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BUSINESSMAN FACES THREE COUNTS AFTER WIFE'S MURDER



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Sipho Shongwe murder trial resumes before Judge Maseko today

● More witnesses expected to take to the witness stand

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

BUSINESSMAN Sipho Shongwe's murder trial resumes at the High Court today and more witnesses are expected to take the stand.

The trial resumes before Judge Nkosinathi Maseko and shall be heard in four days between today, Thursday, Friday and Monday before the second session of the High Court ends.

The matter is expected back in Court in September 10 and the trial shall run through September 13.

Shongwe stands accused of the murder of businessman and football administrator Victor Gamedze who was allegedly gunned down by two men believed to be South African nationals while at the Galp Filling station near Corner Plaza at Ezulwini in January 14, 2018.

Already, about 10 witnesses have been paraded by the Crown and these include amongst others; Steve Horton, Mike Mamba, Sihle Gugu Mamba, Sipho Tsetla Bhembe, Ananias Khumalo, Zeeman and police officer Thwala.

Also expected to give evidence are the two South African nationals the crown has applied that they give evidence through an Audio Visual Link (AVL) while in the neighbouring country.

Judge Maseko took over from Justice Mbutfo Mamba who recused himself from the matter which had already been heard in part.

CASE PROFILE

Judge – Nkosinathi Maseko
Crown – Advocate Michael Hellens instructed by Principal Crown Counsel Absalom Makhanya
Defence – Advocate Lawrence Hodes instructed by lawyer Lucky Howe
Accused – Sipho Shongwe
Charge – Murder
Witnesses paraded so far - 11



RESUMES: Murder suspect Sipho Shongwe.

WOMEN WANT MARITAL

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

...High Court full-bench reserves judgment

The High Court will soon make a landmark ruling where it will decide whether sections of the Marriage Act 47 of 1964 should be abolished or not.

Yesterday, legal representatives from the Women and Law of Swaziland (WLSA) were in court where they presented their arguments on why they feel certain sections of the Act are unconstitutional as they give more power to men than women.

The matter is before the High Court full-bench which now constitutes itself into a Constitutional Court and was heard by Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza, Judge Nkululeko Hlophe and Judge Titus Mangeni.

The argument was that the purpose of marital power is that someone must be in control and men tend to abuse that power. The complaint that was raised is that people get married through civil rites but the consequences are faced in common law. WLSA's argument is that the issue of marital power denies women their rights.



Submissions made at the High Court yesterday by WLSA legal team was that the High Court declare Section(s) 24 and 25 of the Marriage Act 47 of 1964 unconstitutional in that it violates Sections 18, 20 and 28 of the Constitution of Swaziland Act 001 of 2005.

The first half of Section 24 of the Act, it was argued, provides that the

consequences of marriage under the Act are to be governed by common law. The second part of it, according to papers submitted to court says if the parties are Africans, the marriage consequences shall be in accordance with Swazi Law and Customs unless they exercise an option in terms of Section 25 of the Act. This section, according to WLSA, is

discriminatory.

The court was informed that the principle of marital power gives a husband married under civil rite and in community of property three broad powers: The husband's power as head of the family, by which power he has the decisive say in all matters, concerning the common life of the family. The second power

Dvokolwako high re-opening in limbo

BY BONCIWE DLAMINI
MANZINI

THE re-opening of Dvokolwako High School is in limbo as the ministry of education and training and Dvokolwako Umphakatsi failed to reach an amicable agreement.

This was confirmed by the ministry's Principal Secretary Dr Sibongile Mtshali during an interview yesterday.

This was apparent after the ministry's officials, Hhohho Regional Education Office and Dvokolwako Chiefdom representatives met on Monday in an effort to come up with a solution that would see the school up and running again.

Dvokolwako High School was shut down by parents and pupils last week Monday as they claimed that the Principal Sabelo Sibandze was responsible for some unfortunate incidences which have affected the school negatively. These are allegations whose veracity has not been tested. They claimed that for as long as Sibandze was heading the school, there would

"OUR HANDS ARE TIED!"

"Our hands are tied."

This was a response by Dvokolwako Chiefdom representative Joseph Mgbhhi when asked what the umphakatsi would do to resolve the issue.

Mgbhhi said in as much as some parents were under the Dvokolwako Chiefdom where the school is located, it was not their responsibility to see to it that the parents were made to understand the situation that would result to the school being re-opened. Mgbhhi said there are six chiefdoms under Madlangemphisi Constituency so the Dvokolwako Chiefdom could only manage to call its people to try and make them understand that accepting Principal Sabelo Sibandze was the only way to have their children back to class.

However, he said this would not be effective because other parents are from

the other chiefdoms, meaning they cannot be summoned by the Dvokolwako Chiefdom. "The ministry of education officials know how to handle such matters and our hope is that they provide a temporary principal while they conduct their own investigations on the root of the chaos that erupted in the school," said Mgbhhi.

It was for this reason that the secretary said the ministry was the one responsible for convening all the parents to notify and paint the picture of what could happen should they fail to accept Sibandze back. On another note, Mgbhhi said it was worrisome to bring the principal back because the parents made it clear that should he return, there would never be peace at the school and that they vowed to do everything to get rid of him.

never be peace. The parents and the Dvokolwako Chiefdom then implored the ministry to avail a temporary principal while the matter of Sibandze was being investigated.

Dr Mtshali said although the ministry was not formally informed why parents shut down the school, they are hoping to find a solution to the

problem.

However, the PS said Dvokolwako authorities said the only thing they wanted was for the school to re-open while on the other hand they did not want Principal Sibandze to return to the school.

"This is mind blogging because in order for the situation to normalize

Sibandze needs to return to the school," she said.

The chiefdom representatives are said to have also implored the ministry to conduct its own investigation to get the root cause of the chaos while an interim principal oversees the operations of the school.

When asked whether the ministry would avail a temporary principal, Dr Mtshali said there was no way that the ministry could do such because technically, the principal was not officially suspended by the relevant office from the ministry.

"The parents and the umphakatsi say they don't want Sibandze to return on suspicions of witchcraft but the ministry does not have an instrument to investigate witchcraft," Mtshali said. She further stated that the ministry was not going to re-open the school because it did not instruct anyone to shut it down in the first place.

This, according to the PS, meant that if parents wanted the school to re-open parents should accept Sibandze back to school before they could formally report their grievances to the ministry.

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POWER ABOLISHED

is the husband's power over his wife, including legal representation and lastly it is the husband's power over the property of the wife, by which he administer the joint estate as if the regime is in community of property.

Section 25 it was argued provides relevantly an application for an option where the parties to the said marriage are Africans.

"The parties are to decide before the solemnisation of the marriage will be in accordance with common law, thereby excluding the application of customary law.

According to the applicants, Section 24 and 25 of the Marriage Act of 1964 dictates that material power and property rights should be governed by Swazi Law and Custom.

The problem, however, is that Swazi Custom vests these powers in the man, not the woman. This is viewed by WILSA as something which violates the Bill of Rights which is enshrined in the Constitution.

However, in the heads of argument presented by Crown Counsel Malibongwe Mashinini, representing the Office of the Attorney General, was that there are many other cou-

ples who would happily want their marriage to be in terms of Section (s) 24 and 25 un-amended or with minor amendments if any.

The AG argued that in any case prayers 1 and 2 are bad in law, in that with Section (s) 24 and 25 invalidated as prayed, there will be a vacuum for there will be nothing to inform as to what are the consequences of the marriage under the Act will be.

It was argued that with the removal of marital power, government's lawyers stated that one has to be considerate of the multitudes of women, married in community of property who are at peace with the current setting of marital power.

According to WILSA, government has signed many treaties advocating for gender equality and women's rights but is failing to implement such.

The argument was that countries such as Botswana, Lesotho and South Africa have made amendments to Marriage Acts infringing on women's rights.

Government's legal team is objecting to the application made by WILSA, saying the application for invalidat-

ing Section (s) 24 and 25 as a whole is not necessary because there are other options that applicants could have opted, in order to attain the remedy being sought, such as seeking an order of court in varying the control of the communal assets.

However, the judges pointed out that it is not everyone who has easy access to court.

The Attorney General's Office argued that marital power is a variable consequence of a marriage and is not automatic.

"The parties can choose to exclude marital power by opting to enter into an antenuptial contract of marriage," part of the argument from the Attorney General's office read.

After making the submissions, the respondent which is the government team, indicated that they will now await the court's decision in the matter.

The judges indicated that they will make judgment on the matter very soon and they pointed out that the parties will be informed once judgment is ready.

Representing WILSA in the matter is lawyer Mzwandile Dlamini from MS Dlamini Legal.

Women suffering a lot from marital powers given to men

An affidavit of Makhosazane Sacolo and WLSA Director Colani Hlatjwako was used to support the application that women really suffer a lot because of the marital powers given to men.

Sacolo stated how she was married to her husband on August 19, 2000. She said the marriage was in terms of Civil Rite, in community of property and was registered on the same date.

In the marriage Sacolo had four children. She indicated that she had tried to force her husband via a court order to maintain his four children and was eventually granted a court order forcing her husband to pay E900 per month in 2012. She said prior to that they obtained land at Swazi Nation Land and built a home- stead there. Sacolo said in 2004 she bought four cattle and brought them to their matrimonial home. Sacolo said her husband refused to contribute anything towards the purchase price. She said the cattle were registered under her husband's name due to the marital power vested to him under common law. Sacolo indicated that between 2009 and 2011 her husband changed his behaviour and became irresponsible and violent and refused to contribute towards their daily upkeep or paying school fees towards

their children.

Sacolo said one day she was informed by her husband that there was a truck which was coming to load all the cattle as her husband had sold them without her knowledge. She said she also learned that her husband has wedded another woman.

Sacolo said in 2012 she lost her job as a pre-school teacher and when she attempted to sell some cattle to pay for school fees and to provide food for her family, she was told that she is not allowed to do so. She said she was advised that she does not have the marital power and that the cattle were registered in husband's name. She said in 2013, she approached the veterinary officer and requested that the cattle be registered in her name so that she could sell them when the need arose. She said the veterinarian refused and told her that even if they were registered in her name, she would still need permission from her husband to transfer the cattle. She said family members of her husband tried to evict her from her matrimonial home.

"I am very frustrated that I am bound by the Common Law which vests the marital power in my husband," Sacolo's affidavit read.

Government to create 70 000 jobs

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

The ministry of commerce industry and trade intends to create 70 000 jobs through the construction 40 factory shells in four years.

The Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo said investigations by the ministry conducted with Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) unveiled the need to construct 40 factory shells around the kingdom.

This he revealed yesterday during the ministry of commerce industry and trade portfolio committee deliberations on the ministry's first quarter performance report.

During the deliberation, portfolio committee member and Mkhweni Member of Parliament Michael Masuku asked the minister if there was a need to construct more factory shells as a number



PROMISES: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo.

of them were lying idle and not being utilised for their intended business purposes.

"When constructing the factory shells, is it taken into account the businesses which would be occupying the shells, as during a tour of the country's industrial hub, Matsapha it was discovered that

there were a number of shells that were not being used and were lying idle while there were a number of businesses that did not have any space to work in," asked the Masuku.

In response, Khumalo said following their research, it was discovered that there was a demand for factory shells which could result in the creation of job opportunities for 70 000 people. He said the current shells were mainly owned by the private sector and not for government.

He mentioned that private companies normally charged higher rates per square metre as they are profit-driven which resulted in possible investors being deterred as their businesses would not be viable due to the high rates.

The minister said government owned factory shells rates were more affordable, thus attracting more possible investors.

Khumalo said government was looking to construct 10 factory shells per year

Unfavourable economic conditions

The country's economic growth is expected to remain subdued according to the economic growth projection.

In the ministry's first quarter financial report, the Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo said the period under review ended with unfavourable economic conditions that generally affected the performance of the business environment.

He said economic growth was projected to remain subdued at 1.1 per cent. He mentioned another factor that was posing danger to the country's economy was the dwindling South Africa Customs Union (SACU) receipts.

He added the ministry was, however, committed to observe that Eswatini had access to decent work, increase export and also empowered domestic producers for gainful and significant economic development.

Khumalo said in the period under review, the ministry has facilitated the creation of 141 jobs, bringing the number of jobs created to 1 520, inclusive of jobs created in the last financial year: 2018/19.

Furthermore, three companies were registered and five trading licences were facilitated in the first quarter.

He also added that 36 visas and 10 working permits were facilitated for 12 and five companies respectively.

The ministry has also announced investment decisions that will result in more than 5000 jobs being created in the next 12 to 18 months once these companies finished setting up. He added that the ministry continued to implement its after care strategy and as such visited 9 companies who mostly reported challenges relating to electricity and markets.

for the next four years, resulting in a total of 40 shells in a period of four years. He mentioned out of every 10 shells, four shells would be constructed at Tinkhundla level with the other six shells constructed in the

economic areas such as urban areas.

He said this would offer possible investors in the Tinkhundla centres an opportunity to access working space and in the process creating employment at a local level.

Businessman slapped with three counts after wife's murder

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Magistrate's Court

The businessman who brutally murdered his wife in cold blood on Sunday has appeared in court on murder and gun-related charges.

Owner of SD Transport Maswati Simelane (45) of Bhunya appeared before Mbabane Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati yesterday, just two days after he was said to have murdered his wife Zanele Manana.

According to his charge sheet, Simelane was arrested and charged with the first count of murder, where he was said to have, on July 21, 2019 at Mahwalala Zone 6, shot Zanele

Manana with a pistol once in the neck, inflicting a fatal wound of which Manana died from.

On the second count, Simelane was charged with contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act of 1964, where he was found to have, on July 22, 2019 near Mbabane, not being a holder of a valid licence or permit to possess a firearm, did wrongfully and unlawfully possess a 9mm Parabellum Luger MSO pistol without a valid licence or permit.

The third count stated that, while contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act of 1964, Simelane, not being a holder of a valid licence or permit to possess a live round of ammunition, did wrongfully and

unlawfully possess one 9mm Luger live round of ammunition without a valid licence or permit.

Before his appearance before open court, Simelane is said to have been making his confession before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini in her chambers. The confession, which seemed to have taken over an hour, delayed his appearance as he only appeared before open court after a short adjournment of the court after fresh matters were heard.

During his appearance before Magistrate Vilakati, Simelane practiced his legal right to representation, as he was represented by an attorney known as Dlamini.

The prosecution represented by

Chris Sibandze informed the court that it had two applications with regards to Simelane's case.

The first application made by the prosecution was to the effect that Simelane be remanded back into custody until August 2, 2019, pending his committal to the High Court.

The second application saw the prosecution apply for the court to allow for blood samples to be taken for the purposes of the on-going investigation of the case. This saw Simelane's attorney apply for the deferment of the taking of blood samples to August 2, 2019, citing that he was to consult further on the matter.

Further opposing the defence's

application for deferment, the prosecution claimed that such a deferment was unnecessary, as the blood samples would be taken anyway for the purpose of the investigation.

"The prosecution opposes this deferment because at the end of the day, the postponement of taking blood samples is going to delay the investigation, when the blood samples will have to be taken anyway," Sibandze stated.

Magistrate Vilakati granted the prosecution both applications made before him, informing Simelane's attorney that Simelane will not suffer any prejudice by providing his blood samples.

"The court's view is that Simelane has no prejudice to suffer if he has his blood samples taken. Therefore, this court orders that Simelane has his blood samples taken for the continuation of the investigation of this case," Magistrate Vilakati ordered.

Dressed in a navy blue sweater and light blue denim jeans, Simelane appeared expressionless, yet pensive during his court appearance.



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Hundreds welcome Apostle Chi on



BY SIMON SHABANGU
Manzini

THERE was jubilation and ululations at the King Mswati III International Airport when Apostle John Chi touched down on Eswatini soil yesterday morning.

Apostle Chi, who is a spiritual son of Prophet TB Joshua, arrived at around 11am to be received by hundreds of people from different places around the country. The Cameroon-based internationally-acclaimed prophet will be in the country for the Eswatini Jesus on the Scene Crusade, which starts tomorrow at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre. The much-

anticipated crusade starts with a prophetic and impartation service where the apostle will pray and deliver people.

The service will only cater for those who have registered and need deliverance, either from sickness or any other sort of bondage that might have captured their lives.

Upon arrival, Apostle Chi was welcomed with song and dance by the many congregants from different churches. The apostle and his entourage were also treated to performances by cultural groups, including *sibhaca*, *ingadla*, *ummiso* and *lutsango*.

Upon arrival, the apostle was decorated with a branded Eswatini kanga and given a knobkerrie and he briefly joined

the cultural groups in dance and also took time to meet and greet the many people who were present to welcome him.

The organising team led by Prophet Thabiso Nxumalo ensured that they put up a spectacular welcome session for the apostle, which included posters and banners with a variety of messages of welcome to the apostle and his entourage.

Prophet Thabiso said they were excited that the apostle has arrived in the country. He invited people to come in their numbers and be part of the crusade which he described as the one that will change people's lives.

"We invite people to come from all corners of the country and join us at the crusade. The apostle is already here and he

GOOD TO HAVE YOU: Apostle Chi being presented with lihiya and sagila as a sign of welcome.



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WELCOME: Some of the well-wishers wave using the national flag.

Boris Johnson wins race for Britain's PM

LONDON - Boris Johnson has become the new Conservative leader since yesterday, winning the race to be Britain's prime minister.

After exhausting all possible avenues to get her Brexit plan through Parliament, Theresa May stepped down as party leader on June 7, triggering a six-week leadership contest. Johnson, who has vowed to take Britain out of the European

Union on the October 31 deadline, with or without a deal, is set to march head-on into a collision with Brussels, the British Parliament and Tehran.

The former London mayor, who charms and alarms colleagues in equal numbers, beat Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt and will take over from Theresa May as prime minister today.

But the incoming premier faces exactly the

STOP THE FIRES, GOVT WARNS

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE country has recorded an alarming 340 fire cases in the month of July alone.

In a press statement, Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane stated that July has seen the country recording a very high number of fires compared to May and June.

"It is unacceptable and unfortunate that in July alone the country recorded 341 grass/bush

fires — up from a total of 20 in May and June," he said.

Simelane said this excludes fires that were not recorded because the Fire and Emergency service had already been overstretched.

Encouraged

"House fires increased to 58 in July," reads the statement.

He further urged Emaswati to exercise responsible behaviour and encouraged everybody to treat fire incidents with the seriousness it so deserves to avoid breakaway fires.



IN JUBILATION: Imbali from a local school welcoming the apostle in song and dance. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

arrival at KMMIII



UPHI: Well-wishers waiting in anticipation for the apostle's arrival.

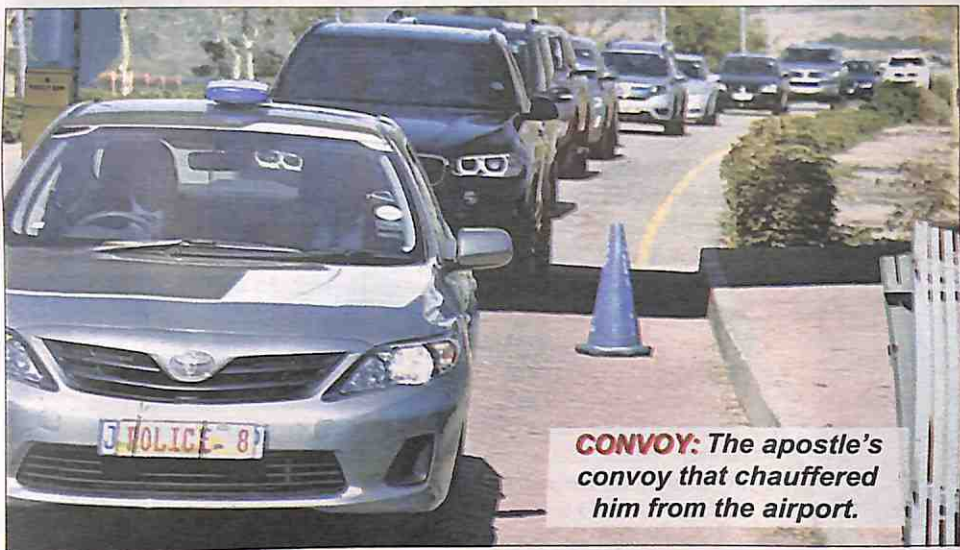
is very excited to be in the country for the first time and he is more than ready to minister to the people of Eswatini," he said. He said registration is still

open and advised people to visit their church at Moneni behind the filling station, where they will be assisted with the registration by the evangelists on the

ground. "I want to emphasise that registration is free and will be open until the first day of the crusade. We have seen a positive response from Emaswati as they have come in large numbers to register. I also want to assure them that the apostle will pray for all the people at the healing and impartation service on Thursday," he added.

The advance team arrived in the country last Wednesday to do preparations as well as orient the working team on how to assist people before and after prayer during the duration of the service.

The three-day services start today and ends on Saturday.



CONVOY: The apostle's convoy that chauffeured him from the airport.

same set of circumstances - if not worse - with parliament deadlocked as the Brexit deadline looms.

The new leader will have just three months to attempt to resolve a three-year Brexit crisis that could damage economies on both sides of the Channel and determine the fate of generations of Britons.

AFP

WINNING THE RACE: The new Conservative leader Boris Johnson.



This is because fires contribute enormously to environmental degradation.

According to the Pigg's Peak Declaration on the Kingdom's Environment, 75 per cent of the country is in danger of becoming a desert if degradation is not curbed, he stated.

Urged

Community leadership and chiefdoms were urged to always be on high alert against veld fires and keep their people informed about the dangers of uncontrolled fire especially during this dry winter spell.

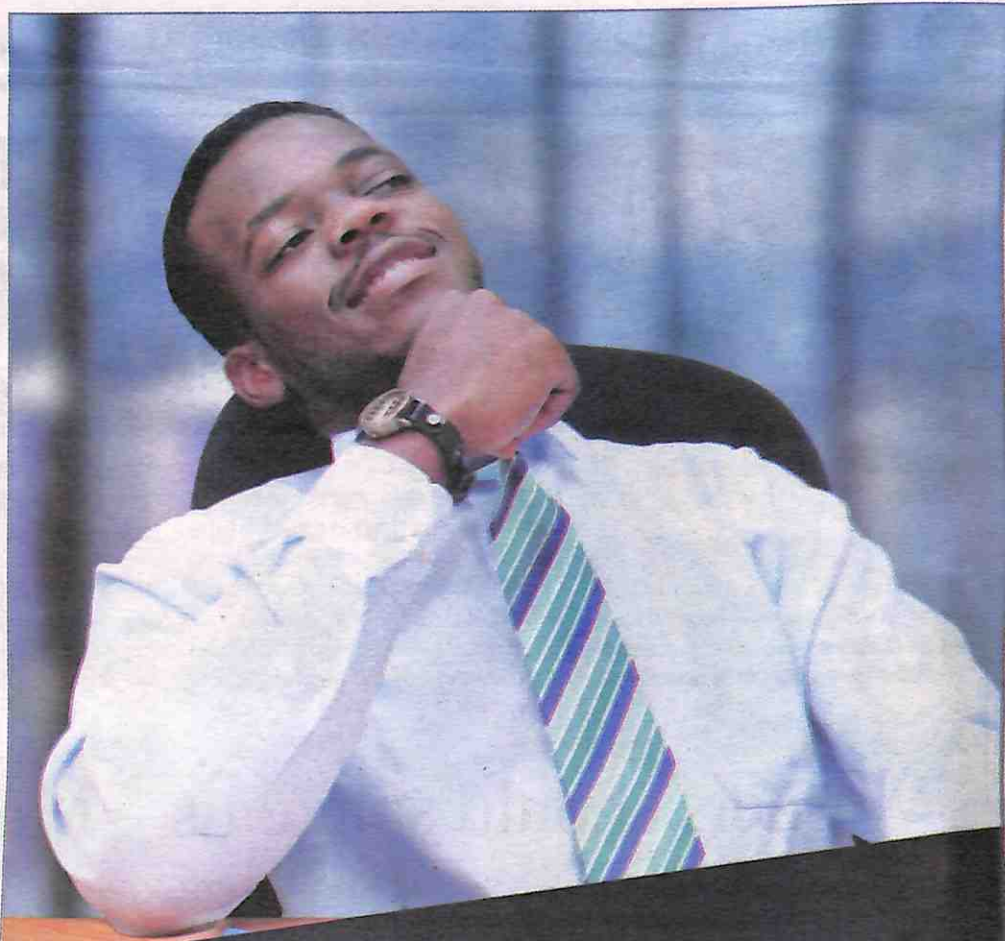
Moreover, households and individuals are encouraged to report veld fires immediately

to the nearest Fire and Emergency Station and not wait until an inferno becomes uncontrollable.

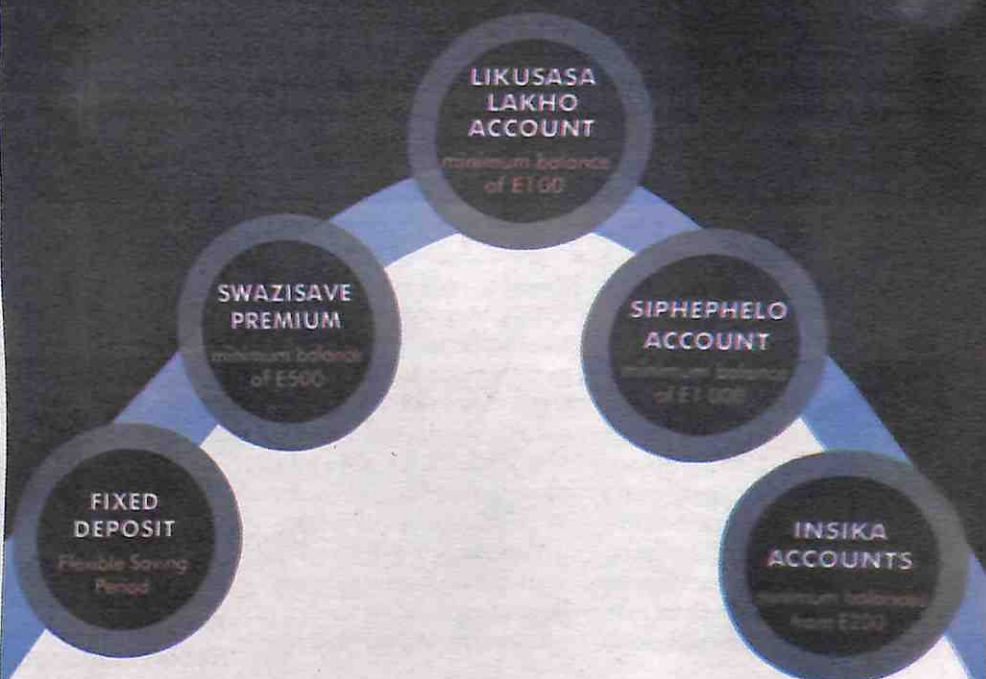
Smokers were not left out as they were told to always ensure their cigarette stubs and matches are properly extinguished before dumping. "Honey harvesters are advised never to use fire in or outside forests," reads the statement.

Commercial forests have created thousands jobs in this country which are continuously being threatened by these fires.

The unfortunate loss of jobs has a negative effect on the economy.



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Lobamba

HIS Majesty King Mswati III is worried about people being arrested and having to wait for many years for their cases to be concluded.

This was said by MP Themba Ginindza during the debate of the first quarter performance report of the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs, which took place in the House of Assembly yesterday.

The debate was between MPs who are members of the portfolio com-

mittee of the justice ministry.

Ginindza said the tendency of arresting people just to stigmatise them was not good. "Even His Majesty the King raised concerns about this, stating that he was not happy to see it happening. He said it last year when we went to introduce the speaker

(Petros Mavimbela) to him. I am taking this opportunity to state how serious this matter is, considering that even the King raised it," Ginindza said. Ginindza said this after several MPs raised concerns about the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) being used by powerful people as a tool to

show how powerful they were.

MPs stated that they had seen such happening in the past and they wanted to know from Minister Pholile Shakantu if something like this would be ended.

In response, Shakantu said the ACC would work independently, without any interference of some sort. She further said no person would use the ACC to arrest people willy-nilly just to prove a point or show how powerful he or she was.

She further stated that the ACC, by law, was supposed to treat its matters in a confidential manner, so as to give respect to the people it investigated.

Warders should salute us – Magongo

IT is important for officers from His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) to salute legislators.

These words were uttered by Motshane MP Robert Magongo during the debate of the first quarter performance report of the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs yesterday.

Magongo wondered why officers of HMCS did not salute them as legislators. He said to his knowledge that was not supposed to be the case. He said the HMCS officers were the only ones among the security forces that did not recognise them as legislators. The Motshane MP said he was gazetted to become an MP, just as much as other legislators were gazetted to become lawmakers in their different capacities. That on its own warrants them the privilege of being saluted as legislators. Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shakantu responded by saying she hoped the HMCS officials who were also present heard Magongo's concerns. She said she hoped they would attend to his concerns. However, Magongo was not convinced with the minister's response. He asked Shakantu

to give a better response to his concern because the officials she talked about did not have a privilege to talk during such debates.

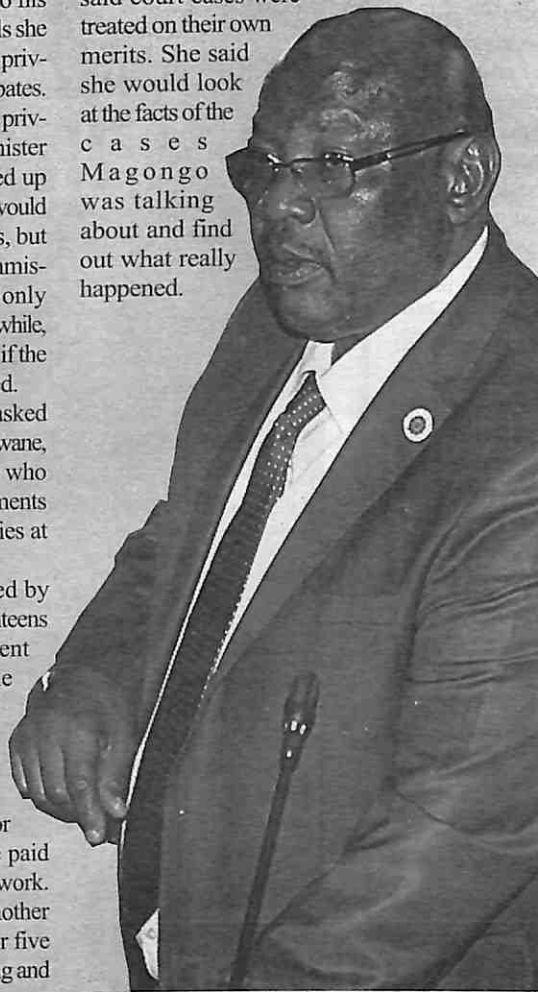
The only person who was privileged to talk was the minister herself. The minister ended up assuring Magongo that she would talk to the HMCS officials, but she was informed that commissioned officers were the only ones that were saluted. Meanwhile, Magongo wanted to know if the HMCS bakery was audited.

