evil generation." Jesus' reference to the spirit's former home being empty is a description of anyone who gets born again but does not feed the Holy Spirit with the word of God. Such a believer is empty and susceptible to being possessed by the same spirit and others more powerful than the first. Jesus says when this happens that person will be worse off than before.

This is Satan's response to anyone who gets born again. He throws the first punch and cares less if it's lethal. After all Satan came for that very purpose, to steal, kill and destroy. (John 10:10). It is important for every newly-converted person to understand that choosing Jesus over Satan is a declaration of war to the kingdom of darkness. Now, no one

calls for war and sits back and relax. Let us carefully consider Jesus' own experience after He was baptised by John.

As we read the passage, it is important for us to note how Jesus was led by the spirit to the warzone with Satan. I will want us to take note how Jesus won the battle against the evil one.

This is important because He did it so that we would learn from Him and do the same every time we are tempted. Jesus knew that every believer would be attacked by Satan and tempted at some point, sometimes unto death if the believer was ignorant of what to do under the circumstances. We all know that Jesus was without sin and did not need to repent.

However, as He explained to John the Baptist, who tried to stop Him from being baptised, it was important for Jesus to go through the process to fulfil all righteousness. The temptation of Christ is detailed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. After being baptised by John the Baptist, Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights in the Judean Desert. During this time, Satan came to Jesus and tried to tempt him. Let us read from Matthew 4:1-11 and learn: 'Then Jesus





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## ACTIVATING DISRUPTORS IN JACO 2019

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### HOW THE SCHOOLS FARED THIS WEEK

Round one of the Regional JACO competition started in Manzini with some very good participation from the various schools.

We are quite grateful to our partners who make such projects a reality. Thank you to Macmillan Education Eswatini for ensuring the regional competitions are funded and all students are catered for. From the Manzini Region we have Manzini Nazarene High School in first position; Vulamasango High School in second position and St Theresa High School in third position.

These came from a team of 12 schools that competed from the region. The next days we went onto Lubombo region to get the best from there, then Hhohho then Shiselweni. May the best team win as the journey to National Expo unearths the disruptors.

The Lubombo Region came and pulled out all the stops in the Regional Expo competition for JA schools. Our economy will definitely change considering the projects submitted in this region as well. Coming up first was Lusoti High School, second place Mabhensa High School and third St Phillips High School.

In the Hhohho Region the competition was tight again and the winners were 1. Timphisini High School 2. St Marks High and 3rd position went to Fonteyn High School. The overall winner of the



national expo competition gains access to compete at the JA Company Program Regional Competition, where all those countries that facilitated the JA Company Program compete for the title of Company of the Year Championship. Eswatini has done extremely well at regional level, winning the Company of the Year Title for 3 years since its inception in 2010.

### WINNERS OFF TO REGIONAL CONTEST

The Company of the Year (COY) competition is the culmination of JA's highly acclaimed Company Program and provides an exciting and competitive element to the program that enhances the students' experience and creates

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Countries where JA is active in Africa will be represented by students who have competed at the national level in their respective countries.

These include Botswana, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania, Senegal, South Africa, Eswatini, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We will share the results of Shiselweni next week as we brace ourselves for the main event on October 3. We wish all the schools all the best!

was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

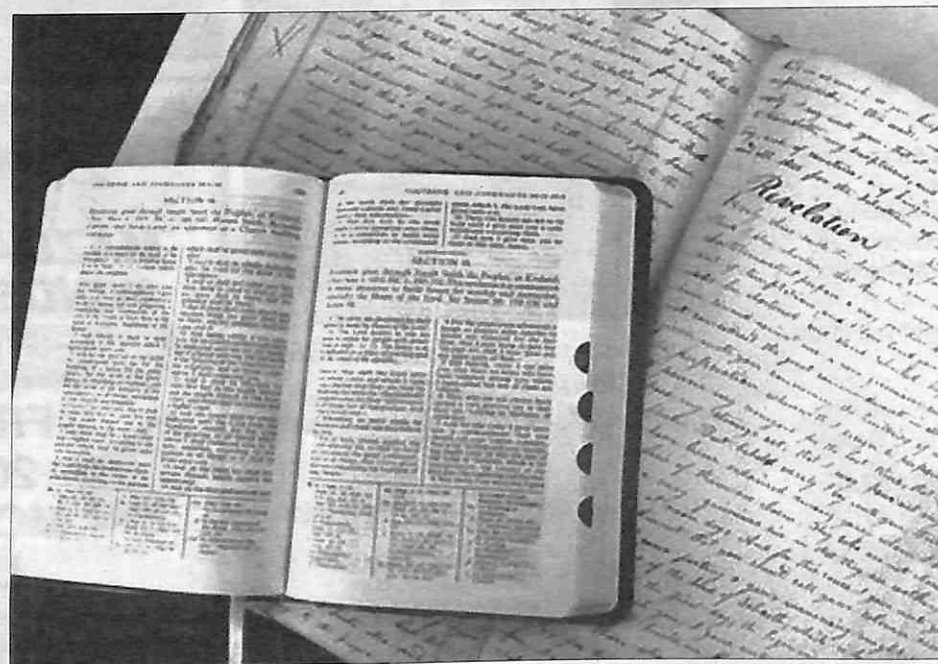
"He will command His Angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him."

Back to the talking point, we are saved to wage war against Satan. The temptation of Jesus showcases Satan in his element. Like he did with Jesus thousands of years ago, he still does with us today. Jesus, the Son of God Himself, had no other strategy through which



to defeat Satan, except to quote what is written. The game plan has not changed to this day.

Satan has no power against the word of God. Apostle Paul, the rock star of our faith himself, advises in Ephesians 6:10-18: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world

and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

In addition to all this, take up the shield of

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faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Believers, it is a war out there. It is important to know your enemy.

If you do not know who he is, there is no way you can stand up to him. Remember, the word of God is a light for you to bring you out of darkness.

The word of God provides you with the necessary help to repentance and forgiveness and the remission of your sins. It will show you the path you should go and be "...a lamp unto your feet." When you stand on the word, you cannot be shaken.



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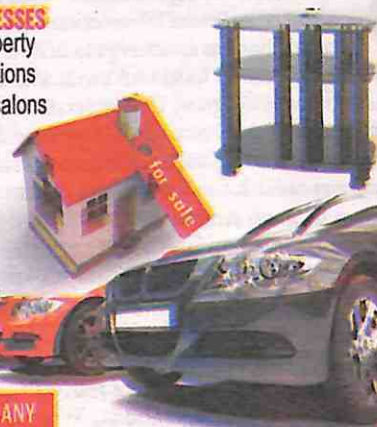
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**L**ONDON - The EU appeared to try and scupper Boris Johnson's efforts to secure a Brexit deal last night by leaking a memo slamming his latest proposals for the Irish backstop.

However within hours of the news breaking, the UK government hit back insisting the ideas are 'serious and workable' and that leaks from Brussels 'are par for the course.'

President Jean-Claude Juncker earlier confirmed to Sky News' Sophy Ridge that he had been sent documents by the Prime Minister outlining ideas for a new deal.

## Document

However, documents obtained by Sky suggested the EU believes the proposals did not offer 'legally operational solutions' to the backstop issue and 'fall short of satisfying all the objectives'

The memo - shared with the EU 27 - added that the draft failed to:

Avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland

Protect the all-island economy and north-south co-operation

Preserve the integrity of the single market and Ireland's place in it

European pen-pushers were also said to have described

## JOHNSON'S BREXIT PROPOSALS LEAKED

the proposals as a "backward step", reports the Telegraph.

However, a government source told Sky: "The ideas that we've put forward to avoid a hard border are serious and workable."

"As for the Commission, two months ago they said we couldn't reopen the withdrawal agreement and there was absolutely no alternative to the backstop. Now we are having detailed discussions."

"Leaks from Brussels on Twitter are par for the course. You can set your

watch by them. What we're focused on is actually getting a deal in the room. We trust they'll do the same."

While the documents are not legally operable, the government has said it wants to use them to develop talks.

They included a list of options the Government thinks it is worth discussing, including papers on food standards, manufactured goods and customs.

The leak came on the eve of the PM's trip to New York to meet EU leaders and just hours after the two sides appeared to be making progress.

Daily Mail



## 'US sanctions target Iranians access to food, medicine'

**D**UBAI - Iran's foreign minister yesterday denounced renewed US sanctions against its central bank as an attempt to deny ordinary Iranians access to food and medicine, and said the move was a sign of US desperation. The United States on Friday imposed a new round of sanctions on Iran, some aimed at its central bank and sovereign wealth fund, following attacks on oil facilities in Saudi Arabia that Riyadh and US officials have blamed on Iran.

Iran denies involvement in the attacks, which initially halved oil output from Saudi Arabia. Responsibility was claimed by Yemen's Houthi movement, an Iranian-aligned group fighting a Saudi-led alliance in Yemen's civil war.

"This is a sign of US desperation ... When they repeatedly sanction the same institution, this means their attempt at bringing the Iranian nation to its

knees under 'maximum pressure' has failed," Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told reporters in remarks shown on state television.

## Blocking

"But this is dangerous and unacceptable as an attempt at blocking ... the Iranian people's access to food and medicine," Zarif said, speaking after arriving in New York for the annual U.N. General Assembly next week.

Meanwhile, there were reports on social media that a number of Iranian servers and websites - including those of some petrochemical firms - were under a cyber-attack. There was no immediate official comment, and the websites of the main state oil company NIOC appeared to be functioning normally. Residents said their internet access was not affected.

Reuters

## Trump slams claims he pressured Ukraine to probe Joe Biden's son

**W**ASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump has denied a whistle-blower's claim of wrongdoing in a call with a foreign leader, amid reports he pressured Ukraine's president to investigate the son of Democratic political rival Joe Biden, who demanded the transcript of the call released immediately.

The whistle-blower's complaint has triggered a tense showdown between the US Congress, whose Democratic leaders are demanding the review of the complaint, and the executive branch which has barred them from doing so.

It has also raised concerns Trump sought to strong-arm Ukraine into providing damaging information on the president's possible 2020 challenger, which would represent dangerous foreign meddling in the US election similar to the interference blamed on Russia in 2016, when Trump defeated Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

According to a report by The Washington Post, which cited two unnamed former US officials, the complaint stemmed from Trump's communications with Ukraine, and a "promise" allegedly made by the president.

Suspensions have focused on a July 25 call between Trump and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky,

a former comedian who assumed office in May.

Trump's Democratic opponents have been probing that call in connection with allegations Trump and his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani tried to pressure the Ukrainian administration.

The Wall Street Journal meanwhile reported that Trump pressed Zelensky about eight times on the call to investigate possible corruption involving Biden's son Hunter, who worked with a Ukrainian natural gas company. Trump on Friday defended himself, angrily declaring that the "ridiculous" story came from a "partisan whistle-blower", even though he did not know the person's identity.

