



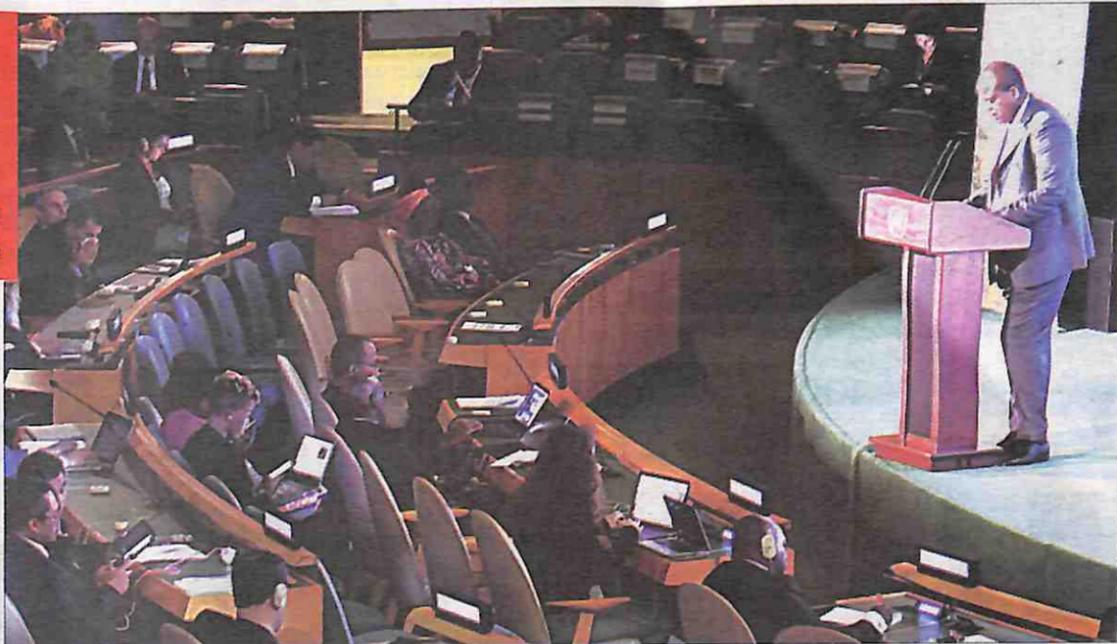
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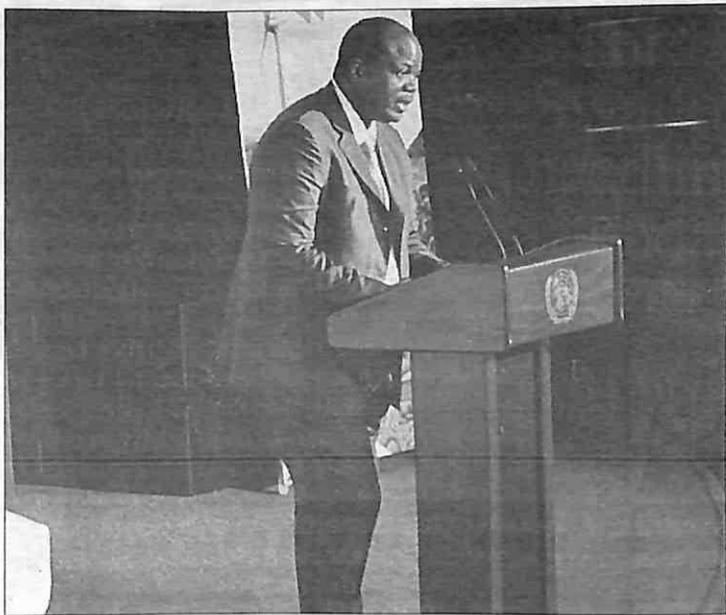
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**MBUBE:** His Majesty King Mswati III delivers his speech at the UN Summit on Monday afternoon. (Pic: Len Mohale: State photographer)

## ESWATINI NEEDS E2.2 BN FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY - KING

BY KING'S OFFICE CORRESPONDENT  
NEW YORK, USA

**THE Kingdom of Eswatini will need more than an estimated E2.2 billion (US\$150 million) to roll out her renewable energy's long term strategic plan.**

This would cater for only part of several other climate change initiatives that the country has embarked upon that require funding.

This was disclosed by His Majesty King Mswati III at the United Nations Climate Action Summit on Monday afternoon. Eswatini was one of a few countries selected to present on their countries' climate action programmes under the theme; 'A race we can win, a race we must win.' The King was asked to intervene on 'cutting GHG emissions now with cooling and energy efficiency.' He said the country had developed national energy strategic plans for proper and adequate development of its renewable capacity and energy efficient systems.

"By 2030, we envisage that more than 90 per cent of our population will have access to electricity through vigorous renewable energy generation systems," he said.

He told the gathering that the country had managed to increase access to electricity for the rural population by up to about 70 per cent.

"The kingdom plans to increase its renewable energy production to acceptable levels of its mix by 2030."

He said this would be coupled with an increase in efficient systems to ensure total access for all citizens. He further explained that almost 25 per cent of energy needs in Eswatini came from hydro power, which is highly impacted by climate change.

"The country wishes, therefore, to strengthen its ability to harness energy from the sun with appro-

appropriate support for capacity building and technology," he said.

He added that the private sector was also playing its role in emission reduction by adopting a new approach through solely using natural components that have zero global warming and no ozone depleting potential.

### Impact

His Majesty the King said for the climate change agenda to have an impact, there was a need for developed and developing countries to join hands in this endeavour.

He urged all developed countries to honour their commitments under the Paris Agreement towards the Green Climate Fund.

"We do believe that with the necessary commitments, the Green Climate Fund could emulate the successes of initiatives such as the Global Fund, that is addressing health issues- particularly HIV and AIDS," he said.

Through this fund, he noted, countries could tap into the necessary resources to successfully mitigate against climate change.

His Majesty the King highlighted that low carbon economic development pathways recognised that climate actions should not undermine national efforts to eradicate poverty and the advancement of its implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He raised concern that globally, emissions continue to grow unabated and the growth of adaptation needs was higher than ever.

"Over the years it has gained recognition and prominence to be comprehensively implemented. At the same time, finance, technology and capacity building also need to be addressed as critical components to provide incentives for climate action by developing countries," he emphasised.

## What strike? Public oblivious

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**WITH the much hyped PSAs strike action currently underway, members of the general public in Mbabane were oblivious and unmoved as of yesterday.**

A number of people interviewed said they were not aware of the strike and were not that much worried as they were normally not affected by strike actions.

An MTN Eswatini street vendor, who commented on condition of anonymity said they have heard about the strike, which was to start on Monday but were surprised as they did not see anything.

"Maybe it could be that I sit at the same spot all day, but I did not notice anything and it was a normal day today

(yesterday) and Monday," she said. She, however, noted that she would observe the situation today, but was not worried as the protestors never bothered them in previous strikes.

### Abnormal

She also mentioned that her children did not report anything abnormal that took place in their school as they went on with their usual class routines and teachers were present.

Another vendor Siphwayinkhosi Msibi also concurred and stated that there was not much out of the ordinary that was happening. He said usually they were not concerned with strike as it had nothing to do with them.

"The only problem I have observed from previous strikes is that we were normally affected in cases of violence erupting between the police and the pro-

testors, where they would vandalise stalls," he said.

Msibi mentioned that he was hoping that today the march would be as peaceful as possible because any form of violence affected their businesses greatly.

Make Ndlovu said according to her knowledge, such marches were peaceful and did not have much of an impact on them.

She said with the current strike she have not yet witnessed any issues, as was business as usual since Monday.

She also stated that upon an enquiry, her children who are enrolled at Mater Dolorosa High School said the situation was normal at their school.

She, however, stated that she was worried about what would happen today and was concerned, especially about the safety of her children as they used public transport on their way to and from school.

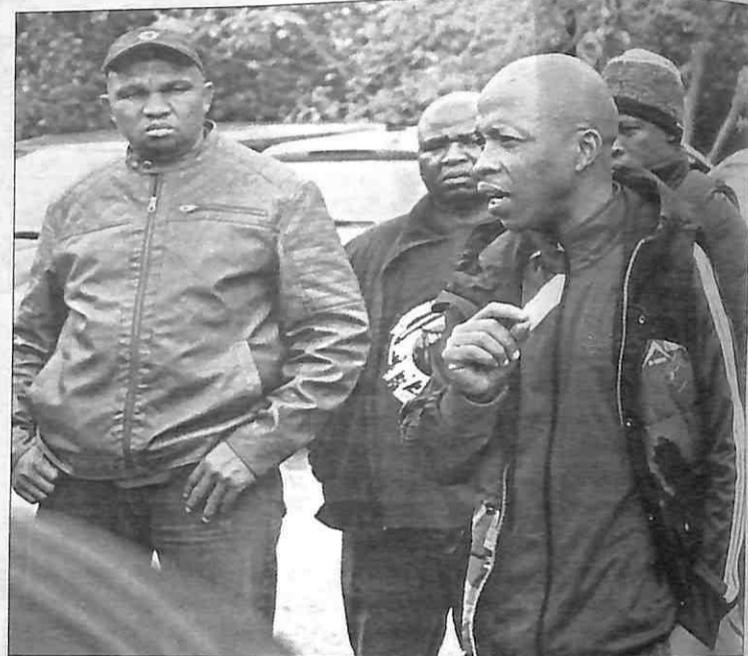
## Liquor outlets expect to make a killing

**LIQUOR outlets around the capital city are expecting to cash in on the strike.**

Interviews conducted around the outlets located in the vicinity of the CBD revealed that they usually enjoyed more profits during strikes, as protestors frequented them in the search for the much-needed fuel in the form of their favourite alcoholic beverages. An operator of an establishment located near the bus rank said for them, days like today were more profitable as a majority of protestors did not want to strike while in their sober senses, which resulted in more money for them.

Another operator said PSAs' strikes were much better compared to student strikes.

"I prefer it when the strikes are for adults, as they know what they are doing and do not bother us much unlike students who usually resort to vandalism," he said. He also stated that strikes were usually good for business and was looking forward to today's march.



**NEXT MOVE:** SNAT President Mbongwa Dlamini addresses members after their case was postponed.

## Mixed reactions with regards to strike for Mbabane schools

BY SIFISO DLAMINI AND BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**WITH the ongoing Public Sector Associations (PSAs) industrial action, schools around Mbabane are seemingly unaffected.**

On Monday, PSAs embarked on what they themed an unending strike until they got what they wanted.

The strike was expected to have a massive effect on the education sector, as teachers were expected to down tools.

However, information gathered from some schools around Mbabane yesterday revealed that the strike action did not make much of an impact as most schools were operating as normal since Monday. One of the schools that was paid a visit was Ka-Boyce High School, where everything was normal within pupils in their classrooms learning and teachers were going about their daily duties.

A teacher who commented on condition of anonymity said since the begin-

ning of the strike, there have been no difficulties encountered at the school, as they went about their daily duties and classes were going on as usual.

He said with regards to today, they expected to continue as usual and in case anything happened, they would wait for communication from the school administration.

"We have been complying with signing the forms as requested by the ministry.

"If anything were to change, the school's authorities will inform us through the relevant channels," said the teacher. Ka-Boyce High Principal Lungelo Nhlengethwa said it was business as usual and lessons were continuing as expected. He mentioned that teachers at the school were not involved in the strike action and there were no interruptions to proceedings as of yesterday.

Nhlengethwa mentioned the police conducted random patrols at least twice a day since the beginning of the strike, which he commended as it guaranteed the safety of both the pupils and the teachers. St

Francis High School principal could not be reached for comment as it was stated that she had a busy schedule yesterday.

On observation, the situation also seemed normal as pupils were in their classrooms and teachers were also in attendance. The same could not be said for St Mark's High School where the Principal Zanele Zwane said the situation was far from normal, as some of the teachers were engaged in the strike. She mentioned that the teachers who were present were signing the forms and those who wished to engage in the strike were free to do so.

Zwane also confirmed that since yesterday, the police had been visiting the school conducting patrols.

"Teachers who were willing to partake in the strike were free to do so, as it was their right.

"It is safe to mention that some of the teachers have not been present, which provided a bit of a challenge as some classes could not go ahead as usual," she said.

She said with regards to today, they would assess the situation and react accordingly to it.

## CLARIFICATION

In our Sunday publication, we published an article 'Judge Abande is not telling the truth - shot victim' (page 2), in which we mistakenly published a picture of lawyer

Bongani Magagula as that of Judge Abande Dlamini. We wish to unreservedly apologise to the lawyer and Judge Abande for this embarrassing mix-up.  
**Ombudsman**



**CJ Bheki Maphalala and lawyer Bongani Magagula.**

# PSAs THREATEN TO FORCE WORKERS TO JOIN STRIKE

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI  
High Court

**THE Public Sector Associations (PSAs) have accepted that their first day of the strike action was a flop.**

As a result the PSAs are now planning for possible ways to force workers to take part in the strike, especially for the mother of all demonstrations taking place today in the capital, Mbabane.

The civil servants stated at the High Court premises yesterday that they were disappointed on what happened on Monday because there were some workers that were at work, while others were out on strike.

TUCOSWA Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said it was a pity because the workers who were at work would also benefit when they got the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) from government.

National Public Servants and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) President Oscar Nkambule also stated that civil servants were at work. Mhlanga said the problem with

...disappointed by their first day turn-out



**DISAPPOINTED:** Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) members leaving the High Court after their case against the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) was postponed to October 17 yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

Emaswati was fear. He said Emaswati feared almost anything and everything.

That, according to Mhlanga, had

to change if Emaswati wanted to achieve something. He said the people of countries such as France and Hong Kong were able to protest

against feared regimes to state their grievances, but Emaswati were afraid to face a more lenient regime. He called for change in doing things from Emaswati.

Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) Deputy President Moses Tsabedze said it was also the same case among the government accountants.

He said on Monday, he was surprised to find that his colleagues were working.

When he arrived in the office, he was told by his human resources officer that he had to fill in a certain form to show that he was present.

When he enquired about the form, Tsabedze said he was told that they had to fill up the forms, as per the instructions of Accountant General Dumisile Ngwenya.

Tsabedze said he told the human resources officer that he would not fill the form because it was illegal.

"I asked some of my colleagues if they filled the forms, they told me that they did so because they were afraid of the consequences, if they did not fill the forms," Tsabedze said.

## GOVT WARNS PSAs; DON'T DARE

**GOVERNMENT has reiterated its call for Public Sector Associations (PSAs) to respect the freedoms and dignity of fellow public servants who have chosen not to participate in the futile strike action.**

Reacting to the PSAs call to force fellow members to participate in the strike action, Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane last night said: "Civil servants, including teachers who have exercised their right of choice and continued to work will continue to enjoy protection from the state's law enforcement agents. Any attempt to infringe on their rights will be matched pound for pound by law.

"We can only hope it is not true that those who have elected to go on strike now want to impose themselves on those who have chosen to continue working.

### Dignity

"The freedom and dignity of civil servants who are not on strike must be respected. To choose is a fundamental human right," Simelane said.