The same question was asked by Nhlambeni MP Manzi Zwane, who also wanted to know who audited the financial statements of the canteens and bakeries at HMCS.

The minister responded by saying the bakeries and canteens were managed by different companies and not by the HMCS. Magongo further stated that he had two judgments from the Industrial Court. In one judgment, a worker was suspended for nine years and was to be paid money and re-instated to work. In the other judgment, another worker was suspended for five years and was to get nothing and no re-instatement.

In response, Minister Shakantu

said court cases were treated on their own merits. She said she would look at the facts of the cases. Magongo was talking about and find out what really happened.



THEY SHOULD: Motshane MP Robert Magongo.

ESACRO director boards public transport to Parly

ESACRO Director Desmond Maphanga had to be given money by a Member of Parliament (MP) in order to make it to Parliament.

Maphanga is a director of Eswatini Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (ESACRO), which is a department under the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs. This means Maphanga had to be there as his ministry's performance report was supposed to be debated by the MPs.

The problem is that the ESACRO workers had not been paid for four months now. This also affected the director, who had to use public transport to go to Parliament.

The money for his transport fare was donated to him by Kwaluseni MP Sibusiso Mabhanisi Dlamini through the MTN's Mobile Money platform. MPs expressed concerns over government's tendency to neglect this department, which they described as very important. Motshane MP Robert Magongo said workers at this department were having it tough at work as they had worked for four months without earning their salaries.

He urged the minister to hastily work on the problems, with an aim of bringing solutions to the problems engulfing the ESACRO workers.

Kwaluseni MP Mabhanisi Dlamini, who was chairing the debate, stated that ESACRO was a very important

department and did not have to be neglected in this way.

Dlamini said he had to fork out his own money to give to the director so that he could travel to Parliament for the debate. "Can you imagine a whole director having to board public transport to Parliament without money for transport?" Dlamini wondered.

He further said he was from a place that was one of the crime-infested areas in the country.

Skills

For him, it was nice to see a person from his Inkhundla waking up every morning to go to ESACRO to learn the life skills offered by that department.

"Seeing a person doing such a thing encourages you to help wherever you can because that tells you that the person has decided to change their lives for the better," Dlamini said. Nkhomiyahlaba MP Welcome Shongwe also voiced his concerns about ESACRO. He said the buildings of the department were becoming an eyesore and they needed the attention of government.

He asked the minister to fast-track the improvement of the buildings of this department. Phondo MP Xolani Vilakati also called for an improvement of the money allocated to ESACRO because it was clear that a lot of work needed to be done to improve the state of the department.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR

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I/We **MICAH BHEKI THULASIZWE MASUKU**, the owner(s) of the property in question, hereby make a Public Notice in terms of Clause 1.5 of the 2013 Manzini Town Planning Schemes that I/We wish to apply SPECIAL CONSENT to establish (description of development) **A 2 BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL HOUSE** On Plot 1039 Township Fairview Extension 9

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MP Magongo accuses EEC of corruption

ESWATINI Electricity Company (EEC) should be investigated for alleged corruption.

This was said by Motshane MP Robert Magongo, who said Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg should set up a tribunal that would investigate the alleged corruption at EEC.

Magongo said this during the debate of the ministry of finance's first quarter performance report, which was done in the House of Assembly. He said EEC did not heed to a call to be investigated by Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPPRA).

Before saying that, Magongo started by declaring that he was once a businessman that supplied EEC with certain materials. However,

he was concerned at the way the company was handling this matter.

He made reference to page 5 of yesterday's edition of the Swazi Observer, where EEC had an advertisement, accounting about what it did in response to theft and/or fraud and/or corruption allegations.

About E400 million was reported to have been lost because of the alleged corruption.

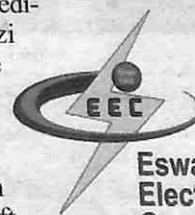
EEC stated in the advertisement that they engaged a company known as Prodogy to do the investigations.

EEC described Prodogy as a competent company that had been engaged in several assignments of a similar nature in the country.

Prodogy, among other things, found that there was no evidence that E400 million was lost through the alleged corruption.

However, the company does acknowledge that millions of Emalangeni had been lost. Magongo said he was not impressed with what was said in the advertisement.

He said even Prodogy was not as competent as EEC wanted the public to believe. He said a tribunal that would investigate the alleged corruption had to be set up by



Eswatini Electricity Company

Rijkenberg, as the minister responsible for parastatals, including EEC.

Magongo promised to move motions aimed at exposing corrupt practises that were done in both public and private sectors in the country. He said there was a lot of corruption going on in the country and it had to be exposed.

A tribunal that would investigate the alleged corruption had to be set up by Rijkenberg, as the minister responsible for parastatals, including EEC



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BIGGEST BRAAI A SUCCESS: THANK YOU PHILANI MASWATI

The Municipal Council of Manzini takes this opportunity to express her gratitude to the Patron of Philani Maswati Charity Organisation, Her Majesty the Indlovukazi, for bringing yet another successful Biggest Braai and elderly

medical outreach to the people of Manzini and surrounding areas.

Manzini citizens are always grateful for having this fast growing crowd puller held in the vibrant city. The following pictures were taken from the event...



BLESSED IS HE WHO GIVES...Pastor Warren made a donation of clothes and cash to Philani Maswati. He thereafter posed for a photo or two.



SHONA PHANSI...Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku Manzini Mayor Jabu Shiba Bishop Mavovo Mkhonto and Minister David Ngcamphalala singing and dancing.



LEADERSHIP...Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku and Manzini Deputy Mayor Mduduzi Vilane sharing a light moment during the event.



WHO SAID I CAN'T DANCE...Manzini CEO Lungile Dlamini and Philani Maswati Chairperson Lutfo Dlamini took time to mingle and dance up a storm with



FIT AS A FIDDLE...This elderly man danced up a storm with gospel artist Mzwakhe Myeni during the Medical Outreach.



NGETE NGASALA...A section of the over 1000 elderly persons who came through for free medical check-up - thanks to Philani Maswati and Manzini Council



HEALTH MATTERS...Nurses assisting the elderly during the medical outreach.



WITH THE WINNING TEAM...Manzini Councillors joined by Housing Ministry's Board Administrator Gordon Mbui.



LADIES CORNER...Some of the over 100 Manzini Council employees who attended the 2019 Biggest Braai.



ALSO THERE...Manzini Council CEO Lungile Dlamini posing with some of the Council employees who attended the 2019 Biggest Braai on Sunday.



MANZINI THE BRAAI MASTERS...Manzini Council employee Zethu Ndlovu had the time of her life during the 2019 Biggest Braai.



Cold Chain Summit Eswatini 2019



FARMERS CAN'T WAIT FOR COLD CHAIN SUMMIT

STORIES BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

LOCAL farmers can't wait for the first Cold Chain Summit to kick-off!

A significant number of growers took advantage of early bird registration to secure their space and be part of agribusiness history in the first Cold Chain Summit to be held in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The event organisers have also been pushing registration of individual farmers and schemes ahead of the summit to be held August 7-8 at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini.

One of the farmers who registered for the summit is George Fakudze from Malkerns, who has been a farmer for the past 18 years.

He grows, broccoli, cauliflower, butternuts, spinach, lettuce, and cabbages.

He currently sells to shops including Pick n Pay, OK Supermarket, Spar, and also sell directly to the public.

"I am currently looking for new market opportunities and I believe that the summit can give me a breakthrough in this regard," he said.

Fakudze also hopes the summit will help him understand required standards for selling in different markets.

He lost an opportunity to supply one of the local hotels because he didn't have cold storage facilities and temperature-controlled transportation for his produce.

"I hope to see affordable off-grid cold chain technologies that can be cost effective for smallholder farmers at the summit," he said.

Fakudze also expects to engage with financiers and insurance companies.

"My objective is to increase production this year and these two stakeholders are essential to ensure the sustainability of my growth plan," he said.

Asked why farming is important to him, Fakudze says it means his life.

"It is the only skill I have and I do not know any job so well like farming," he said.

Wendy Zwane from Sigombeni is also amongst the farmers who had already secured access to the summit.

She produces broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, cabbages, chillies, green pepper, and butternuts. Farming had been her sole livelihood since 2012.

Long term

She sells to NAMBoard and would love to export directly in the long term.

However, one of her struggles is keeping her produce fresh.

"I look forward to learn from the experts who have been lined for the Cold Chain Summit, especially on existing mechanisms that we can use to keep our produce fresh for export markets," she said.

A young farmer, Njabulo Dlamini (30) from Gebeni was also visibly excited following his successful registration to take part in the highly anticipated summit.

As a young person, Dlamini has set his heart on the Young Professionals Breakfast session to be held on the second day of

the summit (August 8).

"This is the first opportunity for me to attend such a gathering and I can't wait to interact, learn, and get motivation from other people's experiences," he said.

He currently sells to NAMBoard but is also looking for opportunities to expand production and tap into new markets for diversification.

However, like most farmers, his expansion dream is stifled by the lack of cost-effective resources to keep his produce fresh. This cost him an opportunity to directly supply supermarkets.

Dlamini grows cabbages, green beans, beetroot, cauliflower, broccoli, spinach, tomatoes, and butternuts.

"If I had an affordable temperature regulated vehicle, I would have been still supplying supermarkets as well," he said. Farming had also been his only source of income since 2011.

"It is the only job I know and have mastered. It can be difficult for me to adapt to a different kind of job," he said.

Steven De Sousa said to keep his produce fresh for the market, he is forced to harvest and deliver the same day.

He grows cucumber by means of tunnel farming and they have 15 (10x30m) tunnels at Eagles Nest in Malkerns.

"I am going to the summit with an open mind to learn from experts," he said.

The summit is championed by the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Youth looking to take advantage of summit

AS the country continues to grapple with high youth unemployment, the Cold Chain Summit may perhaps create a window of opportunity for youth that once seized, could greatly contribute towards sustainable job creation.

This is the sentiment of Professor Paul Kamau Wahome. He is a lecturer at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Luyengo Campus, under the Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Horticulture.

He is also a consultant for post-harvest losses in cabbages and tomatoes for the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Eswatini, and one of the speakers for the upcoming summit.

Wahome commented after a presentation of existing opportunities for youth in the upcoming Cold Chain Summit which is championed by the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard).

During his presentation to final year horticulture students at the university, NAMBoard Agribusiness Manager Tammy Dlamini said part of the benefits of attending the summit for young people is exposure to over 500 local, regional, and international leading experts in various fields.

The summit also has dedicated sessions for young people and women. Dlamini said the event will provide a good platform for young people to learn about existing opportunities within the cold chain sector.

"It will also provide a good platform for the youth to learn, share experiences, network with captains of industry, and to forge vital business relationships with suppliers,

producers, retailers, and processors," he said.

That being so, Professor Wahome, who came into the country almost two decades ago said he has no doubt that the summit will stimulate production and interest for young people to join agribusiness, which had been the missing link in efforts to bridge the age gap in farming.

"Most young people have established different enterprises because they have been encouraged to do so, and we have not adequately done this in horticulture. Therefore, this summit could not have come at a better time," he said.

He further encouraged young people who are looking for opportunities in agribusiness to attend the summit, adding that horticultural business is the easiest way to go.

"If you look at the current unemployment rate, it is really quite sad. But all what young people need for a business in horticulture, is just a small piece of land to produce a few lettuce plants, tomatoes, cabbages, and then they can be able to sustain themselves," he said.

Seven students from the UNESWA Luyengo Campus already have guaranteed access to the summit after winning free tickets to the event.

NAMBoard will continue to engage youth groups in a bid to encourage them to participate in the first Cold Chain Summit to be held in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The summit will be staged from August 7-8 at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre in Manzini. Early bird registration for the summit costs E200 and pre-sale costs E250.



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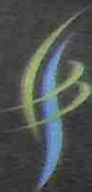
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'BIGGEST BRAAI OPENS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMPANIES'

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

ESWATINI Biggest Braai opens opportunities for companies.

This was a conclusion made by HM Stationery Director Hezekiel Mabuza when asked about the impact of the annual event on local businesses.

HM Stationery was one of the companies that were present at the fifth edition of the 2019 Eswatini Biggest Braai event that was held at Mavuso Sports Centre on Sunday.

According to Mabuza, his business was exhibiting at the event for the second time, adding that ever since it started showcasing its products during the event, sales and service delivery had massively improved.

The director added that his stall had more viewers this year as compared to last year. When viewing the products, Mabuza said there were a lot of questions that were posed to the stationery's employees, which he said was a good thing in that the public's opinion, advice and questions helped in knowing what the public wants.

Also, Mabuza said some of their target audience took time to share their good experiences with the organisation.



OPPORTUNITY: HM Stationery Director Hezekile Mabuza (in glasses) posing for a group photo with his staff members at the Biggest Braai on Sunday.

Furthermore, the director mentioned that from his analysis, a lot of people read a lot, contrary to popular belief that Africans, especially the technology inclined youth, do not like to read books.

Customers

"The reception we received showed that we are still relevant to most of our customers," he said.

With reference to the stationery industry, Mabuza said the event was more advantageous in that all the other companies that participate in this event need and use stationery so they would definitely browse through the stationery stalls.

This way, the director said it

becomes easier for the stationery owners to do business with most of their clientele.

Sales

When asked whether or not his business made any sales on the day, Mabuza said they had made reasonable ones which also was an improvement from last year.

For this, Mabuza thanked Her Majesty the Queen Mother for such a brilliant idea where not only funds are raised to aid the less fortunate elderly in the country but also allows businesses to interact with their target audiences in a relaxed environment, as compared to the traditional setting for conducting business.

ducting business.

Sharing the same sentiment was Philani MaSwati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini when sought for comment about the recent event.

Dlamini said the event graduated from being a fundraising event to a business-turned social event where people of all ages are able to mingle. Also, the chairman said the organisation was delighted by the success of the fifth edition. Dlamini mentioned that the Eswatini Biggest Braai is characterised by being incident-free.

On this note, he stated his appreciation to the public for their best behaviour as there were no incidents even when Mlindo the Vocalist took to the stage, unlike the last time he was in the country.

"We keep our promises and all that we had promised the public had been delivered," he said.

"Most people did not believe he would come but he did because he wanted to clear his name and that he loves Eswatini so much that he wants to come back in August to attend the Reed Dance," Dlamini added.

Adding, Dlamini mentioned that preparations for next year's event are already underway because the organisation wants to give the public an even bigger and better experience.

Zionist priest slapped with SODV charge

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A Zion Church Evangelist is facing a rape charge for making his granddaughter hold his private parts.

The preacher *Sandile(61) of Mbangweni was arrested and charged for contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act for allegedly forcing an 18-year-old girl to hold his manhood. Information gathered was to the effect that the girl *Nonhle was fetching water with her other siblings at a stream by their home in Mbangweni when he approached them.

When he was near the children, Sandile is said to have sent the younger children away with the intention to be left alone with Nonhle. When alone, the elderly man reportedly instructed Nonhle to come closer to him. Out of respect for her grandfather and not suspecting anything, Nonhle complied only for the instructions to get stranger. Sandile allegedly ordered the teenager to hold his manhood and stroke it. As if that was not enough, he is said to have told the girl to kiss him as he lowered his face towards hers. Just when the girl was trying to comprehend the orders, her grandfather allegedly planted one on her mouth.

Shocked, the girl is said to have ran for dear life in a bid to free herself from what was about to befall her in the hands of her trusted relative. When the girl ran away and screaming, she was seen by her uncles who were not too far from the stream. They are said to have asked her why she was screaming and they were shocked by her response.

When they went to see who was making the girl wail so hard, they saw the Zion priest. The matter was reported to the police and is pending at the Nhlanguano Magistrate's Court.

NB: *Not their real names

Eswatini to strengthen cancer prevention control capacities

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

THE development of the National Cancer Control Plan (NCCP) was necessitated by the growing burden of cancer including an increasing number of new patients every year.

It was also necessitated by the high impact of cancer mortality as it is among the leading cause of death in Eswatini.

Increased costs of cancer, uneven uptake of knowledge and innovation, limited availability of tools and resources and lack of collaboration among cancer stakeholders also necessitated this.

This is contained in the National Cancer control Plan 2019 to 2022 by the ministry of health. The World Health Organization (WHO) and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) contributed to this valuable document.

The National Cancer Control Plan aims to build on the existing health system in Eswatini in order to strengthen cancer prevention control capacities, both in public and private sectors through the control of risk factors associated with cancer, investment in cancer control workforce, use diagnostics, surveillance and cancer research.

"This is the first cancer control document to be developed in Eswatini. It consolidates aspects of cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and care for cancer patients as well as the investment required to deliver these services," reads the plan.

The plan particularly reinforced the need for action to prevent cancer, espe-

National Cancer Control Plan Stakeholders

Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
Cancer patients	Health workers	Politicians
Cancer survivors	Pharmaceutical Industries	Community leaders
Caregivers	Private sector in terms of drugs provision, diagnostics	Training institutions
	Collaborating NGOs	International agencies, WHO, CDC, PEPFAR, UNAIDS
	Rural health motivators or community health workers	Private sector funding
	Peer educators	Academicians and research institutions
	Other public health programmes	Mass media
	Multi sectoral collaborating ministries	

cially those related to smoking and other modifiable risk factors.

According to the plan, enhanced health promotion, education and advocacy would enable government and other partners to improve the public understanding of cancer.

In particular, the plan aims to empower the public to adopt healthier lifestyles and help healthcare professionals to recognise the symptoms of cancer and identify people at risk or living with cancer.

"The plan also seeks to improve early detection of cancer by expanding the available screening programmes and introducing mechanisms and services that are proven to save lives.

It ultimately seeks to shorten the time taken to diagnose and treat cancer by streamlining the diagnosis, referral systems and process of care by investing in improved access to diagnostics, cancer treatment as well as capacitating more

cancer specialists and other health care staff."

It seeks to harmonise and coordinate cancer care, the national cancer registration, sharing resources and information among health facilities. It would help patients and their families have better support and access to quality treatment including palliative care.

The plan would enable the country to improve services through education and research in the field of cancer prevention and control ensuring a culture of evidence based practice. The plan on the WHO's global cancer control strategy.

The National Cancer Control Unit would provide oversight and facilitation of the implementation of the National Cancer Control Plan.

It would require technical assistance from World Health Organization, hospitals, community clinics, Non-Governmental Organizations and the private sector.

Over 700 000 tourists received in 3 months

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

THE country received 798 814 tourists into the country between April and June this year.

This is contained in the 2019/20 first quarter performance report of the ministry of home affairs. The number of departures recorded in the first quarter of this financial year stood at 788 648.

Tourists recorded entered using vehicles, while some were passengers, pedestrians and cyclists and these tourists entered using the various border gates around the country.

The ones who used King Mswati III International Airport and Matsapha International Airport used planes whereas those who used Mpaka Railway Station used trains to enter the country.

There were 262 462 arrivals and 255 984 departures recorded at Ngwenya Border Gate during this period.

Ngwenya turns out to be the highest entry/exit point in terms of tourists who entered and exited the country during the period under review.

Mahamba Border Gate recorded 143 023 tourists who got into the country during this period,

while those who exited using the same border gate were 141 848. Matsamo recorded 90 094 tourists into the country and those who exited were 90 801.

Among the two border gates that this country shares with Mozambique, Lomahasha proved to be the busiest during this period under review. There were 36 834 entries recorded and 34 657 departures recorded at this entry/exit point.

Mhlumeni Border Gate recorded 24 269 entries, while its departures were 23 638.

Lundzi Border Gate was the lowest entry/exit point in terms of tourists' movement. This border gate, during the period under review, recorded 1 662 entries and recorded 1 928 departures. It is followed by Bulembu Border Gate, which recorded 2 582 entries and 2 166 departures. Among the two airports the country has, KM III International Airport proved to be the busiest, with 6 851 tourists entering the country, while 6 551 leaving the country through this airport. Matsapha International Airport recorded only 205 visitors, while recording only 161 departures. Mpaka Railway Station received 435 tourists and the same number left through the station during this period.



Submission of Income Tax Returns (Individuals and Companies)

In terms of Section 33 of the Income Tax Order 1975 as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Order) the Commissioner General of the Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) hereby notifies all concerned and/or cited persons in this notice to submit Income Tax Returns for the year of assessment ended 30 June 2019.

1. Person(s) Liable to submit Income Tax Returns in terms of the Order

The following persons are required to submit Income Tax Returns for the abovementioned year of assessment:

- Every person, (other than a company or a trust) who received any gross income sourced in Eswatini and was not ordinarily resident in Eswatini during the year of assessment;
- A pensioner who was ordinarily resident in Eswatini, who has multiple sources of income;
- The Public Officer of any company, in respect of such company;
- A recognized representative of a trust fund in respect of such trust income;
- An employee who earns remuneration from more than one employer;
- An employee or a director who derived business or property income, in addition to his/her employment income;
- A director of a company;
- A member of a clergy (e.g. pastor, priest, priestess, minister, apostle etc.) and a church executive;
- A Member of Parliament, board member of a statutory or similar body, a partner in a partnership, and locally recruited personnel working in embassies, consulates, missions and or international organizations;
- A person who derives income from providing professional independent services and their agents;
- A person who receives interest or dividends from funds invested in Commercial Banks, Building Societies, and Investment houses;
- Any person whose income is 1.2 million Emalangeni and above; and
- Any other person who may be required by the Commissioner General in writing to render a return of income in respect of the current year of assessment.

2. Persons not required to submit Income Tax Returns in terms of section 33bis of the Order.

- A person, in continuous employment with a single employer, whose gross income during the year of assessment consisted **ONLY** of remuneration; save for persons whose income was 1.2 million Emalangeni and above, or;
- An employee whose income tax deducted was payable in terms of the prescribed tax deduction tables and subject to the Final Deduction System (FDS); save for persons whose income was E1.2 M and above, and;
- Such person did not derive any other income, or if the additional income derived, consisted of a dividend, which has been subjected to a final withholding tax.

3. Deadline for the furnishing of returns in terms of Section 33 of the Order

- The Commissioner General in exercising his powers has introduced the staggering of the submission of income tax returns between different taxpayer segments by establishing a logical set of due dates to allow taxpayers enough time to prepare and file correct tax returns.

b) Taxpayers are expected to submit their returns within the following periods:

Taxpayer Segment	New Filing Deadline
Self-Assessment	31 December 2019
- All Large Companies (managed under the SRA's Large Taxpayer Unit) &	
- All VAT registered entities	
- Special groups	
- Individuals with employment income.	30 November 2019
- Individuals with other income	
- All Non-VAT registered entities	31 October 2019

4. P.A.Y.E Tax Returns

All employers including those who do not have employees that fall within the PAYE tax bracket **MUST** submit an annual return of salaries (PAYE 05, PAYE 15 and PAYE 16) for reconciliation purposes on or before 30 September 2019.

5. Self-Assessed Returns

All taxpayers who are required to self-assess, i.e. Large Taxpayers, companies and individuals registered for VAT, High Net Worth Individuals and special groups (MPs, Emabandla, Heads of Government Departments, are hereby reminded that their Income Tax Returns are required to be submitted together with payments. The deadline of the payments is 31 December 2019.

6. E-filing/ e-Tax submission

All taxpayers registered for e-Tax are encouraged to submit their income tax returns using

the online platform. However, Large Taxpayers are compelled to submit using this method (e-Tax). The e-Tax platform can be accessed through <https://etax.sra.org.sz/>.

7. Payment Methods

Taxpayers are encouraged to make payments via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) (i.e. Internet Banking), Mobile Money, or direct deposits. Point of sale machines (Speed points) are available at SRA service centres and cash payments are discouraged.

8. Extension of Time to file income tax returns

Taxpayers whose filing period has been extended to 30 November and 31 December 2019, respectively **SHALL NOT** be granted further extension. However, all other taxpayers who foresee challenges in filing their income returns for one reason or the other may apply for an extension of time to submit their income tax returns any time before 30 September 2019 for the Commissioner General's consideration. Extension of time applications made after this date shall **NOT** be considered. Note that a mere submission of an extension of time application does not guarantee approval.

9. Offences in terms of section 66 of the Order

- Anyone who fails to submit a return within the stipulated period commits an offence and may be liable on conviction to a fine of E10 000 and or imprisonment for a period of up to one year or both.
- A Taxpayer who makes false statements or entries in a return with an intention to evade or assists someone with evading assessment or taxation, is liable to a fine of up to E50 000 or imprisonment of up to five years or both.

10. It must be noted that Additional taxes are imposed in terms of Section 40 of the Order for any default or omission as below:

- A taxpayer who defaults in submitting a return in respect of any year of assessment is liable to pay additional tax, an amount equal to twice the tax chargeable in respect of his taxable income for such year of assessment.
- A taxpayer who omits from a return, any amount which ought to have been included therein, will be liable to pay an amount equal to twice the difference between the tax as calculated in respect of the taxable income returned by him and the tax properly chargeable in respect of his taxable income as finally determined after including the omitted amount.
- A taxpayer who makes any incorrect statement in any return rendered by him, which results or would if accepted, result in the assessment of the normal tax at an amount which would be less than the tax properly chargeable may be liable to pay, in addition to the tax due, an amount equal to twice the difference between the tax assessed in accordance with the return made by him and the tax properly chargeable if the incorrect statement had not been made. Taxpayers are cautioned to exercise diligence when completing the return forms in order to avoid any omissions or making incorrect statements. Taxpayers are encouraged to seek guidance from the SRA if in doubt.

11. Where to get Income Tax Returns

Income Tax Returns (printable/ editable) may be downloaded from the SRA website www.sra.org.sz or alternatively request for an email copy from info@sra.org.sz or from any of the Centres below:

- Manzini Service Centre, Estel House Manzini
- Matsapha Service Centre, Mahhala Shopping Complex Matsapha
- Nhlangano Service Centre, Old Skonkwane Complex Nhlangano
- Mbabane Service Centre, Corporate Place Swazi Plaza, Mbabane
- Pigg's Peak Service Centre, 1st floor Supreme Building Pigg's Peak
- Siteki Service Centre, Mafumbe Building, Jacaranda Street Siteki

Taxpayers are advised to use the revised Income Tax Returns, which may be obtained from the SRA website as well as from the above listed centers. Old returns will result in the return not being accepted.

12. Forwarding of Returns

Completed Income Tax Returns **MUST** emailed to info@sra.org.sz or hand delivered at the above-mentioned service Centers. Alternatively, the returns may be captured via e-tax (for taxpayers registered for e-tax).

13. Further Information

Taxpayers may get further information or assistance by contacting the SRA at: Tel: +268 2406 4050 E-mail: info@sra.org.sz or visiting the nearest service centre. Alternatively inbox us on our Facebook Page: [eswatinirevenueauthority/](https://www.facebook.com/eswatinirevenueauthority/).

ALWAYS MENTION YOUR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SRA.

DUMISANI E. MASILELA
COMMISSIONER GENERAL

Refreshing times ahead for Eswatini - Sheila Ruffin

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ezulwini

THERE are refreshing times ahead in Eswatini.

The Somhlolo Festival of Praise invited guest Sheila Ruffin said she had a vision, where she saw snow falling in the country, which indicated refreshing times ahead.

She was speaking at the national breakfast prayer where she preached the Word of God.

Ruffin urged the Christian fraternity and the nation to take a stand, start interceding, seek God's face and turn from their wicked ways.

"When you read **Malachi 4:1-3** you see how God treats the wicked



REFRESHING TIMES:
Somhlolo Festival of Praise Guest Speaker Sheila Ruffin making her remarks at the national prayer breakfast.
(Pics: Simon Shabangu)

and the righteous. It's not too late to repent and it's not hard for God to

transform this nation, turn it around and restore resources. God resurrects

things and that is His specialty. Even if the economy is ailing or dead, He will rise what was dead as nothing is impossible with Him," she said.

The guest speaker added that people's emotions were compromised when something is wrong internally be it hurt, trauma, spirit of death and by sin. She said the damage done also compromised what they present to others.

"You won't be able serve God if you serve other gods, if you let wickedness go it will. The world has changed in such a way that the minority with wicked acts dictates to the majority, what they should do as to avoid offending and violating the rights of the few. The church should get down on its face and repent," she said.

Essence of the prayer breakfast

ESSENCE of the prayer was to pray for the country so that it prospers and for the nation to find balance between health and prosperity.

Somhlolo Festival of Praise organising committee Chairperson Mandla Dlamini said both health and prosperity was from God, who also gave light. God is the one who gave power to make wealth and He is also the source of life and existence.

Dlamini encouraged people to seek the God's Kingdom first and His righteousness in order to be well and prosperous. He said at some point, the people of Eswatini lived uprightly such that God blessed the country and owned a ship.

Tragedy

"Pray that you prosper in all things as your soul prospers, what benefit is it to have all and not have health. *Live lemaSwati* may we please come back to the source of our lives. The greatest tragedy today is the reversal of what we seek, forgetting that it's the inside that controls our temperature. Let us go back to the cross, our message was emphasised over the youth service and women's conference," he said.

Dlamini added that without spiritual healing, angry people will be raised and they will destroy everything owned. As a result all that has been worked for will be lost.

Different pastors intercede

PASTORS from different members of the tripartite of churches prayed and interceded for the country.

These included Pastor Shodi Msibi, SDZ Mletwa, Duncan Mavuso, Kurt Platt, Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg, Elliot Sihlabela and Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya.

They prayed for Their Majesties, Royal family, government, Cbinet, the nation, ecclesia of the country, prosperity of the citizens, prosperity of their souls and Israel.