Trump insisted he had a "totally appropriate" conversation, without detailing with whom, or what was said. When asked by reporters whether he discussed the Bidens with Zelensky, Trump replied: "It doesn't matter what I discuss."

He did not deny having done so, but instead urged media to "look into" Biden's involvement in Ukraine, and his videotaped comments last year in which the ex-US vice president said the former President Barack Obama's administration would freeze \$1bn in US loan guarantees, unless Kiev did not fire its top prosecutor.

Daily Mail

## US is sending troops to Saudi Arabia

**R**IYADH - The United States will send additional troops to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to beef up security, following last weekend's attack on oil fields in Saudi Arabia. In a Friday evening press conference, Defence Secretary Mark Esper and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph Dunford announced that "all indications are that Iran was responsible for the attacks."

They explained that the US is responding with a 'moderate deployment' of additional forces. Dunford said that it was 'fair to say' this deployment would not involve thousands of troops.

"We haven't decided on specific units," the general told reporters. He explained that the US is providing capabilities to enhance air and missile defense.

Last Saturday, Saudi oil facilities were struck by drones and missiles in an attack that the US has blamed on Iran, a country that has also been blamed in recent months for mining oil tankers, pirating vessels, and shooting down

unmanned aircraft, among other hostile behavior.

"Iran has increased its military activity through direct attacks and support to its proxies in the region," the secretary said Friday evening. The US has already ratcheted up sanctions against Iran, but now the US is strengthening its military posture.

## Increase

The latest troop increase follows the significant deployment this summer of strategic military assets to deter troubling Iranian behavior. Among the assets sent to the region were a carrier strike group, bomber and fighter squadrons, air defense systems, and ground troops.

While this past summer was characterised by a series of crises, one of which nearly brought the US and Iran into armed conflict, tensions have not been running as hot in recent weeks.

AFP



## BRIEFS

### Moscow frees actor convicted in protests

**MOSCOW** - Pavel Ustinov, a 23-year-old actor, will be freed - at least temporarily - after his conviction over an opposition protest sparked public outcry, a Moscow court ruled. Ustinov was convicted on Monday of dislocating a security officer's shoulder during his arrest at an August 3 rally in Moscow where demonstrators demanded free and fair elections. He denied the charges, and the conviction sparked a major solidarity campaign, with hundreds of supporters, from film stars to teachers to priests, staging further protests against President Vladimir Putin's administration. Ustinov's family thanked all those who helped win her son's release on Friday. "This is a victory of all of us," his mother, Tatyana Ustinova, told reporters. "I think we will win." Reuters

### 'Brexit stance behind effort to oust me'

**LONDON** - The deputy leader of Britain's main opposition Labour Party said yesterday that his stance on Brexit, where he backs a second referendum before a parliamentary election, unlike leader Jeremy Corbyn, is behind efforts by some in the party to remove him. At a meeting of Labour's National Executive Committee on Friday, Jon Lansman, the founder of the left-wing grassroots movement Momentum, proposed a motion to abolish the post of deputy leader, citing disloyalty over Brexit, according to two party officials.

The chair ruled that the motion should be thrown out and members then voted 17 to 10 to overturn that decision, just short of the two-thirds majority they needed, the officials said.

Reuters

### Iran to destroy country attacks Islamic Republic

**TEHRAN** - The commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards has warned that any country that attacks the Islamic republic will see its territory turn into the conflict's 'main battlefield'. Guards commander Hossein Salami told a news conference in Tehran: "Whoever wants their land to become the main battlefield, go ahead." We will never allow any war to encroach upon Iran's territory. We hope that they don't make a strategic mistake as they have before, Salami said, before listing past US military 'adventures' against Iran. Salami was speaking at Tehran's Islamic Revolution and Holy Defence museum during the unveiling of an exhibition of what Iran says are US and other drones captured in its territory.

Daily Mail

### Non-marital sex ban delayed by president

**JAKARTA** - Indonesian President Joko Widodo on Friday called for a delay in passing a new law that would outlaw gay and pre-marital sex after the controversial plan sparked a public outcry.

The proposed criminal code overhaul should get a closer look given the backlash, Widodo said, as he asked that Parliament scrap a planned vote on the revisions before its session ends next week.

The mooted changes could affect millions in the world's biggest Muslim majority country, including gay and heterosexual couples who might face jail for having sex outside wedlock, or having an affair.

On Friday, the Australian embassy in Jakarta issued a fresh travel advisory for Indonesia, warning that the legislation could put unmarried foreign tourists in the crosshairs. Daily Mail





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## Thousands take to Egypt's streets demanding resignation of President

**CAIRO** - Thousands of pro-democracy protesters marched in cities across Egypt on Friday, demanding the resignation of President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

Videos posted on social media showed demonstrators chanting "rise up, fear not, Sisi must go" and "the people demand the regime's fall" late on Friday.

Protests were reported in the capital Cairo, the second-biggest city of Alexandria and Suez.

Officers in civilian uniforms confronted the demonstrators who tried approaching Cairo's Tahrir Square, where mass protests started in 2011 which toppled Hosni Mubarak.

Al Jazeera is banned from reporting from inside Egypt, but there were several reports of arrests made in the capital, and tear gas being used on demonstrators.

The demonstrations came after self-exiled Egyptian businessman and actor Mohamed Ali accused President el-Sisi

of corruption and called on people to take to the streets and demand the leader be removed. El-Sisi has dismissed the allegations as "lies".

"If el-Sisi does not announce his resignation by Thursday, then the Egyptian people will come out to the squares on Friday in protest," Ali said in a video posted on Tuesday.

### Posting

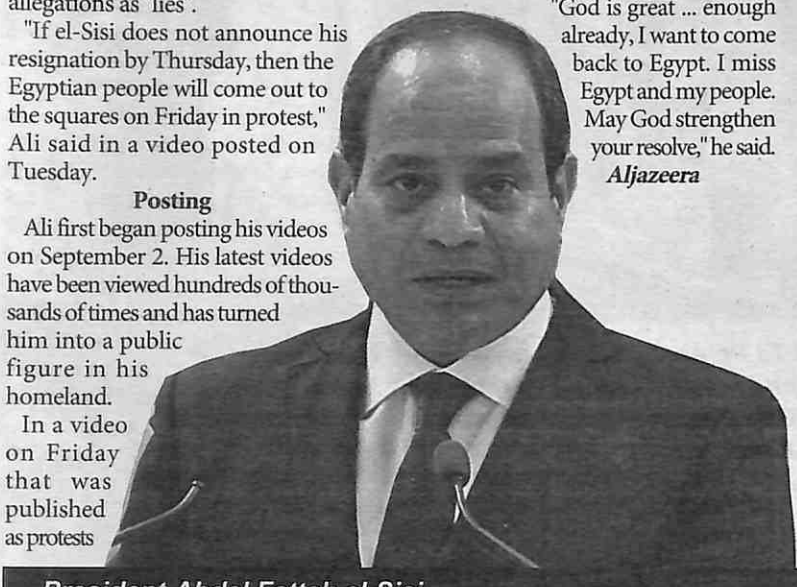
Ali first began posting his videos on September 2. His latest videos have been viewed hundreds of thousands of times and has turned him into a public figure in his homeland.

In a video on Friday that was published as protests

were gaining momentum, Ali encouraged people to stand strong and continue demanding their rights.

"God is great ... enough already, I want to come back to Egypt. I miss Egypt and my people. May God strengthen your resolve," he said.

*Aljazeera*



President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

## Thousands protest in Algiers despite tight security

**ALGIERS** - Thousands of protesters took to the streets of the Algerian capital on Friday in defiance of a heavy security presence to demand the ouster of the country's army chief.

Demonstrators gathered near the capital's main post office square, the epicentre of Algeria's protest movement that forced longtime president Abdelaziz Bouteflika to step down in April, this time calling for the ouster of General Ahmed Gaid Salah.

"The people want the fall of Gaid Salah," the strongman in post-Bouteflika Algeria, they chanted. "Take us all to prison, the people will not stop."

Friday's protest marked Algeria's 31st consecutive week of rallies, but protesters faced a heavy deployment of security forces in the city centre and along its main avenues. Salah on Wednesday ordered police to block protesters from outside Algiers entering the capital to boost numbers at the anti-regime rallies.

The tougher line on protests came just



Algerian protesters take part in a demonstration against the country's army chief in Algeria's capital Algiers.

days after interim president Abdelkader Bensalah announced a December 12 date for a presidential election to fill the vacuum left by Bouteflika's departure.

The army chief has led the push for polls by the end of 2019, despite mass protests demanding political reforms and the

removal of the former president's loyalists - including Gaid Salah himself, before any vote.

In the runup to the latest rally, as on previous Fridays, police made several arrests near the square, AFP photographers said.

*AFP*

## ZIM'S 'WITCH-HUNT' AGAINST OPPONENTS

**HARARE** - On September 8, Zimbabwean union activist Dr Peter Magombeyi claimed he was receiving "death threats". Six days later he disappeared. His last WhatsApp message said: "I have been kidnapped by three men." Magombeyi was found on Thursday night, 30km from the capital Harare.

He was alive and deeply traumatised. Around 50 political opponents and unionists have been abducted in Zimbabwe this year. According to Amnesty International, they are victims of a "systematic and brutal crackdown on human rights" by the regime.

Hundreds of medics took to the streets this week to demand the authorities investigate Magombeyi's disappearance.

"No Peter, no work," chanted the crowds. They accused security forces of kidnapping their colleague for heading the Zimbabwe Hospital Doctors Association (ZHDA).

The pressure paid off.

Magombeyi appeared "disoriented", said a ZHDA member after he was found, adding that the 26-year old would be examined to determine whether he had been tortured.

### Statement

Since Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa came to power in 2017, the regime has "resorted to the same brutal tactics" used by his predecessor Robert Mugabe to "clampdown on human rights," said Amnesty in a statement last month.

Magombeyi had launched a strike earlier this month to demand their salaries be pegged to the US dollar in the face of spiralling living costs.

### News24

"I live in the trenches"

Within a year, the value of their pay had fallen 15-fold due to hyperinflation and the collapse of the local currency.

"I live in the trenches," Magombeyi told AFP during an interview before he went missing.

*News24*

## Malema, Shivambu and Ndlozi lash out at 'dimwitted' 'Stratcom agents'

**JOHANNESBURG** - The party's top leadership appear to believe offence is the best defence, following a report alleging the party benefitted from a tender awarded by the City of Johannesburg.

### Report

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) have gone into overdrive following an amaBhungane report detailing evidence that a tractor 'donated' to two Limpopo communities appears to have been paid for by a company who received a lucrative R1 billion contract from the City of Johannesburg, which some believe may have caused the

EFF to cooperate with mayor Herman Mashaba's administration.

EFF leader Julius Malema called veteran journalist Ferial Haffajee a "fool", before continuing to insult her in Sepedi, after she suggested the party should "rebrand as an entrepreneurial party, not a socialist revolutionary one."