On Monday, Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase said the strike action will not achieve anything, because government is maintaining the position that it cannot afford to offer anything beyond the three per cent once off Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) being put forward.

He likened the strike action to an operation where the doctors would claim the operation was successful but the patient died.

"Government is not bluffing when it says it does not have the money being demanded by the workers and it needs them to focus on the job at hand to revive the economy and then be paid what they want," the minister said.

He appealed to workers to go back to their work stations and focus on turning the economic situation around.

## TUCOSWA to inform ILO on union bashing

**THE Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) wants to inform ILO about the union bashing that is going on in Eswatini.**

ILO is the International Labour Organisation, which protects interests of workers among countries that are member states of the United Nations. TUCOSWA is preparing the document so that it is deliberated on during the International Labour Conference (ILC) in

June next year.

TUCOSWA Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said the issue of union bashing was among many issues that they were addressing on the document. Mhlanga said the problem was that the country was institutionalising labour brokering because it was practised by big companies like Montigny Investments and other big companies in the hospitality industry. Mhlanga said labour bro-

kering firms went around telling people that there would be job losses they were closed down. The deputy secretary said it was not true that people were going to lose jobs because labour brokers did not create jobs, but they simply acted as middlemen between the employer and employee. He said there was no value that was added by the middlemen and they had to be removed because they negatively affected workers.

## SNAT, TSC case postponed to Oct 17

**THE case between Teaching Service Commission (TSC) and Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) has been postponed to October 17.**

This is the matter where SNAT is challenging the occupation of the TSC chairmanship by Simanga Mamba. SNAT argues that Mamba has been illegally occupying the position.

The decision to postpone the matter was taken yesterday by High Court Judge Nkosinathi Maseko, who was presiding over the case. Judge Maseko took the decision to postpone the case after he made an agreement to do so with Assistant Attorney General Mbuso Simelane, who represented the TSC and Senior lawyer, Lucky Howe, who represented SNAT.

The case was postponed because it was discovered that Simelane filed in a new supporting affidavit the form of a gazette that

supported the appointment of TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba. It transpired that Howe needed some time to prepare his responses in relation to the gazette. This was something that did not sit well with Simelane, who pleaded with Maseko to have the case continue because he was instructed that the case be done yesterday.

However, Judge Maseko would hear none of that and stated that what was done by Simelane was unfair as Howe needed time to respond to the gazette.

The case was attended mostly by members of SNAT and other PSAs like National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) and Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU).

Members of other political formations were also in attendance at the High Court.

Outside the High Court build-

ing, SNAT President Mbongwa Dlamini thanked all members of SNAT and other PSAs for attending the court case. He briefed the members of what was happening and told them that the case was postponed to October 17.

Dlamini stated that what was happening was surprising and interesting because the new documents applied in court showed how desperate the government wanted Mamba to remain at the TSC.

He said what was also surprising was that the TSC continued working as if everything was normal and allocated cases that were supposed to be tried by the commission.

Adding, it was clear that Mamba was not just kept at the TSC for nothing, but was kept for specific tasks he was supposed to carry out. He did not want to mention the tasks he was talking about.

## Students blame government, UNESWA for scholarship cuts

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**UNESWA students have shown solidarity and consideration for their peers who did not make the cut in the scholarship grants.**

On Monday over 800 UNESWA students were left distraught and dejected as they received the sad news of not being granted scholarships from government although they were already enrolled at the university.

Reports were to the effect that some students even fainted as they were affected by the sad news.

The Swaziland National Union of Students (SNUS) President Mlamuli Gumedze expressed discontent regarding the situation. He said first and foremost the list was supposed to be released before lecture day one, yet it only comes on week seven. He stated the list once again left behind a number of Swazi students who were deserving to be awarded.

"The university, out of 'courtesy', registered all first years provisionally pending the release of the scholarship list. This simply means that those students who didn't make the list have to leave the university after six weeks of learning unless they pay 40 per cent of the tuition fee," he said. He said the mental torture the students have been subjected to will leave a dent that will last a lifetime. The endless call by students to give scholarship to all students has once again evidently fallen on deaf ears.

UNESWA Chief Electoral Officer Thuba Matsenjwa said as the electoral commission, they were saddened by this development. He said if there was anything they could do they would.

He said there has been irresponsibility from the university and the ministry of labour's part. "They should not have allowed the students to attend classes without issuing the list first. The reports we heard from yesterday were to the effect that some students were crying helplessly and some even fainted," he stated.

He said the students were disappointed as they had their hopes high. He mentioned they foresaw cases of depression and severe stress which could even escalate to suicides.

He stated they condemned the UNESWA for admitting 1 800 students whereas they knew that not all of them would get the scholarship.

He said they failed to do their job and exposed students to trauma as they had been attending classes with the hope of attaining the scholarship and were used to the university life yet now all their dreams have been shattered. He also said they urged the university to take responsibility and assist the students in any way they could to ensure they continued with their education.

University of Eswatini Registrar Dr. Salebona Simelane has encouraged students to keep looking for alternative funding.

He mentioned as an institution, they sympathised with the students who could not secure funding. He stated the institution and the students were aware that the resources would not be enough for all those who qualified to enrol at the institution.

He mentioned the students were informed when they were accepted that should they not be able to attain the scholarship from government, they should look for alternative sources of funds.

He also encouraged the students to not give up as they would be guaranteed enrolment upon receiving the funding at the institution.

## Judge Dlamini has pending matter against Observer

IN its heads of argument, the Swazi Observer further argued that the facts which rendered His Lordship Justice Phesheya Dlamini disqualified from sitting in the appeal are that he has a pending matter against the Swazi Observer.

The matter, according to the applicant relates to a lawsuit which His Lordship instituted against this newspaper claiming a sum of E5 million.

The newspaper defended the claim and the matter was brought for trial on June 12, 2017 and on the day of the trial the parties were called to the chambers of Judge Doris Tshabalala, who had been allocated the matter as she wanted to know if the matter would proceed.

### Trial

It was further argued that the Observer's legal representatives indicated that they were ready to proceed but those from Judge Dlamini's side indicated that they were not ready to proceed with the matter and requested a postponement, despite that they requested the hearing and were pushing the matter to go for trial.

Further, the Observer representatives, it has been argued, requested that costs should be tendered for the postponement, including costs of senior counsel and Her Ladyship

reserved her ruling on the question of costs and to date it has not been delivered as the matter was postponed to September 25 2017.

### Appeal

However, in August 2017 Judge Dlamini withdrew the action and tendered costs and it has been further argued that there is a dispute between the Observer and Judge Dlamini on the amount payable as costs and the judge's legal representatives tendered costs on a normal scale, which exclude the costs of counsel who was engaged based on set down of the matter.

"We submit that it was inappropriate for Judge Dlamini to sit in a matter involving the Swazi Observer whilst there was still an unresolved legal dispute between himself and the newspaper, His Lordship could not have been expected to be impartial in matters involving the Swazi Observer under the circumstances," argued the applicant.

Cited as authorities in the matter was a case of R v Bow Street Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate ex-parte, Pinochet Ugarte of 1999 where the House of Lords set aside a judgment in which one of the Judges Lord Hoffmann sat in an appeal where he indirectly had a connection with a litigant through charitable trust of that litigant.

# JUDGE PHESHEYA SHOULD HAVE RECUSED HIMSELF - OBSERVER

- Swazi Observer has filed a review appeal against Supreme Court judgment in the matter involving gospel artist Siphon Makhabane.
- Judgement has been reserved

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
Supreme Court

**SUPREME Court Judge Phesheya Dlamini should not have formed part of the bench which heard a matter between the Swazi Observer and gospel artist Siphon Makhabane since he is conflicted.**

This is an argument that has been raised by the newspaper's legal representatives in an application for review of the judgement of the Supreme Court.

The matter was yesterday before a full bench comprising Judge Robert Cloete, who was sitting with Acting Judges of the Supreme Court Judith Marry Currie, Sabelo Matsebula, Nkosinathi Manzini and Justice Mavuso.

The newspaper appeals for review on a matter in which the court made orders to the effect that the appeal by the Observer is dismissed, the cross-appeal is dismissed with costs to the appellants and the judgement of the High Court confirmed as it ruled in favour of Makhabane.

The review was brought by the Observer



Supreme Court Judge Phesheya Dlamini.

legal representatives Magagula, Hlophe Attorneys in terms of Section 148 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini conferred upon the Supreme Court review powers over its own decision. The applicant (the Observer) is seeking to review the judgment on the grounds that the hearing which resulted in the judgment being granted in favour of Makhabane was not a fair hearing as envisaged in terms of Section 21 of the Constitution. According

to the applicant in its heads of argument, this is more so because one of the judges who formed part of the panel, Justice Dlamini was conflicted and should not have sat in the appeal. The hearing according to the applicant violated the applicant's constitutionally protected right to a fair hearing as the applicant was subjected to unfair procedure, whereby a judge who was disqualified from sitting in the appeal did sit as he formed part of the panel that decided the appeal.

## NOTICE

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Eswatini Water Services Corporation would like to notify its valued customers and the public in Matsapha and surrounding areas that there will be an interruption in water supply on **Friday, 27 September 2019** starting from **09:00am** until **Saturday, 28 September 2019** at **06:00am**.

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## PROCEEDINGS RENDERED A NULLITY

**ARGUING further in the matter, the applicant submitted that the mere fact that His Lordship sat in a matter in which he was disqualified rendered the proceedings a nullity.**

It was argued further that a litigant in the applicant's position would reasonably apprehend that Judge Dlamini would not be impartial in adjudicating the dispute as he would be expected to be biased against a newspaper that published what he considered defamatory material about him and that he is now required to pay the newspaper's legal costs.

"We submit that there is an overriding public interest that there should be confidence in the integrity of the administration of justice which is associated with the statement that it is a fundamental importance that justice, should not only be done but should manifestly and undoubtedly be seen to be done and that nothing is to be done which creates the suspicion that there has been an improper interference with the course of justice," submitted the applicant.

It was stated that the fact that Judge Dlamini sat in the hearing of an appeal when he had

an outstanding legal issue with the Observer was a denial of the applicant's right to a fair hearing, which is a constitutionally protected right which the Supreme Court has a duty to enforce.

He should not have sat in the appeal given that he had outstanding issues with the applicant, hence his sitting in the matter under the circumstances rendered the proceedings a nullity a the applicant's right to as fair hearing was denied. Judgement in the matter has been reserved by the Supreme Court to a date to be communicated to both parties.

## SNUS supports PSAs' strike

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**THE Swaziland National Union of Students (SNUS) has showed its support to the ongoing Public Sector Associations (PSAs) strike.**

SNUS President Mlamuli Gumedze said the union was in full solidarity with the unions and supported these activities given the current unbearable living conditions students were subjected to.

He stated despite the tight learning schedules currently at tertiary institutions, students were encouraged to find a way



to give practical solidarity to their parents, as they brave the weather today and march to various ministries still calling for a review that has been pending for three years.

"One thing we are sure about is that the ordinary citizens,

workers, students and unemployed are not responsible for the collapse in the economy so why must we suffer?" "How long must we sit idle and languish while those in spent funds? CoLA yindaba yetfu sonkhe," he said.

# MAGONGO DEMANDS MOTION ON SENATE PRESIDENT

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**MOTSHANE MP Robert Magongo demands that he be allowed to move a motion about Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini.**

Magongo made this demand known on Monday in the House of Assembly. He told Speaker Petros Mavimbela that he still remembered this motion and wanted to be given an opportunity to move it. "I still remember all the motions that I intend to move in the House. One of them includes MoMo Pay, where people lost their money," Magongo said.

In response, Mavimbela informed Magongo that what he did was out of order, but went on to tell him that the matter he was talking about was still being worked on by his office.

Magongo was further called to order by Gege MP Musa Kunene, in his capacity as Chief Whip in the House. Kunene said Magongo should approach the office of the speaker if he had a problem. It was not procedural to talk about such matters in the House.

In June this year, this newspaper reported about a motion that was expected to be moved in the House of Assembly, which would call upon an investigation to be launched into a competition run by an organisation known as the Bridge Foundation, which is said to belong to Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini.

Magongo, in the motion, is expected to be seconded by Gege MP Musa Kunene, the very MP that called him to order when he demanded the motion.

The two MPs wanted to call upon the House of Assembly to appoint a Parliament select committee, constituting of five MPs, to investigate and report back, within 21 days, on the circumstances surrounding a win-an-car competition run by a certain Bridge Foundation that sold raffle tickets through the Eswatini MTN Mobile Money platform.

This matter was reported in the local media back in January this year. The Bridge Foundation, which the MPs now want investigated, is said to have partnered with Kwazi Foundation.

In this arrangement, people were set to win a Ford Ranger Wildtrack, which was valued at E800 000. The name of

Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini was also reported to have featured prominently in the whole incident.

The Bridge Foundation is said to have entered into an agreement with MTN Eswatini to utilise the cellular network's mobile money (MoMo) platform to sell tickets to members of the public who would want to participate in the competition. The Bridge Foundation is said to have partnered with Kwazi Foundation to raise funds through the raffle draw, which the MPs now want to investigate.

**"I still remember all the motions that I intend to move in the House. One of them includes MoMo Pay, where people lost their money"**



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# MTN Eswatini to reimburse customers

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**MTN Eswatini will reimburse all its customers who were affected by the ongoing short-code outage.**

MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo said due to an unprecedented outage which predominantly affected the use of short-codes, MTN Eswatini is assessing the damage this did to customers with a view to reimburse them the different services they were trying to access with no success from Sunday into Monday

night.

The weekend was particularly affected with services accessed through short-codes \*686#, \*411# and \*101#. This means that MTN customers were unable to buy different kinds of bundles, which are a discounted offering in both data and voice services.

They were also unable to acquire the same services using MTN Mobile Money.

"The reimbursement that MTN Eswatini plans to make will be in the form of the different products and service that customers were denied during the short-code outage," he said.

Lumphondvo apologised for the inconvenience experienced by MTN's valued customers. He added that once the on-going assessment has been completed, a report will be compiled and the process to re-reimburse affected customers will start soon.

#### Service

This followed after a two-day service interruption for MTN customers.

Following the service interruption, people had to pay extra to make phone calls as they could not purchase airtime. The service interruption went as far as affecting mobile money. The interruption continued from Sunday

till Monday.

Many people alleged that they were forced to purchase airtime and from that the company will be able to deduct their balances.

On Sunday, the service interruption started at around 1000 hours and it lasted for five hours.

Customers were unable to purchase data bundles, voice bundles and many other services that are provided by the short codes. The interruption affected many customers who are constant users of \*686# as many services of the network provider are found in that option. The company circulated messages

assuring its customers that technicians were working around the clock to resolve the issue. Meanwhile, Lumphondvo dismissed that the interruption was intentional. He said his company has its customers' best interests at heart and therefore would never cause any interruptions.

#### Effected

The manager added that as a company, they have been greatly affected as they have lost huge revenue during the two days of service interruption.

Lumphondvo said the company was doing all they can to restore their services.

He further stated that they had brought in two international companies that specialise in telecommunications and network to assist them with restoring the short code services.