Msibi said just like King Somhlolo's vision was of choosing Bible over coin; it meant that missionaries should be valued more than investors. The nation should pray and honour the King because a state without a King was like a child headed family.

"The head of the family gives direction always even in the midst of confusion," Msibi said.

Meanwhile, Mletwa urged the nation to be respectful and humble themselves before God in order to be lifted up.

Moreover, Rev Elliot Sihlabela urged the nation to pray for Israel. He stated that God was happy when people prayed for Israel and He will change things for the better in the country if Israel was prayed for that nation was God's first born 'son'. The Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg echoed the other pastors as he prayed for the prosperity of Emaswati. He prayed that God should help maximise the knowledge that Emaswati were stewards of the existing resources, transformation and the country will prosper.

PROSPERITY:
Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg praying for the prosperity of Emaswati.



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CHILD ADVOCACY: World Vision's Advocacy and Justice for Children Associate Director Sakhile Dlamini explains the importance of child safety to the Minister of Education Lady Howard-Mabuza, whilst Chief Prince Gija, Minister of Sports Harries 'Madze' Bulunga and Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza listen.

TOYS GALORE: Some of the toys, books and blankets which made part of the donation. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)



WORLD VISION'S E200 000 FOR MPHOFU PRIMARY

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

THE handover of four classrooms at Mphofu Primary School by MTN Eswatini on Thursday was made extra special by the delivery of donations from World Vision Eswatini.

The organisation handed over a child safe classroom filled with clothing, sanitary packs, clothes, blankets, toys and books to the school. The donation, worth E200 540 was presented to the Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuza who was in the company of the Minister of Sports Harries 'Madze' Bulunga and his counterpart in the agriculture portfolio Jabulani Mabuza.

Problems

Presenting the donation to the minister was Advocacy and Justice for Children Associate Director Sakhile Dlamini who said this was the country's first classroom where children can be at ease to privately talk to teachers about their problems, such as those to do with abuse.

She said the classrooms came about as a collaborative effort with MTN Eswatini and partners in their annual 21 Days of Y'ello Care.

"MTN partnered with organisations such as Swaziland Empowerment Limited, AfriSam and Macmillan in the recently ended drive," she explained.

Dlamini said the concept of having such classrooms was necessitat-

ed by the fact that children spent most of their time between schools and their home. As such, providing such a facility enabled children space where they can sit and talk without being made uncomfortable by others, such as is most likely to happen in a staffroom situation.

Dlamini further invited other corporates to partner with them in ensuring that children have a refuge where they can talk and offload their life circumstances to caring and trained teachers. "World Vision is pleased to have been part of this wonderful initiative as part of our ongoing campaign to end sexual violence against children," she said.

Efforts

She stated that part of the campaign's objectives include increasing awareness of violence against children and enhancing reporting of sexual violence incidents and one way of doing this in schools is ensuring that there are child-friendly classrooms.

Adding, she stated that World Vision recognised the efforts of government through the ministry of education to ensure that these rooms are there in all schools.

Appreciating the support from MTN, Dlamini said they were grateful for the positive response when they approached them to be part of the 21 Days of Y'ello Care.

She assured that the organisation would be training teachers to enable them to adequately be receptive and counsel children who approach them.



GRATEFUL: Some of the Mphofu Primary School pupils who will benefit from the classroom that allows free counselling from their teachers, and was constructed during the Eswatini MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care Campaign.

Stop encouraging children to protest - Lady Howard

IN the same event, the Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuza told parents to stop encouraging their children to protest.

"There are always alternative ways

to deal with situations, grievances or any unsatisfactory conduct. Parents shouldn't encourage children to protest as a solution, let alone the parents themselves doing that," she said.



NOTICE

The general public is advised that from the 24th July 2019, traffic shall be deviated off the existing MR3 between Mpandze and Hhelehhele. The traffic will be taken to the newly constructed service roads that runs adjacent the existing MR3. This shall be done in two sections namely: from Mphandze to St-Joseph Mission and then back onto the existing MR3 and again from the SEC Sub-Station (opposite Makhokhondela junction) until the Hhelehhele/MR8 Junction. (see illustration below).

The Public is advised to adhere to all road safety signs and traffic control measures. The public is also advised that speed humps will be installed at strategic positions in order calm speeding motorists. We regret any inconvenience caused to motorists and residents.

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STOP EARLY CHILD MARRIAGES - REPS

POLICE have pleaded with families not to subject their female children to early marriages.

This plea comes a month after a 16-year-old child was murdered by her unemployed husband, aged 25, who then committed suicide at Emalibeni.

In this case, police started to investigate the family of the female minor who allowed the illegal marriage to take place in 2018 when the now deceased was only 15 years old.

Police who wanted to remain anonymous said in worse rural areas of the kingdom, especially in Northern Hhohho, early childhood marriages are still very common despite the extensive media coverage against such.

"With the introduction of the



STOP IT: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, we can now arrest individuals who subject their female children to early marriages.

In the past, a 16-year-old minor

could be married to an adult male as long as there was consent from the minor's legal guardian.

It is important to mention that a guardian can be any adult related to the minor.

Due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, many adults have passed away, leaving their children in the care of relatives who then resort to selling the female children into early marriages," they said.

The police added that poverty was a major contributor to early child marriages.

"Homesteads in the remote rural areas are poverty stricken, so if there is a female child, she is forced to an early marriage so that the homestead gets cows and money. Child marriages are rife in Northern Hhohho," they added.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said early child marriages are still common in the kingdom even though such is illegal.



LOST AND FOUND: Businessman and part-time snake catcher Sharafat Ali Shafi.

Shafi rescues spitting cobra

ASIAN businessman and part-time snake catcher, Sharafat Ali Shafi has rescued a spitting cobra near Mhlatane High School teachers quarters.

A month after his five-month holiday in Pakistan, Shafi has managed to rescue four snakes around the town of Pigg's Peak.

During the latest snake rescue, eyewitness Xolile Nxumalo said she called Shafi after the snake was spotted slithering on the grass outside her rented residence.

"I was seated outside my rented home near Mhlatane High School quarters when I spotted the snake slithering along the grass, a few metres away from me. The snake had very shiny skin.

Out of fear, I ran back into the house and used my landline to call the police who intimated me to Shafi. It took him less than five minutes to drive to my home using his own vehicle," she said.

Nxumalo added that the snake spat at Shafi numerous times as he tried to retrieve it from a collection of concrete slabs.

"He first located it as it was trying to hide under some concrete slabs. After removing the slabs, Shafi approached the snake but it spat at his face numerous times. Luckily Shafi was wearing protective eyeglasses so the snake venom failed to blind him. After the spitting, Shafi used a long broom to immobilise the snake before retrieving it safely with his bare hands. I was shocked to see how long the snake was," she added.

Shafi said the snake measured about 1.5 metres long.

He said he would release it back into the wild at a safe area away from members of the public.

Businessman still complains about storm water damage 23 years later

DESPITE the construction of a new storm water drainage by the Pigg's Peak Plaza, businessman King Mziyako is still complaining about storm water being dumped into his plot.

Mziyako, who owns a residential and commercial plot in Pigg's Peak behind the Pigg's Peak Plaza, claimed that in 1996 when the plaza was being constructed, labourers 'forgot' to construct a proper storm water drainage system.

This oversight resulted in water that was being collected on the plaza roofing being dumped on Mziyako's plot, that is located below the plaza building.

Mziyako said the water still flows into his building despite the new storm water drainage.

"I have had this complaint for more than 23 years now and I have nowhere to go. My story is not new and media houses have reported on the matter in the past. In 1996, I approached the Pigg's Peak Plaza about the water problem but they chose to ignore me. I then approached the Pigg's Peak Town Council to mediate in 1997 but they also ignored me. I then approached the media but still I got no assistance," he said.

Mziyako said the water damage has devalued his building over the past 23 years.

"The front of my building is a commercial area, housing two



DAMAGED: New storm water drainages behind the Pigg's Peak Plaza to remove storm water from the Mziyako plot. (Pics by Sizwe Dlamini)

shops. Behind my building is a residential area with three rooms that are up for rent. These residential rooms are the most affected by the storm water because it flow into the rooms under the doors, creating mould and forcing my tenants to remove it. This has resulted in my tenants leaving the rooms in summer when

ever it rains as my building is now ruined and devalued by the storm water from the plaza," he added.

Plaza Manager Costa Ginindza said new water drainages were constructed in 2017 and since that time no water has tricked down to Mziyako's building.

"We constructed new drainages in 2017, which lead to those of

the Pigg's Peak Town Council at the bottom of the adjoining street. No water is being channelled to the plot and Mziyako is just causing confusion," he said.

Pigg's Peak Town Clerk Mzwandile Ndzinisa said the new storm water drainages were effectively removing water away from the affected plot.

Motorist nabbed for DD after payday

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

CELEBRATIONS at times can land one in trouble.

This is what one Sibusiso Mtsetfwa (34) learnt after finding himself

behind bars just a few hours after having some good times with friends.

Mtsetfwa was nabbed driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a serious offence according to the Eswatini traffic laws. He appeared before the magistrate's court, where he faced a

charge of contravening the Road Traffic Act of 2007.

Accused

The accused person was said to have driven his motor vehicle along the Simunye-Manzini road while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

A breathalyser test conducted on him read 0.87 mg/l, which is above the legal limit which stands at 0.37 mg/l.

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

His plea was also accepted by the

Crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.

During mitigation, the accused person told the court that he was arrested while on his way home from a drinking hall with friends. He said they met at Simunye after getting their salaries and decided to go and have a small celebration at the drinking hall.

The accused person was accordingly found guilty by the court. He was sentenced to 60 days in a correctional facility with an option to pay E1 000 fine.

TAIWAN INTENSIFIES MEDICAL TRAINING FOR EMASWATI

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A total of 79 local students are expected to undergo clinical education post-graduate training in the Republic of China (Taiwan) so as to improve health-care in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Speaking during a lunch meeting the Republic of China (Taiwan) Taiwan Ambassador Jeremy Liang said such a project was under the regulation of Eswatini Medical and Dental Council and ministry of health.

He said the training was expected to take about two years, adding that already 10 graduates have joined an internship programme at the Mbabane Government Hospital.

"When they completed the two-year programme, they will be well trained and qualified for further training," he said during a luncheon at Luxy Gardens last week. At the lunch meeting, the ambassador was joined by the Minister



CONFIRMS: Taiwan Ambassador Jeremy Liang

Oliver Ham, Project Director who is also a specialist in Internal Medicine Liao Say-Trung, Nurse Administrator Chen Wen-Ting, Family Physician Tsai Hui Shan, Pediatrician Chu Feu-hung and Obstetrician Gynaecologist Ou Kae Yng. All the specialists are based at the Mbabane Government Hospital.

He added that the Mbabane Government Hospital would be a qualified teaching hospital in post-graduate, residency, and specialist programme in the future.

The interns, who will be taking part in the programme, would include those from other countries as well as Emaswati who are studying in Taiwan from I-Shou

University.

Liang said the project was based on a memorandum between the Kingdom of Eswatini and Taiwan, and that of Eswatini and Taipei Medical University and hospital.

The ambassador said as part of their action plan, they had formed a team of 10 to 17 specialists and medical officers who have clinical experience of more than 10 years.

The programme would run for 104 weeks. The first four weeks will be orientation, whilst the remaining weeks are for clinical rotation course. The medical interns would rotate six major blocks of internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatric, orthopaedic-anaesthesia-ICU and family medicine.

He said the interns would be assessed regularly using multiple tools for assessments such as objective structured examination, mini-clinical evaluation exercise, case based discussion, direct observation of procedural skills and many more.

Man arrested for dagga worth over E40 000

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

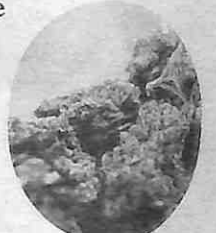
IN yet another drug arrest, members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) have arrested a 28-year-old man for the possession of dagga worth more than E40 000 while at Nyakatfo.

It is said the accused, Sihle Myeni was a repeat offender, who had been arrested numerous times for dagga possession.

"Police who were acting on a tip off raided a certain homestead at Nyakatfo, where they found 59 kilogrammes of dried dagga worth about E47 200. The illegal herb had been concealed inside a large black plastic container, under a few empty sacks. On top of the container was a large tight lid that concealed the potent dagga smell. The container itself was located inside a shed near the accused person's bedroom."

Myeni was expected to appear before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the arrest.



Church puts food on the table for families

BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

THE Life Church in Mbabane has found new ways to spread goodness and mercy to its members.

The church for the longest of time has been donating food parcels to its members and non-church members too. The food parcels come in different sizes and are usually delivered by Pastor Mandla Madlazi, who delivers the food weekly to chosen homesteads. Some food parcels and any form of help is usually done on Sundays at their premises of worship at the City Court.

The church currently feeds 15 families.

The pastor said this for him is simply living by the word of God, which requires people to love and do well by their neighbour.

Their slogan is 'manifesting God's glory'.

"The Lord wants us to take care of each other, not only one's relatives but everyone who is around us, hence I started gathering the little that I have together with my congregants and put food on the table for others," added Madlazi.

The church has also been paying school fees and university tuition fees for a number of pupils, who are also part of the church.

The church has become the sole financial aid for the said pupils and the pastor has vowed to pay for them until they complete their programmes.

They have put five pupils through high school and three students to tertiary institutions.

A few church members said they are forever grateful to the man of God for not only spreading the word of God, but also spreading the spirit of giving and love amongst them.

"It is uplifting to see my church dedicate itself to goodness and literally doing exactly what the Bible wants," said a church member, identified Masina.

Echoing Zanele Masina was Bheki Mavuso who said their church had changed the narrative for other churches and that the church was not only about worshipping, but also caring for the next person and making sure they are not suffering.

"My church is setting an example for others, we are not only meeting to rejoice in the word of God but to come up with solutions to help our fellow neighbours," said Mavuso.

Braille opens doors to intellectual freedom - DPM

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

DEPUTY Prime Minister Themba Masuku says braille has opened doors to intellectual freedom, equal opportunity and personal security.

He said braille was a tactile reading and writing systemised by visually impaired persons, who could not access print materials. It was critically important to the lives of visually impaired persons as it provided the ability to read in braille and write using it. Masuku was speaking during the celebration of 50 years of the existence and implementation of braille in Eswatini held at Mzimposu, where he was represented by DPMO's programmes manager in the disability unit.

Many dignitaries present included US ambassador representative Deputy Chief of Mission Michael Lombardo, Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuzza and Manzini Regional Secretary Samkeliso Dlamini. "I feel honoured to be part of this significant occasion here today, that of celebrating the 50th anniversary of braille implementation in the country, which contributes significantly towards mainstreaming issues with disabilities. Today the country joins hands with associations of visually impaired

Father Ciccone, institutions honoured

THE National Association of Persons with Visual Impairment in Eswatini (NAPVIE) has honoured the late Father Nkomiyahlaba Ciccone for being instrumental in establishing the resource centre for the visually impaired at St Joseph's mission.

Bishop Jose Luis Ponce de Leon received the certificate on behalf of Father Ciccone.

The DPM's office, Central Bank of Eswatini and Nedbank also received certificates for contributing to the employment of persons with visual impairment. NAPVIE'S President Nhlahlaleni Mthethwa appreciated the Bible Society, Indlela Yekuphila Catering, Nedbank Eswatini and Swaziland Beverages for their immense contribution to the event.

persons in celebrating the existence of braille programmes in the country. Braille writing itself was invented in France by Louis Braille in the early 19th century; overtime it has become an effective means of communication and a proven method in achieving and enhancing literacy programme the world over," Masuku stated. The DPM added that the country had made significant strides in addressing issues of disability through the development and implementation of relevant policies, services and programmes.

Masuku said the event was marked by honouring the late Father Ciccone who was instrumental in establishing a resource centre for the blind at St Joseph's mis-

sion coupled with also awarding institutions who have contributed to employment of persons with visual impairment.

He said government had also lived by example by employing persons with disabilities in the different sectors.

"May I appreciate all relevant stakeholders ranging from government sector ministries, civil society including people with visual impairment and the private sector for such a collaboration towards ensuring that the day becomes a successful event. Thank you all for making time to be part of this momentous task, for celebration of 50 years of the existence of braille implementation in the country," he said.



TOUR: Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Peter Bhembe, Lundzi Member of Parliament Petros Mavimbela and Chairman Hezekiah Shongwe toured around the community during the opening of the Water Project at Lundzi. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)



CLEAN: The water reservoir at Lundzi.



FINALLY: Community members during the event.

LUNDZI RESIDENTS WANT SHOP NEARBY

BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

LUNDZI residents have decried the unavailability of shops to buy the most basic amenities.

They claim that they have to travel distances just to get a shop to buy salt.

"There is a serious lack of shops in our area, and we find ourselves asking for basic needs from our neighbors.

When we go to town, it is usually once in a while and by the time we decide to go there, we would have run out of a number of household items," shared one resident who identified himself as Mabuza.

Supposed

He said the shops where they are supposed to get the simplest of things like sugar, a box matches and maize meal, were over 20 kilometres away.

Upon a mini tour of the area, it was discovered that shops are indeed remote. The community also expressed that they are happy with the upcoming clinic that is nearing completion.

"Not all is gloomy in our small area as you can see we have a pending clinic and the water project that was opened by the minister. All we need now are shops that



OFFICIALLY OPEN: The minister of natural resources and energy Peter Bhembe cutting the ribbon.

are operate nearby for the supply of items that we need urgently," said another resident who was identified as Dlamini.

The interviews were conducted when Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Peter Bhembe officially opened a water project that would benefit many households.

Present was Mhlambanyatsi Member of Parliament Petros Mavimbela who

applauded the community members for their patience whilst the project was being implemented.

"All remaining projects will be implemented in due course and I urge you to continue exercising patience," said Mavimbela. Lundzi is said to have 78 per cent electricity covered which means that a few homesteads do not have electricity.



IT IS DONE: Minister of natural resources and energy during his speech



ATTENTIVE: The invited guests paying attention.



CHAKAZA MBALI: Imbali dancing up a storm.



TINGATJA: The sibhaca team providing entertainment during the event.

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What's in Your Mind

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ROTTEN FLIES IN THE ZUMA FILES



AN embittered and battered Jacob Zuma solemnly vows not to go alone in the rubble; as he airs in public; dirty laundry of his party; the ANC, the oldest liberation movement in the world.

In his first day in the Zondo Commission; he goes for the jocular and fires vinegary salvo to some of his colleagues; ANC veterans; General Siphwe Nyanda and Ngoako Ramatlodi as apartheid spies during the long torturous years of the struggle for freedom.

ZONDO COMMISSION

The Zondo Commission; a judiciary commission of enquiry instituted by former President Jacob Zuma to probe allegations of state capture after public uproar; that in the last nine 'wasted years' the country was put on auction sale to the Guptas; an Indian family that seemingly poked its nose in all spheres of public and private arena.

From day one, of the commission resumption, a can of worms was opened and hidden worms came to exposure: as expected many witnesses fingered the former President Zuma as the kingpin; not only in the Gupta's towering and imposing influence but in a series of shenanigans; from the alter of the brown envelope to pernicious appointments.

WOMAN SCORNE

Like a rattle snake, Umsholozzi, as he is affectionately known to his followers, waited his turn in the wings; fast and furious; like a woman scorned; viciously released a left hook jab and punched hard below the belt.

It is now a game for vultures; a battle for the soul of the ANC, as it turns out, will roast itself in the biggest braai of hate.

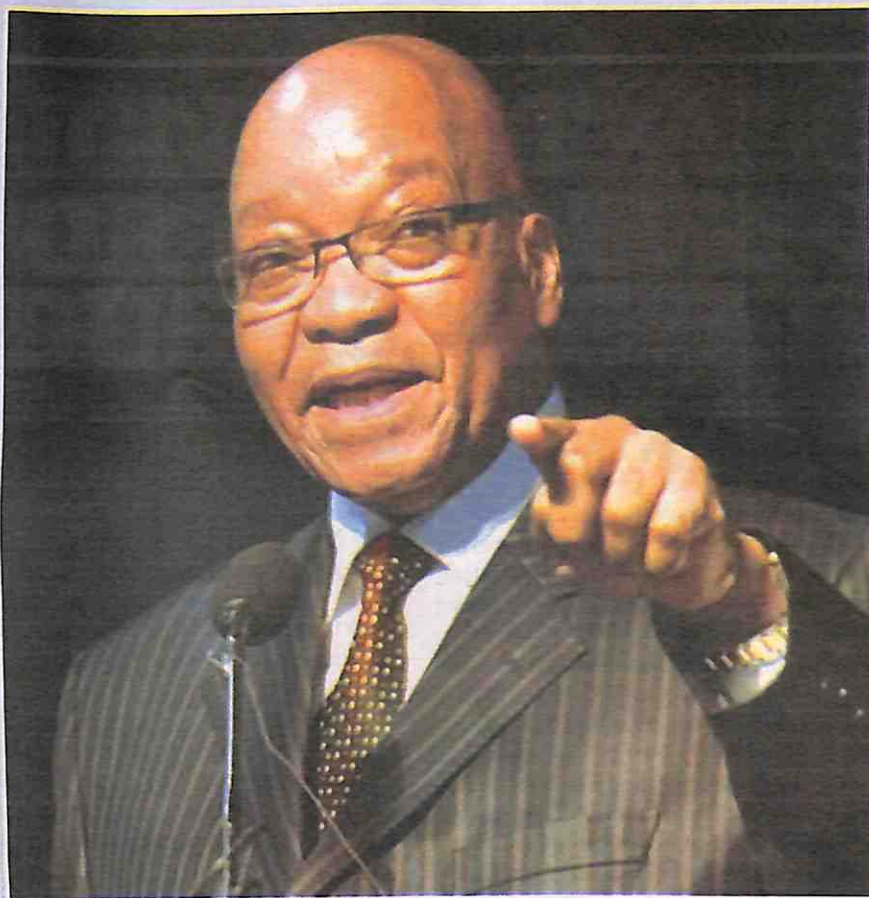
Which if you may ask me today or any other day is irresponsible and beg to ask a series of questions bordering on leadership legitimacy and integrity; why do individuals want to go down with their party?

A party formed in 1912 will strip itself bare and spew bile; of buried, classified, irrecoverable and irretrievable files: in our cultural context; the party is opening graves which are good lying low in dead silence. Because so many rot happen in times of struggle. And the ANC cannot be spared from the stink of atrocities committed along the 82 years rough ride to freedom.

BIGGEST BRAAI

So roasting each other in the biggest braai will have devastating consequences for the party. I heard some commentators asserting that the 'opening of these files' consequent frying each other will not harm party

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CAN OF WORMS: Former South African president Jacob Zuma at the Zondo Commission.

blah..blah..blah.

I beg to differ. It will. As I have alluded above; rakish sins were committed in the long tedious road to freedom.

And once blaming and condemning fingers start pointing no one will be left squeaky clean. Because there are allegations that comrades were selling each other during the struggle. And that they were also killing each other during the struggle.

STAINS

Allegations are rife that it became politics of survival to others as the apartheid machine was at grinding mode. There was factionalism, xenophobia and ethnic sponsored clashes with-

“From day one, of the commission resumption, a can of worms was opened and hidden worms came to exposure.”

in and outside the movement! So says classified documents.

Other stains are not mercifully dry-cleanable but for the sake of peace and progress; after 25 years of independence the attitude has to be 'let bygones be bygones.' And anything that promises to disrupt the stability of the party should be stamped out.

SPIRIT

This is supposed to be the spirit of former comrades. But power-play has robbed party of unity, creating cracks as big as the party itself. The statistics are screaming and pitching high notes for all to see. In Mbeki's second term party scored about 70 per cent election victory; winning a 2/3 of the parliamentary seats. In 2019 party got a mere 57 per cent. The results suggest that the party is going downhill. More and more negative vibes of the party is a slow poison that will eventually crush the big elephant.

ELECTION RESULTS

Of course there are so many reasons for the poor performance emanating from Zuma's firing as Vice President; Mbeki standing for presidency for the third time in Polokwane; Zuma's victory over him. The fruits of division were ripe for harvest. Mbeki got fired and disgruntled members formed COPE. The rest as they say is HISTORY.

BIGGEST LOSER

But the biggest loser in this debacle is obvi-

ously not Jacob Zuma. When the sh..... hits the fan, in this stupendous psychological thriller; Ramaphosa will take the jab. It is simple. Zuma has never shunned away from controversies since his days as Mbeki's understudy.

But he has a tendency of ducking and dodging bullets even when he is a target of a sniper. For a period spanning 15 years; he has been an antagonist in the theatre of the absurd; instead of ending the play with a Shakespearian tragedy; it always ends with comedy. So dealing with a character who stumbles and fall in the mud but not get soiled is an insurmountable task indeed.

ELITES

We stood and watched as the party of elites, intellectuals, academics, moderators and think tanks got reduced to a mickey mouse and a playground of drab ragamuffins. Greed and self-interest is killing the organisation.

And if party elders are still there; should call these irresponsible adults to order because this is appalling to say the least.

SAMSON

With his legacy in tatters, JZ has nothing to lose and is prepared to go down to the debris with the 'Philistines'-his real and perceived enemies; whom he appointed to work with in many forums, including ministerial.

Meanwhile, social media is blurring silly tunes as his opponents fight fire with fire.

It is getting nasty as propaganda machines propel in every direction. And when the party is at war with itself anything and everything is possible and the lines between fake and facts are blurred.

NEW DAWN

Every war has its casualties and the biggest victim in this one will be the 'The New Dawn' of Ramaphosa as it premised on party unity.

A cession of hostilities from factional camps was priority No. 1 at Nasrec, where Ramaphosa won by a whisker to Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma.

The political infighting taking place in full view of the public; among members of the party, is a slap in the face of the New Dawn. As files are opened; glorified heroes, past and present, will turn into villains as the 'truth' comes to light.

Others will be (dis) advantageously scandalised and their characters slaughtered. Thus there is no need to open files that have rotten flies.

CRUMBLE AND CRUSH

Like I said, the party won't immediately crumble and crush as quick as the vomit of dogs. No. But it is its every limp; that will give impetus to the opposition.

The party's strength of strength, obviously, is the weak opposition.

While the Zondo Commission gives the party a good PR and profile; as a government that wants to uproot corruption; the biggest braai of comrades roasting each other in the saucepan of hate will be costly for the party in the not so distant future.

ON THIS DAY

...JULY 24

1847 - Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the valley of the Great Salt Lake in present-day Utah.

1847 - Richard M. Hoe patented the rotary-type printing press.

1849 - Georgetown University in Washington, DC, presented its first Doctor of Music Degree. It was given to Professor Henry Dielman.

1866 - Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the US Civil War.

1923 - The Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.

1929 - US President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as an instrument of foreign policy.

1933 - The first broadcast of 'The Romance of Helen Trent' was heard on radio. 7,222 episodes were aired.

1933 - US President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his fourth 'Fireside Chat.'

1948 - Soviet occupation forces in Germany blockaded West Berlin. The US-British airlift began the following day.

1956 - Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis ended their team. They ended the partnership a decade after it began on July 25, 1946.

1969 - The Apollo 11 astronauts splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean.

1974 - The US Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

1978 - Billy Martin was fired for the first of three times as the manager of the New York Yankees baseball team.

1985 - Walt Disney released their 25th full-length cartoon. The work was 'The Black Cauldron.' Disney movies, music and books

1987 - Hulda Crooks, at 91 years of age, climbed Mt. Fuji. Hulda became the oldest person to climb Japan's highest peak.

1998 - Roy O. Disney received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Danny Dyer (TV Actor) - July 24, 1977 (42 years old)



Jennifer Lopez (Pop Singer) - July 24, 1969 (50 years)



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PART II

Racketeering

3. (1) Any person who, within Eswatini or elsewhere—

(a) receives or retains any property derived, directly or indirectly, from a pattern of racketeering activity;

(b) knows or ought reasonably to have known that that property is so derived; and

(c) uses or invests, directly or indirectly, any part of that property in the acquisition of any interest in, or the establishment or operation or activities of any enterprise, commits an offence.

(2) Any person who, within Eswatini or elsewhere—

(a) receives or retains any property, directly or indirectly, on behalf of any enterprise; and

(b) knows or ought reasonably to have known that that property derived or is derived from or through a pattern of racketeering activity, commits an offence.

(3) Any person who, within Eswatini or elsewhere—

(a) uses or invests any property, directly or indirectly, on behalf of any enterprise or in the acquisition of any interest in, or the establishment or operation or activities of any enterprise; and

(b) knows or ought reasonably to have known that that property derived or is derived from or through a pattern of racketeering activity, commits an offence.

(4) Any person who, within Eswatini or elsewhere, acquires or maintains, directly or indirectly, any interest in or control of any enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity commits an offence.

(5) Any person who, whilst managing or employed by or associated with any enterprise within Eswatini or elsewhere, conducts or participates in the conduct, directly or indirectly, of the affairs of that enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity commits an offence.

(6) Any person who, within Eswatini or elsewhere, manages the operation or activities of an enterprise and who knows or ought reasonably to have known that any person, whilst employed by or associated with that enterprise, conducts or participates in the conduct, directly or indirectly, of the affairs of that enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity commits an offence.

(7) A court may hear evidence, including evidence with regard to hearsay, similar facts or previous convictions, relating to offences contemplated in subsections (1) to (6) notwithstanding that that evidence might otherwise be inadmissible, provided that the evidence would not render a trial unfair.

(8) For the purposes of proving a previous conviction during a trial in respect of an offence contemplated in subsections (1) to (6) it is sufficient to prove the original record of judicial proceedings if a copy of that record, certified or purporting to be certified as a true copy—

(a) by the registrar, deputy registrar or clerk of the court or other staff member having the custody of the record of those judicial proceedings; or

(b) in the case where judicial proceedings are taken down in shorthand or by mechanical means, by the person who transcribed those proceedings,

is produced in evidence at the trial, and that copy shall be *prima facie* proof that any matter purporting to be recorded in that copy was

OFFENCES RELATING TO RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES



correctly recorded.

(9) A person shall not be charged with committing an offence contemplated in subsections (1) to (6) unless a prosecution has been authorised in writing by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Penalties

4. (1) Any person convicted of an offence referred to in section 3(1) to (6) is liable to a fine not exceeding twenty million Emalangeni or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding fifty years or to both.