The party's second-in-command Floyd Shivambu also reacted to Haffajee's tweet, saying that "Stratcom agents" are not only "controlled by factions" but are also "dim witted" because they supposedly haven't read enough about socialism. *Citizen*

## BRIEFS

### Central bank tightens rules for currency exchanges

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe's central bank has tightened the rules governing the trade of foreign currency by money exchange offices with immediate effect. The rates offered by exchange offices must be 7 per cent above or below the interbank mid-rate, the central bank said in an emailed statement. Failure to comply would result in either heavy financial penalties or license revocation, it said. The Southern African nation has 200 licensed exchange outlets. Since a parity peg to the US dollar was dropped in February, the local currency has slumped to 14.43 to the dollar, making it the world's worst performer. It's even weaker on the parallel market at 20.3 versus the US currency.

*News24*

### Islamist party throws weight behind vote

**TUNIS** - Tunisia's influential Islamist-inspired party Ennahdha said Friday it will support law professor and political outsider Kais Saied in a presidential runoff against jailed media magnate Nabil Karoui. The latest twist in the electoral race came a day after the North African country's longtime dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, who was ousted in 2011, died in exile in Saudi Arabia. "Ennahdha has chosen to support the people's choice," the party's spokesman Imed Khemiri told AFP after last Sunday's first round of polling in which Saied finished ahead with 18.4% of the vote. The surprise result of the election, contested by more than 20 candidates, thrust to the fore both Saied and Karoui. *News24*

### Nigeria to give all of its 200m people ID numbers

**ABUJA** - Nigeria wants to issue identity numbers for as many as 50 million citizens per year in a bid to create a harmonised database of its population, the largest in Africa. The West African nation with a population of roughly 200 million has a fragmented identity system, with at least 13 federal agencies and three state agencies offering ID services. Even then, only about 38 per cent of Nigerians have any form of identity document. That's where the National Identity Management Commission comes in, which has secured \$433m (R6.4bn) from foreign donors including the World Bank and European Union to collect data nationwide and issue identity numbers.

*Reuters*

### Ngqulwana stands firm on his statements

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former general secretary of the messianic churches, Buyisile Ngqulwana remains steadfast that his statements about the African Transformation Movement (ATM) being the brainchild of ANC Secretary-General Ace Magashule are factually true and not defamatory. Magashule is taking Ngqulwana to court over his claims that Magashule had a hand in the establishment of the ATM, a small party that emerged in the run-up to the 2019 general elections. Some inside and outside the ANC, however, claim the party was set up to split the vote and reduce the ANC's votes. Ngqulwana, the former SG of the South African Council of Messianic Churches in Christ (SACMCC), said in an. *News24*



# SPRINGBOKS OUTCLASSED BY ALL BLACKS IN WORLD CUP OPENER

**Y**OKOHAMA - The Springboks went down to the All Blacks after a hard-fought Rugby World Cup encounter in Yokohama on Saturday. New Zealand, two-time defending world champions, won 23-13, after leading 17-3 at half-time. The South Africans fought back well in the second period but the Kiwis kept their composure to close the game out in the latter stages.

The Boks took an early lead via a Handre Pollard penalty and bossed the early exchanges.

However, momentum appeared to swing when Pollard missed an easy penalty attempt for a 6-0 South African lead.

Soon afterwards, the All Blacks capitalised on a weak pass from scrumhalf Faf de Klerk to lay siege on the Bok try-line.

They couldn't get through, but won a penalty, with flyhalf Richie Mo'unga levelling matters after 22 minutes.

The All Blacks showed renewed vigour and troubled the Boks with their expansive game, scoring two quickfire tries via winger George Bridge and lock Scott Barrett.

Suddenly, the scoreline read 17-3 in New Zealand's favour and it looked a long way back for South Africa.

But the Springboks slowly regained their composure and fought back gallantly in the second half.

In the 47th minute, flank Pieter-Steh du Toit barged over next to the posts after a concerted period of attack to reduce the deficit to seven points.



**New Zealand's scrum-half TJ Perenara checks on South Africa's flanker Pieter-Steh du Toit (bottom) during the Japan 2019 Rugby World Cup Pool B match between New Zealand and South Africa**

A long-range drop goal from Pollard made the score 17-13 midway through the second half but two late penalties from Mo'unga and Beauden Barrett saw New Zealand home.

Winger Cheslin Kolbe was a stand-out for South Africa. He was sound under the high ball, solid in defence and troubled New Zealand with several sniping breaks.

He limped off late in the game with a

leg injury, which will be of grave concern for coach Rassie Erasmus.

The Boks also lost replacement prop Trevor Nyakane late in the game with what looked like a serious knee injury.

South Africa's next match is against Namibia in Toyota next Saturday (September 28), while New Zealand are next in action against Canada in Oita on Wednesday, October 2. **AFP**

## Jesus returns for Brazil after international ban

**R**IO DE JANEIRO - Gabriel Jesus returned on Friday to the Brazil squad for next month's friendlies against Nigeria and Senegal after his two-month ban from international football following his controversial dismissal in July's Copa America final.

The Manchester City striker was hit with the ban by South

America's football governing body CONMEBOL last month for the way he reacted to being sent off 20 minutes from the end of the final, won by Brazil 3-1 against Peru.

He left the field in tears, made obscene hand gestures, angrily kicked a water bottle and almost knocked over the VAR booth.

Neymar was also picked on Friday for the Brazil squad days after he returned to action for Paris Saint-Germain following a summer-long transfer saga.

The world's most expensive player scored a spectacular winner against Strasbourg in Sunday's 1-0 Ligue 1 win at the Parc des Princes, but was showered with boos by fans after courting former club Barcelona throughout the close season.

Neymar, who struggled with injuries last season, had already played for his country earlier this month in friendly matches with Peru and Colombia, the latter of which saw him score and set another up in a 2-2 draw.

Atletico Madrid's Renan Lodi, 21, earned his first international call-up after impressing in his first few games for the La Liga outfit. Neymar's PSG teammate Marquinhos has also been selected despite him leaving the field injured during his side's 3-0 destruction of Real Madrid in the Champions League on Wednesday.

**AFP**



**Brazilian star Gabriel Jesus.**

## Osaka advances to Pan Pacific final in home city

**T**OKYO - Japanese tennis sensation Naomi Osaka beat Elise Mertens of Belgium on Saturday to reach the final of the Pan Pacific Open, thrilling her Japanese fans in the city of her birth.

Top seed Osaka dispatched No 9 seed Mertens 6-4, 6-1 in Osaka, western Japan, to reach her first final since winning the Australian Open.

The pair both held their serves for the first set until Osaka broke Mertens in the 10th game.

Osaka, 21, rounded into form in the second, and after the pair traded early breaks, won the last four games of the match to sprint to victory in just over an hour.

"It's been kind of rough like the past couple of months so I'm really glad that I made it to the final," she said.

She tried to stay calm because the 23-year-old Belgian player is "an amazing player and it's so hard to hit her balls," she said. Earlier in the day, Osaka saw off Yulia Putintseva in straight sets, even as she was tricked at times by the Kazakh player's slices and drop shots.

"For me, I learned a lot from when I played her at Wimbledon, and I know at a hard court is where I feel most comfortable," Osaka told press after beating Putintseva. Last week, Osaka announced she was splitting with her coach, her second break-up this year as she battles to regain form after slipping from the top of the world rankings to number four. **Daily Mail**

## Blood and cuts: Tyson Fury's eye will 'never be the same'

**L**ONDON - TYSON FURY should delay his rematch against Deontay Wilder to recover from his horror eye injury.

That's the opinion of undefeated former two-weight world champ Andre Ward, who doubts that the Gypsy King would be fully recovered for February. Fury, 31, battled valiantly to beat Swede Otto Wallin in a unanimous points victory last time out, taking it 116-112, 117-111 and 118-110.

But Fury's win was in doubt from the third round after his vision was hampered following a hefty blow to his right eye - with the Brit star sharing before and after pics of the gash. He was rushed to hospital after his fight - with his own dad fearing for his future, despite the boxer's insistence he will face Wilder again. It is believed a deal has already been agreed for Fury to rematch Wilder in February after their controversial draw in December last year.

### TAKE THE TIME TO HEAL

Despite being knocked down twice, including a brutal one on the 12th round, many believed Fury should have got the decision from the judges and not the draw that was given.

Now Ward, speaking on the Max On Boxing YouTube channel, has suggested that the fight should be pushed back to ensure the 47-stitch gash above his right eye heals. On the rematch, 35-year-old Ward said: "Both guys feel like they got jobbed in the first fight.

"Wilder feels like it wasn't a draw. Fury



**Tyson Fury.**

feels like he eked it out. We don't want that kind of conversation after the rematch.

### EYE COULD BE EVEN STRONGER

"Give the eye time to heal. Take a couple of extra months so we can give the fans, and the media what they want to see in the rematch."

However Ward believes the area around the eye, once fully healed, could be even STRONGER than it was before.

He added: "It's never going to be the same, but it's going to be better.

"The scar tissue will have formed, and he won't have the softness and the redness around his eye that he would have if he tried to come back too soon, because we don't want any excuses." **AFP**

## Bolt believes Pogba, Rashford can guide Man Utd back to glory

**M**ANCHESTER - Usain Bolt has said he hopes that Manchester United can build their team around Paul Pogba and Marcus Rashford in the coming years.

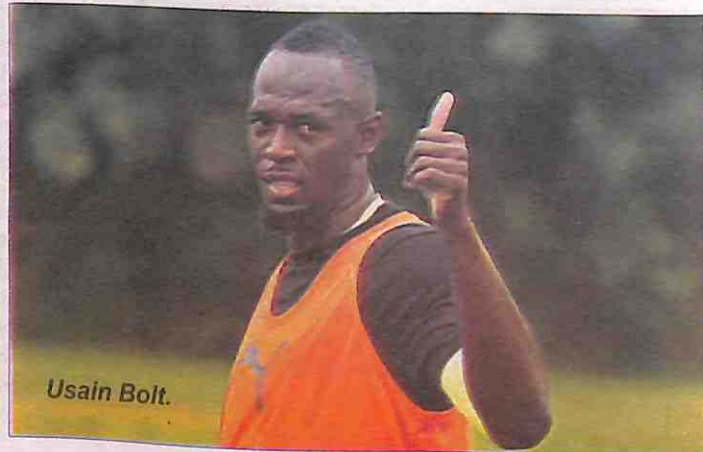
The Red Devils have struggled to reach the heights of Sir Alex Ferguson's trophy-laden era, ever since the Scot's retirement in 2013, while they missed out on a Champions League spot for this season after finishing sixth last term. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is attempting to pull United back into contention at the top of the table and, heading into Sunday's meeting with West Ham, they find themselves fifth, seven points behind league leaders Liverpool. Speculation had

been rife over Pogba's future throughout the summer, with Real Madrid heavily linked, but Bolt hopes the French World Cup winner, and Rashford, will stick around to help the Red Devils get back to past glories.