# I WAS NOT CHEERING ON PROTESTORS - MYENI

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**NKILONGO Member of Parliament (MP) Timothy Myeni has vehemently denied that he cheered on protesters during the ongoing strike action on Monday in Manzini.**

The furious MP labelled the article which appeared in the Times of Eswatini as slandering and aimed at tarnishing his reputation as MP.

Speaking in an interview yesterday, he said he had just come out of Standard Bank, Manzini branch and greeted some of his former colleagues.

The MP said when his pictures were taken, he did not believe that they would be associated with the protest march and

thus he believes it was a way to slander his good name. "I guess my mistake was greeting some former colleagues who were involved in the strike," he said.

Myeni added that he was at the wrong place at the wrong time, as his car was also parked near the area where the protests were going on.

#### Disturbed

"I am very hurt and disturbed by the misleading article about me," he said. Further, Myeni stated that he had nothing against the striking civil servants and wishes that they eventually got what they were fighting for once the government is financially stable. "I did not sing nor dance with the protesters," he said.

Myeni was pictured raising a clenched fist in a manner to suggest that he was allegedly supporting the marchers.



**DENIES: Nkilongo Member of Parliament Timothy Myeni.**

... 'I will explain everything in Parliament today'

**MP Timothy Myeni has said she will today speak in Parliament to give his side following reports associating him with the strike action.**

Myeni said he had no choice following the disturbing article as he had to explain to the Speaker of the House of Parliament

Petros Mavimbela and misconception.

The MP said he hoped his side of the story will be heard in Parliament. He said he believed this was some of the temptations that are somehow encountered by believers. "I believe this will not destroy me but strengthen my faith," he said.

Mavimbela, when contacted, said he could not indulge much on the matter and stated that everything would be cleared in Parliament today. The speaker could not disclose if Myeni had broken any Parliamentary code by being associated with the striking civil servants.

# Drunk man taps young woman's buttocks

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**THE court has proposed that an inspection in loco be conducted to ascertain whether or not a 43-year-old man who is accused of tapping a young woman's buttocks in public indeed committed the offence.**

Makhosi Elliot Dlamini of Luyengo appeared before Manzini Senior Magistrate Simangele Mbatha yesterday on a charge of contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018.

The offence was allegedly committed on May 11, 2019 at Malkerns Shoprite situated at a location known as Sentra. When stating her side of the story, the complainant Bonakele Temlandvo Dlamini alleged that she was with a friend when she had an encounter with Dlamini.

She said when Dlamini approached her, the friend she was with had gone to the entrance of Shoprite store to meet some of her acquaintances. This was then that Dlamini

allegedly approached Bonakele and she did not pay much attention to him because she did not know him.

In a twinkling of an eye, the woman alleged that Dlamini tapped her on the buttocks twice and when she asked why he did so, his response was that he was going to beat her up. As he said this, Dlamini allegedly charged towards the young woman and she bolted.

#### Report

Even so, Bonakele told the court that she was going to report him for what he did. It was also alleged that Dlamini was intoxicated when he committed the crime because he carried an alcoholic beverage bottles and staggered through the passage within the shopping complex.

While running away from Dlamini, Bonakele said she met a police officer with whom they returned to accost the accused person. Dlamini is said to have been at another store within the shopping complex at Malkerns. Luckily, the manager of the other retail store is said to have witnessed the bum-

tapping incident.

On the other hand, Dlamini denied ever touching the woman's buttocks, but claimed that he approached her because he mistook her for another woman who is his neighbour.

Dlamini said when he got to where Bonakele was he held her arm from the back, and not her buttocks as alleged. The accused person also claimed that he was in the company of two boys and the mother of his child when he approached the woman. "I approached you because I thought you were my neighbour and I needed some help with the shopping I had," he said.

In response to the allegation that he was drunk when committing the offence, Dlamini said he was not drunk but rather confused as he had lost his father.

Senior Magistrate Mbatha then postponed the matter in order to allow investigations to ascertain from the store's surveillance cameras whether Dlamini held Bonakele by her arm or he indeed tapped her buttocks. The matter was postponed to October 4, 2019.

# EEC disconnects power at Police Camp over E10m debt

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**THE government's financial woes seem far from over as the Police Camp in Mbabane reportedly experienced a power outage due to huge sums of money owes to the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC).**

This left the officers of the law in the dark recently. The Police Camp was without power for a couple of days due to the fact that government owes the Eswatini Electricity Company close to E10 million in electricity bills.

According to impeccable sources, the camp has been out of power for almost a week, as EEC was left with no choice but to disconnect the service, which left the occupants in the dark. When reached for comment, EEC's Corporate and Communications Manager Khaya Mavuso confirmed that there has been a power cut at the police camp due to government owing the utility company.

When asked how much government was owing EEC, Mavuso mentioned

that he was not able to disclose the amount due to client confidentiality. "I cannot disclose the amount as this is information that is between the client and the company, but I can confirm that there was a power cut at the police camp," Mavuso said. Mavuso said they were working collaboratively with the Royal Eswatini Police Service in making sure that the bill is settled. He also stated that as a company, they were still hopeful that government will settle its debts and things would be back to normal at the police camp.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that power was disconnected at the police camp. She said the problem was for a couple of days and it was restored after government paid the utility company.

In light of all these, Vilakati added that the amount that is being owed to EEC is very huge, but she did not want to disclose how much exactly was being owed to the service provider. However, a source close to the matter confirmed that the figure was estimated to be about E10 million.

# 2 conned over E10 000 for UEDF jobs

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**TWO job hunters saw their hopes for employment crashing down after a fraudster posing as an employment recruiter for the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) defrauded them of over E10 000.**

Masayina Lucky Metfula (50) of Kholwane has since been arrested and charged with two counts of the crime of theft by false pretences earlier this year.

#### Bail

He has since been granted E5 000 bail by the court.

According to his charge sheet, Metfula was said to have approached his first victim Lindiwe Ginindza in 2018 in Mankayane, where he promised that he would assist Ginindza with obtaining employment within the UEDF, in exchange for

money amounting to E4 118, to which Ginindza paid.

Metfula was then said to have approached his next unsuspecting victim Zakhele Dlamini in July 2019 near Siteki, under the guise that he would assist Dlamini to gain employment within the UEDF.

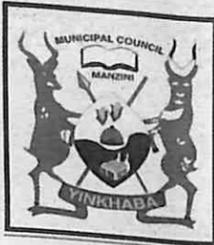
#### Misrepresentation

Under this misrepresentation, Metfula was said to have obtained monies amounting to E6 045.

Through his misrepresentations, Metfula did knowing fully well that he would not assist Ginindza and Dlamini in obtaining employment, thereby committing the offence of theft by false pretences.

The total amount of monies paid to Metfula under his guise as a recruiter of the UEDF was E10 163.

Metfula is set to make an appearance before the court on October 3, for the commencement of his trial.



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AS part of its strategic objectives and in line with good governance principles, the Municipal Council of Manzini has a responsibility to account to its stakeholders.

As such, the Municipality has put together a report which reflects the organisation's performance in respect of service delivery, developmental programmes and financial performance during the last financial year which ended on the 31st March.

The report further reflects on policy issues and strategic direction taken by Council through its Strategic Plan and Integrated Development Plan (IDP) policy document. If you, dear reader, would like to be emailed a copy of the full report it can be arranged on request. The following are snippets from the report. Manzini News trusts that you will enjoy the read...

## INVESTMENT IN GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

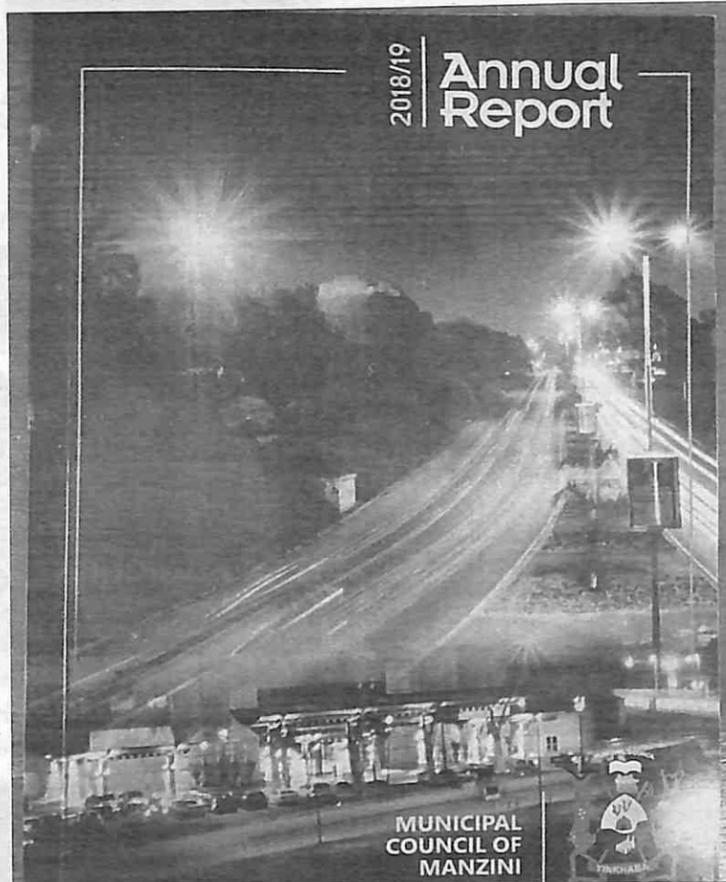
It can be reported that the Municipality managed to invest significantly in Good Corporate Governance trainings, leadership, procurement processes, risk management as well as legal compliance. The training sessions covered both Councillors and employees and the result was sustained order and stability within the organisation. It is worth-mentioning that this is an ongoing programme which seeks to empower Council personnel on best practices that can take the Municipality forward.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Through its public participation approach, the Municipality rolled-out stakeholder engagement initiatives that were aimed at ensuring the involvement of residents and stakeholders in decision-making towards increased development of the city. These platforms included the 24/7 Call Centre which provides an opportunity to collect service delivery feedback, budget consultation meetings and the Annual General Meeting. The organisation continued to disseminate developmental and service delivery information through the local mainstream media. Support platforms such as a bulk-SMS service and social media were incorporated as a means to widen the means of getting in touch with

# MANZINI MUNICIPALITY'S PERFORMANCE

...Informative snippets from the latest Annual Performance Report



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customers, especially residents.

## QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In an effort to improve service delivery, the Municipality continued with the implementation of the Quality Management System (QMS).

During the 2018/2019 financial year, the Municipality was transitioning from the QMS ISO 9001:2008 to ISO 9001:2015 standard. Upon completion of the transition,

the Municipality was audited and certified to be ISO 9001:2015 compliant. The purpose of the quality management system is to support Council business processes by establishing performance standards that seek to improve service delivery in order to meet customer requirements.

## ORGANISATIONAL TURNAROUND

In an endeavour to turn the organisation around to a sustainable position, Council

continued to pursue the implementation of its Turn-Around Strategy (TAS). During the 2018/2019 financial year, the Municipality was restructured into four departments and four directors.

An organisational diagnosis was conducted wherein numerous reports were produced to inform the restructuring exercise. At the end of the financial year under review, the organisational transformation was still underway. Its overall objective is positioning of the Municipality for better service delivery and facilitation of sustainable development.

## INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

The Municipality managed to facilitate commencement of the review and development of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). It can be reported that a total 683 people were met during consultations that were rolled out within the 12 municipal wards and key stakeholder organisations. By the time of compiling this report, the IDP was still being developed. The purpose of the IDP is to guide the city's development within a five-year period.

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

The 5-year Capital Investment Programme (CIP) came to an end during the 2018/2019 financial year and a new infrastructure plan was being developed at the time of the close of the financial year. The last set of roads infrastructure that was developed, either through rehabilitation or upgrading, as part of the 2018/19 CIP, included a number of roads in Zakhele and Ngwane Park townships.

## ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

Due to the age of the city's roads as well as infrastructure upgrading backlog, the Municipality continued to facilitate for continuous infrastructure maintenance

throughout the city. With an increase in rainfall, as experienced during financial year 2018/19, the Municipality dedicated time and resources towards maintaining overgrowth and damaged infrastructure services; which intervention overstretched its limited resources.

## MUNICIPAL REVENUE

The Municipality's revenue base was not performing well during the 2018/2019 financial year, which situation had a negative effect on service delivery and general development of the city.

It is important for Manzini property owners to honour their rates payment obligation in order to enable the Municipality to provide quality services and facilitate development.

The Municipality's user fees/service charges continued to sit far below service costs; which compromised the quality of service delivered. However the Municipality will continue working on initiatives that seek to broaden its revenue base for sustainable development of the city.

## FOOD SAFETY AND SANITATION

A total of 170 food outlets in the city have been graded accordingly. During the 2018/2019 financial year, the Municipality managed to organise food-grading workshops as well as others that were specific to other food establishments.

The aim of the workshops was to sensitise food traders on hygienic practices and general safe handling of food that is intended for sale to members of the public. Food hygiene inspections were conducted in 556 food outlets.

Out of this number, 174 were found to be operating under unhygienic conditions and served with compliance notices. Council further conducted 500 inspections on non-food establishments wherein 292 were found to be unhygienic and served with compliance notices.

## ...MANZINI FLEA MARKET THIS SATURDAY

**THE Municipal Council of Manzini will this Saturday hold its next quarterly flea market.**

The activity will be held at the usual flea market site (Louw street, between Eswatini Bank and Bhunu Mall), starting at 8am. Those interested in selling products during the flea market are urged to come

to the Council offices tomorrow morning and register.

Registration begins at 9am and the registration fees are E250 for individual sole traders, E400 for Small and Medium Enterprises and E700 for companies and corporates. Members of the public are urged to visit the flea market site on Saturday

and support the traders. Exciting products are usually sold at reasonable prices during the flea market. Motorists are urged to bear with Council during this citizen economic empowerment exercise as the portion of the road that will be used for the flea market will be blocked from 6am until 5pm.

## Manzini property valuation still in progress

**The Manzini property valuation, which is being conducted by GS Chiyanda Property Consultants on behalf of the Municipal Council of Manzini, is still ongoing.**

Council takes this opportunity to express her appreciation to those who have made this exercise run smoothly by allowing the valuers into their properties.

The valuers are at the moment busy in Ngwane Park and Fairview townships;

...please do allow the valuers into your property

after which the exercise will proceed to other parts of the city.

If you have property in any of these townships and, for some reason, your property has not been visited, please contact Council's Finance Department on 2508 5000/2508 5026 so that the due arrangements can be made. Property owners are urged to give their domestic

helpers and tenants permission to allow the property valuers into their properties for purposes of the valuation. The valuation team is identifiable by name tags that bear Manzini Council and GS Chiyanda Property Consultants' logos.

They also carry a letter as confirmation that the exercise has been sanctioned by Council.

## ...Remember: 2-hr yard-by-yard clean-up starts this Saturday

**DEAR Manzini resident.**

You are reminded of the two-hour clean-up exercise of all residences in the city. The exercise forms part of the "Clean Eswatini" national campaign which was launched by His Excellency the Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini.