(2) A sentence imposed in terms of this section is not subject to postponement or suspension in terms of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, 1938, or its successor.

PART III

OFFENCES RELATING TO CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITIES

Gang related offences

5. (1) A person who participates in or is a member of a criminal gang and who—

(a) aids and abets any criminal activity committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal gang;

(b) threatens to commit, bring about or perform any act of violence or any criminal activity by a criminal gang or with the assistance of a criminal gang; or

(c) threatens any specific person or persons in general with retaliation in any manner or by any means whatsoever, in response to any act or alleged act of violence, commits an offence.

(2) Any person who— (a) performs any act which is aimed at causing, bringing about, promoting or contributing towards a pattern of criminal gang activity;

(b) incites, instigates, commands, aids, advises, encourages or procures any other person to commit, bring about, perform or participate in a pattern of criminal gang activity; or

(c) causes, encourages, recruits, incites, instigates, commands, aids or advises another person to join a criminal gang, commits an offence.

Penalties

6. (1) A person convicted of an offence under—

(a) section 5(1) or 5 (2) (a) is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding two hundred

and fifty thousand Emalangeni or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six years or to both, but, if the offence was committed under the circumstances referred to in subsection (2), is liable to a fine not exceeding four hundred thousand Emalangeni or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding eight years or to both; and

(b) section 5(2)(b) or (c), is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred and twenty five thousand Emalangeni or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both, but, if the offence was committed under the circumstances referred to in subsection (2), is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding two hundred thousand Emalangeni or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years or to both.

(2) If any of the offences contemplated in section 5 is committed on the premises or grounds of, or within five hundred metres of a school or any other educational institution, during hours in which the facility is open for classes or school related programmes or when minors are using the facility, that fact shall be regarded as an aggravating factor for sentencing purposes.

(3) A court shall, after convicting an accused of any offence, including an offence contemplated in this Act, regard as an aggravating factor for purposes of sentencing, the fact that an accused was a member of a criminal gang.

Identification of a member of a criminal gang

7. In considering whether a person is a member of a criminal gang for the purposes of this Act, the court may have regard to all relevant factors, including the following factors, namely that, that person—

(a) admits to being a member of a criminal gang;

(b) is identified as a member of a criminal gang by the parent, guardian or relative;

(c) resides in or frequents a particular area for gangs area and adopts their style of dress, their use of hand signs, language or their tattoos, and associates with known members of a criminal gang;

(d) has been arrested more than once in the company of identified members of a criminal gang for offences which are consistent with usual criminal gang activities; or

(e) is identified as a member of a criminal gang by physical evidence such as photographs or other documentation.

1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

WOMEN and Law in Southern Africa (Eswatini) has been granted the privilege of being guests on the breakfast show hosted by Sandton Maiber, otherwise known as JT every fortnight.

During these shows a specific topic is discussed, with the host posing probing questions to drive the conversation. Normally, some listeners will interact with the host on the topic of the day.

On last week's show (July 17), WLSA was on the show, speaking on their upcoming second annual Women's Convention under the theme 'Promoting Inclusive Decision-Making through Economic Empowerment of Women'.

As per the norm, some listeners interacted with the host during and after the show. What is worth noting is that most comments are made by men, complaining of the fact that women and their issues are receiving too much attention, while men are being neglected.

They complain that while the focus is on women's rights and gender equality, men are therefore being discriminated against. Mostly, they say what the guests say during the show is not true because women have always been included in issues in society and that the position put forward by WLSA is an exaggeration.

While we will not speak to their complaints as this has been addressed in different fora and in several articles, ours will be to focus on the

LET'S TALK WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

theme of the convention.

Many people (mainly men) question a woman's ability to be in positions of leadership and/or decision-making positions, and to this end, the quote by Margaret Thatcher (former British Prime Minister) comes to mind when she said 'Any woman who understands the problems of running a home will be near to understanding the problems of running a country.'

Our interventions do not come from the top of our heads, but are informed by several studies which have been carried out and some of the findings are as follows:

- Women generally devote more of the household budget to education, health and nutrition than men. As such, a woman would also prioritise those issues on the national budget, making the necessary budgetary allocations.

- Societies with greater gender equality not only offer better socio-economic opportunities for women, but also tend to grow faster and more equitably.

An example of this would be Rwanda which has a significantly increase in women representation since 1994 and their parliament currently has the largest number of women representatives in the world. One may even posture that this may be a large contributing factor to Rwanda's rapidly growing economy and development.

- There are more gains in areas including poverty reduction, environmental sustainability and decision-making is broader on a wider set of issues. Since women's main focus is to ensure that their families' basic needs are met, this should necessarily flow into national programmes that will prioritise these issues as



well.

- For example, the World Bank found in Latin America and the Caribbean, that women played a critical role in the decline of poverty, with the female market contributing to a 30 per cent reduction in extreme poverty over a ten-year period.

- Lowering barriers faced by women entrepreneurs bolsters growth and inclusion which will create more, better paying jobs for women. The inclusion of more women in processes will ensure that women play an active role in policies that will improve their conditions in the home, in the workforce and at the national level.

Economic development and gender equality go hand in hand and therefore placing women at the heart of policy-making will go a long way towards realising the UN 2030 Agenda goal of achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls. Therefore, the Government of Eswatini has an obligation to ensure that women are placed at the centre of all programmes and interventions towards policy-making processes and ensure that women fully participate in those processes. It is not enough to just have policies designed for gender equality and women empowerment, but these have to

have women participating during the conceptualising, designing and implementation processes.

As the world speaks to a 50 per cent representation of women across the board, the Eswatini constitution only speaks to a 30 per cent quota for women representation in parliament, but it does not make any provision for other positions of decision-making. This poses the problem of focusing only on participation in parliament and neglecting representation in the private and public sectors.

Despite the fact that the country falls way below the 50 per cent global threshold, we still fail to meet our obligations in terms of representation in parliament.

Doing a scan of women in leadership, while it is acknowledged that there are women in leadership, but the question being what percentage they represent nationally? The numbers available currently do not talk to equality in representation, with women being under-represented.

We are not looking for token women being appointed into positions, but talking to women competing equally with their male counterparts and being appointed or elected on merit. And in order for this to happen, women do need to be empowered to obtain the necessary competence and capacity to effectively compete equally for the opportunities available, and to contribute effectively to the shaping of policies that will drive the country to discharge its national, regional, continental and international obligations on gender equality and women and girl's empowerment, with the broader result being attainment of all developmental goals.

Wit and Wisdom

- "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." — **Mahatma Gandhi**

- "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." — **Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches**

- "Without music, life would be a mistake." — **Friedrich Nietzsche, Twilight of the Idols**

- "We accept the love we think we deserve." — **Stephen Chbosky, The Perks of Being a Wallflower**

- "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring." — **Marilyn Monroe**

- "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." — **Albert Einstein**

- "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars." — **Oscar Wilde, Lady Windermere's Fan**

- "Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten." — **Neil Gaiman, Coraline**

- "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present." — **Bill Keane**

- "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." — **Thomas A. Edison**

- "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference." — **Elie Wiesel**

- "I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." — **Albert Einstein**

- "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." — **Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go!**

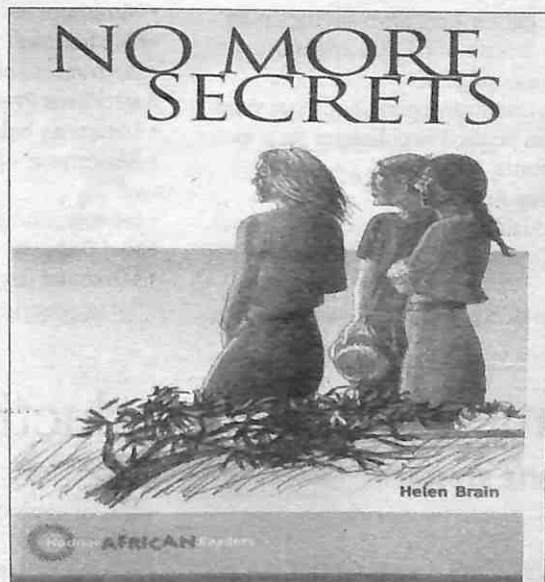
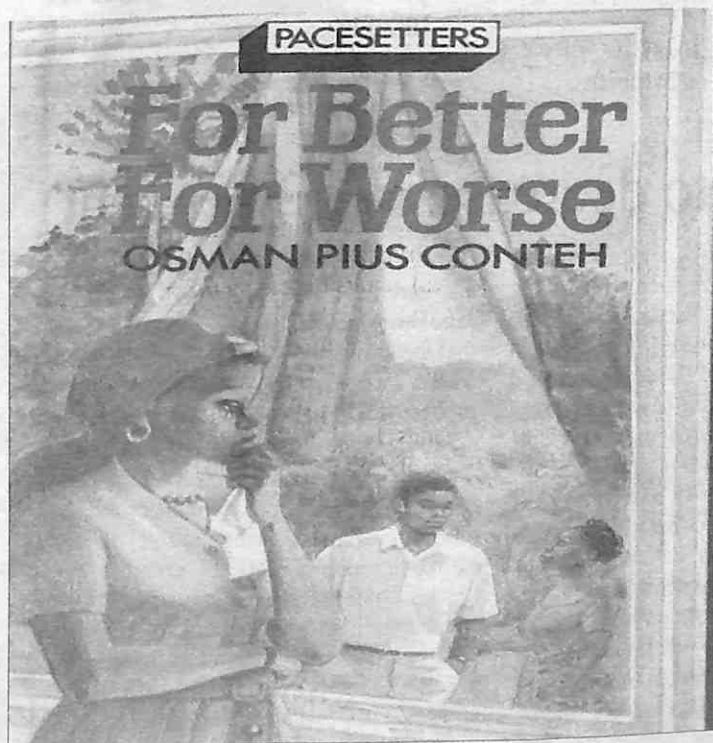
MANZINI PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

BY BONGANI MKHONTA

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE - BY OSMAN PIUS CONTEH

THE love between Makalay and Yankuba is fiery and unpredictable. Yankuba has also caught the attention of the unscrupulous village priest, who sees a way of making himself

a very wealthy man. Can the two young people thwart Pa Adekali and manage to live their lives for better – or will they find matters turn out for worse.



NO MORE SECRETS BY HELEN BRAIN

From the outside, Claire and her family seem perfect.

But beneath their rich and successful lifestyle are problems that she has managed to hide from her friends. When Claire is

put into a group with class nerds to research their family histories, she finds that all families have their secrets. Only once these are out in the open, can you stop hiding and find out who you really are.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.6%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 23 JULY 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.8882	13.9382
British Pound/SZL	17.3012	17.3635
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.7607	7.7872
Swiss France/SZL	14.1097	14.1548
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3069	1.3227
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.7495	9.7916
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.5750	10.6099
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.5360	15.5920
Gold	1,417.5100	
Oil	62.1	

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ESWATINIBANK INTRODUCES INVESTMENT PRODUCTS

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

ESWATINIBank has lined up several investment products for its customers to utilise when investing for the future.

The investment products have been tailor-made to suit every customer's budget whilst at the same time ensuring a financially independent future.

These investment accounts are Siphephelo Account, Likusasa Lakho Account, Insika Accounts (Insika and Insika Prime), Swazi Save Premium and Fixed Deposit.

EswatiniBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele said yesterday that one could open an investment account from as little as E100 and enjoy good returns.

He said these accounts could be opened at any EswatiniBank branch, including The Gables Branch, which opens even on Sundays from 10:30am – 1:30pm.

"All you need to open any of the accounts is a National Identity Document (ID), Proof of Residence, at least the minimum amount required to activate account and proof of income," he said.

Explaining the different products, Lukhele said the Likusasa Lakho was ideal for retirement and tuition while the Siphephelo Account was ideal for someone interested in long term saving plans.

About the accounts;

Likusasa Lakho Account

- Account ideal for retirement, tuition, etc.
- Minimum deposit of E100.
- Minimum investment period of five years.
- Savings can be used as collateral for a loan.

Siphephelo Account

- Account ideal for long term savings plan.
- Minimum deposit of E1 000 and minimum monthly deposits of E200.
- Minimum investment period of three years.
- Savings can be used as collateral for a loan.

Insika Accounts

A) Insika Account

- Account ideal for saving school fees, municipality rates, vehicle service, Christmas holidays, etc.
- Minimum deposit of E200 and minimum

monthly deposits of E50.

- Minimum investment period of one year.
- One free cash withdrawal allowed per year.

B) Insika Prime Account

- Account ideal for medium term savings.
- Minimum deposit of E500 and minimum monthly deposits of E100.
- Minimum investment period of two years.
- One free cash withdrawal allowed per year.
- Loan access of up to 80 per cent of savings.

Swazi Save Premium

- Minimum balance of E500.
- Maximum of two cash withdrawals per month.
- Interest capitalised monthly.

Fixed Deposit

- Minimum deposit of E10 000.
- Saving period is 6, 12 or 24 months.

- You can borrow up to 80 per cent of fixed deposit amount.



GOOD NEWS: EswatiniBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele.

All you need to open any of the accounts is a National Identity Document (ID), Proof of Residence, at least the minimum amount required to activate account and proof of income

National maize production to decrease by 22 per cent

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE country's maize production is expected to decrease by 22 per cent.

This is contained in the ministry of agriculture first quarter performance report.

The ministry in collaboration with National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) conducted the Agriculture and Food Security Rapid Assessment (AFSRA). This was aimed at determining key areas of concern that may likely affect the food security situation, identify types of shocks that may cause acute food inse-

curity in crop and livestock, and perceive the status of upcoming maize harvests.

The report highlighted that according to the assessment, national maize production in Eswatini was expected to be less compared to the 2017/18 season, due to erratic weather and precipitation pattern, which has resulted in decrease in maize area under cultivation. The report also highlighted the increased knowledge on Fall Army Worm identification, control and management showed improvement. It, however, states that farmers do not use appropriate protective gear when spraying hazardous chemicals and that most of the earth

dams in the Lowveld had a siltation problem and some have completely dried out. Minister Jabulani Mabuza, however, noted recently that the ministry was happy with the 96 000 Metric Tonnes (MT) maize production achieved in the 2018/19 season.

He said they were grateful of this achievement despite that a few areas planted due to the drought predictions, which resulted in a number of farmers opting not to plant, especially after missing the early rains.

He said in the last farming season, there was an increase in the participation of the private sector in maize production and that this contributed positively to the reasonable harvest realised despite reduced land area under cultivation.



OVER E3 MILLION DISBURSED TO SUPPORT AGRO-PROCESSING IN FIRST QUARTER-ENIDC

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Eswatini National Industrial Development Corporation has, to date, disbursed about E3.5 million to support businesses in the agriculture/agro-processing sector.

This is according to the Eswatini National Industrial Development Corporation's report found in the ministry of commerce, industry and trade first quarter performance report.

The report states that while E87.71 million was earmarked for disbursement in the next quarter, on-going project appraisals amounting to E298.94 million would also be finalised.

According to the ENIDC report, during the quarter under review, four applications were approved in the agriculture and agro-processing, transport infrastructure and food processing sectors.

"In pursuit of a revenue mobilisa-

... on-going project appraisals amounting to E298.94 million would also be finalised in the next quarter

tion strategy to ensure the corporation's future financial sustainability, strategic investment opportunities have been identified in the ICT, aquaculture and retail infrastructure sectors.

These projects have been earmarked as per the corporations' objective and interest in conducting any business undertakings according to the mandate," reads the report.

Policy

In terms of business policy development, the report stated that through the board's approval, the corporation amended the Credit Policy to align with current international sustainable financing practices that take into consideration factors such as climate change which affect the market they operate in. Other additions include

funding of previously marginalised groups like women, youth and disabled, development of green industries, as well as the fourth industrial revolution.

"The ENIDC continues to proactively contribute towards the capacity building of soon-to-be graduates. Two students majoring in Accounting and Finance from the University of Eswatini have been engaged on a two months internship programme. The young and dynamic professionals have been placed under the Finance and Portfolio Investments departments."

It further stated that ENIDC supported staff development as part of its responsibility to capacitate staff to increase employee efficiencies.

During the period under review, the

Corporation trained two members of staff on the Climate Fund Facility under the Development Bank of Southern Africa. Another officer attended a training administered by the Association of African Development Finance Institutions (AADFI) on Mastering Agricultural Finance and Value Chain Lending for Development Finance Institutions in order to enhance appraisals skills for agricultural projects.

"The corporation has continued to monitor progress and challenges faced by investee companies in Eswatini. This has unlocked high levels of transparency between the corporation and its clientele. With the notable effects of climate change, natural disasters seem to create more losses for the corporation's clientele, particularly

in agricultural businesses," it reads. The report further disclosed that the identification of highly productive economic sectors to spur economic growth and employment creation was key to the achievement of the ENIDC mandate. As a result there has been a need to support research and development to assist in the identification of these sectors.

During the period under review, the corporation developed two research papers namely, Investing in Retail Infrastructure Development and Financing Industrial Infrastructure Development in Eswatini. Both papers were meant to give opinion on suitable financing models for the establishment of these projects.

Approved

The Board also approved the 2018/19 annual report compiled by the corporation. The procurement processes to secure service providers to publish and print the report have commenced. It also mentioned that, to create awareness and also identify the relevant clientele for the ENIDC products, the corporation had intensified the target market drive in 2019/20. Through this initiative, the Corporation has been able to reach out to two agro-processing companies producing export products including honey and condiments.



TOGETHER: Eswatini High Commissioner to Mozambique Rev Abednego Ntshangase flanked by Nuno Fortes from INATUR, Eswatini Tourism Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo, Marta Lucas from INATUR and Consular Sigayoyo Magongo as they pose with some of the attendees during the launch of the Eswatini Tourism calendar. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

ETA concerned about declining number of Moz tourists

STORIES BY SIMON SHABANGU

THE Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) is concerned about the decline in the number of tourists from Mozambique coming into the country, as statistics indicate an over 10 000 decline.

This was revealed by ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo during the ETA calendar of events activation in Maputo, Mozambique on Friday. She said the recent statistics were disturbing as the country was currently making efforts to increase the number of tourists visiting the kingdom, especially from the region and continent.

The activation held at Radisson Blu Hotel was attended by tour operators, media and travel agencies, including the leadership of National Tourism Institute (INATUR). Also in attendance were Eswatini High Commissioner to Mozambique Reverend Abednego Ntshangase and Consular Sigayoyo Magongo.

"We have been mandated by the new government through the ministry of tourism and environmental to increase

the number of tourists coming into the country, hence the decline is not pleasing as we want this drive to be successful.

"We have seen, with dissatisfaction, a slight decrease in terms of total arrivals from Mozambique. In 2018 alone we saw 195 644 arrivals, 13 276 less than what we got in 2017. We notice though that more than half of the total arrivals are aged between 25 and 45 years of age.

Segment

This market segment is very important to us and tourism globally. These are the people at the centre of popular culture creation right now. They love travelling and attending events," she said.

She added that the world youth tourism industry was estimated to be around 190 million international travellers per year, according to UNWTO forecasts. The CEO said it was expected that in 2020 there would be about 300 million young people who will travel in a year, accounting for US\$320 billion in market value. "The development of this market presents a unique opportunity for us. The social value and impact of

events continues to form part of the overall government agenda where tourism is concerned," she added while addressing the attendees of the activation."

She said tourism thrived on private public partnerships, hence were grateful to privately-owned entities who host international events like the MTN Bushfire Festival, a proudly Eswatini event and one of the major tourist attractions to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

She said the festival attracts thousands of visitors who flock to the kingdom on the weekend of the festival. The MTN Bushfire 2019 Festival alone generated E81.2 million in revenue, which contributed to the economy of the country.

"By indirectly and directly inviting our neighbours to experience the Eswatini way of life, our events play an important part in Eswatini's regional marketing strategy. According to the Visitor Survey, in the last 12 months, 22.8 per cent of all visitors from Mozambique attended an organised sporting event, festival, fair or cultural celebration.

Our festivals and Royal ceremonies are considered to contribute significantly towards the cultural and economic development of Emaswati," she said.

... INATUR pledges to support ETA

MOZAMBIQUE National Tourism Institute (INATUR) official Nuno Fortes says they remain committed to working with Eswatini in a bid to promote the country.

He said they would continue working with the Eswatini Tourism Authority and further encourage Mozambican nationals to visit the kingdom.

"There are a number of activities in Eswatini and personally will be attending the annual Bikers Rally with a number of tourists. Eswatini is a beautiful country and we love it, hence we will continue to support it and promote it and what it has to offer," he said.

He explained that one of the reasons behind the decline was the newly-completed Chinese-built Maputo-Katembe Bridge and Link Roads. He said most of the visitors were those in transit and were now using the new bridge to cross to South Africa. "The new bridge allows people to cross directly to South African, hence the less numbers coming into Eswatini. I think you are only losing out of the E50

road levy which they were paying when entering the country.

"Otherwise the stats must not worry you, as most of these people were not spending much because they were just passing through. However, these are some of the positives and negatives that come with development," he said.

Reverend Abednego Ntshangase also pledged support to ETA, stating that his office would go a long way in marketing the country, as this was one of the responsibilities of his office. He said they were also flexible to work with tour operators, especially on the issue of providing VISAs in good time for tourists who want to visit the kingdom. He urged tour operators to contact his office in the event they have tourists coming from countries which need VISAs accreditation to come to Eswatini. "We are able to issue VISAs on arrival at our embassy, especially if they use the same process used when applying for the VISA to come to Mozambique. It makes things easy and we are able to issue it on the spot," he added.

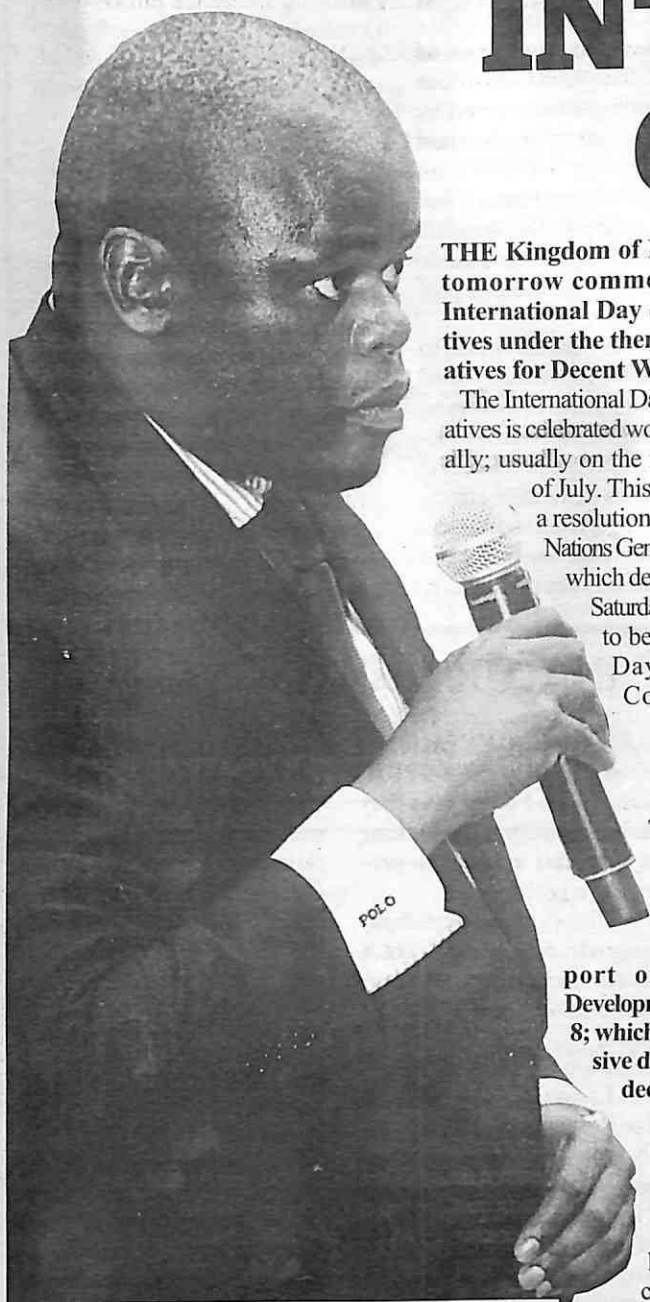


MEETING: Acting ETA Marketing Manager Chunky Mdluli-Dlamini in a conversation with Marta Lucas and Stephanie Von Allmen of DanaTours during the networking session.



COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRADE ESWATINI

ESWATINI COMMEMORATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CO-OPERATIVES



THE Kingdom of Eswatini will tomorrow commemorate the International Day of Co-operatives under the theme 'Co-operatives for Decent Work'.

The International Day of Co-operatives is celebrated worldwide annually; usually on the first Saturday of July. This is in line with a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, which declared the first Saturday of July 1995 to be International Day of Cooperatives,

marking the centenary of the establishment of the International Cooperative Alliance. This was on December 16, 1992. Since 1995, the United Nations' International Day of Co-operatives has been observed jointly alongside International Co-operative Day. This year, it fell on July 6, 2019.

Each country within the United Nations celebrates this day in its own fashion; and each year a theme is decided at UN Assembly level. The kingdom, therefore, will only be celebrating this event on Thursday July 25, 2019 at Metropolitan

Evangelical Church in Manzini. The event will be graced by Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo, as well as Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati. The event will include an award ceremony in recognition of co-operatives that are doing well in the country. As a build-up to tomorrow's event, the Department of Co-operatives within the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade yesterday hosted an exhibition day at the Millennium Park, also in Manzini. Festivities began at 7am with a series of wellness activities.

The first activity was the testing of sugar diabetes. Thereafter, there was a march around Manzini city; that began and ended at the Millennium Park. This was followed by aerobics. Other wellness activities were voluntary HIV testing, High Blood Pressure testing, cancer, tuberculosis and malaria awareness. Fitness activities included tug-of-war and sack race. There was also lots of entertainment activities; including music, *sibhaca*, drama and dance. In attendance during the exhibition day was the Commissioner of Labour, Sipho Tsabedze.

Cooperatives for Decent Work

THE 2019 theme 'Cooperatives for Decent Work' was selected in support of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8; which speaks to inclusive development and decent work.

As already alluded in last week's column, employment creation forms part of the key mandate for co-operatives.

Besides employing Emaswati in key and ordi-

nary positions within co-operative associations; co-operators are also able to create employment from businesses that they start using either their dividends or loans taken against their savings. In most developed countries, cooperative membership forms a high proportion of the adult population.

This, indirectly, translates to job creation. In Brazil, for example, an estimated 296 000 jobs were created through the Organisation of Brazil Cooperatives, while a further 148 000 were employed by health co-operative UNIMED in 1994 alone.

That's only just a tip of an iceberg compared to India; who created an

estimated 13.8 million jobs within the same year. Moreover, in a number of African countries, co-operatives have become the second largest employer; surpassed only by the government. Salaried jobs have been created through activities in the agricultural, production as well as credit and savings sectors. Kenya, for example, created an estimated 250 000 jobs within co-operatives in 1996 alone; followed by South Africa with an estimated 100 000 jobs and Morocco with 48 000; according to 'Co-operatives in East Africa'. For Eswatini, an assessment determining the number of people employed directly and indirectly through cooperatives is

yet to be done. However, it goes without saying that within the country's 628 adult co-operatives and 51 in-school cooperatives, a large number of Emaswati are currently occupying key positions. The theme for this year's event, therefore, is relevant given today's widening inequality, increased job insecurity and high unemployment levels, particularly among the youth. Without a doubt, decent work for all should remain a priority not only within the co-operative movement but for the nation as a whole.

For more information on the co-operative movement, call the Department of Co-operatives at 2404 3201 or send an email to our Communication Officer at jehovaunami@gmail.com.

TO GRACE EVENT: Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati.

GIC appeals to Concourt to set aside R5.2bn takeover

JOHANNESBURG - The greater Lonmin Community (GLC) has approached the Constitutional Court for leave to appeal the setting aside of the acquisition of platinum mining company Lonmin by Sibanye-Stillwater.

In papers filed by Khanyile MB Attorneys Inc last week, the GLC argued that the Competition Tribunal erred in approving the merger with conditions, without proper investigation of Lonmin's social labour plan (SLP), which was in the process of being amended at the time. The group said the Competition Commission approved the merger without a proper investigation and all documents needed for approval submitted as per section 11 of the Mineral Petroleum Resources Development Act.

The GLC is a not-for-profit organisation representing affected communities of Rustenburg, such as Marikana, Mooiooi, Majakeng, Tornado, Nkaneng



and Bapo ba Mogale. Sibanye's offer to acquire the entity and to-be-issued ordinary share capital of Lonmin, subject to certain specific conditions, for about R5.2billion, became effective in June after 18 months of talks and litigation. In May, the Competition Appeals Court (CAC) upheld the Competition Tribunal's November decision to approve Sibanye's offer to acquire Lonmin and thus dismissed the appeal by Association

of Mineworkers and Construction Union (Amcu).

The GLC wants the court to declare section 17 of the Competition Act unconstitutional and to declare the merger of Sibanye and Lonmin irregular.

It contends that the merger was approved without the Department of Mineral Resources having approved a social labour plan (SLP) on a large merger.

Business Report

Kumba interim profit jumps to R13bn on higher iron ore price

JOHANNESBURG - Kumba Iron Ore yesterday pointed to a higher iron ore price and a weaker Rand as it reported a whopping increase in net profit to R13.2 billion in the six months ended June 30 compared with R3.9 billion last year.

Kumba, a unit of Anglo American and a supplier of high-quality iron ore to the global steel industry, said headline earnings were up 239 per cent to R10.1 billion or R31.51 per share versus R9.31 during the same period a year ago.

Total revenue increased by 77 per cent to R34.5 billion, largely driven by a 57 per cent increase in the average realised iron ore price to US\$108 tonne and the Rand weakening by 16 per cent on average against the US dollar.

Kumba Chief Executive Themba

Mkhwanazi said the miner experienced a challenging first half which saw production volumes decreasing by 11 percent largely due to unscheduled plant maintenance in the first quarter, but made good progress in the second quarter.

"By integrating our sales and operational strategy, we achieved a 57 percent increase in our average realised FOB iron ore price," Mkhwanazi said.