"Paul Pogba is a world-class player and Marcus Rashford is getting closer and closer to this category. I hope we can build a team around them to get back to the top," he told FIFA.com.

"The season has not started very well, but we will find our pace and return to the Champions League next year. Anyway, I remain a fan of Manchester United."

**Goal**



**Usain Bolt.**





# POLOKWANE LEAPFROG CHIEFS INTO TOP SPOT

## CELTIC HOLD CHIPPA UNITED

**P**ORT ELIZABETH - Chippa United and Bloemfontein Celtic played to a goalless draw in the Absa Premiership on Saturday afternoon in Port Elizabeth.

Interim coach Duran Francis gave Gerald Modisane his first start of the season, while Sandile Mthethwa, William Twala and Rhulani Manzini also returned for Chippa.

Chippa made a positive start against a side, who looked to continue their upward trajectory with back-to-back victories.

The visiting side slowly showed up thereafter, but found no way through a stubborn Chippa defensive guard.

Neither outfit thus found an opening, bringing an extremely quiet first half to a close, with lots to ponder for the two benches in the dressing rooms.

Not too much change at the start of the second half as neither side introduced changes following the resumption.

### Promise

The Chilli Boys showed more promise than in the first half as Boikanyo Komane, Mzikayise Mashaba and William Twala managed to find decent openings.

Celtic continued applying their stubbornness at the back, providing no space for the aforementioned crew to make their mark.

Siwelele Sa Masele livened up their attack with the arrival of Harris Tchilimbou in the 58th minute, with Maloisane Ramasimong making way.

The change brought little effect though as Chippa reverted back to their stubborn defending as fulltime dawned on the two outfits.

Former Orlando Pirates winger Thabo Rakhale came on for the hosts after 61 minutes in a like-for-like switch with Twala removed.

The two sides couldn't separate each other afterwards, forcing the match to a share of the spoils in the end.

**Kick Off**

**P**OLOKWANE - Polokwane City have overtaken Kaizer Chiefs at the top of the Absa Premiership table with a 3-1 victory over ten-man SuperSport United on Saturday afternoon.

After overcoming Mamelodi Sundowns to reach the MTN8 final, SuperSport coach Kaitano Tembo opted to drop Bradley Grobler and Thamsanqa Gabuza to the bench as Evans Rusike and Kudakwashe Mahachi were handed starts.

It was an evenly contested affair early on, although both sides found it tough to carve out clear-cut openings, as both goalkeepers enjoyed a quiet opening quarter.

Rise and Shine eventually broke the deadlock on 30-minute mark as Nicholas Motloung caught the SuperSport defence napping to nod home from Jabulani Maluleke's corner.

The visitors were dealt a blow five minutes later, when Sipho Mbule picked up a knock and was replaced



Polokwane City and SuperSport United in action.

by Jamie Webber, who netted in the win over Sundowns earlier this week. Tembo had another issue to deal with after SuperSport were

reduced to 10 men when defender Onismor Bhasera was shown a straight red card for a dangerous challenge. Surprisingly, SuperSport

enjoyed a lot of the possession in the early stages of the second half, but they were unable to carve out an opening, even with the introduction of Gabuza at the break.

Rise and Shine did have a chance to double their lead with 20 minutes remaining, when Puleng Tlolané broke through on goal, but SuperSport shot-stopper Ronwen Williams produced a fine save to deny the forward.

Tlolané made up for the missed seven minutes as he cut onto his right and curled one into the top corner from around 25-yards out to seal three points.

Bradley Grobler pulled a goal back for SuperSport from the penalty spot, but Salulani Phiri restored Polokwane's two-goal cushion with a neat finish in second-half stoppage time.

The victory sees Polokwane move top, three points ahead of Chiefs while find themselves in sixth spot.

**Soccer Laduma**

## Baroka take aim at high flying Highlands

**P**OLOKWANE - Baroka FC will host a Highlands Park side high on confidence in an Absa Premiership clash at Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane on Sunday afternoon.

Kick-off is at 3:00pm CAT.

Both teams will be chasing a second successive win in the league, but the Lions of the North will have an extra spring in their step, having booked their place in a first MTN8 final following victory over Polokwane City earlier this week.

Baroka returned to winning form in the league when they overcame Limpopo rivals Black Leopards 2-0 in Thohoyandou on Sunday. Bakgaga's victory was secured by goals from Mfanafuthi Shoji and Tshidiso Patjie. Head coach Wedson

Nyirenda was unsurprisingly delighted with the manner in which his team won the derby fixture, having suffocated a talented Lidoda Duvha outfit, while taking two of the few chances in the fixture.

### Thorn

"Black Leopards have been a thorn in our flesh for a very long time, it has been very difficult, it was exciting, but we played good football and defended well and hopefully we can do the same in our next game [against Highlands Park]," said Nyirenda.

Highlands head into this match having claimed their first league win in a game played almost a month ago; they defeated AmaZulu 2-1 at Makhulong Stadium on Tuesday, August 27. The Lions of

the North scored their goals via forwards Tendai Ndoro and Peter Shalulile.

Since then, the Tembisa-based club have booked their place in a maiden MTN8 final where they will face Supersport United in Orlando next month.

"I'm especially happy for the players, they worked so hard, they are so brave," Highlands head coach Owen da Gama said following his troops aggregate win over Rise and Shine.

"They (the players) must take all the credit. That said, we have forgotten about the final, it is back to basics again and we are concentrating on the upcoming match against Baroka," Da Gama concluded. **Goal**

## Delle seems to have won the trust of coach Mokwena

**J**OHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates' new goalkeeper Joris Delle, seems to have won the trust of coach Rhulani Mokwena.

Not only did the Frenchman impress Mokwena on his debut against Chippa United last Saturday, he has been challenging the coach during training sessions.

Delle made his long-awaited debut at Orlando Stadium and made top-class saves to help Pirates earn their second league win of the new season. "Top performance, maybe one error," Mokwena said after he was asked

about his thoughts on their new signing.

"Top performance, but again, the human qualities were unbelievable.

Smart, tactical, you can see he played in Europe. Delle sharpens me, he is the player when I think of doing something on the training pitch, he is the first to ask 'why do we do this?' Have you seen the side of this thing?"

"He is extremely intelligent also, and understands the game very well. You could see he is from a different environment where the level of coaching is very, very high."

**Kick Off**



## LEOPARDS FIGHT BACK TO FORCE DRAW AGAINST STELLENBOSCH

**C**APE TOWN - Stellenbosch and Black Leopards played to a 2-2 draw in their Absa Premiership match at Athlone Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Stellies looked on course for a first win since earning promotion, thanks to a brace from Waseem Isaacs, but Lidoda Duvha struck a last-gasp equaliser to claim a share of the spoils.

Stellenbosch enjoyed early dominance and the likes of Lelethu Skelem and Iqraam Rayners had pot shots at goal from distance, though none of them were any trouble for Leopards goalkeeper Jonas Mendes. The visitors settled into the game and began creating half-chances of their own, with Lesedi Kapinga and Lifa Hlongwane influential in troubling the Stellies defence, though Mwape Musonda wasn't quite presented with clear-cut



Black Leopard FC.

opportunities. The Cape side suffered an injury blow late in the first half when defender Sibusiso Mthethwa had to be replaced, with Alan Robertson coming off the bench. However, they soon claimed the lead in the 42nd minute when Waseem Isaacs took

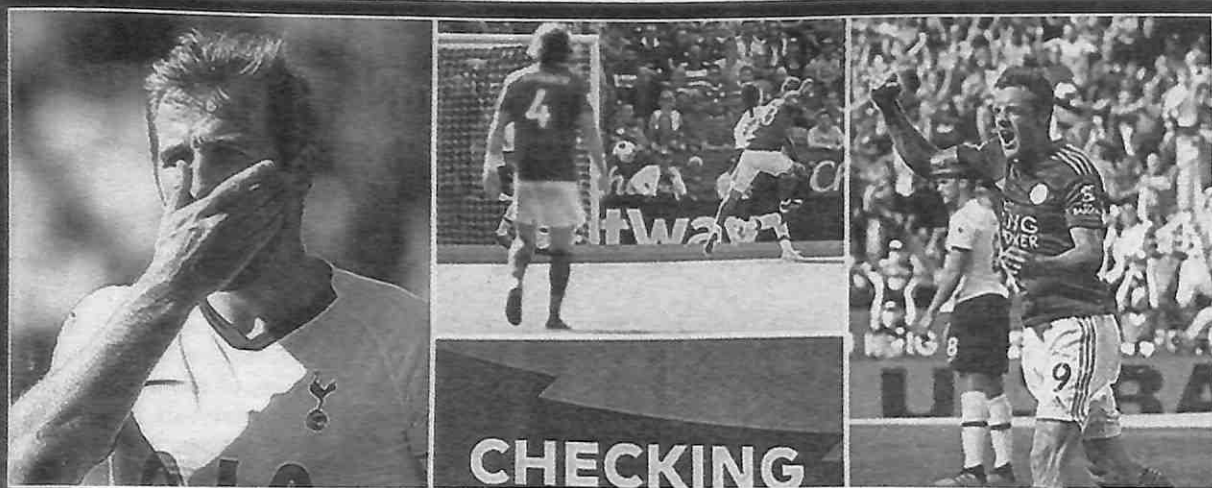
advantage of some slack defending and put a shot beyond Mendes to see Stellenbosch leading 1-0 at the half-time break.

### Goal

Isaacs threatened a second goal a few minutes after the restart, but he sent

his shot just over the crossbar from long range. Stellenbosch looked confident and aggressive by this stage, putting together some fine attacking moves to push Leopards onto the back foot. Lidoda Duvha changed things up in midfield, by introducing Joseph Mhlongo and this helped them to get their passing move going. The hosts soon needed Boy De Jong to make a fine save to deny Musonda in the 60th minute. Just two minutes later the equaliser arrived for the Limpopo side, with Robert Ngambi putting an effort beyond the reach of the hosts' goalkeeper after a build-up of pressure. It was no less than Leopards deserved for their endeavour and persistence. Yet Stellenbosch remained a potent threat going forward and they were rewarded with a second goal for Issacs in the 72nd minute.





## STUTTERING SPURS SUFFER DEFEAT AT LEICESTER

**L**ONDON - Tottenham Hotspur's stuttering form continued as they suffered a 2-1 defeat to Leicester City at the King Power Stadium, where VAR played a big role.

Spurs boss, Mauricio Pochettino rang the changes from their slip-up in Greece against Olympiakos, with Christian Eriksen, Ben Davies and Lucas Moura dropping to the bench, while goalkeeper Hugo Lloris was out of the squad on paternity leave.

The Foxes started the brightest and found the back of the net in the 17th minute, after Youri Tielemans let fly a low dipping strike from range that was spilled by shot-stopper Paulo Gazzaniga and Ayoze Perez reacted the quickest to the rebound and was helped by Wilfred Ndidi to bundle the ball over the line, but the goal was chalked off after the Video Assistant Referee spotted an offside in the build-up.