The call is for residents to, this coming Saturday, clean-up their yards between 6am and 8am and place the garbage (in waste bins and bags) by their gates.

At 8am the Council refuse trucks will do the rounds throughout the city, collecting the waste for disposal at the dumpsite. This is a form of encouraging citizens of Manzini to keep the environment in which they live always clean. If you have bulk waste such as garden waste, please contact Council tomorrow (2508 5030/2508 5000) so that special arrangements can be made for

collection thereof. If you have rubble or other construction waste please arrange for their transportation to the municipal controlled dumpsite. You will be allowed to dispose of it free of charge. Council pleads with all residents to participate in this exercise as we make strides towards keeping our city and country clean.

**The exercise forms part of the "Clean Eswatini" national campaign which was launched by His Excellency the Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini.**

# SA culture enthusiasts promise to join the Reed Dance next year

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Ezulwini

**FIRST** time visitors who were in the country for the Kasi2Kasi Cultural Exchange have vowed not to miss the Reed Dance Ceremony next year.

Magugu Dumakude, who was part of the 150 women who visited Eswatini last weekend, said she would definitely attend the Reed Dance with her colleagues.

The culture enthusiast hails all the way from Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa.

Kasi2Kasi partnered with the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENCAC), the Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) the ministries of sports, culture and youth affairs and tourism and environmental affairs.

The Kasi2Kasi initiative was founded by Lwazi Nqetho, a culture enthusiast and owner of Shadows Tavern in South Africa.

During an interview at the Happy Valley Hotel, she revealed that she was a teacher by profession, but culture was her first love.

"I grew up in Nkandla, a rural area, with lots of women who taught us etiquette and the importance of culture on a daily basis. I thus grew up with that love for IsiZulu," she said.

Nqetho holds a Masters' Degree in

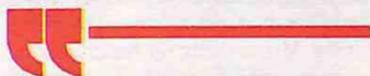
Curriculum Studies from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal. The teacher currently teaches Life Sciences from Grade 10 to 12 at a high school in South Africa.

She said, through culture, she learnt to love herself and everything about herself because people often marvelled at rich and untainted culture.

"Emaswati pride themselves in their cultural practices and I can relate with that. That is why I want to attend the biggest cultural activity in southern Africa, the Umhlanga ceremony next year," she said.

### Comfortable

Dumakude said she heard about the Kasi2Kasi travels through her friend



**I grew up in Nkandla, a rural area, with lots of women who taught us etiquette and importance of culture on a daily basis. I thus grew up with that love for IsiZulu**



and started travelling. "Kasi2Kasi is well-organised and very comfortable. We always know the programme, prices and payment methods in advance," she said.

She further declared her love for Eswatini, as she had been treated very well, especially at the Happy Valley Hotel. This was one other reason she wanted to come back to the country. Meanwhile, ETA also showed their official calendar of events and destination video before the South Africans departed.

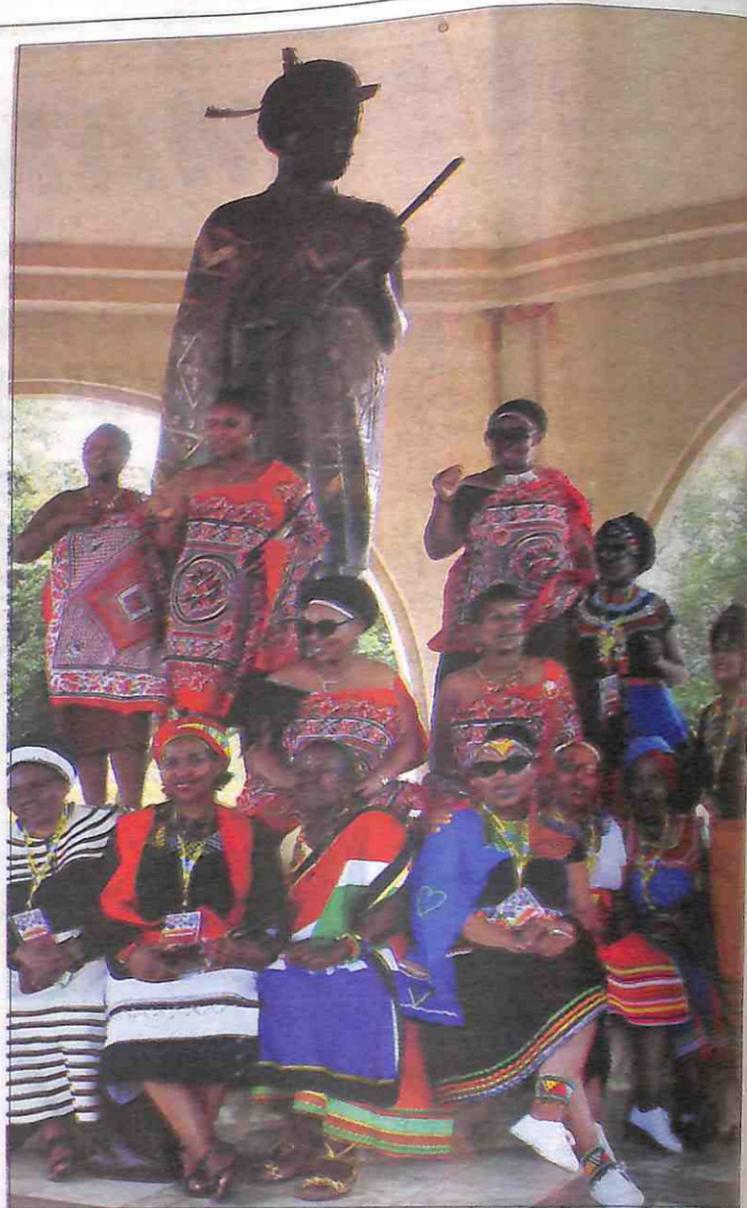
On the other hand, the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, Harries 'Madze' Bulunga said the cultural exchange enabled countries to share culture and also learn from other Africans.

"Such not only opens our eyes to new things, but also strengthens our understanding of who we are," he said.

The minister further emphasised that they were welcome to explore other attractions even outside the cultural portfolio.

The team thus visited the National Museum, King Sobhuza II Memorial Park and the Mantenga Cultural Village on Sunday.

The group also enjoyed a culture night at the Happy Valley Hotel, where Elangeni High School pupils rendered some traditional dances.



**TOURISTS:** The South Africans pose with locals next to King Sobhuza II's statue at the memorial park.






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## Ramokgadi's memorial service on Friday

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
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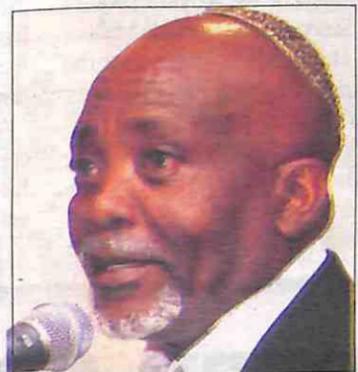
THE memorial of the deceased Kobe Advanced Learning Academy founder, Geoff Ramokgadi will be held on Friday at Greyhound Hall in Ezulwini, starting at 1100 hours.

The message was conveyed by Kobe Ramokgadi Advanced Learning Academy's Human Resources Manager Sabelo Dlamini yesterday. Dlamini said following the burial of Ramokgadi last Thursday in South Africa, locals will have their time to remember the deceased in a memorial service.

He explained that the reason the memorial service would be held after the funeral was because the late director belonged to the Jewish religion. According to the Jewish religion a person should be buried within 48 hours of death. However, because of the process of finalising paperwork he was buried last Thursday which was six days after his death.

The manager further stated that the memorial service will not be in the Jewish culture. Dlamini said the Jewish community had communicated that the memorial service would try to accommodate everyone who lived and shared life stories with the late.

"People will have a chance to remember him in the best way they



**DECEASED: Founder of Kobe Geoff Menachem Ramokgadi.**

know how, hence the service will not be Jewish," said Dlamini.

Ramokgadi died on September 13 at around 1300 hours at the age of 66 after battling lung cancer for almost two years. He left behind his wife, three daughters and three sons.

Meanwhile, Jewish renowned photographer Jono David described him as someone who committed himself to advancing the education of local boys and girls, and his dream of building a school was conceived on the same day of the 1995 Great Kobe earthquake.

"This compassionate man named his school in the memory of the souls who perished that day — and later, he paid tribute to the victims of the Fukushima tsunami. For me, with my home in Japan, these Africa-Japan-Jewish connections were intriguing and inspiring," he said.

# Rains dampen striking ESRIC employees' spirits

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

WET weather put a dampener on the ongoing Eswatini Royal Insurance Company (ESRIC) strike, which saw protests subside since Monday.

Swaziland Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers (SUFIAW) Secretary General Jabu Shiba cleared assumptions that workers had given up on the on-going strike. She stated that employees had to be at home because of the rainy weather but the strike was still on-going.

In addition, the secretary general said at the moment they were finalising negotiations of staging a solidarity strike with the other financial institutions.

Furthermore, she highlighted that SUFIAW paid salaries of all the protesting employees. "I am pleased to announce that our members were paid their salaries, so the strike did not affect them financially," she said.

The strike by ESRIC workers is as a result of a breakdown in negotiations with the country's parastatal over a salary increase.

Following the deadlock between the Swaziland Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers (SUFIAW) and management the employers opted to down



tools. Shiba confirmed that the strike will not end anytime soon until the company changes its tune. She added that because ESRIC employees are not the only ones affected by the 0.0 per cent offer they have roped in other financial institutions. She mentioned that in as much they have brought other financial institutions on board in a solidarity action they will clearly scrutinise the conditions that will come with the strike.

She said workers should not down tools for nothing. "Serious results should be produced by the strike action," she said.

Despite the on-going strike some employees are working so that customers are not inconvenienced. However, services are not as smooth flowing as they should be as some employees remain on strike.

Speaking to one of the employees, who asked not be named for fear of victimi-

sation, not all the operations are moving as anticipated. He said some services which could be sorted in a day drag for some time as some work stations are empty.

In a press statement, ESRIC detailed the background to the issues leading to the strike, clearly outlining its position.

ESRIC stated that the bone of contention was that the union had the expectation of negotiating the outcomes of the review exercise which the company views as improper. The ESRIC management stated that it was their view that any sort of negotiation erodes the independence and objectivity of the exercise.

The company stated that it remained committed to resolving the dispute and making decisions that will promote the long term well-being of all its staff members and the sustainability of the business.



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and deposited into the ECESWA Offices Tender Box situated at Ngonini road, Ezulwini no later than 12:00 noon (Swaziland time) on 21 October 2019 at which time the Tenders will be opened. The ECESWA does not bind itself to accept any tender. Electronic tender will not be accepted.

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

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BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**BIZARRE** is what many may describe a case which saw two men impersonate and further 'arrest'

an unsuspecting woman.

Sabelo Mngometulu (27) and Zakhele Simelane (26) submitted a plea of guilty after they were arrested and charged with contravening the Police Service Act.

According to their charge sheet,

the 'police officers' were said to have contravened the Police Service Act when they were found to have, on September 20, 2019 near The Gables in Ezulwini, acted jointly and in the furtherance of a common purpose, when they wrongfully and

unlawfully introduced themselves as members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service to one Dumsile Malaza.

The charge sheet states that the duo, under the guise that they were officers stationed under the criminal investigation department, proceeded to arrest Malaza, thereby contravening the Act.

During their appearance before

Magistrate Lenhle Zulu on Saturday, the duo pleaded with the court to be lenient in their sentencing, as they were unemployed and were in their families.

After hearing their mitigation, the duo was sentenced to pay a fine of E2 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in prison.

## Man reprimanded for uttering explicit insults

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**MAGISTRATE** Lenhle Zulu expressed her downright disgust at insults uttered by a 22-year-old man towards an elderly woman during a court session on Monday morning.

According to standard procedure during matters of *crimen injuria*, the charge sheet is read word for word by the court clerk, including vernacular insults expressed by the accused.

However, Magistrate Zulu pleaded with the court clerk to omit the expletives stated in Bongani Gama's charge sheet, expressing that the insults were disrespectful and downright disgusting.

"Gama, are these insults written as Dorah Kunene's names on her birth certificate?"

"Where did you learn such spine-chilling insults, Sunday school or pre-school?"

What would happen if you were to change your names to be those stated on the charge sheet?

It is so disheartening to see young people treat their elders in such a manner and I urge you to learn some respect for you to grow in life," the magistrate warned.

Gama was arrested and charged with assault common and *crimen injuria* when he was said to have, on Sunday at Dlangeni area, assaulted Bhekithemba Kunene with a fist on his upper cheek, and also threatened to kill him.

### Insulted

Gama was also found to have then insulted Dorah Kunene on the same day.

After finding Gama guilty on both counts, he was sentenced to pay a fine of E1 000 and in default of payment, serve 10 months in prison on the first count.

On the second count, Gama was also sentenced to serve 10 months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of an additional E1 000.

# GRASS-CUTTER ARRESTED FOR SEX WITH GIRL (17)

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

**A self employed grass-cutter (26) has been arrested for having sexual intercourse with a 17-year old girl.**

He was charged for contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018.

Linda Makhanya of Makhohlolo area in Mbabane has filed an urgent bail application at the High Court, where he was successful as he has been granted bail fixed at E15 000.

He has however been ordered to pay E3 000 in cash and a sum of E12 000 shall be in the form of sureties.

According to the charge sheet, the 26-

year-old is charged for contravening the Act in that he wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent, had sexual intercourse with the 17-year-old girl who by law is incapable of appreciating the nature of a sexual act.

Motivating his application,

Makhanya who is represented by Lawyer Sebenele Nhlengetfwa of Mbabane-based law firm SM Jele Attorneys, submitted that he is innocent of the charge preferred against him and shall plead not guilty at trial.

The accused told the court that never at any stage did he have carnal connection with the complainant as alleged in the charge sheet.

He averred that he surrendered himself to the police upon hearing that he was wanted in connection with the

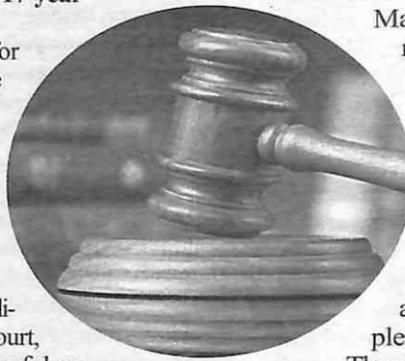
offence, adding that he has been cooperative with the investigating officers in the matter since his arrest.

He informed the court that he is self-employed as a grass cutter and sells firewood for a living and the little he gets, he pays for his two children's school fees and also for their maintenance, hence his continued incarceration may cause him irreparable harm.

He undertook not to interfere with the Crown witnesses and shall abide by all bail conditions the court may deem fit for him.

Makhanya submitted that in view of his personal circumstances, it is in the interest of justice that he be admitted to bail and reiterated to abide by the bail conditions.

Adding, he stated that he suffers from pneumonia and is also asthmatic and in need of constant medical attention and that the living conditions at the Correctional facility are not conducive for his health as he is meant to sleep on a mat on the ice cold floor.