"We are progressing at a pace towards our margin enhancement target of US\$10/tonne. Our operational efficiency increased to 67 per cent, which, together with our focus on cost optimisation, delivered savings of R460 million, underpinning our EBITDA margin of 58 per cent and our break-even price of U.S.\$32/tonne."

African News Agency

Focus on Africa News

Continental News

KENYA'S FINANCE MINISTER, TOP OFFICIALS ARRESTED FOR GRAFT

NAIROBI - Kenya's Finance Minister Henry Rotich and other treasury officials were arrested Monday on corruption and fraud charges over a multi-million dollar project to build two mega dams, police said.

Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji had ordered the arrest and prosecution of Rotich and 27 other top officials on charges of fraud, abuse of office and financial misconduct in the latest scandal to rock graft-ravaged Kenya.

Rotich, his principal secretary and the chief executive of Kenya's environmental authority then presented themselves to the police.

"They are in custody now awaiting to be taken to court," police chief George Kinoti told AFP.

"We are looking for (the) others and they will all go to court."

Haji said the conception, procurement and payment processes for the dam project — part of a bid to improve water supply in the drought-prone country — was "riddled with irregularities".

"Investigations established that government officials flouted all procurement rules and abused their oath of office to ensure the scheme went through," said Haji.

He pointed to the awarding of the contract to Italian firm CMC di Ravenna in a manner that flouted proper procurement procedures, and despite financial woes that forced the company into liquidation and had led to it failing complete three other mega-dam projects.

According to the contract, the project was to cost a total of \$450 million (401 million euros), but the treasury had increased this amount by \$164 million "without regard to performance or works," said Haji.

Some \$180 million has already been paid out, with little construction to show for it.

Another \$6 million was paid out for the resettlement of people living in areas that would be affected by the



ARRESTED: Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury Henry Rotich poses with the budget briefcase before leaving for Parliament to read the budget speech for 2018-2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.

project, but there is no evidence of land being acquired for this, the chief prosecutor said.

"I am satisfied that economic crimes were committed and I have therefore approved their arrests and prosecutions," said Haji.

'Well-choreographed scheme'

"The persons we are charging today were mandated with safeguarding our public interest and deliberately breached this trust. 'Under the guise of carrying out legitimate commercial transactions, colossal amounts were unjustifiably and illegally paid out through a well-choreographed scheme by government officers in collusion with private individuals and institutions.'"

Rotich has previously denied any wrongdoing in the scandal.

The dams scandal is one of several in the poverty-plagued country that has seen hundreds of millions of dollars of public money disappear due to fraud. In 2017 Kenya fell to 143rd out of 180 countries in Transparency International's annual corruption index.

In March 2018, a damning report from the auditor general showed the government could not account for \$400 million in public funds. A string of top officials have been charged since last year as President Uhuru Kenyatta vows to combat corruption — a refrain weary Kenyans have heard from multiple presidents.

AFP

Army officer admits his part in murder of Gambian editor

BANJUL - An army officer said he was among a group of men who murdered Gambian editor Deyda Hydara in 2004 on the direct orders of then-president Yahya Jammeh, Agence France-Press has reported.

In testimony before Gambia's Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission, which was broadcast on the local Kerr Fatou Network, Lieutenant Malick Jatta said he carried out the shooting with at least two others, and that during the operation his commander was on the phone with Jammeh.

He said that the commander later handed him an envelope containing money.

Reacting to the confession, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) Africa Program Coordinator Angela Quintal said: "For 15 years, CPJ has called on Gambian authorities to do everything in their power to ensure those

who carried out Deyda Hydara's killing are brought to justice.

"Today, Yahya Jammeh himself was accused of giving the order to kill a respected journalist.

"Jammeh should be extradited to Gambia without delay to stand trial for the murder of Hydara and other abuses carried out during his rule."

Hydara was the managing editor and co-owner of the independent newspaper The Point, and a correspondent for AFP and Reporters Without Borders.

Gambia's UN-backed Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations Commission was set up in October to investigate alleged abuses under Jammeh's 22-year rule. Its mission is to document abuses and grant reparations to victims, the BBC reported.

The former leader is living in exile in Equatorial Guinea after losing an election. *African News Agency*

Zim vice president in China to receive treatment for unknown illness

HARARE - Zimbabwean vice president Constantino Chiwenga was flown to China for medical treatment, a presidential spokesman said on Monday, but gave no details of the health problems that have kept Chiwenga away from work for more than two months.

The 62-year-old former general led a coup against Robert Mugabe in 2017 and was subsequently appointed one of the two deputies to President Emmerson Mnangagwa. He retained that position after last year's election.

Zimbabweans closely follow the health of Chiwenga because he is widely seen as the power behind Mnangagwa and the front-runner to succeed him. His absence from public duties has stoked speculation about the gravity of his illness, which authorities have sought to play down.

Chiwenga, who has previously received treatment in India, was in a hospital in South Africa before being taken to China, presidential spokesman George Charamba said in a statement.



SICK: Zimbabwean vice president Constantino Chiwenga.

"The office of the president and cabinet wishes to inform the nation that the vice president this week left for the People's Republic of China where he is set to undergo further medical tests," Charamba said.

After high-level discussions between Zimbabwe and China, it was agreed "to allow Chinese medical experts to join their expert counterparts from Zimbabwe, SA and India in attending to the vice president", Charamba said.

Reuters

BRIEFS

Siemens, Nigeria sign power deal

ABUJA - Nigeria and German company Siemens have agreed a roadmap to nearly triple the country's "reliable" power supply by 2023, President Muhammadu Buhari said on Monday. Nigeria's ailing power infrastructure, which forces businesses and households to run costly fuel generators, is often blamed for hobbling growth in Africa's largest economy. The dilapidated government-owned grid, operated by the Transmission Company of Nigeria, would collapse if all the country's power generators operated at full tilt. Buhari, who held talks with Siemens CEO and president Joe Kaeser in Nigeria's capital, Abuja.

Reuters

Cameroon security forces kill civilians

CAMEROON - In the ongoing bloody struggle with separatists from Cameroon's English-speaking minority regions, who are fighting for an independent state of Ambazonia, the country's security forces have been accused of committing major rights abuses. In a press release, Human Rights Watch (HRW) asserts these abuses include the killing of civilians and the raping of women. In mid-June, during a security operation, at least four civilians were killed and one woman raped in the country's north-west region. Those killed included an elderly man with a physical disability and a young man with a mental disability, said the rights group.

ANA

DRC's health minister quits

KHARTOUM - Democratic Republic of the Congo's health minister resigned in protest after being stripped off the responsibility of managing the country's Ebola outbreak by the presidency. In a resignation letter posted on his Twitter account on Monday, Oly Ilunga Kalenga decried "interference in the management of the response" to the outbreak, which is the second deadliest in history, and the creation of parallel chains of authority. Ilunga's move came after DRC President Felix Tshisekedi's office announced on Saturday it was assigning responsibility for the response to a multi-disciplinary team that would report directly to Tshisekedi.

AFP

Five dead in Somalia car bomb attack

SOMALIA - At least five people were killed and several wounded when a car bomb was detonated outside a hotel in the Somali capital Mogadishu, a security officer and witnesses said. The explosion near a checkpoint outside the Afrik Hotel reverberated throughout the city, and sent a massive plume of black smoke into the air. Abdullahi Ahmed, a security officer who witnessed the blast, said at least five people were killed in the attack, which appeared to be targeting the hotel. "I can confirm the death of five people: three civilians and two government security officers at the checkpoint," he told AFP.

AFP

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'Money is changing hands' as land grabs intensify in Lenasia'

JOHANNESBURG - Evidence is emerging of a "politically-orchestrated campaign" to occupy land in Lenasia that must be investigated by the police, Johannesburg mayor Herman Mashaba said yesterday.

Authorities reported a steep escalation in land grabs in the area during the past week, saying the situation was "getting out of control" with land occupiers firing shots.

Mashaba called for urgent police intervention on Monday, saying that the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD), with its comparatively limited public order policing resources, "cannot handle the situation alone".

Yesterday he said that the JMPD had requested provincial police commissioner Major General Elias Mawela to set up a task team to probe who was behind the occupation.

"On Monday, I met with a group of residents from Lenasia who have demonstrated to me how these land occupations are politically-orchestrated by a local councillor... What is taking place is, effectively, organised crime and must be dealt with decisively," he said in a statement.

"These residents are in possession of evidence which demonstrates how money is exchanging hands, and that ready made-up shacks are being issued to those willing to pay for a piece of land where the occupations are taking place.

"Those behind these occupations are being witnessed driving around the area in high-end luxury vehicles, as a testament to the lucrative nature of their criminal activity.

"I have supported these residents to take their evidence to the SAPS and the South African Human Rights Commission, so that investigations are conducted as a matter of urgency," said Mashaba.

He said any "political agenda" of those involved in the land grabs had to be exposed.

Timeslive

MBOWENI CONFIRMS R59 BILLION ESKOM BAILOUT

CAPE TOWN - Finance Minister Tito Mboweni yesterday presented his plans to parliament to provide financial support to struggling energy utility Eskom.

Mboweni introduced the Special Appropriation Bill in the National Assembly, which will offer the parastatal a lifeline in the current and next financial year.

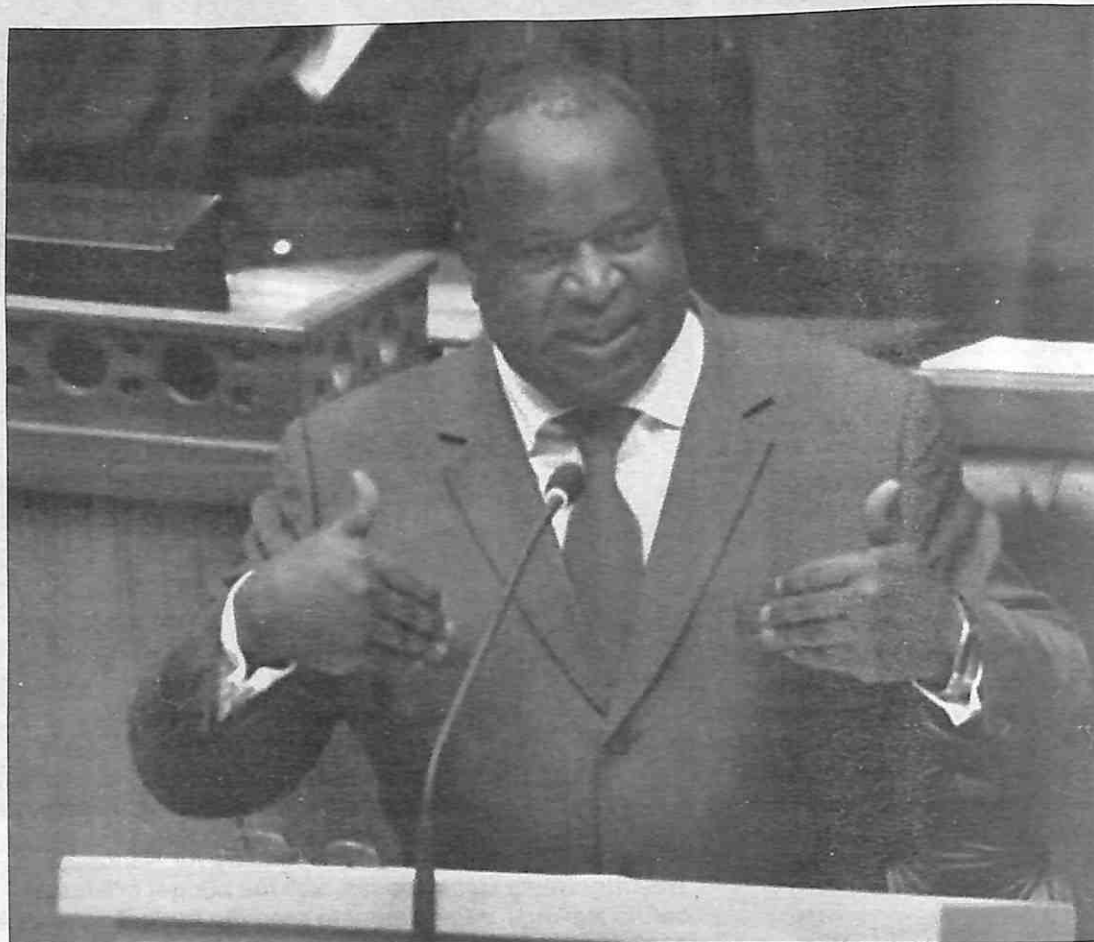
This will lead to a R59 billion bailout from government in two instalments: R26bn in the 2019/20 financial year followed by R33bn in the 2020/21 financial year.

"I stated in my budget vote 7 for the National Treasury that Eskom presents the biggest risk to the fiscal framework because of its financial problems and negative impact on the economy," Mboweni said.

"Given the high risks of a systemic failure if Eskom were to collapse, government is urgently working on stabilising the utility, while developing a broad strategy for its future.

"Eskom faces serious financial and operational challenges, which to a large extent were caused by the governance challenges that the entity previously experienced which resulted in a decline in investor confidence.

The minister also said the debt and restructuring of Eskom would need to be addressed.



CONFIRMS: Finance Minister Tito Mboweni.

Mboweni said a team of officials had considered a number of options as a solution to the company's debt challenges in order to ensure its sus-

tainability. He will be appointing a chief restructuring officer, who "will be mandated to test these options with the ratings agencies to estab-

lish what impact each will have on the fiscus and recommend the appropriate one for implementation".

Citizen

Rupert 'trying to distort history on Biko' - PAC

JOHANNESBURG - Billionaire businessman Johann Rupert has ruffled more feathers by claiming that he had developed a "relationship" with Steve Biko, founder of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, who died while being held in detention by the apartheid police in 1977.

The Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) on Monday said Biko never even met Rupert and they have records of the Struggle icon, which will back this up.

The apparent meeting is contained in a book, *The Stellenbosch Mafia: Inside the Billionaires' Club* by Pieter du Toit. In a review by Du Toit himself, Rupert allegedly met Biko in 1970, while he was in Stellenbosch during a South African Students' Organisation (Saso) conference. He claimed that he struck up a "relationship" with the black consciousness leader, who died on September 12, 1977, after being assaulted by police in a holding cell,



Billionaire businessman Johann Rupert.

in Port Elizabeth. "Biko was in Stellenbosch to attend a conference of the Saso. We met one day and we continued talking until very late. I told him that if I were a black man, I would also be a Pan Africanist. I would also be a member of the PAC, not the ANC. We agreed that there could be no peace in the country unless there was a deal between white nationalists and black nationalists," reads an excerpt from the book quoting Rupert. Rupert's claim

has angered the PAC, which has accused him of trying "to distort and rewrite history".

Speaking to Independent Media on Monday, the party's president Narius Moloto angrily said they have no records of such a meeting, especially as this would have been a high-profile meeting and would have been recorded in Biko's diary or in the internal history annals of the PAC.

Political Bureau

Pupils offered counselling after pastor says gay people are 'going to hell'

WESTERN CAPE - Counselling has been offered to pupils after a pastor invited to speak at a high school in Cape Town allegedly likened members of the LGBTI+ community to paedophiles who were going to hell.

The pastor allegedly told pupils affiliated to the school's Christian student body that there was "no place in heaven" for gay people, and that youngsters who had sex before marriage were prostitutes.

Details about what was allegedly relayed by the pastor were revealed in an email read out on Cape Talk radio yesterday. He also allegedly offended pupils by describing sangomas as "devils and witches".

Western Cape education department director of communication Bronagh Hammond said the pastor's comments about the LGBTI+ community and sex had been reported "to the principal as well as our district office".

"We have offered support and coun-

selling for those learners," she added. She said the department was not aware of a second visit by the pastor during which he allegedly described sangomas as witches.

"There is a lot of hurt and anxiety around this but we just hope that the school uses this as an opportunity to just showcase what intolerance can do, and what hatred can come out of intolerance," said Hammond.

Explaining the department's policy on religion in schools, she said people were allowed to have freedom of expression, but at the same time principals were warned to be cautious when dealing with controversial topics that could hurt people's feelings.

She said pupils had the right not to partake in religious activities, should they not wish to.

The school principal was in a staff meeting when Cape Talk tried to contact him early yesterday.

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MOYANE WILLING TO TESTIFY IN COURT ON SARS 'ROGUE UNIT'

JOHANNESBURG - The former commissioner of the South African Revenue Service (SARS), Tom Moyane, through his legal representative, said he is willing to testify in court if required to do so in order to prove the existence of the controversial Sars rogue unit.

Moyane's lawyer, Eric Mabuza, said should a court subpoena his long-term and high-profile client to enlighten it on the contentious matter, he can do so with ease as no one defies a court instruction.

"Of course he can testify if he is subpoenaed by the courts to do so. That is obvious as when subpoenaed you have to come to court and give evidence," Mabuza said on behalf of his client when asked by Independent Media whether he can make the claims under oath.

But the lawyer could not answer questions of what Moyane thinks of the decision by public enterprises minister, Pravin Gordhan, to challenge the findings which includes the unit by Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane when considering the fact he (Moyane) insists that the unit existed.

The findings of Mkhwebane on the rogue unit matter were challenged yesterday morning by Gordhan in the Gauteng High Court in Pretoria. Last week, the top Sars



TESTIFY:
SARS former
commissioner Tom
Moyane.

official, who was fired by President Cyril Ramaphosa in November last year, claimed that he is in fact the one who opened the criminal case against the unit obtaining a legal opinion. He said he got to know the matter through two former employees of Sars, who told him during a recorded meeting of the many illegal activities of the unit which included bugging the offices of the National Prosecuting Authority and the SAPS. He said among the spying equipment the unit brought were surveillance

cameras, audio recorders and cellphone jammers, which are used to disrupt communication between the phone and the cellphone network station effectively disabling mobile phones within the range of the jammer, preventing them from receiving signals and from transmitting them. "I opened a case with the Brooklyn police station in May 2015 and the two employees also handed themselves over to the police and confessed."

Political Bureau

'Give expensive cars to the police - not to politicians'

CAPE TOWN - IFDA leader Mmusi Maimane had his way, luxury cars would be taken away from ministers and be given to the police.

Maimane told the Bonteheuwel community in Cape Town on Monday that metro police needed the "German cars", not politicians.

He unpacked his party's crime-fighting strategy alongside DA provincial leader Bonginkosi Madikizela and Albert Fritz, the MEC for community safety.

Maimane told a group of metro police officers who paraded outside civic centre: "You are the ones who need the fancy cars, not the executives. So my fight will continue that the German vehicles that chase criminals will be given to this force and not be given to politicians."

Maimane lamented violent crime across the country and that gangsters had taken siege of communities on the Cape Flats. He also called for a provincial police

force and for an urgent solution to police understaffing, among other issues.

"Across the country, too many people have been killed," said Maimane.

"We cannot continue to live in a world where gangs are attacking our communities, drugs are ravaging our young people and, ultimately, we are ending up in situations where the future of our nation is being compromised by those who commit such heinous crimes."

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SHIVAMBU DENIES 'COSY RELATIONSHIP' WITH RUPERT

JOHANNESBURG - EFF deputy president Floyd Shivambu denied having a relationship with one of South Africa's richest men, Johann Rupert.

This denial comes after claims made in a book by journalist Pieter du Toit that the relationship between the two was "cosy".

The book, Stellenbosch Mafia: Inside the Billionaire's Club, details how the wealthiest people in the country make their money, and how they use their power and influence to get what they want.

The book alleges that the EFF is "financially supported" by Rupert and his friends, and details an apparent meeting between Shivambu and Rupert at Tokara wine estate in the Western Cape to allegedly secure funding for a hospital in Limpopo.

Du Toit also suggests that Shivambu provided Rupert with private political information, including the likelihood of a Cyril Ramaphosa victory during the 2017 ANC leadership battle.

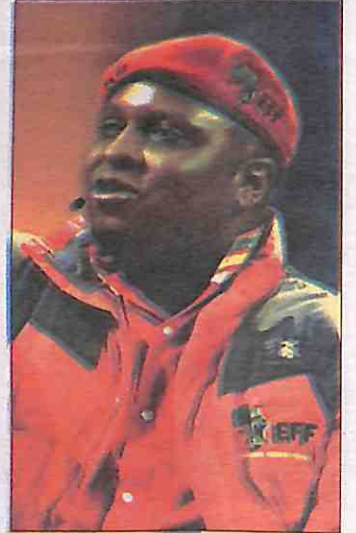
Taking to social media, Shivambu denied the claims, stating that he had never asked for organisational or personal assistance from the businessman.

He added that "white monopoly capital" remained a "primary enemy in the war for freedom".

Shivambu also released WhatsApp text messages, allegedly between him and Du Toit, in which he declined to comment on the "illusory relationship" with Rupert.

The EFF also issued a statement, saying that in 2017 it had noted reports suggesting Shivambu had a "cosy relationship" with Rupert and had been asked by an association to assist it with obtaining funding to build a hospital.

The party said Shivambu then wrote to Mediclinic, in which Rupert has business interests, to organise a meeting with their representatives, including board members of Mediclinic



DENIED: EFF deputy president Floyd Shivambu.

and Remgro.

In February 2018, after a state of the nation (Sona) debate in which he told President Cyril Ramaphosa that "white monopoly capitalists" excitement at his election was cause for concern, Shivambu received a text message via SIGNAL messenger from Rupert.

According to EFF national spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi, the message contained a video clip that showed Shivambu saying "white monopoly capital is too comfortable with the president and he should be worried that the likes of Stephen Koseff, Brian Joffe and the Ruperts are happy with him". "The text message underneath the video clip sent on February 20 2018, by Johann Rupert read as follows: 'I have not looted anything and am very disappointed in you for this BS. Thought you were more honourable and intelligent than this. Goodbye and good luck.'"

According to Ndlozi, Shivambu replied, saying: "You need to surround yourself with people who understand political dynamics and articulations." Timeslive

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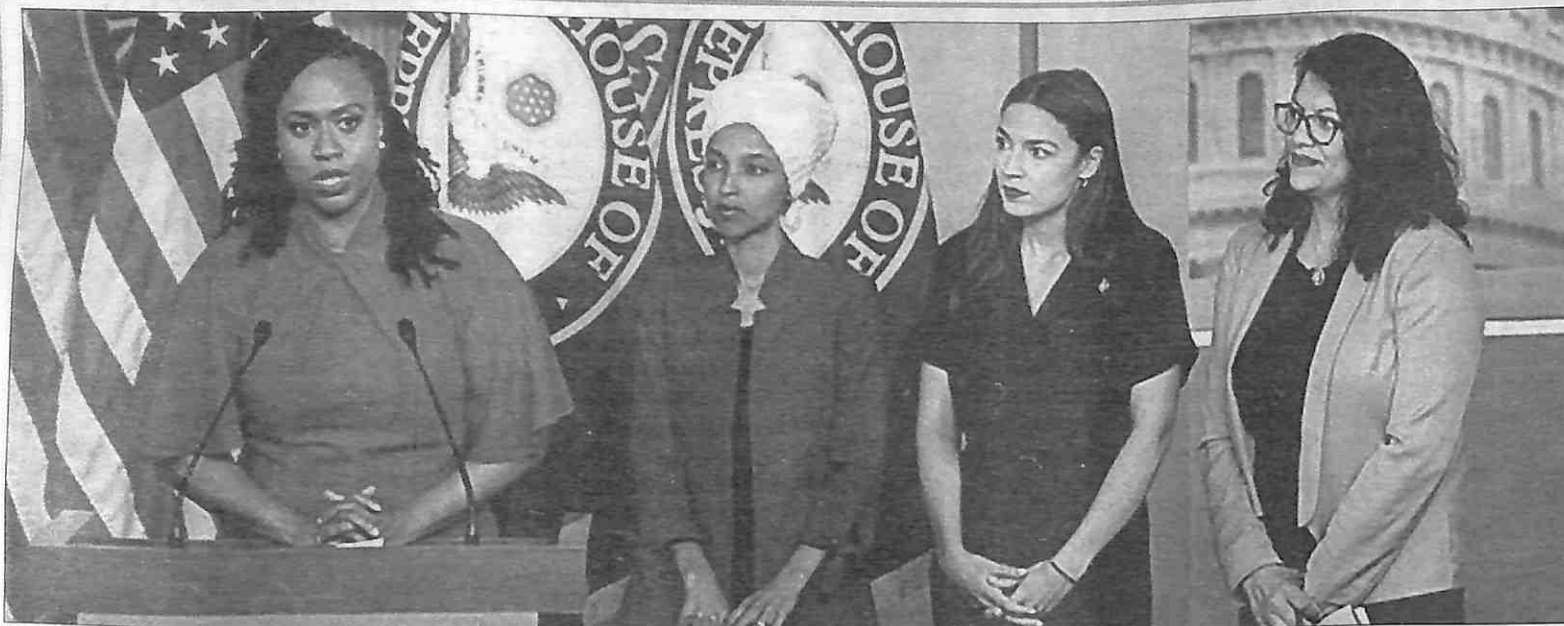
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CONDEMN: US Reps Ayanna Pressley, Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib hold a news conference after Democrats in the US Congress moved to formally condemn President Donald Trump's attacks on the four minority congress spread women on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Policemen fired for suggesting Democratic lawmaker be shot

NEW YORK - Two Louisiana policemen were fired on Monday over an incendiary Facebook post

suggesting a liberal congresswoman should be shot, as President Donald Trump's tweets attacking Alexandria

Ocasio-Cortez and other lawmakers sparked a national uproar.

The officer's Facebook post fol-

lowed criticism that the president's incendiary rhetoric, which continued on Monday with a new tweet about

the four 'very racist' and 'not very smart' Democratic congresswomen, was bordering on incitement to violence. "This vile idiot needs a round.....and I don't mean the kind she used to serve," Charlie Rispoli, of the Gretna police department, wrote of former bartender Ocasio-Cortez.

He was writing in response to a news article published by a self-styled 'satirical' website which falsely claimed the lawmaker had said American soldiers were paid too much. Following an investigation, Gretna police chief Arthur Lawson fired Rispoli -- as well as fellow officer Angelo Varisco, who 'liked' Rispoli's post. "Both of these officers we consider have violated our policies regarding social media," Lawson said at a press conference posted online. "This incident, we feel, has been an embarrassment to our department. These officers have certainly acted in a manner which was unprofessional," he said.

"Alluding to a violent act to be conducted against a sitting congressman, a member of our government -- we're not going to tolerate that."

Over the past week Trump has tweeted multiple attacks on Ocasio-Cortez and fellow first-term, ethnic minority lawmakers Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar and Ayanna Pressley. **AFP**

What would it take for US Congress to impeach Trump?

WASHINGTON - A dark cloud of impeachment has threatened President Donald Trump for many months, with Democrats in the US House of Representatives, where any such effort to remove him from office would begin, divided about whether to proceed.

In American politics, few procedures are as arduous or as divisive as the Constitution's carefully balanced law for ousting a chief executive found to be unfit to serve.

No president has ever been removed as a direct result of it. One, President Richard Nixon, resigned before he could be removed. Two, presidents Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, were impeached by the House, but not convicted by the Senate. Since he took office in January 2017, Trump has been under investigation. A turning point came in mid-April with the release of a redacted version of a long-awaited report from former US Special Counsel Robert Mueller. Today, Mueller will testify before two House committees about his report, with Democrats planning to focus the proceedings on Trump's conduct. The strategy, described by Democratic congressional aides, is intended to build support among Americans for Democrats' investigative agenda, possibly leading to impeachment proceedings. **Reuters**

Abuses in Philippine youth homes worse than prison

PHILIPPINE - Eleven-year-old Jerry's crime was breaking curfew laws after fleeing violence at home.

His punishment? Being sent to a youth detention centre, where he says he endured sexual abuse.

Officially called 'Houses of Hope', proponents in the Philippines say such facilities are places for reformation and education, but critics slam many of them as 'hellholes' where children are treated like caged animals.

Rights' groups say Jerry should never have been detained under current laws, but warn a proposed bill to lower the age of criminal responsibility from 15 to 12, will

mean thousands more children will be sent to overcrowded and underfunded centres - leaving them vulnerable to mistreatment.

"I felt so dirty. That was the first time it happened to me," Jerry told AFP as he recalled the night he was pulled from his bed, forced to the bathroom and attacked by older boys also held at a decaying centre in Manila. "I cannot forget the sexual abuse," he explained, adding that he left home to escape beatings from his father and ended up sleeping on the streets. His mother works in Kuwait.

Under existing law, Houses of Hope are primarily to hold young offenders aged 15 to 18. **AFP**

BRIEFS

Inmates stabbed during 21-hour riot

SYDNEY - Several inmates were stabbed during a riot at an Australian juvenile detention centre that ended after 21 hours with 20 arrests, police said on Monday. The riot at the detention centre north of Sydney started at 8.30 pm on Sunday. Police Superintendent John Gralton said. Nine inmates surrendered by Monday afternoon but another 11 had not, he said. Police later stormed the rooftop where the rioters were holding out and arrested them, a police statement said. **AP**

Royal Caribbean blamed for baby fall

SAN JUAN - The parents of a toddler who fell from an open cruise ship window are publicly faulting the cruise line for their daughter's death. "We obviously blame them," Kimberly Wiegand told NBC News's 'Today' show in an interview that aired on Monday. "There are a million things that could have been done to make that safer." Her daughter, 18-month-old Chloe Wiegand, died on July 7 after falling from the 11th deck of Royal Caribbean International's Freedom of the Seas onto the concrete below when the ship was docked in San Juan, Puerto Rico. **The Washington Post**

'Fatigued' driver killed lover in crash

LONDON - A sleep-deprived young woman whose boyfriend died when her car smashed head-on into a lorry has been jailed for two years. Hannah Bowman, 21, had been warned not to drive home when she got into her car with Jordan Wilson, 20, at about 5am on May 30 last year - just hours after an evening out drinking. The victim's sister had told them it was 'stupid and dangerous' to try to drive after 'minimal' sleep following their night out in Whitehaven, Cumbria, but she was ignored, a court heard. **Daily Mail**

Gun laws tightened after mosque attack

WELLINGTON - New Zealand announced plans for a national firearms register on Monday in its second round of gun law reforms following the Christchurch mosque attacks which killed 51 Muslim worshippers. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said regulations around who could hold firearm licences would also be tightened to 'stop weapons falling into the wrong hands'. Ardern said the March 15 killings, when a gunman opened fire at two Christchurch mosques as worshippers gathered for Friday prayers, had changed attitudes towards gun ownership in New Zealand. **AFP**

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'ARTISTS SHOULD ALSO BE BUDGETED FOR IN PARLIAMENT'

BY SETSABLE NKAMBULE

ESWATINI National Youth Council CEO Makhosami Dlamini and Manzini North MP Macford Sibandze say artists should be supported more.