The visitors got a wake-up call and eventually broke the deadlock in the 29th minute courtesy of Harry Kane,

who netted with an improvised finish, striking a ball just before he fell on the ground from a push inside the box, following a clever back-heel from Son Heung-min that sent him through on goal, 0-1.

Brendan Rodgers' troops were working their way back in the game and Perez nearly levelled matters for them seven minutes before the break with a close range strike at the back post that was brilliantly kept out by Gazzaniga and the Lilywhites managed to escape the late surge to head to the break holding a 1-0 lead.

### Chances

The hosts started the second stanza on the front foot and were creating chances but were lucky not to go 2-0 behind in the 65th minute, after Serge Aurier unleashed a pile-driver that found the back of the net with the help of a deflection, but the VAR came to Leicester's rescue as the goal was disallowed for an offside in the build-up to the goal.

The Foxes eventually levelled matters with 21 minutes remaining, thanks to Ricardo Pereira, who netted with a low fierce strike past Gazzaniga inside the box with the help of a deflection, following a cut-back from Jamie Vardy, 1-1.

Pochettino was seeking a high press in the last 11 minutes, in search of the winner as he brought on Eriksen in place of Erik Lamela, while Rodgers was also not content with a prospect of a stalemate as he introduced Demarai Gray moments thereafter in place of Harvey Barnes, to stretch the Leicester defence on counter-attacks.

Maddison produced a moment of brilliance for the Foxes with six minutes remaining, as he gave them a 2-1 lead with a low thumping strike from outside the box and that ultimately proved to be the winner as the hosts held on for all the three points, while Spurs crashed to their second defeat in the league.

*Daily Mail*

## Alexander-Arnold hails team-mate Firmino

**L**ONDON - Liverpool full-back Trent Alexander-Arnold has praised his team-mate Roberto Firmino by claiming he is the 'best No.9 in world football' and believes only Lionel Messi surpasses him in creativity and link-up play.

The Brazilian has enjoyed a superb start to the new season and not just for his goal scoring prowess, with the 27-year-old netting two in five Premier League games.

However, pundits have also been quick to highlight Firmino's selfless work rate and he often proves to be the glue needed for Mohamed Salah and Sadio Mane to operate at their best for the Reds. "The quality he possesses is unbelievable," Alexander-Arnold told Liverpool's official matchday magazine. "He's one of the best, if not the best, number nines in the world. We wouldn't swap him for any other player."

"He is everything to us. We need Bobby to keep ticking. We need

him to connect the play and join all the dots for us. Without him you see how much the team misses. It shows how much we really do need him."

In fact, so highly does the defender regard Firmino, he has claimed only Argentina star Lionel Messi is better as a creative player.

"You'd struggle to name a better link player. Obviously there's Lionel Messi at Barcelona, but he's out of this world. "If you're talking about the Premier League I think Bobby is the best and he is still so underrated for what he does for the team. "Maybe the two other forwards, Sadio and Mo, get all the credit for their goals, but what Bobby does for them can go unnoticed. He drags defenders out of position so they can get in behind them and the way that he presses and wins the ball back is relentless. He's exactly what we need," he added.

*Goal*

## Liverpool paid settlement to City over scouting hack

**L**ONDON - Liverpool paid Manchester City a £1 million settlement after their Premier League rivals complained their scouting system had been hacked, according to reports on Saturday.

The Times claimed the confidential agreement took place in September 2013 after City employed computer-espionage experts to see if the system had been spied on.

City were said to have alleged their login was used on the Scout7

system on a number of occasions by several Liverpool employees.

The settlement came a year after three former City scouts moved to Liverpool.

Two of them were alleged by City to have been involved in accessing their database on the Scout7 system, on hundreds of occasions over an eight-month period. The Premier League were reported to be unaware of the settlement at the time.

*AFP*

## Zidane unfazed by Mourinho talk

**M**ADRID - Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane says he is paying no attention to heavy criticism aimed at him after the 3-0 defeat by Paris St Germain in the Champions League and is not bothered that Spanish media continue to link Jose Mourinho with his job.

Real were up against an under-strength PSG side on Wednesday missing Neymar, Edinson Cavani and Kylian Mbappe but produced a pitiful display, failing to register a shot on target in a Champions League game for the first time in 16 years.

"I'm not interested in what is said outside the club, the day I pay attention to what's in the press is the day I leave," Zidane told a news conference on Saturday ahead of Real's visit to early La Liga leaders Sevilla on Sunday.

"I feel in a strong position and I never give up. I will keep trying until the last minute and as long as the club will give me the chance to continue. I don't feel questioned at all." Spanish media have reported that Real president Florentino Perez would be keen to recruit former coach Mourinho, who is currently without a club, should Zidane be relieved of his duties.



**Zinedine Zidane.**

"I'm not bothered by the Mourinho speculation," added the French coach, who led Real to three consecutive Champions League titles before resigning in 2018, but has only won seven out of 16 games since returning to the club in March.

"This is how the situation is, and whenever the team has a bad result the impression is that everything needs to change. It's difficult but it's the reality."

Real have taken eight points from four La Liga games while Sevilla top the standings with 10 after making a flying start under coach Julen Lopetegui, who was named as Zidane's successor at Real last year but was sacked in October.

*Goal*

## In-form Leclerc pips Hamilton for 3rd straight F1 pole

**S**INGAPORE - Ferrari's Charles Leclerc stormed to his third straight Formula One pole position at the Singapore Grand Prix on Saturday and now aims to win again as he did in Belgium and Italy.

Leclerc posted 1 minute 36.217 seconds on the floodlit 5.063-kilometre Yas Marina street course to rank first on the grid for the fifth time this year. World champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes qualified 0.191 seconds behind, and Sebastian Vettel was third in the other Ferrari, 0.220 seconds off his team-mate Leclerc.

Saturday's session was smoother than that in Monza a fortnight ago, where many drivers failed to cross the line in time for a final flying lap.

Ferrari's pole and Vettel's third place came as a surprise as the team were expected to struggle on a course which didn't really favour them.

"We came here knowing it would be a difficult track for us," Leclerc said. "It was a very good lap, there were some moments when I thought I had lost the car." The Monegasque also praised his team after his car had gearbox problems in the first practice session on Friday.

"The team has done an amazing job and I'm extremely happy to be on pole. We had a very tough Friday, yester-



**Charles Leclerc pose next to his Ferrari at the Singapore Grand Prix.**

day was not my day, but I worked hard in the car and it paid off today," he said.

Hamilton, a four-time winner in Singapore, admitted: "I don't know where Ferrari picked up their pace because this is not known to be one of their tracks, but they did a great job."

"I needed something special at the end, so I gave it absolutely everything I had. It was very, very close. I'm sure I nearly hit the wall a couple of times but it was as much as I could get out of the car."

"I'm really, really happy to be on the front row in the mix with them and try and divide them tomorrow," he said in the direction of Ferrari. Hamilton leads the championship 63 points

ahead of team-mate Valtteri Bottas after 14 of 21 season races as he is firmly moving towards a sixth world title.

"Maybe I peaked a bit early, we had a tiny wobble and there was no point in finishing that lap," the German four-time race winner said.

"It puts us in a good position tomorrow. It should be a good race, let's see what the tyres are going to do, if we can push for the two hours or will we have to manage them."

Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who had impressed in Friday practice, qualified fourth ahead of Bottas. Racing Point's Sergio Perez was 11th but loses five spots over a gearbox change following a crash in morning practice.

*Daily Mail*



## 'Son's eyelash was offside' - VAR slammed yet again

**L**EICESTER - Leicester may have pulled off an impressive comeback to beat Tottenham 2-1 on Saturday, but it was the goals that were not counted that dominated discussion after the Premier League clash.

The Foxes thought they had taken an early lead at the King Power Stadium, when Wilfred Ndidi turned the ball into the back of the net, but a VAR review revealed Ayoze Perez had been offside earlier in the move.

It was Tottenham who broke the

...As Tottenham see Aurier goal controversially ruled out

deadlock through Harry Kane just before the half-hour mark, but the video replay system came back to haunt the visitors in the second half.

### Lashed

Serge Aurier appeared to have doubled his side's lead when he lashed past Kasper Schmeichel, but the celebrations were cut short when the footage was reviewed at Stockley Park, where it was decided that Son Heung-min was offside.

But the call looked harsh on Mauricio Pochettino's team, as even the still images made it difficult to tell if Son's shoulder was ahead of the nearest defender's knee.

Within five minutes of that incident, Leicester equalised and went on to find the winner through James Maddison.

It is the first match in the Premier League this season to have had more than one goal disallowed by VAR,



but the Son call was enough to infuriate spectators, many of who feel that

the technology is ruining the game. **Goal**

# AGUERO TOPS ROONEY IN EPL GOALSCORING CHARTS

**M**ANCHESTER - Sergio Aguero has broken a record jointly held by Wayne Rooney to become the first man to score in each of the opening six games of a Premier League season, for Manchester City.

The Argentine was on song against Watford as he finished from the penalty spot seven minutes in to double his side's lead against the Hornets at the Etihad Stadium on Saturday.

Aguero, the all-time highest scorer for Pep Guardiola's side, converted after Riyad Mahrez was fouled by Ben Foster, to make it six consecutive top-flight appearances this season where he has found the back of the net.

It represented his second penalty of the year too, following a similar effort in City's opening game of the season against West Ham, in which the 31-year-old added some further gloss to a 5-0 scoreline.

Since then, he has scored against Tottenham, Bournemouth, Brighton and Norwich, nabbing a brace against both the Cherries and the Seagulls.

However, in two instances, against Spurs and the Canaries, he was unable to salvage dropped points for the champions.

Aguero's finish against the Hornets means that he takes the previous crown from both former Manchester United forward Rooney and Arsenal's Jose Anto-

nio Reyes.

Both men previously scored in the opening five games of a Premier League season, with former England captain Rooney finding the net in victories against West Bromwich Albion, Tottenham, Arsenal, Bolton Wanderers and Chelsea in 2011, before he saw his run curtailed by a hamstring injury that ruled him out of a draw with Stoke City.

Former Real Madrid star Reyes, who was a member of the Gunners' much-vaunted Invincibles, got himself on the scoresheet five times on the trot in 2004, against Everton, Middlesbrough, Blackburn Rovers, Norwich and Fulham, before drawing a blank in a 2-2 encounter with Bolton.

With both enjoying perfect records in their five opening wins, Aguero cannot lay claim to having enjoyed such similar results, but his major haul nonetheless elevates him beyond excellent company once again.

Both Rooney and Reyes went on to enjoy the most prolific goalscoring seasons of their careers.

Aguero's penalty came as part of a sensational five-goal blitz from City in the opening 20 minutes, as they look to close the gap to Liverpool at the top of the Premier League table.

**Goal**

## Pressure on Silva with his team booed

**L**ONDON - Sheffield United became the first visiting team to win at Goodison Park since February to heap more pressure on Everton boss Marco Silva.