## Combined efforts accelerate SDGs achievement - UN

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

**UNITED Nations Resident Coordinator Nathalie Ndongo-Seh has said the signing of ARINSA declaration was part of combined efforts to accelerate the achievement of SDGs.**

She was speaking at the signing of the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network of Southern Africa (ARINSA) Dar es Salaam Declaration strengthening asset forfeiture for development at Cabinet offices last Thursday.

Ngongo-Seh said Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 which was about promoting just, peaceful and inclusive societies they committed to significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organised crime by 2030.

The initiative, therefore supported good governance, rule of law and accountability of Eswatini's institutions. This was a priority area for cooperation for the UN team in Eswatini having full engagement of UNODC

as a custodian of the UN Convention against corruption and the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime.

"UNODC took a lead in this discussion and I am delighted to be present today at the first meeting of the national Anti-Money Laundering Committee.

"I hope the committee will do its utmost to coordinate and build on the national responses to counter crime, corruption and money laundering in Eswatini.

"Let me commend in this regard the government on passing the Proceeds of Crime legislation and the establishment of the Asset Forfeiture Unit. These are important steps in strengthening anti-money laundering mechanism at the national level," Ndongo-Seh stated.

The resident coordinator hoped that the event will lay the basis for other initiatives aimed at supporting stronger and accountable government, reinvesting into law enforcement and justice sectors, as well as generating much needed resources to address the needs of victims of violence and those who are currently left behind.

## MOZA MAN RAPES LOVER'S SISTER

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**A drinking spree ended with a woman being raped in her sleep by her sister's Mozambican boyfriend.**

Petros Silindza (25), originally from Mozambique but resides at Mahlanya, was taken to task by his girlfriend's sister whom he raped while she was asleep. The incident happened on August 13, 2019 at Mahlanya where \*Tema resides with her siblings.

Silindza faced two charges; one of rape by contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, and another for unlawfully remaining in Eswatini without a valid residence permit.

When telling the court how the incident unfolded, Tema said on the fateful day, her cousin arrived at Mahlanya, where she and her other siblings reside, and that the cousin brought some alcoholic beverages which they all, including Silindza, enjoyed.

When imbibing, Tema said they were relaxing in an open space. However, at around 10pm, Silindza and everyone got into the house, and the house that Silindza got into was the same as the one that his girlfriend and Tema were in.

This, according to Tema, was nothing unusual as Silindza was regarded as a brother-in-law. The two women



are said to have shared a bed with the sister's children, while Silindza slept on the sofa.

During the course of the night, Tema told the court that her sister's children with whom they shared the bed cried and that the sister had to take them out of the room.

She said her sister went to another house with the children. A short while later, Tema said when she was left alone with Silindza, she fell back into a deep slumber.

At the crack of dawn, Tema said while in her sleep, she felt some discomfort in her genital area so she woke up. To her surprise, she discovered that a male person was on top of her and that he had penetrated her and was actually raping her.

Hastily, she said she pushed him away and he fell on the floor.

While the Mozambican national was

on the floor, Tema said she charged out of the house and went to report the incident to her sister before she proceeded to the police station. When asked whether the evidence brought before court by Tema was true, Silindza conceded.

He said he was influenced by the alcohol he drank before going to bed. In his mitigation, to the first count, Silindza told the court that he was sorry for violating Tema. He pleaded for leniency and stated that he was married with one child and was employed as a builder.

Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo, who presided over the matter, sentenced Silindza to 13 years imprisonment without an option of a fine for the first count, and three months behind bars for the second count with an option of E500 fine.

The sentences are to run concurrently.

\*Not her real name

# Minister opens E4.2m water project

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA Mbabane

**MINISTER of Natural Resources and Energy Peter Bhembe revealed that the ministry has covered 62.51 per cent of Eswatini in providing clean water.**

He revealed this during the official opening of Nyatsini Water Supply Project under Sigwe Constituency worth E4.2 million recently.

He said this and other similar projects were aimed at fulfilling the nation's Vision 2022 and it was also in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Six, which tackles clean accessible water and sanitation for all as an essential part of the nation and world.

"Completion of this project and other similar ones where the government works hand-in-hand with its partners continues to bring clean



**REVEALED: MINISTER of Natural Resources and Energy Peter Bhembe.**

water fulfilling the nation's goal of having clean water by 2022. May I appreciate those who entertained us through their acts," he said.

Bhembe appreciated government's partners World Vision Eswatini and

Esicojeni Foundation for their support in this project.

He noted that the ministry had worked with World Vision even in the E6 million Lushini Project under Hosea constituency which was opened in April.

"It is exciting for me to be in your presence at the official opening of this water project that will provide Nyatsini people under Sigwe constituency clean water.

In the same event, Shiselweni RA Dr. Vincent Mhlanga said he was happy to learn that the chief worked well with his subjects and they contributed to the project.

As he welcomed everyone he appreciated Sigwe MP David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, who is also Minister of Tinkhundla and Rural Development, for his role in developing Shiselweni region. There was Ummiso, Sibhaca, Lutsango and poetry as entertainment.

## Borehole to supply 253 homesteads with clean water

**MINISTER of Natural Resources and Energy Peter Bhembe disclosed that the borehole will supply water to 253 homesteads, one school, four churches and six shops.**

He said it would last longer than 10 years even if the population of the people in the area can increase. He added that the pipeline equalled to 34 kilometres will supply 42 taps. He also thanked the people of Nyatsini for working with the ministry in this project since inception until its completion in 2018 and contributing E27 359. He encouraged them to use the

experience and knowledge obtained in the four years to use it in maintaining the project so that it last longer.

Bhembe alluded that as a result of the water supply project; people will now travel less distances to fetch clean water and there will be a decrease in accidents they were sometimes exposed to when fetching water.

### Excelling

It will also provide children extra time to study, thus excel in school. "Should there be any problems regarding this don't be afraid to report

to Rural Water Nhlanguano offices. We hope that the knowledge obtained here about how to handle everything that pertains this project will be used to benefit everyone," said the minister.

The minister noted that the people from Nyatsini were hygienic as there were pit latrines in every homestead. This will decrease diseases caused by drinking unclean water.

He said many people had already started drinking the water, and its long term use will prove that the project was well built.

## World Vision applauded for development

**WATER, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Committee Chairperson Sibongile Masuku applauded World Vision Eswatini for its contribution to development in Nyatsini and the country at large.**

She said as much as each homestead contributed World Vision played a very pivotal role in the water project after it had been stalled due to financial constraints.

"Now our children will have balanced meals because we will be able to make small gardens. We appreciate our Chief Mbilini and MP David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala for their support. We plead with all the dignitaries here to pass message to the right officials to fix our roads here," she said.

Meanwhile, Esicojeni Foundation Chairperson Sandile Simelane thanked World Vision for support and putting

children first. He said World Vision approached the foundation for assistance in 2017 and they contributed E500 000 and they will continue working together.

"We also thank the

Foundation sponsors Standard Bank, MTN Eswatini, Galp and Letshego whose monies help in community projects like this one. MPs should also be on the lookout for the needs of people in their constituencies," said Simelane. Simelane wondered when the country would reach a status where food security wasn't a problem, where every homestead would be able to farm their own food for sustainability and also be able to sell.

"Where there is Esicojeni there is water, when we grew up we fetched clean water from wells (*ticojeni*). We also take care of children less than 18 years as mandated by the King in 2007, when we take care of them we are taking care of our future generation," elaborated the chairperson.

**GRATEFUL: MP David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala.**



## Magistrate thanks cops for dagga dealer 'clean-up' at Mb. Bus rank

BY VUYILE DLAMINI Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A police raid at the Mbabane Bus rank proved to be a fruitful operation as three men were arrested for dealing in dagga.**

Thulani Bhembe, Themba Msibi and Thokozani Matsebula were urged to desist from selling dagga to school going children by Magistrate Lenhle Zulu, who emphasised that dagga was an illegal substance in the Kingdom.

"You are all under the ages of 35 and you are all fathers, yet you are here because you smoke and sell dagga to school going children. Our local publications report on dagga wars that are prevalent in our society now, yet you continue to buy and sell dagga to the public. You are still young and you can still make a better living by starting good, legal businesses to support your families," the magistrate emphasised.

Magistrate Zulu further urged the men to desist from selling the dagga

to school going children, as the dagga they sell is cheap enough for them to buy with their pocket money.

"The money that we give our children as pocket money is most definitely used to buy your E5 sloops as they are so affordable. What kind of fathers are you that sell and smoke dagga? I feel sorry for your children," the magistrate questioned.

Arrested and charged separately, the trio was found to have been in possession of varying amounts of dagga at the Mbabane Bus rank on September 21.

Bhembe was sentenced to pay a fine of E1 000 and in default of payment, serve 10 months in prison for being found in possession of 0.4 kg of dagga, whereas Themba Msibi was fined E1 300 and in default of payment, spend 13 months in prison for being in possession of 0.547 kilogrammes of dagga.

Matsebula, who was nabbed smoking the weed at the bus rank, was sentenced to pay E1 000 or serve 10 months in prison after he was found to have an additional 0.88kg of dagga on his person.

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# SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES ESWATINI CELEBRATES 30 YEARS



Current and former Board Members with partners, SOS Management, Donors and the office of the DPM posing for a group picture at the end of the celebrations.



Dr. Irma allen being honored by sos board chair



SOS National African dance in high spirits

**S**aturday, 21 September, 2019 in sidwashini, SOS children's villages together with its local corporate and implementing partners converged to commemorate their partnership in providing loving homes for children in the country and in coming up with projects and programmes which ensure that 'no child should grow up alone'. Indeed at least 7000 children, young people and adults have benefited from the establishment of SOS Children's villages ESwatini. SOS children's villages is part of a global movement as an affiliate of SOS Children's villages international. SOS Children's Villages International was established by Hermann Gmeiner in Imst, Austria just after the Second World War. Gmeiner, an Orphan himself saw the plight of children and women as a result of wars through out Europe and the globe. SOS does not work alone, but in collaboration with others; we work with international and local corporate partners who share our values and are committed to helping at-risk children and families build sustainable futures. Some of these partners include fnb, Nedbank, NMC, Liberty/Stanlib, ESRIC, Royal ESwatini Police Service, EEC, EWSC, The Edcon group of stores, Foschini group, DHL Swaziland, MTN Eswatini, Lidwala insurance and many others. As such during the

celebrations, some of the corporate partners were present. The likes of NMC pledged to donate E100,000 as part of the one Lilangeni Campaign; Liberty/Stanlib also promised to donate E15,000 in cash and E15,000 worth of books and school materials, EWSC also promised E20,000. EEC, Nedbank, ESRIC, FNB, AON and the Times of ESwatini had contributed, E30,000, E36,000, and E26,000, E5000, E5000, E15,000 each respectively. It was also highlighted that ESRIC has also promised to be a partner and donor to sos for the next 30 years, until SOS reaches 60 years. The Foschini group of stores has contributed E50,000 towards family back gardens for child headed households in Siteki and also pledged to inject E57,000 in 2020.

During the celebrations all the corporate partners were awarded certificates of appreciation. The director of Social Welfare handed out the certificates.

Also recognized was an ib student of waterford, andy, who donates E500.00 every

month to SOS. This was encouraged and credited as a life of service to others with charitable values, in particular those in most need. This goes to show that



Some of the SOS Children's Villages programme participants

children need to learn firsthand that they can make a difference in the world and that they do have power to make a positive impact,



SOS ummiso in song

even at a young age. Staff including local SOS pioneers were also recognized. All mothers and administrative managers who had served SOS for 5 years or more were awarded certificates. Dudu Dlamini, the former SOS Director together with Dr. Irma Allen

were recognized for their dedication of more than 30 years service to SOS. They received pioneer awards and certificates as they were part of the local founders.

It is our mission to build families for children in need, to help them shape their own futures, and to share in the development of their communities. In so doing we ensure that every child belongs to a family grows with love and respect. Our motto is 'No child should grow up alone'

The keynote speaker, the DPM, whose speech was read by the Principal Secretary, Makhosini Mndawe, made mention that children are the pillars of the nation. He also congratulated sos for its 30th Anniversary and reaching this important milestone as partner of choice for the children of ESwatini. He also highlighted that ESwatini is also celebrating 30 years of the un guidelines for the alternative care for children.

Some of the notable remarks;

1. The Deputy Prime Minister's office exists to set up and oversee a national policy and institutional environment that support effective delivery of government services through a well-coordinated system with a special emphasis on a comprehensive social welfare system; gender mainstreaming; children issues as well as proactive

disaster preparedness within the development discourse.

2. SOS Children's Villages falls under the administration and supervision of the DPM's office. Their work on children in the country has always been aligned to our mandate to provide services to:

- Abused persons
- Orphaned and vulnerable children with educational and child welfare grants
- Child care and protection services

3. We have worked as a team and been able to maintain our workload at a good level -in ensuring a proper upbringing of children. Our children are the pillars of the Swazi society.

4. Sos children's villages has been in the country for 30 years, with villages in Sidwashini, Mbabane, here in Nhlalanga, and Kalanga in Siteki offering much needed support to children at risk of losing parental care and those who had also lost parents, especially in the advent of HIV and AIDS, long periods of drought and poverty, which have crippled the ESwatini economy.

5. SOS children's villages has contributed immensely to the development of the country through providing jobs for women, our mothers for whom we are gathered here today.

Our partners and donors:

# THREE PUPILS DROP OUT AT FRANSON CHRISTIAN HIGH

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mhlosheni

WITH an enrolment of 450 pupils at least three have dropped out at Franson Christian High School.

Principal Lindiwe Vilane said two dropped out because of pregnancy, one was transferred to Vulamasango High.

She said they had begun implementation of their five-year strategic plan which was based on the following: the vision of the school which is providing academic excellence in education built on Christian values, mission which is inspiring innovative learning culture with good morals through the provision of quality education founded on the Christian faith.

"Our values are discipline, empowerment, honesty, integrity, morality, responsibility, tolerance and trustworthiness. This we cultivate through religious



activities such as daily reading of scripture at assembly, dedicating an hour every Wednesday to services and holding weeklong revivals twice a year during first and second terms," she said during the school's speech and prize giving day.

Vilane said the school boasts a wide curriculum offering 23 subject at SGCSE level and 16 subjects at JC level. In the last three years, the results had shown great improvement at JC level despite some challenges.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
Franson Christian High School Speech and Prize Day guest speaker Senator Sylvia Mthethwa flanked by primary and high schools headteachers Dr. Nelsiwe Ndlela and Lindiwe Vilane on Friday. (Pic: Nokuzola Thwala)

'Desire to learn results to excellence'

SENATOR Sylvia Mthethwa who was guest speaker at the event said the first thing needed in order to achieve academic excellence is a burning desire to learn.

Mthethwa is also a former pupil at the school. She urged the pupils to apply themselves and do well in class.