They stated this during Popzin's launch which was held at Sibane last Friday.

Sibandze mentioned that this was an issue to be raised in Parliament where government should include money in their budget that would assist artists.

He said Parliament needed people who were familiar with the entertainment industry to raise such issues and make sure that entertainers are well taken care of.

"We need a system which is run by people who are well informed about the entertainment sector. Imagine a country where people like Larry Mhlanga, Daladi Dlamini and Linda Chester just to name a few were the voice of artists. The country would be better for the arts community," he said.

In a similar fashion, the Youth Council CEO said artists were diplomats representing the country in different places around the



POWER: Pastor Simelane who is Popzin's spiritual father seated with Manzini North MP Macford Sibandze.

globe and should be treated in a way that would paint a good picture for the kingdom.

Facilities

He said facilities that would look to assist artists when going to perform abroad should be provided.

"The rate of artists who represent the kingdom in other countries has rapidly grown over the years. It is sad though that even when they are putting the country on the map in regards

to the entertainment in the country, they still need to pay for everything themselves without any assistance by the state," Dlamini said.

He mentioned that artists should start believing that offices like ENYC are there to assist them.

He said artists should inform them on such issues so they assist where they can, to make it easier for them.

He further praised the on the great job they continue to do in raising the Eswatini flag high.

"It is evident that Eswatini has so much talent; that if nurtured, would help in not only putting the kingdom on the map but also would help in the growth of the kingdom in terms of the economy," he said.

VOICED OUT: Makhosami Dlamini, who said artists were diplomats representing the country.

Judah does it again!

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

RNB singer Judah is definitely here to stay as he has released another single from his upcoming debut album.

The song titled 'Buya Sitsandzane' was released on Monday and has been aired on Ligwalagwala FM, RISE FM, Barberton community radio and K FM.

According to the singer's manager Ndumiso Dlamini, the song is basically a call to love.

"The song is all about forgetting what people's opinions about us (couples) are but rather focus on what we have, hence the title 'Buya Sitsandzane'," said the artist's manager.

The song, according to Dlamini, was inspired by how people have ruined relationships because they allowed external opinions from friend's family and other things to influence them.

Judah Silitshe is a pianist, songwriter, composer and producer whose

love for jazz, latin and blues was inspired by childhood exposure to musical content by Jabu Khanyile, the late Hugh Mesekela, Tsepo Tshola, Joe Thomas and Boyz II Men.

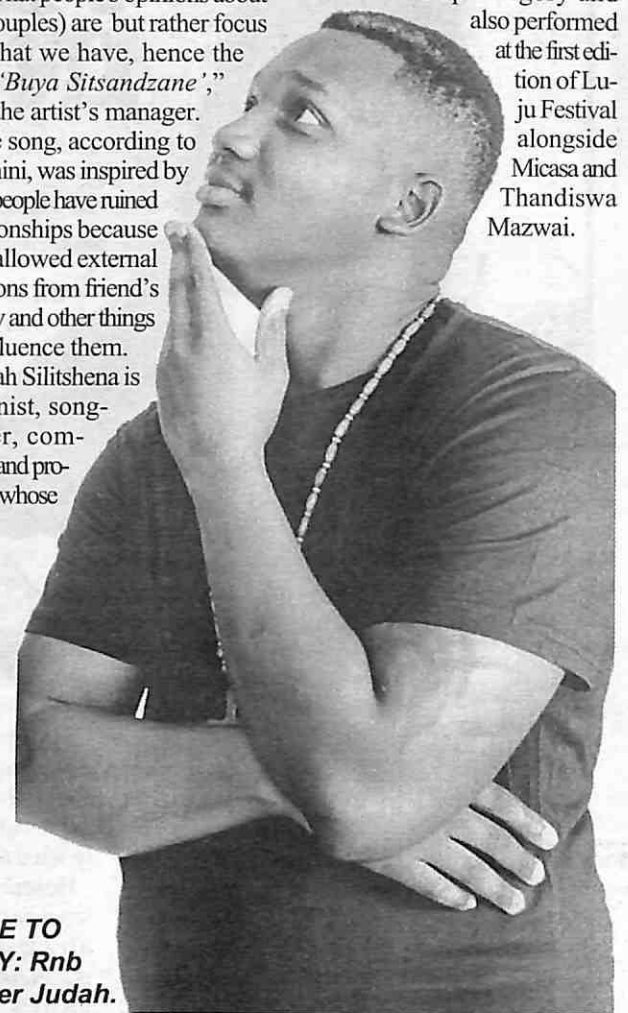
Sharing

His talent has seen him play in South Africa, Mozambique, Botswana and Namibia; sharing the stage with music industry heavyweights such as Tsepo Tshola and Joe Nina, to name a few.

He was also an MTN SWAMA Awards nominee in the Best Afro

Pop category and also performed

at the first edition of Luju Festival alongside Micasa and Thandiswa Mazwai.



HERE TO STAY: Rnb singer Judah.

Symphony drops 'Atilime Tiyetjeni' featuring Bholoja

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

AWARD winning songbird Symphony is dropping a new single titled 'Atilime Tiyetjeni' featuring Bholoja today.

'Atilime Tiyetjeni' is a siSwati proverb meaning work with determination regardless of challenges.

This is the title of the song which comes at a time when the nation needs encouragement to persevere even through tough economic times.

"Work when it's time to work, hard work pays off, look at Bholoja," these were Symphony's remarks when probed on the meaning behind her latest offering.

Symphony has been featured on a number of tracks as a collaborating artist, but this is the first time that her management has arranged to feature another artist on her own song.

"It has actually been a long-held desire to feature the iconic Bholoja in my music and when my management suggested it, I naturally gave in to the idea," said the songbird.

When asked about the intentions of the collaboration, Symphony's manager Buyie Cele said they believed in a Swati musical movement that represents the uniqueness of each local artist.

Diversity

"We want to encourage the appreciation of diversity in our music," she said.

"We notice that in mainstream music, there is a tendency to sound like another artist and we want to break that monotonous trend," she added.

EmaSwati are unique in their culture, Symphony is unique in her musical disposition just as Bholoja has an unmistakable unique touch in his musical delivery.

The track has been produced and

arranged by a well-known producer Ziyawa ka Zitha.

The song is basically a soulful catchy beat, with an encouraging message laced with the unmistakable Neo Soul character of Symphony's music.

Impressed

"I'm humbled and impressed of Symphony's hard work. I believe we have a good song there," said Bholoja.

"I also appreciate the fact that she composed in siSwati, her mother language. I must say that if she continues to be dedicated the way she is, definitely she will go places," he added.

Bholoja's unmistakable touch adds a hypnotising tune to the rendition. The song is meant to encourage people and has some humour in it, emphasising the principle of sowing and reaping.

The 2018 AfriMusic Award winner's release is available on digital platforms as of today.

SYMPHONY

FT. BHOLOJA



ATILIME TIYETJENI

SPRING SPIN FOR A GOOD CAUSE

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

ESWATINI Spring Spin bash hosts; Viwas driving school is rendering a helping hand to those in need.

With the help of Eswatini Red Cross they identified families to help.

According to the driving school's Marketing Manager, Ayakhe Nhlabatsi, they have since identified a family from Malutha who are in need of help. "The family is living under extreme poverty. The woman is living with a mental disability and her

seven children barely have food and they don't not attend school even though our government has made primary education free. This has made us to be more committed to help this family have a stable life," he said.

To raise funds to help more people, on September 21 they will be hosting the inaugural Eswatini Spring Spin Bash at Mavuso Trade Center which would feature South African artists Prince KayBee and Kokota hitmaker Bizizi.

"This bash is a charity benefit event,"

he said. Local acts to perform would be Popzin, DJ Mbo, 711, DD Cool and many more.

Comedians Gedlembane, Mdura and Smallz will also be part of the lineup.

The event will start from noon till 6am the next day.

Tickets are already out and being sold at E100 pre-sale, E150 at the door and E50 for children. Galitos, Nandos, Ocean Basket, Viwas Driving schools office in Mbabane are some of the places people would find the tickets.



'BRAND ALIGNMENT VERY IMPORTANT IN THE INDUSTRY'

...Artists speak on the importance of 'image' as entertainers

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

BRAND alignment is said to be key to make anything you do successful.

Artists have spoken out on the importance of brand alignment in the industry.

Renowned deejay Master P said it is important to have identity as a person, which makes it easy for people and companies to work with you, and know exactly what to expect from you.

He said some artists have mastered on being brands but being a brand was more than just having branded clothes, but it's a lifestyle, how you handle your-

self, and how you treat other people.

Musician Mzwaa shared the same sentiment as Master P.

He said brand alignment helps your fan base, potential fans and the general public to relate to you better.

"I think there are some artists who are making great strides towards building reputable brands but the majority are still lagging behind," he said.

Mzwaa went on to say that it was difficult for an artist to build a brand without a manager.

"Most creatives lack the understanding of the business side of their art. It's always great to have a manager to help you there but not just anyone. Get a manager you trust and one who has a proven track record when it comes to things like branding, marketing and communication," he added.

Seasoned MC Nicky said people would try to

change your brand or what you are trying to build but it is always important to stay true to what you believe in.

"To a certain extent brand alignment is important, for artists to know who they are, understand their lane and be true to where they are in their career," she said.

She mentioned that artists were gradually moving towards mastering branding just as the country is starting to warm and understand how the industry works.



Seasoned photographers brewing something big!

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

THE kingdom's seasoned photographers are cooking something big.

Watch this space.

Photographers PS imaging, Daniel Toro, Zwide SN and Jaha Sibiya are working on a project that they said they will soon reveal. Zwide shared the news on social media with a picture of the four photographers. He said more details will be revealed soon. The news received a resounding response from Facebook users as they shared that they could not wait for the project.

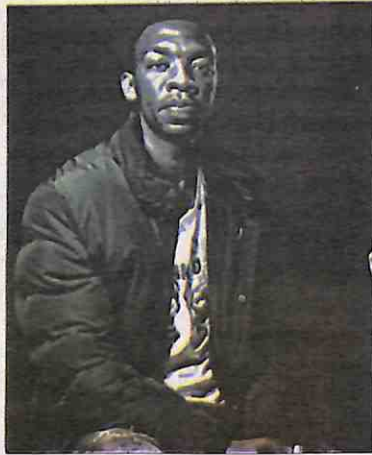
Daniel Toro is the managing director of DT photography, an official registered company, which provides photography and videography services during events, concerts, corporates and individuals. He has been a photographer for



Daniel Toro.

eight years and came to the country from Taiwan as a social worker and thereafter quit his job to focus on photography.

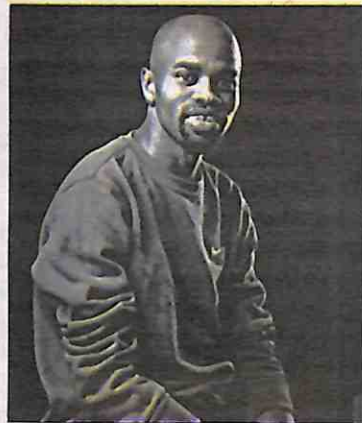
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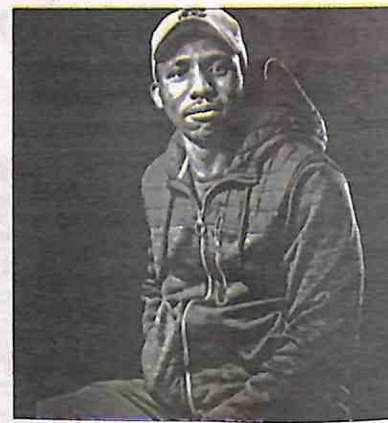
under the banner Ekhyaya Kusekhaya, a project he started in 2015 doing photography for weddings, corporate events, portraits and advertising campaigns.

He has shot a lot of candid photos and



Zwide SN.

also has undertaken portraiture, communication and marketing assignments for agencies, non-governmental organisations, and corporates. His images have been used in a range of media, including national newspapers and the African Curators website. P.S Imaging is a professional photography company that offers an array of services ranging from



Jaha Sibiya.

portraiture to commercial branding, where creativity and innovation is reflected and captured in shades, times, smiles and joy. The company has done portraits of songbird symphony, weddings and personal portraits of many people. Jaha Sibiya is a photographer who does corporate events weddings as well as intimate personal events.



SPEAKING: Santile Dlamini speaking to the young makoti's at Happy Valley. (Pics: Phetsile Mamba)



SPEAKER: Nokwanda Dlamini was a guest speaker at the seminar.



ATTENTIVE: Attendees following proceedings.

WOMAN TO WOMAN SEMINAR A SUCCESS

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

A number of married women from different local churches and South Africa gathered at Happy Valley last Saturday for the 'Young Makoti; Happily Married Seminar'.

The ladies were spoilt with moving messages from the experienced speakers who formed part of line up, served with scrumptious food and blessed with words of encouragement from their peers.

Young Makoti is a network of young and modern wives who believe in the institution of marriage and having God as the foundation for their marriages.

Ladies came from as far as Carolina, Witbank and Durban.

Some of the topics by the speakers were about respecting a man, dealing with in-laws, satisfying your man in bed, loving yourself



CONVERSING: Attendees conversing and eating after the seminar.

as a woman, going for your dreams, understanding your man, and many more.

Great Job

The MC for the day Nenekazi Mvubu did a great job on direct-

ing the programme as the seminar kicked off at 1pm and ended at 4pm.

Mvubu is wife to gospel sensation Sunshine M.

The speakers were Young Makoti

Founder and Director, Nokwanda Dlamini, Santile Dlamini, who has been married for over 30 years and columnist Phumzile Khoza.

Those that attended had nothing but praises for the initiative as they are looking forward to the next seminar to be hosted by Young Makoti.

At the end of the event, attendees signed up for Young Makoti membership through filling forms and paying their subscriptions.

Young Makoti will be bringing up other exciting seminars, retreats, networking and entertainment for wives.

"I'm humbled at the success of our event on Saturday. Married ladies came from all the corners of the country and outside the country.

"We see this organisation spreading its wings to other countries soon. The demand is great," said Director Nokwanda Dlamini.



GUEST: Phumzile Khoza at the Young Makoti 'Happily Married Seminar'.

● Some of the topics touched by the speakers were respecting a man, dealing with in-laws, satisfying your man in bed, loving yourself as a woman, going for your dreams, understanding your man, and many more.



PRAYING: A prayer session marked the beginning of the powerful seminar which sought to create a network of support for married women.



EATING: Attendees eating after the great seminar at Happy Valley.

Celebville

International Celebrity News

Zodwa Wabantu takes a bath at a random person's house

DURBAN - And not only as an average person and that she treats others with the same respect, which is part of the reason she can still walk into a stranger's house and ask for water.

gets a chance to bath but gets a prayer in her honour! Zodwa Wabantu walked into a random person's house and asked to have a bath after her energetic performance at Dundee July over the weekend. And then the family showered her with a prayer! The entertainer, who is loved for her realness on social media streets, has made it no secret that she doesn't see herself as a celebrity.



FREE-SPIRIT: Zodwa Wabantu.

Zodwa dished that she views herself

as an average person and that she treats others with the same respect, which is part of the reason she can still walk into a stranger's house and ask for water.

"So yesterday all B&Bs were fully booked at Dundee July. Being Zodwa Wabantu, I decided to knock at the door of a random house for a quick bath. Then I also received a powerful prayer," she said. The controversial dancer was in Dundee, KZN this past weekend for a performance and hundreds of fans went nuts when they saw Zodwa. *TimesLive*

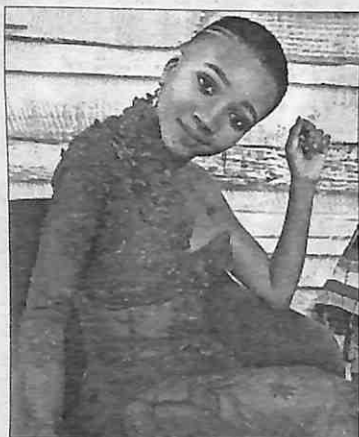
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Scandal! actress tackles mental health stigma

SOWETO-Ingénue Nomvelo Makhanya has spoken out for the first time about her admission to a psychiatric hospital three years ago as a result of living with mental illness. Renowned for her role as vixen Lindiwe Ngema on e.tv soapie *Scandal!*, she was diagnosed with depression, bipolar and anxiety at age 20 in 2016.

The 23-year-old actress poured her heart out to Sowetan about how it took some time for her before she could speak about living with mental disorder because of stigma.

"I was living with it for a long time, but I was unaware. I would go through these emotions, but I didn't understand why. Until I started seeing a



MAKE A CHANGE: Nomvelo Makhanya.

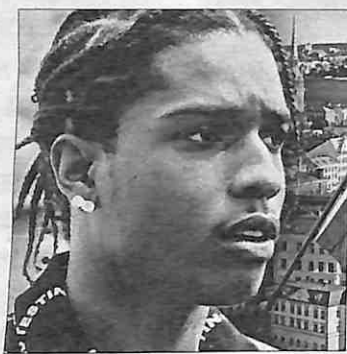
psychologist," said Makhanya. *TimesLive*

ASAP Rocky could get millions if he wins assault case

SWEDISH - The stakes are not only high for ASAP Rocky in his Swedish assault case, the European nation itself could be forced to pay UNTOLD MILLIONS if he's ultimately cleared.

There's something we found about Swedish law that ups the stakes dramatically, if someone is charged with a crime and is found not guilty, the country could be on the hook for all the money the victorious defendant lost as a result of incarceration and the trial.

In ASAP's case, that's a fortune. He's already been in jail for going on 3 weeks and it's all but certain he'll be formally charged Thursday with aggravated assault. The chances of getting sprung from jail once he's charged are slim to none, because Sweden con-



DETAINED: ASAP Rocky.

siders him a flight risk.

By the time he goes to trial, months may have passed, and that means a bunch of scheduled concert dates will go down the tubes.

TMZ

Kyle on 'Road Trip'

NEW YORK- Nashville-born Donald Joseph (DJ) Qualls gained fame after his hysterical role as the awkward ladies man (and car owner), Kyle -- who hooks up with the hottie at the fraternity party -- in the 2000 coming of age film "Road Trip."

DJ Qualls wasn't the only star in the cinematic masterpiece, he shared the big screen with other celebs like Seann William Scott as his typecast bro character, E.L. Faldt, Breckin Meyer as the angsty lover, Josh Parker, Paulo Costanzo as the wise Rubin Carver and Tom Green as, well, whatever the hell Tom Green does. *TMZ*



ROAD TRIP: Kyle.

Distraction Boyz slam 'useless' comparison

DURBAN - Distraction Boyz have come out to advise fans against pitting different

music genres - and by extension artists - against each other by constantly comparing them. Speaking to TshisaLIVE shortly after the release of their new single, Sinenkani, the duo explained that the constant comparisons between gqom and amapiano are totally unnecessary. Instead, people should simply be appreciating good music. "Personally, we listen to all kinds of music. We listen to

Afro-soul, Afro-pop, house and almost everything in between ... so why would we ignore amapiano? The constant comparison really isn't



IT'S USELESS: Distraction Boyz.

TimesLive

necessary because the two genres are very different, so in fact it isn't a fair comparison," they said. The Boyz say they are bringing a different flavour of gqom that people will love.

Lootlove is determined to work on herself

MIDRAND - Motherhood has changed Lootlove and helped her realise that she needs to work on herself - something she previously took for granted.

The Metro FM presenter, who gave birth to twin girls a few months ago, has been sharing her experiences of motherhood.

She recently spoke out about how she had to go through the journey of healing from everything that has hurt her in the past - if not for herself then for her babies' sake.

"Whatever needs healing, whatever pain, trauma, anything that made me shrink myself and dim my light! We are working on it! Digging it all out! No matter how excruciatingly painful!" she said.



DETERMINED: Lootlove.

"There is no other option. I must heal. I must find myself on the other side. No matter what.

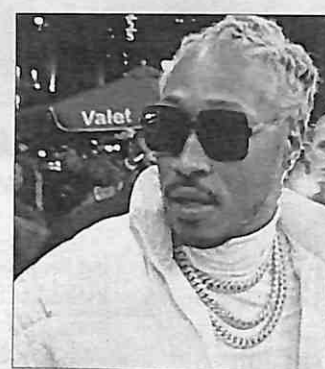
TimesLive

Future avoided ibiza fight because of ASAP Rocky

NEW YORK - Future wanted to kick some ass before a melee broke out that left his bodyguard knocked out cold, but his team pulled him away, fearing he'd end up like ASAP Rocky, behind bars.

As we reported, a group of around 10 guys started harassing Future and his crew at the Ibiza Airport, and sources connected to Future say it was full-on racist attack, which began with racial epithets. A fight erupted, and Future's bodyguard did some street justice with 6 of the guys before he got coddled with an alleged rock to the head.

We're told before the fighting began, Future was fully engaged and enraged, but his team had ASAP on the brain and didn't want the rapper to end up in a Spanish jail, so they literally pulled him away from the scene. That's when



AVOIDING TROUBLE: Future.

the bodyguard took over. Future clearly wanted in on the action, because his anger was apparent hours later when he referred to the attackers as "fake goons" and other choice words. *TMZ*

JD McCrary made bank for 'Lion King' reboot

NEW YORK- Young Simba just can't wait to be king, and he's already reaping the benefits of royalty, because JD McCrary scored a fat cheque to do some voice work for the 'Lion King' remake. *TMZ* has obtained JD's minors contract from the new Disney movie, and it says the 12-year-old made \$5,000 a day to be the voice of Young Simba. But, there's more, he gets \$50,000 for each song in which he performs lead vocals -- he has one, "I Just Can't Wait to be King." He also gets \$25,000 a song for duets -- sorry, no duets, but he gets \$15 000 for group songs, and he's on "Hakuna Matata" with Seth



FAT CHEQUE: JD McCrary.

Rogen, Donald Glover and Billy Eichner. *TMZ*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



DRAMA QUEEN: Mkabayi.

Prison walls break down barriers between sworn enemies. Exaggerated stories make a mountain out of a molehill. Mkabayi sends people hunting for buried treasure



TODAY

Sechaba's newfound source of happiness is threatened when Palesa does the unthinkable. Majola is blindsided and Makgorometsa fumbles despite his best attempts to be charming.



BLINDSIDED: Majola.



TODAY



CONVINCED: Marang.

Azwindini finds out who really killed Tshamano. Shumi is rushed to hospital. Marang is convinced that James is breaking up with her.



TODAY

David gets the shock of his life. Cuba gives Puleng an ultimatum. Rene finds out Mampho lied to her.



SHOCKER: David.

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Take some of that knowledge you've gathered and processed over the past few weeks and begin to spread it around, Capricorn. It's time to put your communication skills to work. Your emotions are strongly tied to your actions, and things will take on a much lighter tone than they have had in the past couple of days. Take deep breaths and find a way to release your pent-up tension.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Don't let things stagnate, Cancer. It's time to take action. See how far rather than deep you can go in everything you do today. Cover a wide range of topics and pick up a magazine or two. Take a break from your usual emotional intensity and enjoy the sunshine and the light conversation. Keep it all energetic and upbeat. Take action when you see that things are lagging.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Your physical stamina is apt to be strong today, Aquarius. You should consider going to the gym to release some of that pent-up energy. Engage in team sports or something that involves strategy and good coordination. Pick up a tennis racquet or join a basketball game. Your high energy will be the key to coming out on top.



Leo July 23 – August 22

You may feel like you've come into the light today, Leo. A weight has been lifted, but there is still a great deal of emotional drama that needs to work itself out. Go for a walk or jog this afternoon and work on increasing your lung capacity. Get your heart rate up and feel your blood pumping. The more active you are, the more you will be able to sort through your situation.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Take a break from the seriousness that has prevailed over the past couple of days, Pisces. Upbeat conversations are the way to navigate through today's waters. You might notice that others are more actively communicating and that words are especially effective. You talk and people listen. Do your share of listening, too. The conscious exchange of ideas is critical on a day like this.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Take a break from your steady climb today, Virgo. Look at things around you. Enjoy a night out with friends and take an active role in the conversation. See a movie or play. Do more socializing and you will be able to release some of the tension that you might not even realize you have inside. Get the energy moving again. Take an active role and keep up with the beat.



Aries March 21 – April 19

Jump back on stage and say what you have to say, Aries. Your participation in the conversation is critical to maintaining a healthy energy flow. The things you say will have a profound effect on others, so choose your words carefully. Enjoy a physical activity that involves a group. Make it a social event. Be an active participant in all situations today.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Pay attention to the news today, Libra, and not just the mainstream news but the offbeat, smaller publications, too. Question what you hear and read. Take an active role to increase your knowledge of the world. Take responsibility for your citizenship by keeping an eye on what's going on. Information is an important part of gaining power.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Your solid grounding may become a bit unstable today, Taurus, but don't worry about it. Be a little more flexible and release your tight grip on the situation. Infuse laughter and playfulness into the picture. The exchange of ideas is critical. Get out of the house and into a social arena where you can enjoy lighthearted conversations.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Today is a great day to jump out of bed and get things done, Scorpio. You may feel indecisive, but don't sweat it. You don't have to make any great commitments. You will do fine jumping around from task to task. Get out into the open and say what's on your mind. Engage in some sort of physical activity that gets you breathing deeply.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

There's no excuse for laziness today, Gemini. Get out of bed before noon. The more active you are, the happier you will be. Come out of your cave and express your thoughts to others. Get out in the open air and listen to what the wind has to say. Be active and flexible. There's nothing heavy about people's emotions today, so keep things light and active.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

The name of the game today is action, Sagittarius. The air has cleared, and it feels like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders. You might experience a sudden burst of physical energy, pushing you to get out and walk or go for a long bike ride. Enjoy the wind in your hair. Release your pent-up emotions in the open air.



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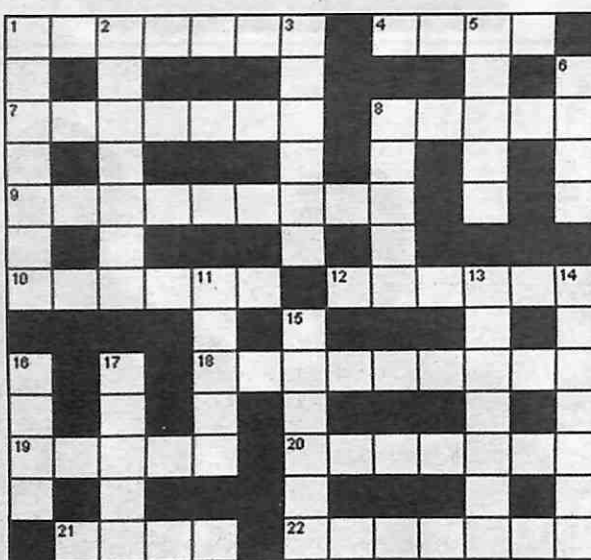


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- CARACAS IS THE CAPITAL (9)
- AMERICA'S LARGEST STATE (6)
- ISLAND, SOUTHERN INDONESIA, EAST OF BALI (6)
- BIBLICAL TOWN, NEAR JERUSALEM (9)
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- TIRANA IS THE CAPITAL (7)

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- BUCHAREST IS THE CAPITAL (7)
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- CAPITAL OF NORWAY (4)
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WEDDING

A little boy looks at his mom at a wedding and says, "Mommy, why is the girl dressed all in white?" His mom answers, "The girl is called a bride and

she is in white because she's very happy and this is the happiest day of her life." The boy nods and then says, "OK, and why is the boy all in black?"

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- Kotex was first manufactured as bandages, during WWI.
- In the 16th and 17th centuries in the country of Turkey, anyone caught drinking coffee was put to death.
- Abraham Lincoln's dog, Fido, was also assassinated.

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The MOVIE QUIZ

Yesterday's Quiz

1. Which Ben won 11 Oscars in 1959? **Answer: A. Ben Hur**

Today's Movie Quiz

1. Who was the first victim of the psychotic killer in Halloween? **Answers: A. His older sister Judith, seen killed in a flashback at the start of the movie. B. His girlfriend Suzan.**



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NEWS



RHOA STAR NENE REUNITES WITH KENYA, IGNORES PORSHA AMID FEUD

FOR months, fans have been waiting for 'Real Housewives of Atlanta' star Nene Leakes to face off against Kenya Moore and Porsha.

However, a new report claims the women met up and had a surprisingly cordial encounter.

During the 'RHOA' Season 11 reunion, Nene made it clear that her friendships with Kenya and Porsha were over. However, the Bravo cast members have contractual obligations that require them to film together whether they like each other or not. Last Wednesday, the women attended Marlo Hampton's 'I am Her' hair event. Although some thought the evening would result in multiple arguments, Nene managed to put her feuds with Kenya and Porsha aside.

"There were no confrontations, and she even said hello to Kenya. She did not even speak to Porsha or acknowledge her," a source told RadarOnline.

While Kenya managed to remain civil around Nene, she became confrontational during a chat with Marlo. Kenya reportedly crashed the beauty event and began promoting her line of hair care products to Marlo's guests.

"Kenya was trying to wage a war with Marlo to cause drama," the mystery tipster revealed. After leaving the show in Season 10, Kenya is reportedly searching for an interesting storyline. Since the production of 'The Real Housewives of Atlanta' Season 12 began, Kenya has been stirring up trouble. Cameras were reportedly present dur-

ing a vicious argument between Eva Marcille and Kenya. "Eva told Kenya she was a compulsive liar. Eva also called Kenya a manipulator," a supposed source previously revealed.

Fans can expect the women to get into several arguments throughout the upcoming season. "Kenya and Eva fighting is going to be one of the leading stories this season on the show," the insider explained.

While Kenya will be busy causing trouble, it seems Porsha will be doing her best to avoid drama. Although she and Nene once had a strong bond, insiders believe their friendship may be over for good.