The Blades went ahead against the run of play with an own goal by Yerry Mina and added a second from substitute Lys Mousset, with their first shot on target after 79 minutes. That prompted a walk-out by many home fans, while those who remained voiced their displeasure at full-time.

Everton have lost three of their Premier League games this season under Silva despite heavy investment and now even Fortress Goodison is letting them down after six consecutive home victories.

Manchester City were the last team to beat Everton away, 2-0 on February 6.

There was warm applause before kick-off for former Evertonian Phil Jagielka who left the club after 12 years in the summer and was returning as United substitute.

The early tempo was quick with Everton on the front foot as they tried to bounce back from last weekend's defeat at Bournemouth.

Richarlison tried his luck from distance and £36 million striker Moise Kean wowed the fans with a flashy turn though his performance was disappointing after that. Everton's best attacking outlet was left-back Lucas Digne, who tested Sheffield 'keeper Dean Henderson with a firm strike. The visitors were happy to get physical as well. Bernard was incensed after being shoved into a hoarding by George Baldock which provoked a brief scuffle between both sets of players. Chris Wilder's side had three players booked within the opening 20 minutes, but kept their discipline thereafter.

United made more headlines in the courtroom than on the football pitch last week with Saudi Prince Abdullah winning his ownership battle with former partner Kevin McCabe. **Daily Mail**

## Are Liverpool really vulnerable at the back?

**L**ONDON - Liverpool have wasted little time in demonstrating their Premier League title credentials in the opening weeks of the season.

With five wins from their opening five matches, Jurgen Klopp's side already have a five-point advantage over Manchester City at the top. Their next assignment comes against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge this afternoon, in what is often one of the highlights of the league campaign.

Chelsea are still very much finding their way under new man-

ager Frank Lampard but sit

sixth having taken eight points from their opening five games.

Both sides are aiming to bounce back from midweek setbacks in the Champions League, with Liverpool losing 2-0 to Napoli and

Chelsea defeated 1-0 by Valencia. The form guide certainly points to a Liverpool win but Chelsea have plenty of reasons to be optimistic. We take a look at some areas where the game could be won and lost.

One of the biggest calls Lampard must make ahead of Sunday is whether to continue with three in defence or revert to a back four. After a series of unconvincing performances with a 4-3-3 formation, Lampard switched Chelsea's system to an Antonio Conte-esque 3-4-2-1 at Wolves last Saturday and saw his young team sweep to a 5-2 win.

However, that result probably said more about the current frailties of 19th-place Wolves than Chelsea's strengths and they were exposed playing the same way in Tuesday night's Champions League loss to Valencia.

In the Wolves game, Chelsea lined up with Antonio Rudiger, Andreas Christensen and Fikayo Tomori but Rudiger suffered a freakish groin injury as he left the field at half-time and was replaced by Kurt Zouma in midweek.

The added security of three centre-halves would make sense against Liverpool's formidable forward line of Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane.

However, what is clear is that the wing-backs Marcos Alonso and Cesar Azpilicueta would likely have to be watchful when pushing forward, given Liverpool's speed in the transition and on the counter.

In the Super Cup meeting between these sides in Istanbul last month, the wide defenders who played that night, Emerson and Azpilicueta deliberately kept back to mitigate against the high press of the Liverpool forwards.

**Daily Mail**

Virgil van Dijk.

## Silva nets a hat-trick in club's biggest EPL win

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester City have registered their largest-ever Premier League win after they embarrassed Watford, by putting eight past Watford at the Etihad on Saturday.

David Silva scored fastest Premier League goal this season as he broke the deadlock inside the first minute, before Sergio Aguero doubled the lead from the penalty spot, scoring his 100th Premier League goal at the Etihad. Riyad Mahrez, who won City's penalty, scored his own set-piece after his free-kick took a wicked deflection off the face of Tom Cleverley and past Ben Foster.

City then got a fourth from a corner as Bernardo Silva stooped down to head the ball past Foster, stunning the Hornets. Aguero then set up his compatriot Nicolas Otamendi to score following a quick free-kick from De Bruyne, which allowed the striker to get to the byline before flashing his pass across the face of goal for Otamendi to tap in. It didn't take long for City to add to their tally when Bernardo Silva got their sixth minutes after

the restart. The Portuguese star got his hat-trick not long after as the rout continued. Kevin de Bruyne then completed the rout with the pick of the goals with an eighth goal for the hosts.

City won 8-0, but it should have been more. City won 8-0 and Sergio Aguero had an off day. He scored a penalty but he missed a hat-trick of chances he would normally have gobbled up. He hit the post, Riyad Mahrez hit the bar, Kevin de Bruyne missed a late sitter, Ben Foster made a magnificent save. It could have been 10. It could have been 11 or 12. It was a turkey shoot.

De Bruyne was magnificent. Hampered by injuries last season, this was him in his pomp again. In this form, he is the best player in the league. He made four assists and scored the eighth and best goal of the lot, an unstoppable drive six minutes from time. David Silva was untouchable, too. As for City's crisis at the back, Fernandinho looked unflappable. Not that he was put to the test much.

**Daily Mail**





# SIHLANGU IN DO OR DIE CHAN QUALIFIER

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**Sihlangu vs Zambia**  
(3pm, Mavuso Sports Centre)

**S**OCCER - All eyes will be on the nation's pride Sihlangu Semnikati when they take on Zambia in the first leg of the 2020 CHAN qualifiers at Mavuso Sports Centre.

The stage has been set for the nation's pride, to put one hand in the finals of the next CHAN finals by beating the feared opposition, ahead of the return leg scheduled for next month in Ndola.

A victory for Sihlangu in this tie, would see the country's senior national side qualify for its major international competition for the first time in the history of the country.

Sihlangu will be expected to redeem the country's image following their shocking exit in the 2022 FIFA at the hands of minnows Djibouti last week at the same venue.

The nation's pride has another chance to redeem itself in the CHAN qualifier by beat Zambia. It won't be easy though. In this tournament only local based players are allowed to feature. So it is very important for the players to market themselves in the outside world.

Sihlangu Head Coach Kostadin Papic needs all the support he can get from the entire nation, in order to bring back the glory day of Emaswati.

Yes, the country needs to replace skepticism with optimism. The fans have to trust the players to put their bodies on line to defend the country's pride on home soil.

The success of the country will be also important in the country FIFA rankings.

"This is the best moment for us to bring back our pride which is very important to the country and team. The spirit is high in camp and the players are looking forward to the match and we will be all out for a win. We are quite aware of Zambia's record over us, but we promise to do our level best to change the fortunes this time around," said Sihlangu coach Papic on Thursday during the media day.

The national team, Sihlangu will also exorcise the ghost that has haunted them at Mavuso Sports Centre for the number of years. Serbian born coach Kostadin Papic will once again rely on talismanic figure Fanelo 'Order' Mamba to destroy the opposition.

The Young Buffaloes left winger is one of the players who have the rare ability to win the match on his own.

His barnstorming runs on the left flank is



incredible. 'Order' Mamba will be the one to watch this afternoon not only for the fans, but to the opposition defence.

The return of attacking midfielder striker, Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze is a major boost to the team as the former Madlenya FC player is a proven match winner after playing a key role during the first round tie against Malawi.

At the belly of the park, where victories are won or lost, Papic will bank his hopes on mid-field workhorse Siboniso 'Gaxa' Ngwenya, to stop everything that look like a threat to the local defence.

Commander of the local troops will be none other than the tough tackling looks Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini who will be waiting like an obstinate shylock at the back.

However, beating an experienced team like Zambia looks like a mountain to climb for the local side as they have got a rich history in the competition.

'Chipolopolo' as the team is affectionately known among its supporters enter this match as favourites. Zambia last recorded a 7-0 aggregate victory over Sihlangu in 2017 during the 2018 qualifiers of the continent second national team's competition (CHAN).

The 2009 CHAN bronze medal winners are playing good football. Their main advantage is to be able to nurture good talent from the youth ranks. Sihlangu must be cautious of mid-

## ESWATINI

**Head coach:** Kostadin Papic

**Key Players:** Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze, Siboniso Ngwenya

**Match Winner:** Fanelo 'Order' Mamba Zambia

**Interim coach:** Aggrey Chiyangi

**Key Players:** Emmanuel Chabula, Benson Sakala, Kelvin Kampamba

field kingpin Kelvin Kapamba of Nkana FC who is most likely going to torment the local national side with pace and skills.

The player is said to have scored a spectacular goal against Botswana before they progressed to this stage of the tournament.

"The most important thing for us is to focus on a win. But we have to be cautious, we cannot just go out there to play an open game, because we know that all the teams have developed a lot," said Zambia interim coach Aggrey Chiyangi before the squad departure to the country. Former Chipolopolo head coach, Honour Janza who now coaches the local side Mbabane Swallows, has also warned Sihlangu to be extra careful in this encounter, after assessing the strength and weaknesses of his native country earlier in the week. The race for Cameroon continues today at the Mavuso Sports Centre.



Siboniso Ngwenya.



Sihlangu lead Coach Kostadin Papic.



## Possible Sihlangu line up

1. Sandanezwe Mathabela
2. Linda Mkonta
3. Melusi Dlamini.
4. Machawe Dlamini
5. Siboniso Ndzabandzaba
6. Siboniso Ngwenya
7. Sandile Gamedze
8. Junior Magagula
9. Phinda Dlamini
10. Sifiso Matse
11. Lindani Matsenjwa



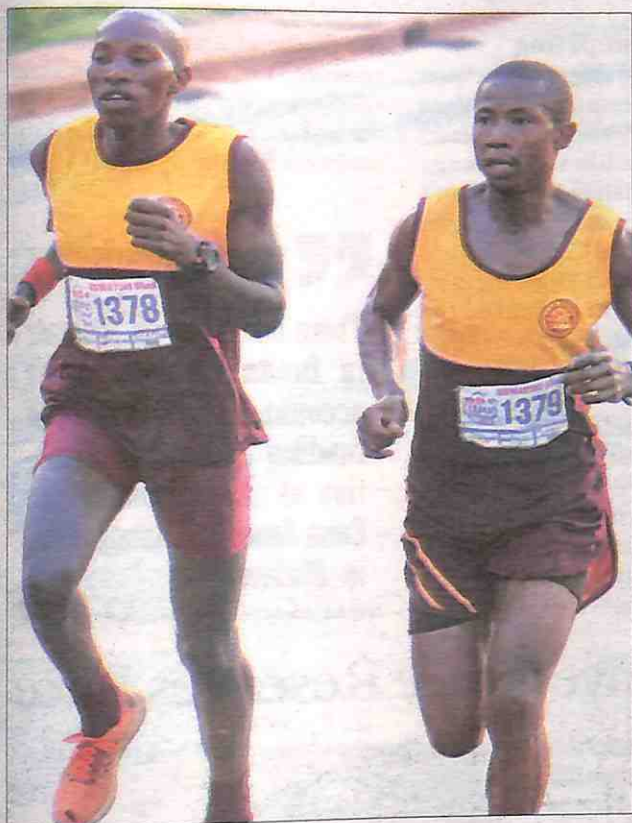
# 2019 ESWATINI 5KM RACE



The over 500 athletes who participated in this year's Eswatini 5km race hosted by Church of the Nazarene in Manzini yesterday in full sprint from the starting point. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



Minister of Tinkhundla David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala representing DPM Themba Masuku while flanked by His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General LaMakhosini Phindile Dlamini and race organiser Tokky Hou.