Mthethwa said they must discipline themselves honouring where they were by attending classes which would give them first-hand knowledge of their instructors' comments and responses to questions. "Make sure you participate in class, be honest, ask for help when needed, don't seat with your problem and don't quit regardless of any pressures. To the teachers, I applaud you for the healthy partnership that exists between you and the pupils at this school. May I also praise you for the immense hard work and tireless efforts towards transforming pupils into academic wizards, who have now fully embraced the culture of excellence in their academic work. It is through your dedication and commitment, coupled with sacrifices that have made a difference. Keep up the good work," she said.

## MONEY, PRIZES FOR PUPILS

IT rained money and prizes at the speech and Prize Giving Day at Senator Sylvia Mthethwa's former school courtesy of the senator.

Mthethwa presented a cheque of E10 000 to Principal Lindiwe Vilane.

She said this was a contribution to the school's development. The senator further presented E500 worth of prizes and E150 cash to excelling pupils in the competing

classes Form Three and Form Five, encouraging them to work even harder.

Izigi Investments Director Muzi Kunene also donated E10 000 stating that this was meant to motivate pupils to excel and be eager to learn.

"Nowadays children don't want to learn, this is aimed at motivating them," said Kunene. Meanwhile Franson High School Principal Lindiwe Vilane says

in pursuit of academic excellence pupils, teachers and parents have roles to play, respectively. She said none was superior or inferior to others. Vilane said going forward, they should all draw inspiration and forge ahead in unity. She encouraged proper role playing of all involved in educating of the children.

"Today is not only about the formality of delivering speeches and awarding prizes to those whose achievements are worthy of recognition. It is once again a great joy to come together in the spirit

of celebration, to applaud and reward hard work, to encourage and inspire, those who have made great sacrifice towards their academic and extracurricular achievements.

This day is also to give insight about the business and state of affairs of the school and to especially appreciate all those who have contributed in any way towards the education and welfare of our learners," she said.

Vilane said the role of a pupil was to show interest and enthusiasm, participate

fully in learning. She said they should focus in their work, participate in extra-curricular activities, and contribute to the success and well-being of the school.

"Note, a disciplined pupil is goal oriented, purpose driven. Hard work enables a disciplined student to obtain good results. You have the right to education and the responsibility to attend school at all times," Vilane stated.

The principal added that the role of a teacher was to teach, empower pupils, enlighten and impart knowledge.

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The following deceased members' families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

#### Monday 30 September 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Thwala Sibongile	Education	4400103	04.09.2019	09h00
2. Mavuso Nozipho	Housing	300433256	02.09.2019	10h00
3. Mndzebele Siph	Agriculture	2861258	21/08/2019	11h00

#### Tuesday 01 October 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini Thembi	Education	3534720	16.08.2019	09h00
2. Mabuza Betty	Agriculture	4613886	25.08.2019	10h00
3. Kunene Simon	Health	3264496	03.08.2019	11h00

#### Wednesday 02 October 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Matsenjwa Njabuliso	Police	2722634	05.09.2019	09h00
2. Mnisi Bheki	Labour	3936878	04.07.2019	10h00

#### Thursday 03 October 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mndzebele Thembisile	Fire	300072882	10.01.2019	09h00
2. Dlamini Zwakele	Police	3710629	09.09.2019	10h00

For more information please contact Nompumelelo Masina at 24119000 or our Toll Free Number 8002401

# Woman (26) arrested for stealing 11-month old baby

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

**WHILE most women are arrested for shop-lifting and theft, a 26-year-old woman of Malutha area has been arrested for stealing an 11-month-old baby.**

Nombuso Bongwiwe Maseko of Malutha near Bhunya has been arrested by the Matsapha (Sigodvweni) police for allegedly stealing the baby while at Logoba in Matsapha.

According to the charge sheet, Maseko is charged with the offence of contra-

vening Section 77 of the Child Protection and Welfare Act of 2012 in that on September 2 while at Logoba she wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent took the baby Sihlelelwe Gamedze from its mother, Fikile Ginindza without her consent and thus contravened the Act.

She has filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court as she is currently booked as His Majesty's guest at the Mawelawela Correctional facility.

According to Maseko in her founding affidavit, she was arrested by the police in connection with the offence and has been in custody since then, hence she now wants out of jail.

She submitted that she had two minor children who are solely dependent on her for survival and is the breadwinner in her family, hence her continued incarceration has a negative impact to her welfare and that of her children since there is no one taking care of them.

### Challenged

"I submit that I am a person who is physically challenged as I have a serious back-pain, my life is at risk and I do not have a spare one, I humbly submit that it is in the interest of justice that I be granted bail as exceptional circumstances do exist," she submitted.

She informed the court that she has a

clean criminal record and has no previous convictions, adding that she shall abide by all bail conditions the Court may deem fit for her.

### Innocent

She motivated her application by stating that the spirit of presumption of innocent until proven guilty should prevail, arguing that she is innocent of the charges leveled against her and shall plead not guilty at trial.

Represented by Manzini-based Lawyer Vukile Ndzimandze of Mabuza-Johnson and Associates

law firm, Maseko averred that she was cooperative with the investigating officers in the case but stated that she is not in a position to fully state her defence at the moment as she is still waiting for further particulars from the Crown.

She stated that she would suffer irreparable harm should she not be granted bail, as she would not be in a position to continue providing for her dependants and by the time the matter is at trial she would have lost all means of livelihood and the ability to maintain herself and her dependants.

# 'INVESTIGATE BULLY TEACHER'

BY BODWA MBINGO  
Mbabane

A deputy principal at Ndabazwe High School around Lavumisa has been condemned by World Vision Eswatini for the despicable act of making fun of a needy pupil by calling her by the name of her sponsor in front of other children.

The organisation has called for an investigation to the act of the teacher by the ministry of education and training.

Our sister publication, the Observer on Saturday reported this past weekend that a 16-year-old pupil was so emotionally drained that she had to look for another school to continue with her education following a degrading experience she allegedly faced at the hands of the deputy principal.

The 16-year-old, who was doing Form II at her previous school, has this year been forced to redo this grade at another school after failing to obtain good marks last year due to what is viewed by her parent as a depressing ordeal. The Deputy Principal Zekhaya Dlamini is accused of calling her by the name of her sponsor, World Vision, in front of other pupils several times, something the pupil felt was degrading her and placed a stigma on her given her needy state as an orphaned and vulnerable child. It is alleged that this went on for some time, resulting in the matter being reported to the Shiselweni Regional Education Officer (REO) Siboniso Gumbi for action.

The teacher said it was meant to be a joke with the office of the deputy prime minister viewing it as a bad joke.

World Vision when reached on the matter if it is true said it is unfortunate that the teacher has used the situation of the child to discriminate against an innocent soul, who should otherwise be thankful to God for providing support to keep the child in class.

"We would advocate for full investigation of this teacher by the appropriate ministry to curb such behaviour in future. Thousands of children across the country in governments or church schools, are on some form of education assist - a grant, OVC grant by govern-

ment and its partners, scholarships and other means and these should be made to feel safe in schools by dealing with such teachers.

..."We are discouraging such behaviour and our greatest wish is to see all children getting quality education to contribute to the socio-economic situation of the country in the near future"



ment and its partners, scholarships and other means and these should be made to feel safe in schools by dealing with such teachers.

"We are discouraging such behaviour and our greatest wish is to see all children getting quality education to contribute to the socio-economic situation of the country in the near future," said World Vision Communications Coordinator Zanele Dlamini.

Dlamini said although they were not aware of any other similar cases the organisation has faced in the past pertaining to its sponsored children, but this is an unfortunate incident which they are really discouraging. She stated that child sponsorship is the backbone of World Vision's development and funding model.

She said the premise of child sponsorship is made through pulled sponsorship resources or funds and that World Vision using the resources, works and improves the environment where the child lives in.

"Improvements are in provision of clean water by drilling boreholes, constructing reticulated water schemes, constructing classroom blocks, toilets in schools and households. We further supply schools with furniture, books, provide school uniforms for vulnerable children and in some rare cases we pay school fees.

"World Vision further engages communities in other forms of development across key objectives, which include

the protection of children from diseases and infections, promoting nutrition of children, children enjoy love of God and neighbours and children are able to read and write," she disclosed.

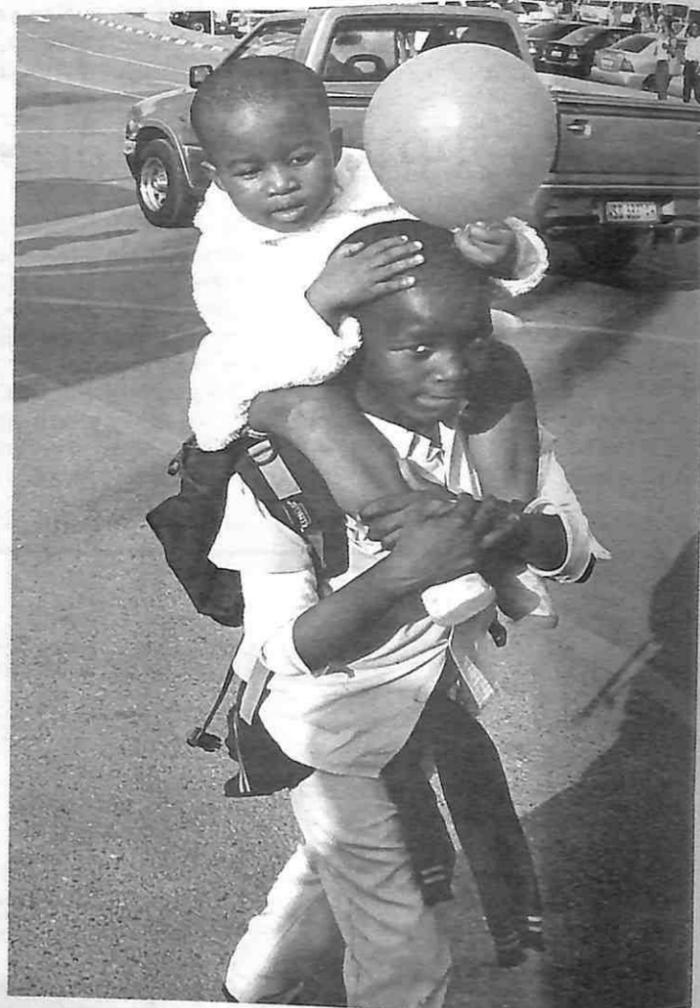
She also stated that while benefits in target communities, tend to be inclusive and cover all children in targeted areas, some 'special needs cases' like orphans and vulnerable children are given special attention as per their needs. She said their vision for every child is life in all its fullness and therefore children not able to enjoy this will need to be assisted to be like all other children in the community.

"Yes special needs support could be in school fees, uniforms, clothing, food, medical assistance, economic empowerment etc.

"Our sponsorship programme currently has access of 53 000 children with varying benefits packages that is group and communal to individual's benefits. Notable group benefits have been the construction of 25 reticulated water schemes supplying water to schools and children's homes, neighbourhood care points, clinics, educational material (computers, books, furniture), hundreds of boreholes and establishment of garden schemes at household and communal level," she stated.

The communications coordinator also revealed that same services are implemented by World Vision in the above-mentioned sponsored child's school and community in general.

## A brother's love...



**FREE RIDE:** A pupil from one of the primary schools in Mbabane carries his younger sister on their way home after school. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

## 'Baby dumper' taken for psychiatric evaluation

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**THE court has ordered that a 31-year-old woman should be taken for psychiatric evaluation after she was found to have thrown her new born baby in a pit latrine.**

Phikisile Nkambule of Hhukwini area was arrested and charged with attempted murder after she was said to have thrown her new born baby in a pit latrine after giving birth.

### Charged

According to her charge sheet, Nkambule was charged with the offence of attempted murder when she was found to have, on September

14, 2019 at Hhukwini, wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally attempted to kill her female newborn baby by throwing her into a pit latrine after giving birth, thus committing the offence.

### Custody

During her appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu last Wednesday, the prosecution applied for Nkambule to be remanded into custody until Friday, pending her committal to the High Court.

The prosecution further applied for Nkambule to be taken for psychiatric evaluation, to determine whether she was of sound mind to stand trial, an application which was granted by the court.

# Principal concerned as pupils involved in dagga dealing

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI  
Pigg's Peak

**PUPILS** around Northern Hhohho region reportedly have more money than their teachers.

This was alleged at Nkonyeni High School during a speech and prize giving day held on Friday.

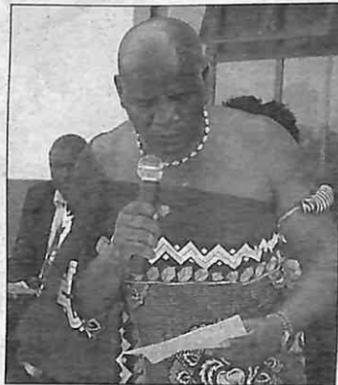
Principal Ntombi Adigbo-Dlamini informed parents and invited guests that learners at the school had more money than their parents and teachers.

She said with the learners having more money than teachers, it becomes difficult for teachers to control them.

As if to prove that the learners had money, during the event a lot of money was thrown around by the



**CONCERNED:** Nkonyeni High School Principal Ntombi Adigbo Dlamini speaks during the Speech and Prize Giving Day held at the school on Friday. (R) The Senate Deputy President Ndumiso Mdluli was also present. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



pupils. During *Ummiso* and *Sibhaca* dances, whilst parents and guests

showed their appreciation with money ranging from E10 to E50 to

the dancing groups, the pupils 'showered' the dancers with E100 notes which were mainly in South African currency.

More than 15 R100 notes were thrown around by the learners. The area's Umphakatsi Acting Chief Mpila concurred with the principal that learners in that school seem to have money.

Mpila said it was shocking to see a pupil going to work on dagga fields after school.

He wondered as to when the children get time to study.

Mpila said parents are the ones who are destroying the children's future by letting them work on dagga fields. The acting chief said parents should always pay attention to their children.

## Ministry also concerned

**THE** ministry of education and training is concerned with the dwindling academic performance in Northern Hhohho schools.

It is said this was because learners skipped classes to work in dagga fields.

This has had negative effects on the end of year results for Northern Hhohho schools as they are now trailing behind when it comes to the passing rate. This concern was raised by the Hhohho Regional Education Office through Religious Inspector Patricia Mahlobo during a speech and prize event at Nkonyeni High School.

Nkonyeni High School is located in Pigg's Peak, one of the places where dagga cultivation is rife. Mahlobo minced no words when she said it is a known fact that learners around Northern Hhohho had a tendency of skipping classes to cultivate dagga.

She reminded parents that the ministry emphasised that every child must go to school. She said teachers in schools around Hhohho have been complaining of one and the same thing. Mahlobo said teachers have been reporting that there is a period where learners abscond classes for a lengthy period and that is usually around the time when dagga is ready for harvesting "*tikhatsi tekulova tiyatiwa kule region*".

Mahlobo further pointed out that pupils around these schools always have cash. The inspector warned parents that allowing their children to work on dagga fields is a serious crime. She said children were protected by the Constitution and by allowing them to work in dagga fields parents could be charged with Child Labour or be charged for contravening the Child Protection Act.



A section of those who attended the event.