"Porsha is the only RHOA (cast member) who said she is not interested in rekindling a friendship with Nene at all," an alleged source revealed. For now, fans will have to wait to see if Nene, Porsha and Kenya will be able to move on from the past and mend their damaged relationships. Bravo has not announced a premiere date for 'The Real Housewives of Atlanta' Season 12.



Cool cast facts – First Man

LEARN about the cast of First Man.

This year marks 50 years since man first landed on the moon, on July 20, 1969. This Sunday remembers that moment with the movie *First Man*. Based on James R. Hansen's biography *First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong*, it follows humankind's mission to land on the moon. But it's less about the rah-rah of this historic exploit and more about the challenges faced by those on the ground, both at work and at home.

Ryan Gosling plays Armstrong, with Claire Foy cast as his first wife, Janet Shearon Armstrong. They're supported by a strong host of Hollywood's finest portraying fellow astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Jim Lovell, amongst many others involved in this terrific feat.

Ryan Gosling, plays Neil Armstrong

You Know Him From: *Drive*, *The Notebook*, *La La Land*, *Blade Runner 2049*, *The United States of Leland*

Fun Fact: He built the car he used in *Drive*.

Claire Foy, plays Janet Shearon Armstrong

You Know Her From: *The Crown*, *Unsane*, *The Lady in the Van*

Fun Fact: She not only plays Queen Elizabeth II in *The Crown*, but has met the royal IRL.

Jason Clarke, plays Ed White

You Know Him From: *Terminator Genisys*, *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*, *Zero Dark Thirty*

Fun Fact: Like his fellow Aussies Chris Hemsworth, Naomi Watts, and Heath Ledger, Clarke did a

stint on popular soapie *Home and Away*.

Kyle Chandler, plays Deke Slayton

You Know Him From: *King Kong*, *Argo*, *Zero Dark Thirty*, *Manchester by the Sea*, *Game Night*

Fun Fact: He's quite the creature feature actor, having appeared in 2005's *King Kong* and this year's *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*, as Mark Russell. Next year he'll reprise his role as Russell, in *Godzilla vs. Kong*.

Corey Stoll, plays Buzz Aldrin

You Know Him From: *House of Cards*

Fun Fact: His first TV role was in *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, in 2004. The following year he appeared in *CSI: Miami*, but as a different character.

Pablo Schreiber, plays Jim Lovell

You Know Him From: *Orange is the New Black* and *American Gods*

Fun Fact: Ray Donovan star Liev Schreiber is his half-brother.

Lukas Haas, plays Michael Collins

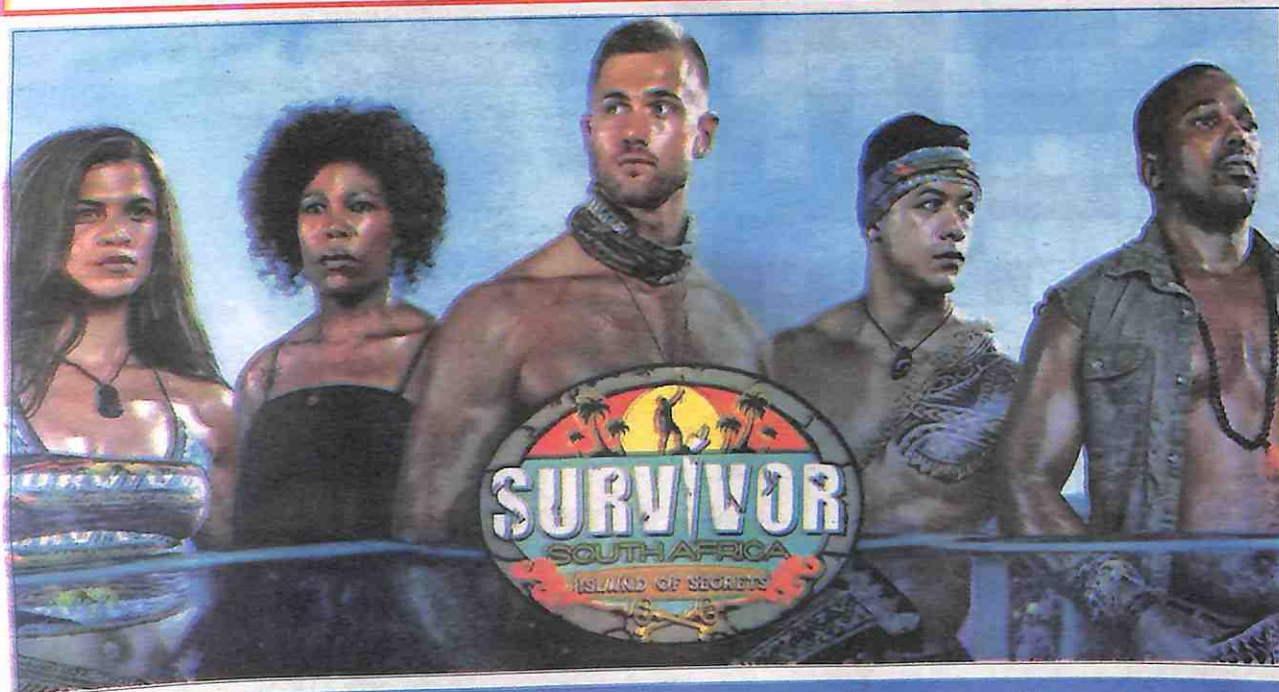
You Know Him From: *Witness*, *Inception*, *The Revenant*

Fun Fact: Along with Tobey Maguire, he's good friends with Leonardo DiCaprio and has been for decades.

Ciarán Hinds, plays Robert R. Gilruth

You Know Him From: *Game of Thrones*, *Rome*, *Harry Potter* and *The Deathly Hallows Part 2*, *There Will Be Blood*, *Munich*

Fun Fact: In addition to his many notable films, he's had a prominent career on stage, appearing in productions of *Richard III*, *The Crucible*, *The Seagull*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*.



An analysis of alliances and power players - Survivor SA

NICOLE labeled him 'King Rob' – is he bossing the game right now?

It seems Rob is ruling the roost on *Survivor SA* right now.

It's telling that the last two tribal council votes have gone exactly to his plan, and that when Geoff sensed the writing was on the wall for him, he had to approach the player Nicole called "King Rob".

As Nicole points out in this clip, not only does Rob have an immunity idol,

but he's winning immunity too. Even Geoff's 'ride or die' Mike ended up voting with Rob against his friend.

Rob is a cornerstone in a couple of alliances.

There's 'The Spitshake Seven', the Ta'alo members who vowed before merge to vote out others before themselves. This crew includes Seipei, Mike, Cobus, Laetitia, Jacques and Steffi.

While he wrote it off at the time, pro-

fessing that it'd all change after merge, he is using these numbers, and he has welcomed Nicole – from his previous Sa'ula 'Amigos' alliance – into the fold. Cannily, he's also cultivating relationships with Mike and Durao, his "new soldier".

Seems

As Geoff said, Rob seems to be running the show, and with him gone, Mmaba is now an outsider, and while Mike is

liked by Rob, he too has one less ally. They may well think about that unlikely alliance with Danté.

And from the looks of next week's promo, that might well be the case!

Danté has lost his major ally in Meryl and has not had much support at either two merged tribal councils.

But he still has some assistance – outside of the Seven, he has decent relationships with Cobus, Laetitia and Jacques (although the latter suggested in the latest episode that he

would withdraw this at one of the next two tribal councils).

But Danté is a physical threat and could go on an immunity run.

Jacques is necessarily sitting pretty in terms of allies, but he hasn't been targeted yet, despite being a formidable player who's nabbed two immunity idols (foolishly playing one) and now has a reward steal, so prepare for one castaway's reward to be ruined soon!

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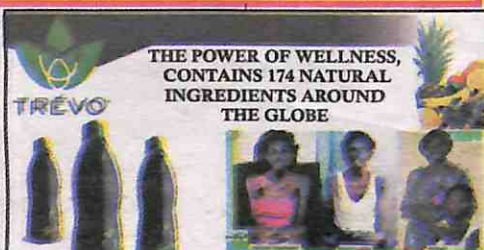
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Chelsea beat Barca in Japan friendly

SAITAMA - Goals from Tammy Abraham and Ross Barkley saw Chelsea grab a 2-1 victory against Barcelona yesterday in an exhibition match in Japan.

Chelsea striker Abraham opened the scoring in the 34th minute by pouncing on a mistake by Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets, who attempted to clear the ball. But with Chelsea midfielder Jorginho applying pressure, the ball rolled towards Abraham who only had to step

past rushing goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen and gently send it into the net. Four minutes later, Chelsea midfielder Christian Pulisic showed off his speed and footwork to infiltrate the Barca defence, but his left footer went just wide. Barcelona went on the offensive in the second half, with substitute striker Carles Perez leading the way. But superb saves by Chelsea goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga repeatedly denied Barca any attempt to equalise.

In the 55th minute Perez zipped

past three Chelsea defenders but his left toe kick finish was not good enough to get past Arrizabalaga. A few minutes later, he dashed deep into the left side to feed a high-speed cross to striker Malcom, but Arrizabalaga again denied them.

Chelsea made it 2-0 with less than 10 minutes left as midfielder Barkley picked up a cross in front of the box and curled it into the net, with substitute keeper Neto getting a touch it but unable to block it. *AFP*

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MADRID'S CIVIL WAR

MADRID - Progress on Gareth Bale's deal to China is slow and problematic.

Zinedine Zidane's hint on Saturday night in Houston that the player could be gone in 24-hours looks to have been wishful thinking on his part.

This should have been the perfect match: Bale and Zidane are two players with a very similar knack of scoring goals – often sensational ones – in big finals.

Instead they are at war at Madrid and if Bale's move to China comes to nothing the Santiago Bernabeu is unlikely to be a big enough town for the both of them going into the new season.

Zidane came out all guns blazing on Saturday night telling media that the sooner Bale left the better. Jonathan Barnett responded by calling the coach a disgrace.

Just 48-hours later Zidane bizarrely remembered something he had forgotten in his previous media appearance – that, in his words: 'The other day Gareth did not get changed because he didn't want to, because he said he the club was working on his departure so he didn't get changed

'Disrespected' Bale is determined to see out his contract in Madrid but Zidane wants him out - and Pogba in - at all costs... so just who is in the right in the spectacular fallout that's ripping Real apart?

because of that.'

So did Bale choose to sit in the stands or did Zidane not want him to play? 'Both' seems a likely answer with the former decision following later. Sportsmail unpacks why both men believe they are right.

The case for Bale

Respect means a lot in football. There are unwritten rules and one concerns coaches calling out players in-front of the world's media. Zidane broke those rules on Saturday when he admitted he wanted shot of Bale as soon as possible.

Bale's camp was furious and the club president Florentino Perez was not too happy either because every battle in this conflict seems to send Bale's price down even more. As it is, Madrid are now faced with the prospect of losing Bale on what would almost amount to a free transfer with the

Chinese clubs hands tied by tax laws.

This is not the first time Bale – a player who played a large part in at least three of Real Madrid's four Champions League successes in the last six seasons – has not been shown the respect he deserves.

He was hooked at half time by Zidane last season against Juventus in the Champions League. He was also dropped for a game against Paris Saint-Germain, and all this just months after winning the competition almost single-handedly with those two long range strikes in Kiev.

Zidane told Bale he had no future at the club in a head-to-head meeting in June but his contract says otherwise. The French coach can't over-write a deal in which it is agreed Bale will receive €17m (£15.2m) net a season until 2022, just because he wants to make changes.

Daily Mail

Ndoro advises Billiat to take Petro Atletico millions

JOHANNESBURG - Highlands Park and Zimbabwe striker Tendai Ndoro has advised Kaizer Chiefs countryman Khama Billiat to take the huge offer to join Petro Atletico in Angola.

Billiat has reportedly received a massive offer from the cash-rich side following some stand-out individual displays for his country at the Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt.

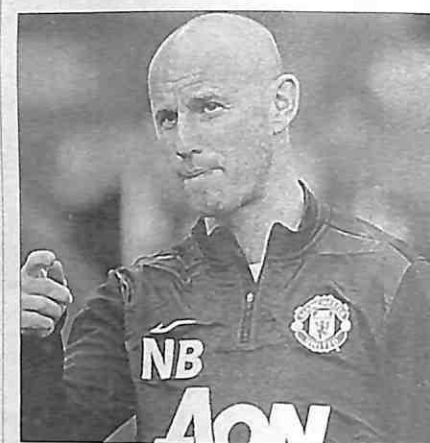
North African giants Al Ahly and Wydad Casablanca are also said to have the 28-year-old forward on their radar.

As such, Ndoro says Billiat must accept the tax free US dollars as he has to think about his family and life after football. Ndoro himself cashed in when he joined Saudi Arabian outfit Al-Faisaly in 2017.

He told the Sowetan: "He (Billiat) must do what's best for him and his family...you understand what I am trying to say? You go there in (the) Arab world, you are a millionaire within a week.

"Some of our moves are based on that (money and safeguarding the future).

"To be honest, for me, when I went to Saudi Arabia, it was more about securing the future of my family...to know that I was going to be tax-free made me not think twice. *Sport24*



IT'S MY HOME: Former Manchester United midfielder Nicky Butt.

Manchester United is in my DNA - Nicky Butt

MANCHESTER - Former Manchester United midfielder Nicky Butt has been unveiled as the Old Trafford outfit's new head of first-team development.

The 44-year-old was head of the club's academy but will now report to manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and will help "create a seamless journey for young players stepping up to the next level".

Butt, who made 387 appearances for United, has revealed his pride at taking the role.

"Manchester United is in my DNA and this is a very proud moment for me as I take on this new role," he told the club's official website.

"I am passionate about nurturing, developing and coaching the talent we have here to become top players at this club."

Executive vice chairman Ed Woodward believes the restructure will help United's young stars make the step up to the first team and is delighted to have Butt heading it.

"These changes will further enhance the excellent work and results we have seen over many decades in our academy system and enable us to continue our proud traditions of producing world-class players capable of playing and excelling in the first team," he said. *Sport24*

Mayweather named 'special adviser' to China's Olympic boxing team

LAS VEGAS - Floyd Mayweather has been named 'special adviser' to China's boxing team as they look to improve their medal count at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The Chinese Boxing Federation have announced the boxing legend has pledged to 'go all-out to use his influence and resources to support the Chinese boxing project in achieving excellent results at the Tokyo Olympics'.

Improved

China did not earn their first Olympic medal in the sport until 2004, though it has improved dramatically in recent years. Zou Shiming won China's first Olympic boxing medal at Athens, and they won four more at Rio 2016. Mayweather will bring considerable expertise to the role after a perfect 50-0 record in the ring during his career.

He finished with 27 knockouts and won five world titles in five different weight divisions.

The American legend has not returned to the ring since defeating Conor McGregor nearly two years ago in August 2017. *Daily Mail*

Klopp fears Liverpool player burnout

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp fears his squad could suffer from burnout if the football season schedule does not change.

The Reds won the Champions League in Madrid meaning they played their final match on June 1 before a lot of the squad headed off on international duty.

Six players were part of England and Holland's squads for the Nations League, while Mohamed Salah, Sadio Mane and Naby Keita headed to the 2019 African Cup of Nations (AFCON).

Alisson and Roberto Firmino were at the Copa America with Brazil and are not due back into Liverpool training until next week along with Salah.

Mane, meanwhile, will not be back until after the Community Shield and Klopp is concerned

about his players suffering burnout because of the fixture schedule.

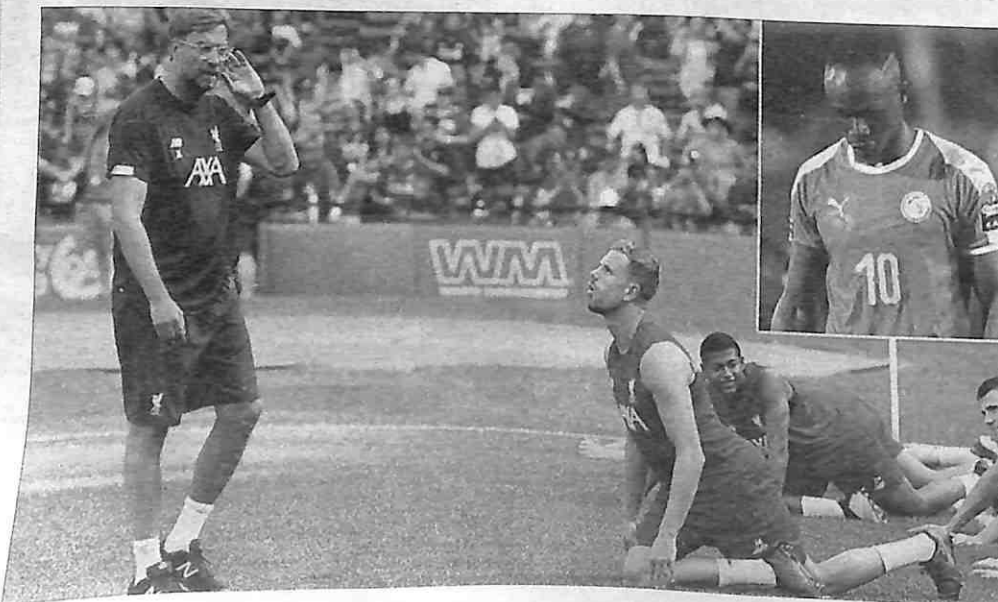
"We sit here, and it sounds like I am having a moan or whatever. It is just the situation, in the long-term, is not acceptable," Klopp said in quotes via the Daily Star.

"For here (on pre-season) it is not a problem. We have all the boys here, apart from the three up front and Ali.

"It's not like after three days you can say to them 'Hey! Come on! Let's start running again!'. They have had a tough summer programme.

"It's football. It's not riding a bike, so you lose a little bit (of rhythm). It will all come back but it will be a tough start.

"In the future, we have to change that. We have to change it. It is not possible (to continue)." *AFP*



KAIZER CHIEFS GEAR UP FOR CARLING CUP SOWETO DERBY

PRETORIA – Kaizer Chiefs are gearing up their preparation for the first Soweto Derby of the upcoming season when they play Orlando Pirates in the Carling Black Label Cup at the FNB Stadium on Saturday.

Chiefs' pre-season training saw them travel to Botswana last weekend at the invitation of the country's Premier League champions, Township Rollers. The match was staged at the newly-built Jamali Stadium in Tlokweng.

Hosts, 'Papa Papi Ya Ipopa' as Rollers are known, won the friendly 2-1.

Bernard Parker opened the scor-

ing in the second minute, but Rollers responded with goals by Kaone van der Westhuizen and Tumisang Orebonye.

Chiefs' new recruits Samir Nurkovic, Kearyn Baccus and Lazalous Kambole started the match while James Kotei was among the substitutes.

Most of the Chiefs players that took part at the recently-completed Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt were rested with the exception of goalkeeper Bruce Bvuma, who made the trip and was in goals.

Both sets of supporters came in big numbers and the stadium was filled to near-capacity.

The team is now back to South



Africa to prepare for the much-anticipated clash against Pirates.

The Carling Cup, which is already

sold out, will mark the final dress-rehearsal before the football season begins next month. **Kickoff**

Zuma criticises Bafana players

JOHANNESBURG – Former Bafana Bafana striker Sibusiso Zuma has not shied away from pointing towards the current crop of players for the team's AFCON shortcomings.

While many have laid into various parties for the manner in which Bafana's Africa Cup of Nations campaign unravelled, some criticism has now gone towards the players.

Bafana were eliminated from the tournament after a late lapse of concentration saw them lose 2-1 to Nigeria in their quarterfinal showdown earlier this month.

Their brightest moment was undoubtedly upsetting hosts Egypt and Liverpool star Mohamed Salah with a stunning 1-0 victory in the Round of 16.

But majority of their performances were heavily criticised, including the decisions of head coach Stuart Baxter, whose head has been called for by many South Africans.

Zuma, however, felt the players should have given more for the national jersey as he pointed to the inconsistency of the team as a whole.

"Performance-wise, I thought it was bad. But then again, you know with Bafana it's always confusing because they're going to give you one half of good football," Rhee tells **KickOff.com**. "So, you can't say everything was all bad, but when looking at the games, I still believe they should have beaten Ivory Coast. "The game against Nigeria, I still believe they should have won that game, so really it was not a good tournament [overall]. "Our team always shows improvement because we have those individuals [who step up], but as a team we didn't do well."

The 44-year-old, who amassed over 60 Bafana caps, also refused to cast the blame on Baxter, insisting that the coach is not in control of the players doing the work on the pitch. "In my whole career I've never blamed the coach, because I don't remember playing with my coach on the field," he defended.

"The only thing is that he's going to give you instructions and he's going to try and make you fit for the match. Ninety per cent of the things happening on the field is all you. It's up to you if you're going to do extra training and work."

Kickoff

Ngcongca leaving Downs rumours quashed

JOHANNESBURG – Anele Ngcongca is not leaving Mamelodi Sundowns anytime soon.

The diminutive right back is still contracted to the team for another year, according to his agent, Mike Makaab of Pro Sport International.

Ngcongca is not with Sundowns at their camp in Botswana, but Makaab has cleared the air regarding his future.

"There's always be interest in a player like Ngcongca, but he is not going anywhere. He will be playing his football at Sundowns next season," Makaab said yesterday.

Ngcongca featured consistently for Sundowns last season. The 31-year-old made 18 league appearances for the Brazilians. "Ngcongca was in

Belgium this past weekend. He was invited by a former teammate who was doing a benefit match. He still contracted to Sundowns and is happy there," he added.

Ngcongca enjoyed a nine-year stay with Racing Genk in Belgium. "His desire is to continue to win trophies with Sundowns. At the moment his focus is at Sundowns and we will see at the end of the season," Makaab said. In his two-year spell with Sundowns, the Gugulethu-born defender has won two league titles.

Makaab also gave the latest

news on Jeremy Brockie.

"Sundowns paid a huge transfer fee for Brockie (when they signed him from SuperSport United) and that is a big challenge. Yes, there's interest in him and Jeremy want to play. He is happy at Sundowns but he is not happy about not getting game time. If something does happen maybe it will be towards the end of the transfer window," he said. Sundowns are also set to complete the signing of Nyiko Mobbie.

"We've agreed on principle with Sundowns about Mobbie. We should conclude the deal by the end of this week," Makaab said.

Mobbie was at Free State Stars last season. He can play as a centre back or a right back.

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Pirates midfielder survives horrific car accident

JOHANNESBURG – Orlando Pirates midfielder Ben Motshwari was involved in an accident this past weekend, a source close to the player has revealed.

Motshwari is said to have escaped the accident without any harm, but his BMW X4 was written off.

"He is okay,

luckily nothing happened to him but his car has been written off.

It was very pretty bad and he is very lucky to be alive. The good thing is no one was hurt and it's only the car that is damaged. He was very traumatised by the incident when it happened, but he is recovering," said the source.

Citizen



Tottenham closing in on £45m Giovani Lo Celso deal

LONDON – Tottenham are reportedly closing in on their third summer signing with a cut-price £45m move for Giovani Lo Celso.

Real Betis had been holding out for £60m for the Argentine international but have agreed to lower their demands, according to The Sun.

The move appeared to grow closer yesterday when the 23-year-old was left out of Betis' pre-season tour of Mexico.

The Spaniards are believed to be willing to accept a lower price for the midfielder after securing Nabil Fekir from Lyon for just £22m on Monday.

The 23-year-old was on loan from PSG at the Seville



ALMOST DONE: Giovani Lo Celso.

side last season and scored 15 times before a permanent £20m move was triggered in April.

PSG are set to receive 20 percent of the fee – which will also include hefty additions.

Spurs have already strengthened their midfield this summer with a club-record £65m deal for Tanguy Ndombele, while Jack Clarke will spend the season on loan at Leeds.

Daily mail

Le Clos books spot in 200m butterfly final

GWANGJU – South African swimming sensation Chad le Clos has booked his place in the final of the men's 200m butterfly at the FINA World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea.

The 27-year-old, who won Olympic gold in this event at the 2012 London Olympics when

he stunned Michael Phelps, finished 2nd in his semi-final yesterday in a time of 1:55.88.

That was enough to put him 5th fastest overall. The final will take place on Friday. Le Clos scratched from the 50m butterfly earlier in the meet, but is expected to contest the 100m butterfly heats on Friday. **Sport24**



FINALS: Chad le Clos.

MY GAME

'AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SPORTS ISSUES'

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THE cat is finally out of the bag, the country's CAF Inter club competitions representatives Green Mamba and Young Buffaloes have been pitted against Zambian sides in the continental showpiece.

Green Mamba, who are the reigning champions of the MTN Premier League, will face Zesco United in the 2019 Total CAF Champions League, while the army side, who won back-to-back EswatiniBank Cup titles, will face Buildcon FC in the CAF Confederations Cup. What a task for the locals! As the nation waits with bated breath for the two legged preliminaries, it goes without saying that the teams are having sleepless nights in terms of preparations.

Both local teams might have experience and talent at their disposal, which made them a force to reckon with in domestic competitions, the truth remains that they will now be playing in another environment, which requires extra-ordinary determination in all aspects. Now that they know their opponents, it is the right time they put another gear in terms of preparations because it is an undisputed fact that it will require something extra ordinary for them to go past these formidable Zambian sides. For Green Mamba, who have been absent in CAF inter club competitions for some years now, will have to put up a very brave fight if they fancy any chances of ousting

MAMMOTH TASK AWAITS LOCALS IN CAF CAMPAIGN



the experienced Zesco United side. They must know that they are now treading in another terrain where international exposure is very key. This is where they face challenges in every aspect -inside and outside the field of play- especially when

playing away games.

Boisterous

With boisterous crowds in their away encounters, surely our teams need to brace themselves for a much tougher task as they embark to conquer the continent, and obviously

emulate teams like Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard, who left a mark in the not-so-distant past. History has it that Swallows remain the first and only local team to ever reach the group stages of any CAF Inter club competitions; hence this must be a challenge for our teams to break this record. Yes, Swallows were able to break the then record set by Royal Leopard, who had defied all odds to reach the second round of the CAF Confederations Cup, beating strong sides like South Africa's Bidvest Wits along the way. By that time, it had been some decades since the then dominant Mbabane Highlanders had put the beautiful kingdom on the map in reaching the quarter final of the African Cup Winners Cup (now Confederations Cup), where they were ousted by the feared Egyptian giants Zamalek FC, albeit under a different format. This and many other achievements gives us the glimmer of hope that this tiny Kingdom of Eswatini has the potential of reach-

ing greater heights in international football, only if we do the right things at the right time in as far as development is concerned. Young Buffaloes might have been endured the painful experience of being booted out in the preliminaries during the previous CAF campaign, the latest being last year's defeat at the hands of Zimbabwe's Green Eagles, but the army side's exposure to continental football should come in handy for them. They have been there for some time now, and their galaxy of stars who form part of the national team Sihlangu seMnikati speaks volumes about the potential they possess in this campaign. This is one team that has been together for some years, and their dominance in local football circles cannot be over-emphasised. This is the time when they have to take their dominance to another level and show the rest of Africa that Swallows success was not a fluke. I might seem to be piling the pressure on the two teams ahead of their CAF assignments, but the truth is that their journey will not be a walk in the park, and mine is to alert them of the challenges they are facing. And of course, it is on those grounds that I urge them to bear in mind that now they are not only representing their loyal supporters but the entire nation. They might be facing a mammoth task but it is how the conquer it that matters the most.

SPORTS MEDICINE SOLUTIONS

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GOOD day my beloved sports people. Today I will be discussing sudden cardiac arrest.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of sudden death in footballers in the field-of-play. It is typically the result of an undiagnosed structural or electrical cardiovascular disease.

Causes

There are a range of conditions which can cause SCA arrest in athletes. In general terms, the most common cause of SCA in football players is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. In athletes over the age of 35 years, however, the most common cause is due to coronary artery disease.

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)- is a genetically determined heart muscle disease caused by mutations in one of several sarcomere genes which encode components of the contractile apparatus.

Coronary artery anomalies- second leading cause of SCA – usually due to an abnormal origin of the left coronary artery arising from the right sinus of Valsalva.

Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy- is characterised by a progressive fibro-fatty replacement of the ventricular myocardium causing wall thinning and dilatation.

Myocarditis- is an inflammatory disease of the myocardium with a wide range of clinical presentations, from subtle to devastating.

Ion channel disorders- such as long QT syndrome, short QT syndrome, Brugada syndrome, Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, and catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia are primary electrical diseases of the heart predisposing to lethal ventricular arrhythmias.

Screening and prevention

History and Physical Examination- Most players with unknown cardiac disease are asymptomatic. In fact, 60-80 per cent of players who develop SCA have no previous symptoms, warning symptoms including syncope or chest pain with exertion, unexplained seizure, and excessive shortness of breath or fatigue with exercise. A family history of a genetic heart condition or premature death in relatives < age 50 years of age. A physical examination focused on

the detection of murmurs and the physical stigmata of Marfan's syndrome.

ECG screening- An ECG should be undertaken on all players at the beginning of their playing career and then once every year.

Echocardiography And Other Investigations- It should be considered at least once in a player's early career to better detect structural disorders not routinely identified by ECG. An exercise ECG test should be considered in athletes older than 35 years of age to screen for ischemic coronary artery disease.

Recognition

Non-contact collapse- Any player, who collapses on the field of play without having had any contact with another player or the moving ball, is to be regarded as SCA with immediate response onto the field of play and activation of the emergency medical plan. The healthcare professionals should enter the field of play immediately and not wait to be invited by the referee.

Unresponsive- The non-contact collapsed player will be totally unresponsive to any verbal or painful stimuli.

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST



Breathing- The athlete may still be breathing. Normal breathing generally will deteriorate into gasping and/or slow agonal respirations. This should not be interpreted as normal breathing. Start CPR and AED use immediately.

Response

Evaluation and CPR

Chest compressions should be started immediately and continued until the AED is correctly applied and ready to analyze the cardiac rhythm. Interruptions in chest compressions should be minimized both before and after defibrillation.

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

Application and use of the AED when necessary as prompted by the AED because players will usually be in ventricular fibrillation.