Sikhumbuzo Sihlongonyane and Melusi Khumalo (both from UEDF) compete in the 5km category.



Eswatini 5km winners Melusi (c), Sikhumbuzo and Ntokozi (all from UEDF) display their medals and cash prizes.



Winner in the women category Seluleko Mhlanga flanked by Sineliso Tsabedze (r) who came second and third place finisher Samkeliso Thwala.



Ndlalambi Church of the Nazarene members pose after coming second among churches with many members.



Khanyisile Dlamini from Ekupheleni Church of the Nazarene won E5 000 cash in the lucky draw, while EA's Harry Malindzisa looks on.



# MELUSI BREAKS NEW RECORD IN 2ND ESWATINI 5KM RACE

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**U**mbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) athlete Melusi Khumalo broke last year's record of the Eswatini 5km race to claim this year's title.

This was during the second edition of the race which was held in Manzini yesterday, starting-off from Nazarene.

Khumalo clocked an incredible 13.31 to beat his teammate Sikhumbuzo Sihlongonyane to the title, and UEDF continued with their dominance, as Ntokozo Dlamini also came third clocking 14:48.

The race was graced by the Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala who was representing the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku.

## Enjoyed

Interviewed after the race, Khumalo said he enjoyed the race, stating that he felt ready for the Imbube Marathon after that race.

"I really enjoyed myself today and I am happy that it gave me the perfect preparation as we now look towards the Imbube Marathon.

"I am looking forward to claiming the title and claiming my throne in the 10km race," he said.

Khumalo has been on a run as he has won all the past three races he's been in - from the 7km in Mbabane, the FSRA and now the Eswatini 5km.

Second-placed Sikhumbuzo Sihlongonyane also mentioned that he used the run to prepare himself for the Imbube as well.

"I am pleased with my performance and my time.

The champion only beat me with a few seconds, and this tells me that I'm in good shape for the Imbube.

"The Imbube is the biggest race in the country, and I can't wait to better my performance," he said.

Meanwhile, in the women category, the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) dominated, with Seluleko Mhlanga coming first, clocking 17:58, Slojos' Sindile Tsabedze at 18:09 and REPS' Samkeliso Thwala coming third clocking 18:28.

When interviewed, an excited Mhlanga said she was happy that her hard work paid off.

"I've been pushing myself hard at training and I am glad that my efforts are paying off.

## Thanked

"This is really big for me," she said. When delivering his speech on behalf of the DPM, Minister 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala thanked all the participants for coming through in their numbers, especially with the whole idea behind the race.

"This is a very important race

for our country because we are very much aware of the occurrences of domestic abuse in our country.

"This is un-Swazi behaviour and I don't even believe we have some people who are so inhumane in our country.

"With that said I would like to thank all of you guys for coming through and playing a part in taking care of those victims," he said. Golden Foot's Chairperson Tokky Hou also expressed her excitement with the success of the race.

"It's great to see this grow with each edition. "This year's was much bigger and better than last year and we can only hope to see it grow because this is for a much bigger goal. We have met so many young people that are victims and all proceeds to this event go towards ensuring a better life for them," she said.

**Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force athlete Melusi Khumalo.**



## Berger happy with 2018/19 season performance

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO

**S**WIMMING - Eswatini Swimming Association President Berger Nxumalo (ESA) has said they were happy with the performance of local swimmers both locally and internationally.

He said this during the Eswatini Swimming Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) yesterday at OlympiAfrica Centre at Lobamba.

Nxumalo said they have not seen a significant increase in the number of swimmers but have seen an increase in the swimmers who qualified for Nationals, SSA level 2 and 3 galas and the number of age group and nationals records broken.

"Our athletes have performed well this year, achieving national records and personal best, especially Robyn Young, who managed to achieve a new record in the 50M backstroke during the 2018 Youth Olympic Games which were held in Argentina.

## Competing

We were also able to send a team of three athletes to the FINA World Championships earlier this year.

We had the likes of Simanga Dlamini, Senanile Dlamini and Lungelo Nxumalo competing in the FINA World Championships where they also did well," he said.

Nxumalo further thanked the world governing mother body FINA and local companies for supporting the sport.

"We are grateful to FINA for its assistance during international competitions and I would like to thank our local sponsors such as Boost, Holy Family, KPMG, RSSC, Toepfer family, and Viva Water. Without the generous support of

our sponsors, we would not be able to run swimming events effectively," he said.

Meanwhile, the association's Treasurer Annie Cheung said the financials were being audited by KPMG and she said last year they had a big positive number concerning the expenditure.

She said going forward she will get a final copy of the report before the meeting and they have an income statement of the year without much of assets.

"There has been an increase in funds into our bank account due to the FINA funding and the contribution of parents during the Cana Zone IV Championship in Malawi. We had a hard time in differeciating between Transport, travel and meetings and this includes accommodation when the swimmers go for trainings," he said.

According to the financial report statement total income was E752 366.75, total expense was E 760, 577.77, and the surplus of the year is - 8,211.02. ESA members said the financial report was not well presented to them and the Secretary of ESA said they are still busy with the audited financial report and the overview is done by KPMG.

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## Sive wins yet another Leg of Lamb Tourney

BY JONGILE XUBA

**G**OLF - Sive Dlamini has won this week's Leg of Lamb Golf Tournament that was held at Manzini Golf Club on Friday afternoon.

Dlamini managed to top the field of 18 golfers with a score of 16 points on a count-back.

Runner-up was Graham Byars who also got 16 points as Sipho Dlamini came in third with 15 points on the count-back.

In fourth place was Ben Simelane, who finished with 15 points as well as Richard Dlamini rounded up the top finishers in fifth place with 15 points.

Leg of Lamb captain Wakie Lawrence thanked all the participants for attending the competition, congratulating the winner on his achievement.

"We had a good round of com-

## UNITED HEALTH INSURANCE LEG OF LAMB RESULTS

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| 1. Sive Dlamini     | - 16 points c/b |
| 2. Graham Byars     | - 16 points     |
| 3. Sipho L. Dlamini | - 15 points c/b |
| 4. Ben J. Simelane  | - 15 points c/b |
| 5. Richard Dlamini  | - 15 points     |

petitive golf today and we thank all the participants.

"I would also like to congratulate this week's winner Sive for managing to win yet another title," he said.

This year's Leg of Lamb Golf tournament is sponsored by United Health Insurance to a tune of E50 000.

It is a weekly competition played at Manzini Golf Course every Friday, where the winners take home juicy meat prizes.



## Rudolph, Sandra win Simunye Three Reserves Race

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

**C**YCLING - South Africa pair Rudolph Prestorius and Sandra Haywood won the Eswatini Three Reserves MTB 73km race in their respective categories yesterday.

The race was held at Simunye Country Club, where Prestorius managed to cross the line first with a time of 02:52:51h to secure a gold medal in the men's category. The South African rider was followed by local veteran William Kelly, who finished with a time of 02:54:37h as Sihawu Dlamini finished third with a time of 02:54:39h. In the women's category Sandra Haywood dominated with an impressive 03:16:00h with Carla Davis as the runner-up on a time of 04:04:27h.

Rounding up the podium finishing was Laiken Smith on a time of 04:14:04h.

Other categories saw youngsters Gert Peens claim the 43km men's title with a time of 01:37:01h and Jessica Svacha clocking 01:45:55h to win the ladies category.

Eswatini Cycling Association (ECA) Secretary Noma Mncube, who was representing President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi, said the race went well and further lauded the impressive turnout.

"We had over 500 participants in today's race which is an improvement from last year's edition.

The standard of the competition was high and congratulations are in order for all the winners," she said. The Swazi Three Reserves MTB Race is an annual event which is also part of the ECA series of races.

This was the 12th installment of the race which passes through Mbuluzi, Mlawula and Hlane Game Reserves.



**Eswatini Three Reserves MTB 73km Men's champion Rudolph Pretorius celebrates as he crosses the line first during the race which was held at Simunye Country Club yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)**

## ... Sandra happy to win fifth title

**C**YCLING - Eswatini Three Reserves women's 73km category winner Sandra Haywood said she was happy to win a fifth title

as it was her favourite race. Haywood, who was not present last year due to surgery, said it was great to be back. "I am happy to get my

fifth win of this race and I really enjoyed myself. This is one of my favourite races and I will be back again next year i hope," she said. Meanwhile, men's champion Rudolph Prestorius said he it was a tough race and was happy to win his first title.



# SIBONISO MAMBA RULED OUT OF ZAMBIA CLASH

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**S**OCCER- The Nation's pride Sihlangu Semnikati have been dealt a huge blow following an injury to strong defender Siboniso Mamba, who has been ruled out of the 2020 CHAN qualifier against Zambia today at Mavuso Sports Centre.

The Young Buffaloes defender has not recovered from an ankle injury and he was released on Friday night in the squad camp held at the Eswatini Football Association Technical Centre.

He is expected to return to camp before the return leg, which will be played next month on October 19 at the Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola.

Mamba is the second player to miss the important first leg after Mbabane Highlanders midfielder Menzi Sithole, who will also miss the important clash of the continent's second national competition due to a leg injury.

When sought for comment, Eswatini Football Association Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said the player was still nursing an injury. "The player is still nursing an injury and he is still part of the squad.

However I cannot ascertain as to whether he will be available for selection or not during the match against Zambia," he said.

The nation's pride will be looking to record victory in order to boost their chances of reaching the finals of the competition to be held next year in Cameroon.

Entrance fee for the first leg is E50.

*Siboniso Mamba.*



## 'We are ready for Zambia'

STORIES BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**S**OCCER - Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papic has said that his team is ready to face Zambia today in the 2020 CHAN qualifiers.

Speaking yesterday in a pre-match media conference held at Mavuso Sports Centre, the Serbian born mentor said the match is important as they have to ensure that they qualify for the finals of the competition next year in Cameroon.

"Every match is important to us. We know the magnitude of the match. My players are ready

though some are nursing injuries. Anyway, life is just like that. We will try our best to win the match tomorrow," he said. He admitted that Zambia were a strong team with experienced players who have played major competitions such as the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON).

Papic also wished to have a magic stick so that the national team get positive results.

On the other hand, the former Orlando Pirates mentor said they have forgotten about their recent loss to Djibouti and they have shifted their focus to today's match.

Team captain Lindo Mkhonta said as players they had put aside the Djibouti defeat and were looking forward to getting positive results.