## Pupils sleep during exams - Regional Inspector

**A study conducted has shown that learners around Northern Hhohho region sleep during examinations.**

This is because learners work at night harvesting dagga before attending classes the following day.

This was revealed by Regional Inspector Patricia Mahlobo

when speaking on behalf of the Hhohho Regional Office at Nkonyeni High School during the speech and prize day last week Friday.

The inspector said the study showed that learners do not come to class and they also sleep during exams as they work all night harvesting dagga.

Mahlobo made a plea to parents to assist teachers by not letting their children work in dagga fields.

Mahlobo said this not only destroyed the child's future, but it also takes a toll on principals as they are always stressed about the poor performance of their schools.



A learner receives her prize from the deputy Senate President whilst her mother looks on.

## 19 learners drop out of school

**ABOUT 19 learners have dropped out at Nkonyeni High School this year.**

The school has an enrolment of 520 pupils. It is said the majority of the drop outs were males. This high number of male learners who drop out of school was associated with the dagga dealings happening at the area.

Principal Ntombi Adigbo-Dlamini revealed that out of the 19 learners who dropped out 11

were doing Form Two. She urged the ministry of education to provide them with counselors who will instill the values of education to the learners. Despite all the challenges that the school goes through, it has been hailed as one of the schools that has achieved a great milestone.

Nkonyeni High started operating in 2008 with only 17 learners, but now has over 500 learners.

## Nkonyeni pupils empowered ahead of final exams

**SENATE** Deputy President Ndumiso Mdluli has encouraged Nkonyeni learners to focus on their books as they will be sitting for their final examinations soon.

He said he was proud to point out that Nkonyeni High School which started operating in 2008 had a potential to become a pace setter in academic excellence in the country.

He said it was inspiring to witness a school that is raising the bar high in its quest for excellence in academic performance in the classroom.

Mdluli was speaking during the speech and prize giving day held at the school on Friday.

He said success was a product of a collective effort by all the critical players in the education of a child.

He applauded the Principal of the School Ntombi Adigbo-Dlamini and the entire leadership structure for driving the school's vision through outstanding leadership qualities that are conducive to learning.

Mdluli pointed out that the principal stood out from the crowd and made a difference to the children of the school.

The deputy president said leaders were visionaries who see what other people do not add that they were not merely managers of the status quo.

Speaking about the event itself, Mdluli said it was a way of celebrating academic excellence and to give recognition to the pupils who has excelled in various academic disciplines in the classroom.

He said teachers should always be inspired when they witness visible outcomes of their hard work in the classroom. Mdluli explained that teachers toil night and day to inject knowledge and knowhow in a child's mind and expect the best results.

He said he noted with delight that they were honouring learners who have stood out from the crowd and excelled in the classroom environment.

Mdluli said the prizes that learners received in recognition of their respective accomplishments may look small, but they carry a lot of goodwill from thankful hearts for a job well done.

He said the gifts were not an end in themselves but means to an end.

Mdluli said their dream was to energise learners and arm them with added motivation to take gallant strides in their march towards the attainment of even higher levels of performance.

Mdluli told the learners that their success was a product of a three-party alliance involving them, the teachers and their parents.

"The sacrificial input of your parents will always be part of your success story," Mdluli said.

He urged learners to never fall into the temptation of pushing their parents to the backseat after using them as stepping stones to academic successes.



**WELL DONE:** Mdluli presents one of the best performing learners with money.



Pupils performing ummiso during the event.



**BEARING FRUIT:** Dentec Aerospace National Sales Manager Bheki Hlatshwayo presents gifts to Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini during the show. (Pics: Sifiso Dlamini)



**AIR-SHOW:** Some of the planes at the air show before taking off. **INSET -** More of the acrobatics displayed by the pilots.

## Air-show provides opportunity for new company

**STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI**  
*Matsapha*

**DENTEC Aerospace, a newly registered company aims to set up shop in Eswatini.**

The company took advantage of the 2019 Air-show to announce their arrival.

Dentec Aerospace National Sales Manager Bheki Hlatshwayo said the newly-registered company was optimistic and excited about setting up shop in the country.

He said the company offices were located at Lihaga Building in Manzini, office number 303 third floor. He said they attended the air-show to display guide control gears, adding that they provided services for the army and the police.

Hlatshwayo said among the equipment they provided were bullet proof vests, uniforms and boots as well as

airplane parts.

"We established our local office this year, our main office is in South Africa, where we have been providing the same services and gear for the past six years," he added.

He said the exhibit on Saturday at the air show was their first in Eswatini since the company had just been registered in the country.

He said since the establishment of the offices, they have been conducting marketing exercises, hence the decision to showcase their products on Saturday.

Hlatshwayo stated that they wanted to expose their services to the public, as well as the army who were their major clients.

He said they had future plans and would also like to establish a manufacturing base in the country. He said if the sales improved, they aimed to start having an operation in Matsapha.



**GIFTS:** Dentec Aerospace National Sales Manager Bheki Hlatshwayo and Mazwa Mtetwa present gifts to Prince Sicalo.



**GEAR:** Some of the equipment provided by Dentec Aerospace, including bullet proof vests, armour gear as well as boots.

## SAAF pilot loves Eswatini

**SOUTH African Air Force pilot Captain Alex Albasini says he enjoyed the show and was looking forward to coming back to Eswatini.**

"I am really enjoying myself here; I love this country and all that comes with it. I want to come back here."

Captain Albasini is a member of the Falcon Seven Silver Falcons from the South African Air Force.

Albasini was one of the pilots who were showcasing their skills at the Eswatini Air-show, which took place over the weekend.

He said he was excited and impressed by the kindness and hospitality shown by Emaswati. "You guys are very amazing and we have been accepted as part of the family from the moment we got here, the hospitality is very amazing and the people are great," he said.

He added that he struggled a bit with the high temperatures because when they took off from the Western Cape it was raining.

The pilot said flying for everyone was great since it was all they wanted to do from as far back as they were children.

He mentioned that there were different routes that one could take to become a pilot which was the civilian route as well as the military



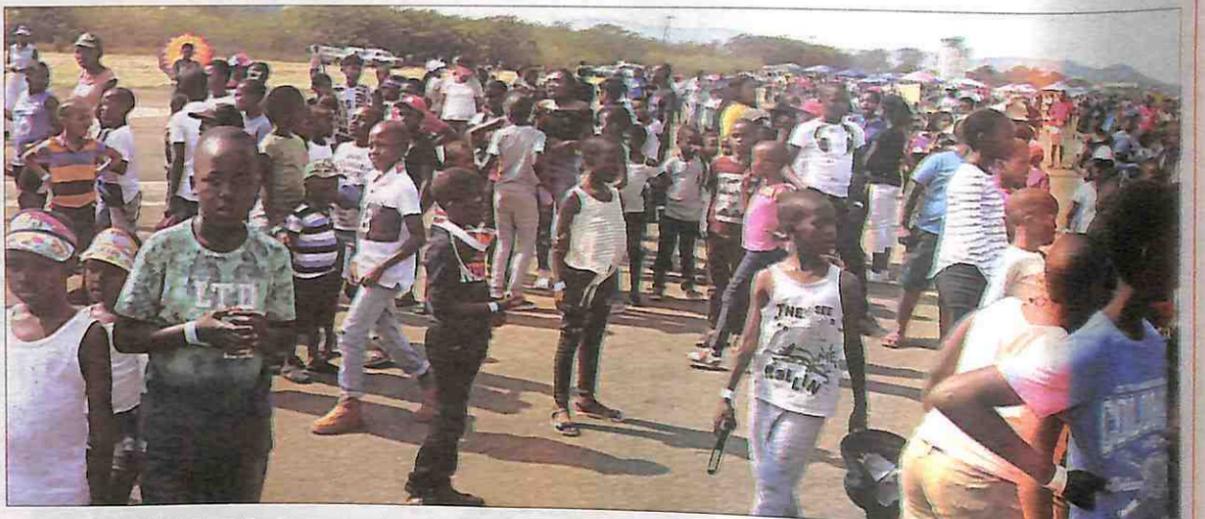
**THRILLED:** Captain Alex Albasini.

route which he opted for.

He said aviation was a profession everyone could pursue and during the show they aimed to inspire people to take up the profession.

He added that the requirement for someone to become a pilot was math and physics in high school, there were also a few measurements that one needed to go through as a pilot could not be too short or too tall as they would not be able to reach all the controls.

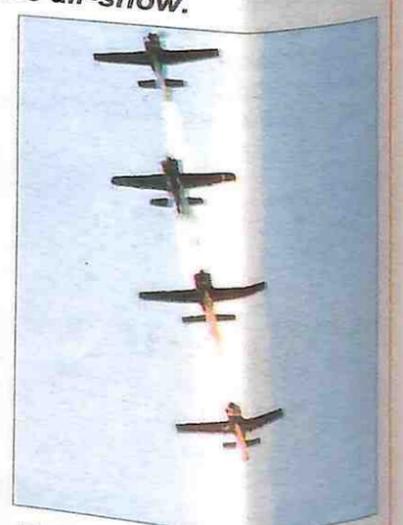
He further encouraged all locals who were interested in the profession to consider taking it up. He said he was looking forward to the next air show in Eswatini as he thoroughly enjoyed his time in the Kingdom.



**IN THEIR NUMBERS:** Hundreds of children had a field day at the air-show.

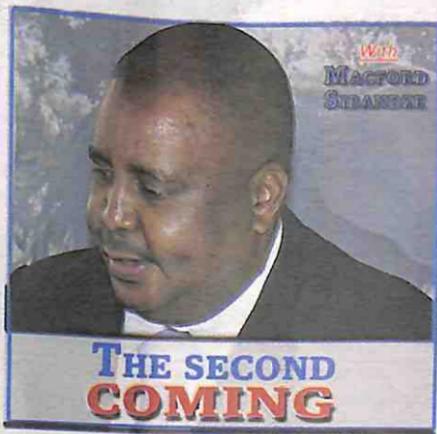


**HOSTESSES:** VIP section hostesses Zinhle Dlamini, Sincobile Mavundla and Tebenguni Mthethwa take a breather while enjoying the show.



**FORMATION:** Pilots do their thing in perfect formation during the show.

# R. KELLY: A MUSICAL GIANT DWARFED BY SEXUAL DEMONS!



ASK me either in Portuguese, French or Mandarin, day or night and I will tell you without scratching my head that R. Kelly is the greatest musician of all time.

You don't bag 110 A-LIST Awards which include the prestigious Grammy Award, BET Award, Soul Train Award and MTV Award, if you are ordinary.

So R. Kelly is, by all stretch of imagination, extra-ordinary, par excellence; musically, so to speak. And for all his 'sins' I still play his music because no regime can legislate me to like or dislike.

## DEMONS

Once again, ask me in Spanish, Italian or Latin, day or night and I will tell you without a stammer that this great musician is haunted by sexual demons.

And demons are like a SMALL axe that cuts BIG trees. Many, a giant, have crumbled and crushed; DOWN TO THE GROUND.

And the biggest limitation is DENIAL; from those possessed; worse; from those who idolise the stars. And that's my issue for today; seeing beyond the GLITTER OF THE STARS.

## 'ACTOR' AND 'CHARACTER'

We have to understand that stars are human beings not arch angels; and they make horrendous mistakes just like everyone else.

And we must deeply understand the 'distance' between actor and character; profession and personality; that what you see on stage can be a performance; a cynical contradiction to the person's character. Eg... a talented gospel singer may not live up to the expectations of the 'child of God.'

## INCARCERATION

There's this perception that when a black successful person in America faces 'prosecution' it is 'persecution!' And by that I don't ignore the US's racial shenanigans! But we have to look deep into the core of the matter.

## MICHAEL JACKSON

Michael Jackson had so many 'demons' of allegedly sodomising young boys.

Instead of dealing with an issue of a paedophilia there were so many theories that were



FROM HERO TO ZERO: Rythm and Blues icon R. Kelly.



advanced; some unintelligible and thinly articulated.

Few wanted to interrogate the fact that; why more than 20 fingers point at the mega star for one and the same issue. Why him? And that's how the story of R. Kelly is treated instead of getting into the bottom of the matter.

Why not diagnose the ailment; so that he gets psychological remedy; because the star is sick. Spare me SUB JUDICE. Please! There is a killer on the rampage. And for your own information; I AM SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED!

## PEDOPHILIA

The star has an overdose of pedophilia; children as young as 15 turn him on; this is a sickness. And it has been going on for more than 30 years. Young girls are vulnerable and have to be protected.

## KIP-KIP

At KIP-KIP some of us were trusted by parents with their precious jewels as young as eight years and we protected them. We saw

“ Once again, ask me in Spanish, Italian or Latin, day or night and I will tell you without a stammer that this great musician is haunted by sexual demons. ”

them blossom to adults. It's a responsibility of a man to protect girls.

Today, they are adults and have good stories to tell about us. Here is a man; with opportunities to date even the grand-daughter of Queen Elizabeth but pounces on children. It's a sickness.

This is a patient in a mental medical award! He needs psychiatric attention not a PR! Instead of making an appointment for him to get help, for counselling, we bury our heads in the sand because of idolatry.

## TURN BACK THE HANDS OF TIME?

Like I said I love him too and as I write this I am playing his greatest song; IF I COULD TURN BACK THE HANDS OF TIME! Just like his song, I wish I COULD TURN BACK THE HANDS OF TIME to the day the father of contemporary R'nB was ravaged by this DEMON.

I wish I could calm the raging bull in him; extinguish the demonic fire in his soul. And if words were magical; I would have screamed; THE STORM IS OVER! Unfortunately, I see fiendish clouds in the sky.

## HISTORY

Mr Kelly has always been plagued by demons of sexual conduct. At the infancy of his career, at 27, he secretly married late top singer Aaliyah, 15 years (SODV) and produced a fraudulent certificate indicating she was 18.

To evade public ire, he produced 'AGE AINT NOTHING BUT A NUMBER' for his 'wife' Aaliyah. The marriage was nullified five years later.

## CHARGES

What followed were so many alleged preda-

tory pursuits of teenage girls. He is currently facing multiple charges of sexual assault, abuse of minors, pornography, racketeering and obstruction of justice.

It is alleged that his vice is sex orgies; sleeping with as many as six girls and then video tape the act. What is glaring is that 99 per cent of the 52 year-old's victims are children; soft targets; like I argued; a typical case of pedophilia.

## SOS

The musical giant; also abused as a child; is mentally sick; drastically craving attention; and is sending an SOS; the wrong way as he relive and avenge his sexual assault as an eight-year-old by older females.

## THE REAL STORY

That's the real story we should tackle not trivialise a serious issue of how psychological scars trigger and re-invent themselves into a vortex of serial vengeful attacks. Let's stop the denial; the racial slurs; the defence mechanism; and help a man in need of serious help. Don't we see our defence enterprise always leave us with a big ostrich egg on our faces.

## TIGER WOODS

Tiger Woods was attacked by these demons; instead of delivering him we went for the racial card...blah...blah...blah. Mr Woods confronted his demons and confessed: We became the biggest fools.