Activation

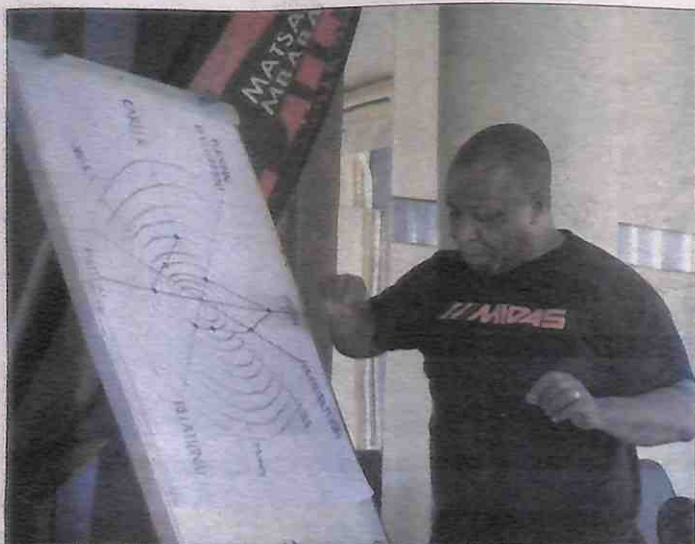
Activation of the EMS or summoning the ambulance onto the field of play. Ambulance staff should be alerted immediately.

Transport

Plans to transfer the player from the field of play to the nearest hospital. Lastly have a productive and fruitful week, God bless you all.

MIDAS MONEY INVESTMENT WORKSHOP

@ Sigwaca House



FACILITATOR: Midas Managing Director Elvis Mabuza educates the players on how to invest money at an early age during the workshop held at Sigwaca House on Saturday. (Pics: Colisile Sacolo).



LIKE THIS: Former Sihlangu players Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe stresses a point during the workshop.



TRIO: Former Sihlangu player Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini, Midas Managing Director Elvis Mabuza and his wife following proceedings.



WISE WORDS: Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini was one of the speakers.



FUTURE STARS: Participants listen to one of the facilitators.



ATTENTIVE: A section of the youngsters who were at the workshop.



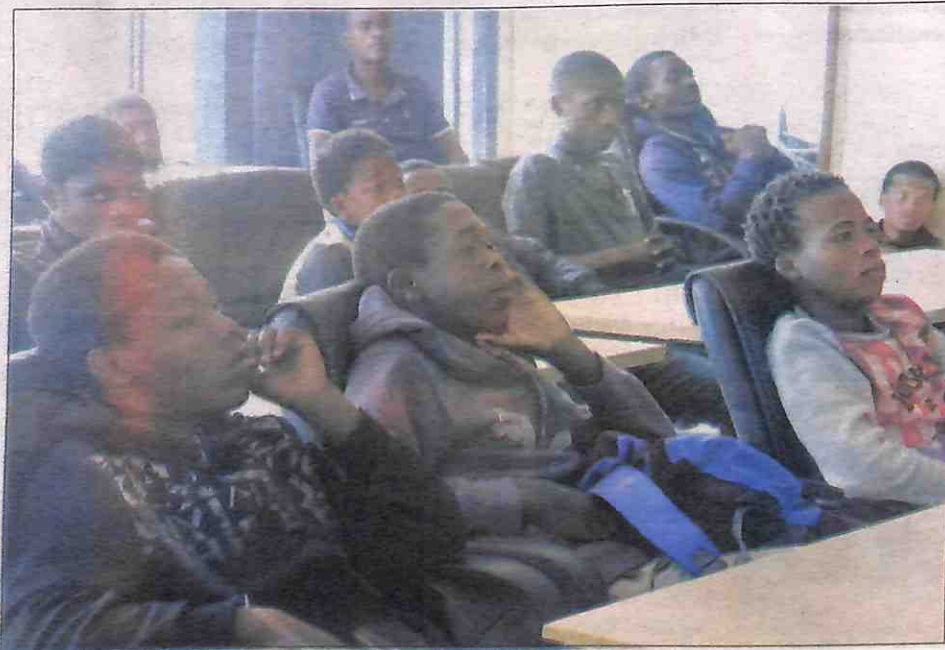
CAREER PATH: Midas Human Resource and Marketing Officer Gcebile Vilakati had something to say.



WELL DONE: Sanele Lukhele getting a branded T-shirt from Penelope Mabuza for answering a question correctly.



HAPPY PEOPLE: The youngsters gesture during the workshop.



RELAXED: The players in a relaxed mood during proceedings.

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● Real Madrid's pursuit of Manchester United's France midfielder Paul Pogba, 26, is likely to depend on Wales forward Gareth Bale, 30, leaving the Spanish club. (AS)

● Tottenham are set to spend heavily again this week to complete the signings of Real Betis and Argentina midfielder Giovani Lo Celso, 23, plus Fulham's England Under-21 defender Ryan Sessegnon, 19. (Mirror)

● Fulham wanted £40m for Sessegnon but Spurs are confident of agreeing a deal worth closer to £25m for a player with just one year left on his contract at Craven Cottage. (London Evening Standard)

● Manchester City have denied Bayern Munich's claims that the clubs are in talks over the £100m transfer of Germany winger Leroy Sane, 23, to the Bundesliga side. (Mirror)

● Toby Alderweireld expects to stay at Tottenham, despite Roma being linked with the 30-year-old Belgium defender, who has a clause in his contract that he must be sold if a club meets a £25m buy-out fee by Thursday. (Telegraph)

● Former Chelsea manager Maurizio Sarri wants to bring Tottenham defender Danny Rose, 29, to Juventus. (Mail)

● Atletico Madrid are likely to focus their attention on Real Madrid's Colombia playmaker James Rodriguez, 28, rather than Tottenham's Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen, 27. (Marca)

● Barcelona are set to open talks with Lionel Messi, 32, to extend the Argentina forward's contract for a further four years. (ESPN)

● Antoine Griezmann, 28, says a move to Manchester United was "a possibility" at one stage, while Barcelona's new signing has reiterated his desire to play alongside France team-mate and Arsenal forward Alexandre Lacazette, 28, at club level. (Goal.com)

● England defender Harry Maguire, 26, is no closer to a Leicester exit despite continued speculation about a move to Manchester United. (Leicester Mercury)

● Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea, 28, is preparing to sign an improved contract worth £117m that is likely to run to 2025, and wants to become captain at Old Trafford. (Manchester Evening News)

● Juventus are willing to sell Argentina forward Paulo Dybala, 25, to Manchester United this summer, provided their demands of between £70m and £90m are met. (Mail)



GOLD MEDALLISTS: The different winners of the Junior Chess Championships hosted by the Eswatini Chess Federation at FEA School in Helemisi on Monday. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

ESWATINI JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS A SUCCESS

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

CHESS – THE Junior Chess Championships (JCC) hosted by Eswatini Chess Federation were a huge success as over 80 participants showed up for the competition.

The tournament held at Free

Evangelical Assemblies (FEA) School at Helemisi on Monday attracted young chess lovers from across the kingdom.

It was demarcated in three age groups; Under-12, 14 and 18 for girls and boys.

Five rounds were played in the Swiss system format in all age groups with time controls of 25/25

minutes.

ECF President Dumisane Msibi said the organisation was thrilled with the turnout and the level of competitiveness displayed by the participants.

"As ECF, we couldn't be happier with the unprecedented attendance, which eclipsed last year's number of just 35 participants. This

year has been absolutely amazing and the royal game (chess) is getting popular in the kingdom as we see the hunger and zest from the young ones, who some travelled from as far as Nhlanguano to join us," he said.

The president was also full of praise to the parents, who came in numbers to support their children.

...THREE WAY TIE FOR FIRST PLACE IN U14 CATEGORY

CHESS – THE Under-14 boys' category in the Junior Chess Championships had a three-way tie for first place with points failing the separate the trio.

Macingwane Mchunu, Mayenzeke Maseko from Living Waters Primary and Lihan Weng from Enjabulweni Primary couldn't be separated after they amassed equal scores, prompting the chief arbiter to hand over the first prize to the three.

Each of them walked away with a trophy and gold medals for their efforts.

In other age groups, Sisekelo Mhlanga from Nhlanguano won the U18 boys competition with Akila Bhagubhai from St Theresa winning the girls section. Daniel Weng was crowned the U12 boys champion, with Nzuzo winning the girls' section.

The winners received a trophy and gold medal with the runners-up getting silver medals while the

third-placed took home bronze medals.

Eswatini JCC results:

Under-18

Boys

1 - Mhlanga Sisekelo
2 - Nduduzo Fakudze
3 - Nhlanguano Simelane

Girls

1 - Akila Bhagubhai
2 - Minenhle Gama
3 - Siphesihle Dlamini

Under-14

Boys

1 - Macingwane Mchunu
1 - Lihan Weng
1 - Maseko Mayenzeke

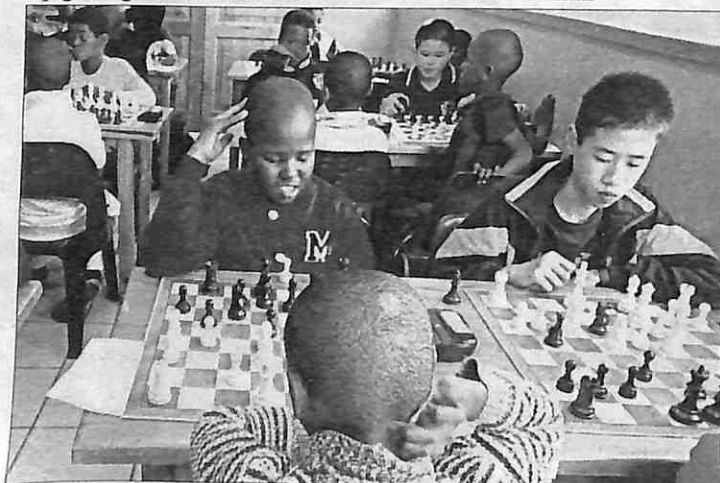
Under-12

Boys

1 - Daniel Weng
2 - Magagula Wenzwe
3 - Rakibul Hasan Reshad

Girls

1 - Nzuzo
2 - Diana Jeje
3 - Sivewe Dlamini



CONCENTRATING: Some of the participants in deep thought during the chess competition.

12 schools for 14th Eswatini Ashihara Karate Open Championships

BY JONGILE XUBA

KARATE – At least 12 schools have so far registered for the 14th Eswatini Ashihara Karate Open Championships and Sabaki Challenge scheduled for Enjabulweni Primary School Hall on Saturday.

This was confirmed by Eswatini Ashihara President Abdul Khaaliq Dlamini, who urged more participants to register for the competition. The competition will also be held in honour of the late Shihan Mathokoza Dlamini, who was the founder of Ashihara Karate. "Schools that have registered so far include Enjabulweni Primary School, Stepping Stones, Matsapha Gym (Dojo) Siphocosi High and Nhlanguano High to name

a few. I urge more teams to join in celebrating the life of our founder," he said.

Entry fee for competitors is E60 for one division, E100 for two, R150 for three or more and E120 for the Sabaki Challenge. The president revealed that the competition was open to all styles within the country and thanked the sponsors for making the competition possible. "The tournament is open to all the styles in the Kingdom of Eswatini, Ashihara Karate, Sosai Kyokushin, Oyama Kyokushin, Kyokushin Karate, Shin Kyokushin, Japanese Karate Association (JKA), Shotokan Karate and Taekwondo. We urge all competitors to keep time and we also thank all our sponsors for making the event possible," he said.

Felizwe wins Chief Mgebiseni Ngculwini Fun Run

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

ATHLETICS – ZITHANDE'S Felizwe Dlamini was the winner of the inaugural 21km Ngculwini Fun Run after clocking 1:37:00 hrs.

The fun run took place on Saturday morning, where a number of distance running teams such as Zithande, Golden Foot, Manzini Striders, TDZ and Tubungu participated.

In the women's category (21 km), Winile Mnisi came first after clocking 2:09:15hrs with Tibusiso Shongwe from Engculwini Athletics Club finishing first in the 10 km race. Engculwini Athletics Chairperson

Ncamiso Thwala said the event was a success. He commended the community for showing up in their numbers for the event. "We had a successful launch and the fun run began with a brief speech by Prince Mgebiseni, who was accompanied by bantwabenkosi from the Ngculwini Royal Kraal.

He thanked all the sponsors that made the day possible and further encouraged neighbouring communities to join in the promotion of a healthy lifestyle."

Thwala added that about 100 athletics participated in the fun run. Eswatini Athletics Association Secretary General Thoba Mazibuko also graced the event

Vovovo stars training with Mbabane Swallows

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER – NATIONAL First Division side Vovovo FC's two defenders are reportedly training with capital city giants Mbabane Swallows.

Information gathered reveals that the players

are central defender Simanga Mangwe and right-back Siphelele Ngwane.

It has been gathered that the players started training with the Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe-led side a week ago with the hope of catching the eye of the technical bench.

The source further said the players were likely to be signed by the red and white outfit before

the Telecom Charity Cup billed for Somhlolo National Stadium on August 11.

Vovovo FC Public Relations Officer Stan Dlamini confirmed that their players had been given permission to try their luck with the capital city giants.



"Nothing official has been communicated pertaining the signing of the players, except that they were allowed to train with Swallows."

"If there are any developments, I will let you know," he said.

The Nyanga Hlophe-led technical bench is on the verge of beefing up the squad after the departure of Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu, Sabelo

'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze and Mandla Palma, who is reportedly training with Manzini Wanderers.

On the other hand, the Motshane-based outfit has already lost the services of Benin midfielder Abaudou Housesou, who joined Manzini Wanderers.

'We are proud of Robyn'

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SWIMMING – Eswatini Swimming Association President Berger Nxumalo says they are happy that swimmer Robyn Young is representing the country well in Korea.

He said they were proud of the swimmer's achievement.

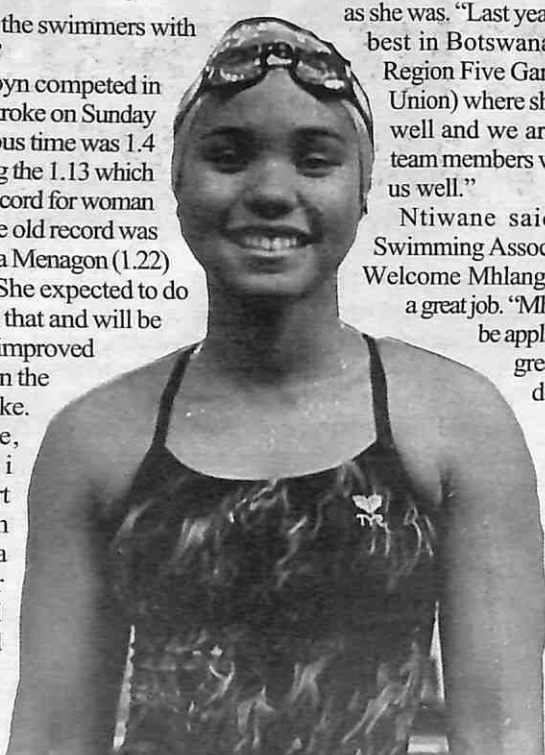
Robyn Young, who is participating in the 18th FINA World Championships in Gwangju, Korea, has smashed a long course 100 m backstroke age group 18-24 record. Nxumalo said they were very proud of what the young swimmer was doing in Korea.

Nxumalo said Young had broken the national record which had been there for the past 10 years as the entire team was doing well at the FINA World championships. "This shows that we are on the right track. If we had the same equipment they were using in the other countries, we would be performing much better. However, this does not stop us

from training the swimmers with much effort."

He said Robyn competed in the 100 backstroke on Sunday and her previous time was 1.4 before clocking the 1.13 which was the new record for woman (18 to 24). The old record was held by Daniela Menagon (1.22) since 1995. "She expected to do far better than that and will be aiming for an improved record today in the 50m backstroke."

Meanwhile, Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane said they were proud of Robyn and the entire team



NATION'S PRIDE: Swimmer Robyn Young.

as well. Ntiwane said they never doubted the potential Robyn had and they were proud of her achievement as young as she was. "Last year, she did her best in Botswana during the Region Five Games (African Union) where she performed well and we are hoping all team members will represent us well."

Ntiwane said Eswatini Swimming Association coach Welcome Mhlanga was doing a great job. "Mhlanga should be applauded for the great work he is doing."

He said Mhlanga had been patient on coaching the team. "We are hoping the team will come back with more good news."

They finished behind Pedro de Luanda and Highlands Park, who finished first and second, respectively.

Green Mamba finish third in Highlands Park tournament

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER – CORRECTIONAL Services side Green Mamba finished third in the Highlands Park tournament played at the Germiston Stadium over the weekend.

The reigning MTN Premier League champions were in South Africa over the weekend to honour the international invitational tournament.

They finished behind Pedro de Luanda and Highlands Park, who finished first and second, respectively.

Inyoka 'eluhlazana' lost 1-2 to Pedro de Luanda before settling for a 1-all draw against Highlands Park from South Africa.

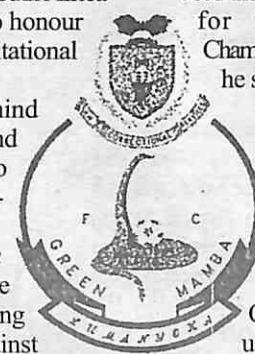
Green Mamba were using these games to prepare for the CAF Champions Cup, where they have been drawn against ZESCO United from Zambia on the weekend of August 9, 10, and 11 at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The tournament also featured Tanzanian side Simbas FC.

Green Mamba's Chief Executive Officer Thame Phakathi confirmed their participation in the tournament when reached for comment yesterday. "It is true that we took part in a four-team tournament, pitting Highlands Park and two teams from Angola and Tanzania. We used these matches to prepare well for the upcoming CAF Championship and league games," he said.

'Inyoka' eluhlazana' also won 3-2 over Pretoria Callies during a friendly match played at the Centurion Sports Centre. "We still need to do more work ahead of the CAF challenge ahead of us," he said.

The green and white ensemble will represent the Kingdom of Eswatini during the 2019 CAF Champions League, while Young Buffaloes will take part in the CAF Confederations Cup where they have been drawn against Buildcom FC also from Zambia.



WE ARE STILL WORK-IN-PROGRESS - ANTHONY

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER – MANZINI Sea Birds coach Anthony Mdluli says he is still trying to find the right combination of players for the starting XI.

He was speaking after his side's 1-2 loss to Royal Leopard in the Eswatini-Telecom Charity Cup play-off semi-final at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday, where he featured the debutants of Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze and Ndimiso 'Skhokho' Shongwe.

'Skhokho', who is a former Manzini

Sundowns defender, started the game whilst Sibandze (from Highlanders) was used as a substitute.

Mdluli said his team performed admirably during the match but were not a finished product yet. He said his charges would be ready when the season kicks off. "There are a lot of positives that I saw from the team during our match. As a coach, there is no pressure on the new players to outdo themselves because we wanted to see where they are in terms of fitness and how they are going to fit in. We are still trying to figure out a system that will accommodate them in our

existing squad," he said. The coach added that his team was looking to improve on last season's sixth place league finish and push for a top five spot. He also applauded the effort his debutants put during the match. "Last season we did really well and our next goal is to start challenging the teams that finished ahead of us. We have assembled a squad that is good enough to challenge any of the top five teams," he said.

This will be coach Mdluli's first full season at the club after he was appointed during the second half of the previous season.

MRFA AGM CANCELLED INDEFINITELY

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER – THE Manzini Regional Football Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) failed to materialise as members failed to form the quorum.

The AGM was slated for the Princess Pholile Hall (Malkerns) on Sunday. According to the MRFA Constitution, a quorum is formed by 122 members, however, only 114 teams turned out for the AGM, a thing that forced Chairman Johannes 'Ace' Soboza to call off the meeting. Soboza said the

AGM would now be held on August 4 at a venue yet to be announced.

"We wanted to continue with the meeting but it's just unfortunate that we didn't form a quorum. We have decided to now hold our AGM on August 4 and we are hopeful teams will come in their numbers this time around," he said. Meanwhile, the MRFA proposed to combine the duties of the general secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer as one for the office of the executive committee.

As per Article 43, the office of the secretariat and the treasurer shall be headed by the general secretary, who

shall be engaged on a contractual basis.

"The general secretariat shall be the head of the MRFA secretariat. He shall be engaged on contractual basis and be responsible for implementing decisions passed by the AGM and executive committee in compliance with the chairman's directives," reads part of the report.

The report further said that the general secretary may be not be a General Assembly delegate or member of any body of the MRFA. The General Secretary shall be responsible to the MRFA for the control and handling of its funds and property.

HRFA introduce ethics code

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER – IN an effort to curb unethical behaviour among affiliates, the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) has proposed for the introduction of a Code of Ethics.

This was said by HRFA Chairman Nigel Shongwe when making his remarks during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at Mhlathane High School on Sunday.

Shongwe said a number of clubs had not been practising fair play even after being asked not to do so by former HRFA Chairman Brilliant Motsa during the 2017 AGM.

"Our former chairman made a plea with clubs to let the spirit of fair play flow within each member of the HRFA. It seems his plea fell on deaf ears as the 2018/19 season saw a lot of clubs hauled before the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Disciplinary Committee (DC)," he said. Offences included violence during matches and forgery of reg-

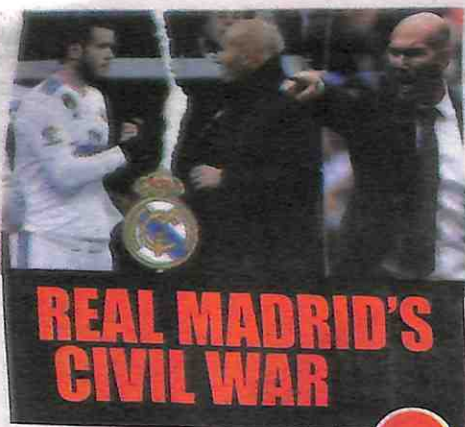
istration cards, which was a major problem. Shongwe said after realising the depth of the problem following a series of complaints forwarded to the office, the executive saw it fit to form the code of ethics.

"After a lot of soul-searching the executive members discovered that the general level of ethics has gone to almost zero. In that regard, we proposed the introduction of the Code of Ethics which will act as a guide and deterrent to future offenders," he said.

In closing, the chairman reminded the affiliates that it was their shared responsibility to ensure the HRFA acts ethically and honestly.

"Under these codes anyone and everyone is expected to report any violation of the law or regulations," he said.

A Code of Ethics is a set of values that represent the moral ideas or standards of an individual or organisation. It is a guide specifying required behaviour for its users in their day to day actions and decision-making.

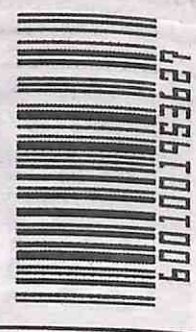


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WANDERERS CONFIRM SEVEN NEW SIGNINGS

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – HUB giants Manzini Wanderers mean business as they have confirmed the signing of new players for the 2019/20 season.

The Weslans assessed a number of players to bolster their squad for the new season, and some of the deals have now been made official after team announced the new signings.

The new signings are former Mbabane Citizens' first choice goal keeper Sandile 'Onyango' Dlamini, former Vovovo FC and Benin mid-field kingpin Houssou Abboudou, Cameroon speedy forward Laurent Abah from Moneni Pirates, ex-Mhlume Peacemakers and South Africa-born import defender Thami Zulu. Others are former Royal Leopard winger Juries Gama, ex-TS Sporting and Mbabane Swallows defender Sanele Mkhweli and Luve Liverpool FC free-scoring striker Nathi Mkhonta.

- Players to feature during the Charity Cup
- More new players to be unveiled
- Fans invited to attend the team's AGM

All these players have since joined the maroon and white outfit for the upcoming season.

Announcing the new players was Finance Manager Sabelo Nxumalo, who said they were happy to have finally signed the players. He said he was hoping they would add value and take the team to greater heights.

Signing

"We have completed the signing of the players and we are happy to have them in our team. We welcome them with warm hands and they must feel at home. We are hopeful they will take us to greater heights and bring back glory days," he said.

Nxumalo added that the team was likely to sign more players before the 2019/20 season resumed.

On another note, Nxumalo announced that the Weslans will be having their Annual General

Meeting on August 3 at Bosco Skills Centre. He said the meeting would start 1:30 pm and invited the team's fans to come in their numbers.

"We are expecting everyone who calls himself or herself a Wanderers person to come to the AGM. We also urge our fans to register for membership cards before the AGM. The membership card cost E100. We are on a mission to revive the Manzini Wanderers brand," he said.

Nxumalo said other logistics about the AGM would be released in due course.

All eyes will be on the hub giants this season as they have already won the Bible Society Cup.

The new players' first assignment will be the Telecom Charity Cup on August 11.

Other players, who were

reportedly training with the team, are Vovovo FC midfielder dynamo Leon Manyisa, Mbabane Swallows strong defender Mandla Palma and former Matsapha United exciting winger Siphamandla Dlamini, among others.

E13 000 COLLECTED IN CHARITY CUP PLAY-OFFS

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – OVER E13 000 was collected during the Telecom Charity Cup play-offs games played at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

The games were played under the 2019 slogan 'Yami Nawe, Siphakeme Futsi'.

The play-offs games featured Malanti Chiefs, Mhlume Peacemakers, Royal Leopard and Sea Birds.

Police side Royal Leopard were the eventual winners of the play offs after beating Mhlume Peacemakers 3-1 in the finals.

Leopard have now joined the big three teams namely; Mbabane Highlanders, Mbabane Swallows and Manzini Wanderers for the prestigious tournament's finals billed for Somhlolo National Stadium on August 11.

Play-offs

The Premier League of Eswatini Chief Operations Officer said 444 supporters watched the play-offs. Members of the public paid E30 to watch the games.

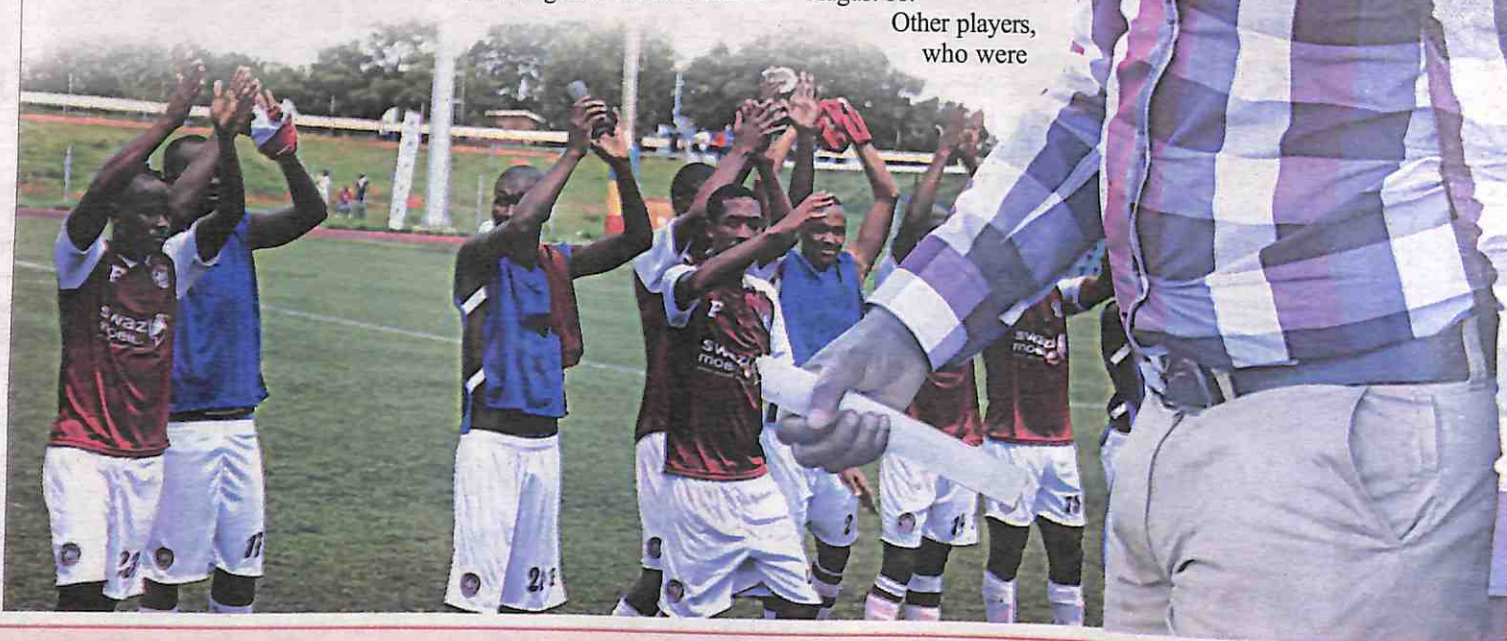
"The play-offs went well even though the attendance was not good. Maybe this is due to the fact that the teams that were playing do not command a huge following. We hope the attendance will improve in the finals on August 11," he said.

Vilakati further urged members of the public to buy tickets on time for the finals.

Tickets will be selling at E50.

The champions will pocket a revised E1.1million while runners-up will take home E550 000.

During the first road show held at Ezulwini a week ago, Telecom Charity Cup Organising Chairman Charity Cup Chairman Comfort Shongwe said they were targeting to make over E1million during the finals. The money goes to help those who are less-privileged in the country.



'DENMARK' JOINS SIHLANGU

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – FORMER Royal Leopard and Mbabane Swallows defender Dennis 'Denmark' Fakudze

is the new physical trainer for Sihlangu Semnikati.

Fakudze has replaced ex-Swallows assistant coach Siyabonga Bhembe, who recently left the nation's pride to join South Africa National First

Division side Mbombela United as a physical trainer.

Duties

Fakudze assumed his duties with Sihlangu on Monday afternoon where he joined Kostadin Papic's men in camp at the Eswatini Football Association Technical Centre.

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Officer Muzi Radebe confirmed the news when contacted yesterday.

"It is true Dennis Fakudze is now part of the Sihlangu technical bench. He is currently in camp with the rest of the team," he said.

Trainer

Fakudze has been the physical trainer for the police services side Royal

Leopards for over two seasons.

Fakudze once donned the national team jersey between 2008 -2009 during the era of South African mentor Ephraim 'Shakes' Mashaba.

The former right back arrived six days before a crunch CHAN assignment against Angola slated for Mavuso Sports Centre on Sunday.