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## Tambuti edge Black Swallows

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

*Tambuti FC ..... (1)2*  
*Black Swallows ..... (1)1*

**S**OCCER- Tambuti FC continued with their good form as they defeated Pigg's Peak Black Swallows 2-1 in the MTN Premier League game played yesterday at Mayaluka Stadium.

The Lubombo-based outfit moved to the fourth spot on the log standings after their second victory, meanwhile Black Swallows drift to fifth spot.

Tambuti were the first to create a goal scoring chance in six minutes.

Midfielder Mcebo 'Kitaza' Mdluli's shot was blocked to a fruitless corner kick by Friday Lukhele in six minutes. Neither side created a goal scoring opportunity until in the 27 minute when Nigerian bulky forward Ugochukwu Ohakwe rattled the roof of the net, to put his team ahead.

The Lubombo based outfit took their feet off the pedal after scoring

the goal, allowing the visitors to control proceedings. Black Swallows striker Allen Mabuza who returned from suspension, equalised eight minutes later with a hard shot at the edge of the box. It should be noted that Tambuti protested against Mabuza, whose suspension case was being dealt with at the High Court on Friday.

Tambuti captain Machawe Khumalo nearly scored an own goal towards the end of the first half.

### Stronger

However, his shot went wide.

The first ended on a 1-1 stalemate. In the second half, Tambuti introduced Wandile Dlamini for Leonard Ahiadekey, whilst Black Swallows brought in Mcolisi Dlamini for the on debut Lihle Shabangu.

After the changes, the home side looked stronger than the resilient leagues newcomers. The Terisayi Changara led boys pressed their opponents higher and did not allow them any breathing space from the belly of the park. It came as no surprise in the 65 minute when Mthokozisi Dlamini scored the winner for Tambuti

through a long range shot that kept Black Swallows goalkeeper Friday Lukhele off-guard between the goalposts.

The home side dominated proceedings after the second goal. Siboniso Khumalo nearly scored the team's third goal in 69 minutes. His shot went inches wide. Black Swallows nearly salvaged a draw 10 minutes before time when winger Mbuso Mabuza's shot was blocked by the Tambuti backline for a fruitless corner kick.

Five minutes later, an Allen Mabuza free-kick at the edge of the box was flicked to a fruitless corner kick by the opposition goalkeeper Thubelihle Dlamini. Referee Thulani Sibandze ended the match in 90 minutes much to the delight of the Tambuti supporters.

## 'We want to reach CHAN finals'

**S**OCCER - Zambia national team interim coach Aggrey Chiyangi says they want to qualify for the 2020 CHAN finals ahead of today's third round first leg tie against Sihlangu Semnikati at the Mavuso Sports Centre. Chiyangi said that they will be fighting to qualify for the 2020 CHAN to be held in Cameroon against the nation's pride.

"It's a competition we are fighting to qualify for. It's not going to be easy but we are

working very hard to ensure that we do well," he said.

The former Zonaco coach also mentioned that they have forgotten about the 2017 victory whereby they thrashed the local side 7-0. He said this is a new game on them.

"History doesn't count in this kind of matches and this is a going to be completely new game from our previous match against Swaziland (Eswatini). The players who were here when we recorded the emphatic victory are no longer part of this current squad, but we are going to fight for positive results," he said. Team captain Adrian Chama said they were not expecting an easy match against the local side. He was, however confident that they will get positive results and qualify for the finals.

*Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papic.*

## ILLOVO, KILLERS SHARE SPOILS

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

*Illovo ..... (0)0*  
*Killers ..... (0)0*

**S**OCCER- Lubombo-based outfit Illovo FC played to a goalless draw against Ludzeldudze Killers during the National First Division match played yesterday at Mayaluka Stadium.

Playing under hot temperatures, both sides struggled to play their normal game.

However, Killers were able to create two scoring chances which they failed

to utilise.

In 12 minutes, the visitors winger Fanelo Thwala could have put his side ahead, but the striker shot wide.

This was after Illovo FC defender Luvuyo Joe miscalculated the ball. Fanelo missed another clear cut chance in 23 minutes much to the disappointment of the team's supporters. From there, neither side created a goal scoring chance until the end of the first half. The second half was a replica of the first half as both sides created a few chances. In the 50th minute the visitors midfielder Khayela Mdluli's shot was blocked to a fruit-

less corner kick by Illovo FC goalkeeper Sibusiso Dlamini. In 70 min-

utes Illovo striker Ayanda Gadlela wasted a glorious opportunity inside

the box. Referee Phila Vilakati ended the match in 90 minutes.

### THE TEAMS

**Illovo FC**  
Dlamini Sibusiso, Ngobe Sizwe, Vilakati Mlungisi, Maziya Menzi, Luvuyo Joe, Dlamini Mancoba, Gadlela Ayanda, Gadlela Kwanele, Mavimbela Nkosingiphile, Simelane Mthetho, Gamedze Njabulo  
**L.KILLERS**  
Vilakati Mpumelelo, Nhlanhla Manana, Khayela Mdluli, Muzomuhle Dlamini, Dlamini Melusi, Mamba Mgcino, Simphiwe Mahlalela, Fanelo Tfwala, Dlamini Zombodze, Nhlabatsi Mcebisi, Mncedisi Hlophe

### MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Callies	5	4	0	1	11	2	9	12
Madlenya	5	4	0	1	5	2	3	12
Tycoons	5	4	0	1	9	6	3	12
Tinyosi	4	2	1	1	5	3	2	7
Illovo	5	2	2	1	3	2	1	8
Citizens	4	1	2	1	10	6	4	5
Seven Dreams	4	1	1	2	9	9	0	4
Vovovo	3	1	1	1	3	6	-3	4
Movers	4	1	0	3	7	12	-5	3
Rangers	4	0	2	2	3	6	-3	2
Killers	5	0	2	3	2	6	-4	2
Umbelebele	4	0	1	3	2	9	-7	1

### RESULTS

Tambankulu Callies 2 - 1 Tinyosi  
Young Movers 1 - 2 Madlenya  
Hlatikulu Tycoons 3 - 1 Umbelebele

### Playing Monday

Somhlolo National Stadium

Mbabane Citizens vs Vovovo 6:30pm

Seven Dreams vs Rangers 8:30pm



## RESULTS

### ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Stellenbosch	2-2	Black Leopards
Chippa United	0-0	Bloemfontein Celtic
Polokwane City	3-1	SuperSport United
Mamelodi Sundowns	2-1	Maritzburg Utd
Bidvest Wits	4-3	Orlando Pirates

### PREMIER LEAGUE

Everton	0-2	Sheffield United
Manchester City	8-0	Watford
Burnley	2-0	Norwich City
Leicester City	2-1	Tottenham Hotspur
Newcastle United	0-0	Brighton

### SPANISH LALIGA

Levante	0-0	Eibar
Villarreal	2-0	Real Valladolid
Atletico Madrid	0-0	Celta Vigo
Granada	2-0	Barcelona

### ITALY SERIE A

Udinese	0-1	Brescia
Juventus	2-1	Verona

## FIXTURES

### TODAY

#### ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Cape Town City FC	vs Golden Arrows	15:00
Baroka FC	vs Highlands Park	15:00

#### PREMIER LEAGUE

West Ham United	vs Manchester United	15:00
Crystal Palace	vs Wolves	15:00
Chelsea	vs Liverpool	17:30
Arsenal	vs Aston Villa	17:30

#### SPANISH LALIGA

Getafe	vs Mallorca	12:00
Espanyol	vs Real Sociedad	14:00
Valencia	vs Leganes	16:00
Athletic Club	vs Deportivo Alaves	18:30
Sevilla	vs Real Madrid	21:00

#### ITALY SERIE A

Sassuolo	vs SPAL	12:30
Lecce	vs Napoli	15:00
Sampdoria	vs Torino	15:00
Bologna	vs Roma	15:00
Atalanta	vs Fiorentina	18:00
Lazio	vs Parma	20:45

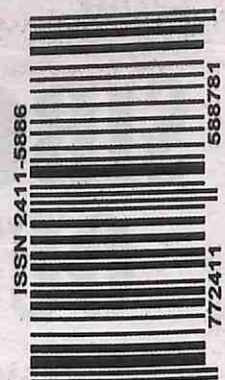
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### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	4	4	0	0	12	1	11	12
Royal Leopard	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
Mbabane Highlanders	4	2	2	0	4	2	2	8
Tambuti	5	2	2	1	7	10	-3	8
Black Swallows	5	2	1	2	8	6	2	7
Moneni Pirates	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
Manzini Wanderers	4	1	2	1	6	8	-2	5
Mhlume Peacemakers	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
Green Mamba	4	1	1	2	5	4	1	4
Young Buffaloes	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Malanti Chiefs	4	1	0	3	2	6	-4	3
Sea Birds	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
Denver Sundowns	4	0	1	3	2	8	-6	1
Milling Hotspurs	4	0	0	4	0	7	-7	0

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**SA DUO RUDOLPH, SANDRA SHINES AT SIMUNYE THREE RESERVES**

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**TAM BUTI JUMP TO TOP FOUR IN MTN PREMIER LEAGUE**

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**UEDF'S MELUSI WINS ESWATINI 5KM RACE**

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# INJURY HEADACHE FOR GLORY HUNTING SIHLANGU

Defender Siboniso Mamba joins Menzi Sithole in casualty ward before Zambia clash



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## Pirates humbled by Wits in seven-goal thriller

**D**URBAN - Orlando Pirates were brought back down to earth after suffering a defeat against Bidvest Wits in a seven-goal thriller at the Moses Mabhida Stadium last night.

Mabasa retained his spot in the Pirates line-up after his heroic brace against Chippa United last week, while Joris Delle has seemingly become the club's first choice as Wayne Sandilands was benched once again.

The Clever Boys got off to perfect start as Deon Hotto opened the scoring with a superb free-kick that left Delle flat-footed after just two minutes. The Buccaneers looked for an immediate response and they went

close through Fortune Makaringe, who forced Brandon Petersen into a fine save on 12 minutes before he headed over the crossbar minutes later. The more Pirates enjoyed possession in the first half, the bigger the influence Makaringe was having down the flanks as the Wits defenders found it tough to nullify the winger.

### Dominance

Pirates' dominance eventually paid off on the stroke of halftime as Mabasa netted his third goal of the season with a stunning volley into the top corner. Petersen was unable to recover from the injury and eventually made way for former Pirates goalkeeper Brighton Mhlomo at the start

of the second half, while Sameegh Doutie also made way for Haashim Domingo. The second half started in similar fashion to the first as Wits restored their lead five minutes in, as Hotto turned provider to play Mxolisi Macuphu, who controlled well before finding the top corner.

### Strike

The lead did not last long for the home side as Pirates were back on level terms a minute later as Musa Nyatama showed quick feet to create space and fire a low strike past Mhlomo.

However, the pendulum swung once again as Gavin Hunt's side restored their lead with just over 20



minutes remaining as a Pirates clearance landed at the feet of Cole Alexander, who sent a fine volley into

the bottom corner from around 20-yards out.

Soccer Laduma