In the marathon case of OJ Simpson; killing his wife, Nicole Brown and boyfriend, Ron Goldman; we said it's the 'Whites hating the Black successful brother.' Years later, after winning the case, Simpson confessed to killing her out of jealousy. We lost again.

## BOOTLICKING

In an amplitude test of BOOTLICKING I always score ZERO. And this has become my strength and weakness. To me WRONG is WRONG; to my hero, friend, child and colleague; WRONG is just WRONG. I hate POSTURING!

That's why I have become absent in the public gallery. I chose the painful part of LONELINESS. I know after this article I will be attacked for opening people to the REALITY of a STAR who is haunted by demons.

## TOR. KELLY WITH LOVE

To those who advocate that we BOYCOT his music; SORRY I WON'T DO IT and to those who advocate we must DEFEND him for destroying lives of vulnerable teenage girls; SORRY I WON'T DO IT!

And if he continues producing A-LIST music let him win AWARDS and HEARTS. And if he is found GUILTY... 'ROMEO MUST DIE!' But more importantly, it is time he has a conversation with his INNERSELF and exorcise his DEMONS.



# WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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## THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 2017

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THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018  
(Act No. 12 of 2018)



I ASSENT

MSWATI III  
King of Eswatini  
21<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

AN ACT  
ENTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, 1938 so as to provide for the time frame for the use of previous convictions, the access to records of previous convictions and the use of records of previous convictions.

ENACTED by the King and the Parliament of Eswatini

*Short Title Commencement*

1. (1) This Act may be cited as The Criminal Procedure and Evidence (Amendment) Act, 2018 and shall be read as one with the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, 1938, hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act".

(2) This Act shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette.

*Amendment of Section 2*

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by adding in alphabetical order, the following interpretations as follows -

"child" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Children's Protection and Welfare Act No.6 of 2012; and

"child offender" means a child who has been convicted by a court of law.

*Amendment of Section 287*

3. Section 287 of the Principal Act is amended by adding sections 287bis, 287ter, and 287quater as follows -

*Validity of previous conviction of child offender*

287 bis. (1) A record of a previous conviction of a child offender shall not be valid after the

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(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the record of a previous conviction of a child offender shall be disclosed and used for the purpose of -

(a) Crime detection;

(b) Investigation of an offence; and

(c) Use in prosecution,

even after serving a sentence.

*Validity of a previous conviction of an adult*

287 ter (1) A record of a previous conviction of an adult shall be valid for the period of the length of the sentence imposed by the courts as outlined in the sixth schedule.

(2) The Minister may, after consultation with Cabinet, amend the sixth schedule.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the validity of a previous conviction of an adult shall not apply for purposes of education and employment.

*Access to and use of a record of previous conviction*

287 quater (1) A person shall not have access to or use a record of previous conviction of any person after the expiry of the valid time allocated under sections 287bis and 287ter except for use in -

(a) Crime detection;

(b) Investigation of an offence; or

(c) Prosecution.

(2) A person who intends to have access to, or use of, an expired record of previous conviction for any purpose, other than the mentioned in subsection (1), shall obtain a court order for the purpose.

(3) A record of previous conviction of any person shall not be used in the consideration of education or employment.

(4) A person who contravenes sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand Emalangeni or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three years or both.

*Schedule*

4. The Principal Act is amended by adding a Sixth schedule immediately after the Fifth Schedule as follows -

*Sixth Schedule*

VALIDITY OF RECORD OF PREVIOUS CONVICTION AS REFERRED TO IN SECTION 287 TER

(a) One month to twelve months valid for one year.

(b) Two years, valid for three years;



- (c) Three years, valid for four years;
- (d) Four years, valid for five years;
- (e) Five years, valid for six years;
- (f) Six years valid for seven years;
- (g) Seven years valid for eight years;
- (h) Eight years, valid for nine years; and
- (i) Nine years and above, valid for ten years.

## THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

### A BILL

#### Entitled

An Act to amend the Small Claims Court Act, 2011 so as to assign the Judiciary with jurisdiction over the Small Claims Court in conformity with Section 139 of the Constitution of Swaziland Act, 2005 and provide for incidental matters.

Enacted by the King and the Parliament of Swaziland.

#### Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Small Claims Court (Amendment) Act, 2017 and shall be read as one with the Small Claims Court Act, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as "principal Act").

(2) This Act shall come into force on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.

#### Amendment of Section 1

2. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by replacing the figure "2008" therein with the figure "2011".

#### Amendment of Section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended -

(a) in subsection (1) by replacing the words "The Minister, after consultation with the Chief Justice" with the words "The Chief Justice, after consultation with the Minister"; and

(b) in subsection (2) by replacing the words

"Where the minister deems it necessary and expedient, the Minister or a principal magistrate of a Region, if so authorised by the Minister and" with the words "Where the Chief Justice deems it necessary and expedient, the Chief Justice or a principal magistrate of a Region, if so authorised by".

(c) by adding a new subsection (3) after subsection (2) as follows -

"(3) The Judicial Service Commission, after consultation with the Minister in writing, may establish one or more boards or committees with duties and powers responsible for advising both the Minister and the Judicial Service Commission on the functioning of the courts".

#### Amendment of Section 7

4. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended -

(a) in subsection (2) by replacing the words "Minister or Attorney General" with the words "Chief Justice"; and

(b) in subsection 3 by replacing the words "Attorney General" with the words "Chief Justice".

#### Amendment of Section 10

5. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended -

(a) in subsection (1) by replacing the words "the Minister in consultation with the Chief Justice" with the words "the Judicial Service Commission";

(b) in the last sentence of subsection (4) by replacing the word "Minister" with the words "Judicial Service Commission";

(c) in subsections (5); (6) and (7) by replacing the word "minister" with the words "Judicial Service Commission";

(d) in subsection (5) delete the section and replace with the a new one as follows

"(5) A commissioner shall hold office for a period to be determined by the Judicial Service Commission".

#### Amendment of Section 16

6. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended

(a) in subsection (1) paragraph (a) by -

(i) replacing the words "prescribed by the Minister" with the words "prescribed by the Chief Justice";

(ii) deleting the words "the Attorney General and"; and

(iii) replacing, in the last line, the words "Chief Justice" with the word "Minister";

(b) in subsection (1) paragraphs (c); (d); (e); (f) and (g) by replacing the word "Minister" with the words "Chief Justice"; and

(c) in subsection (2) by replacing the word "Minister" with the words "Chief Justice".

#### Amendment of Section 17

7. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) by replacing the word "Minister" with the words "Chief Justice" wherever it appears.

#### Amendment of Section 26

8. Section 26 of the principal Act is amended -

(a) by deleting the heading of the section and replacing it with a new heading as follows - "Power of Minister to make Regulations and Chief Justice to make rules"

(b) in subsection (1) by replacing the phrase "The Minister may make regulations or rules regulating the following matters in respect of small claims courts -" with the phrase "The Minister may, where appropriate, make regulations for

better carrying into effect the objectives or provisions of this Act and the Chief Justice shall, in accordance with this section, make rules on -";

(c) in subsection (1) paragraph (d) by deleting the whole paragraph (d) and;

(d) in subsection (1) paragraph (e) by deleting the whole paragraph and substituting it with a new paragraph as follows -

"(d) any other matter that may be prescribed by rules for better carrying out the objectives or provisions of this Act".

(e) renumbering subsections (2), (3) and (4) and the paragraphs accordingly.

#### Amendment of Section 36

9. Section 36 is amended in subsection (1) by replacing the section with a new section (1) as follows -

"(1) If a defendant upon a summons having been served on the defendant in terms of section 30 -

(a) admits liability and consents to judgement in writing; or

(b) fails to appear before the court on the trial date or on any date to which the proceedings have been postponed,

the court may, on application by the plaintiff, grant judgement for the plaintiff in so far as liability and the amount of the claim to the satisfaction of the court, and the court may dismiss any counterclaim by the defendant."

# 1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

**IN our culture a child does not only belong to his/her parents but to the community as a whole.**

We all become responsible for the upbringing of a child. Emotional abuse can then be defined as: "Inflicting or failing to reasonably prevent others from inflicting mental or emotional injury that damages a child's growth, development, or psychological effectiveness."

It is important to know what this form of abuse is and how we can prevent it for a better tomorrow as children are our future.

Emotional child abuse is injury which results in diminished psychological growth and development.

It involves words, actions and in consequence.

Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development.

It may involve conveying to children that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. Abusers constantly reject, ignore, belittle, dominate and criticize the victims.

### Development

It may feature age- or developmentally inappropriate expectations being obligatory on children.

These may include dealings that are beyond the child's developmental capability, as well as over-protection and limitation of exploration and learning, or preventing the child contributing in normal social interaction.

It may involve serious bullying causing children frequently to feel frightened or in peril, or the misuse or dishonesty of children. Emotional abuse may occur within families, corporations, health care, religious and quasi-religious settings.

Examples of emotional child abuse are verbal abuse; excessive demands on a child's performance; penalising a child for positive, normal behaviour (smiling, exploration, vocalisation, manipulation of objects); discouraging caregiver and infant attachment; penalizing a child for demonstrating signs of positive self-esteem; and penalising a child for using interpersonal skills needed for adequate performance in school and peer groups. Exposing children to family violence and unwillingness or inability to provide affection or



## THAT IS EMOTIONAL CHILD ABUSE, IT MUST COME TO AN END

stimulation for the child in the course of daily care may also result in emotional abuse.

How you identify emotional abuse. Although emotional abuse can hurt as much as physical abuse, it can be harder to identify because the marks are left on the inside instead of the outside. Caregivers can also closely observe children's behaviours and personalities.

Children suffering from emotional abuse are often extremely loyal to the parent, afraid of being punished if they report abuse, or think that this type of abuse is a normal way of life.

Behavioural indicators of an emotionally abused child include inappropriate behaviour that is immature or more mature for the child's age, dramatic behaviour, aggressiveness, uncooperativeness, bedwetting and destructive or antisocial behaviour.

### Relationship

Furthermore, poor relationships with peers, lack of self-confidence, unusual fears for the child's age (fear of going home, being left alone, specific objects), or inability to react with emotion or develop an emotional bond with others are also indicators. Convincingly, any of the above behaviours may also be seen in normal children, but a change in pattern of these behaviours is a strong indicator of emotional abuse.

Who are the perpetrators? Almost any adult involved in a relationship with a child is a potential perpetrator. Parents, teachers, pastors, social workers, neighbours, lawyers, or judges may all be capable of emotional maltreatment. Common

characteristics of the abusing adult include blaming or belittling the child in public, describing the child negatively, always assuming the child is at fault, having unrealistic expectations of the child, openly admitting to disliking or hating the child, threatening the child with severe punishment, withdrawing comfort as a means of discipline, being emotionally cold and un-supportive, suffering from alcohol and drug abuse, and possessing a violent nature.

### Effects

What are the effects? The consequences of emotional child abuse can be serious and long-term. Many research studies conclude that psychopathologic symptoms are more likely to develop in emotionally abused children. These children may experience a lifelong pattern of depression, estrangement, anxiety, low self-esteem, inappropriate or troubled relationships, or a lack of empathy.

During their childhood, victims may fail to thrive or their developmental progress may be halted. Some may also become poorly adjusted emotionally and psychologically.

As teenagers, they find it difficult to trust, participate in and achieve happiness in interpersonal relationships, and resolve the complex feelings left over from their childhoods. As adults, they may have trouble recognising and appreciating the needs and feelings of their own children and emotionally abuse them as well. In short the habit of being abusive becomes a cycle.

# Wit and Wisdom

● Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.  
- *Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)*

● Deal with the faults of others as gently as your own.  
- *Chinese Proverb*

● Justice is truth in action.  
- *Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)*

● A new broom sweeps clean but an old broom knows the corners.  
- *Virgin Islander (on friendship)*

● Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and he'll eat forever.  
- *Chinese Proverb*

● He who has a why to live can bear almost any how.  
- *Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)*

● Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted.  
- *unknown*

● Lost time is never found again.  
- *Ben Franklin (1706-1790)*

● The wise understand by themselves; fools follow the reports of others.  
- *Tibetan (on wisdom)*

● One should speak little with others and much with oneself.  
*Danish (on the conduct of life)*

● When you say one thing, the clever person understands three.  
- *Chinese (on wisdom)*

● Plan your life like you will live forever, and live your life like you will die the next day.  
- *unknown, courtesy of Bryan Sullivan*

● Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar.  
- *William Wordsworth (1770-1850)*

● A proverb is one man's wit and all men's wisdom.  
- *Lord John Russell (1792-1878)*

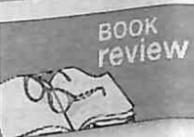
● A blind person who sees is better than a seeing person who is blind.  
- *Iranian (on wisdom)*

● A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.  
- *American (on proverbs)*

● Economy is the wealth of the poor and the wisdom of the rich.  
*French (on thrift)*

● Even a fish wouldn't get into trouble if it kept its mouth shut.  
- *Korean (on common sense)*

● He that respects himself is safe from others.  
- *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-*



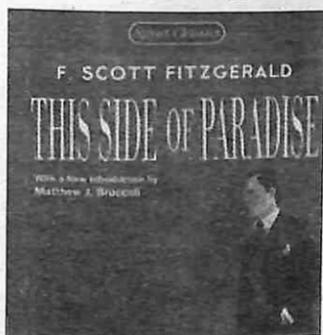
## MBABANE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

By Bongani Mkhonta

### This Side Of Paradise - By F Scott Fitzgerald

CONSIDERED scandalous and brilliant when it was published in 1920, this side of paradise describes the intellectual, and sexual education of young Amory Blaine in the tumultuous America of the early 1900s.

Highly sophisticated yet hopelessly romantic, Amory flounders from prep school to Princeton to glittering Jazz Age New York, confident that he is destined for greatness but unsure how to go about it. Fitzgerald's razor sharp re-creation of a defiant, disillusioned generation 'grown up to find all Gods dead, all wars fought, all faiths in man shaken' makes this side of paradise



a timeless autobiographical novel of youth and alienation. It moves from tenderness to cynism to hope with the grace and power that make Fitzgerald one of the greatest of American writers

### THE CIDER HOUSE RULES - BY JOHN IRVING

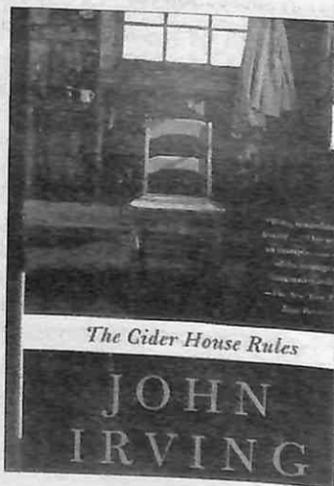
FIRST published in 1985, The Cider House Rules is set in rural Maine in the first half of the twentieth century.

The novel tells the story of Dr Wilbur Larch - saint and obstetrician, founder and director of the orphanage in the town of St Cloyud's ether addict and abortionist.

This is also the story of Dr. Larch's favourite orphan, Homer wells, who is never adopted.

The book is superb in scope and originality, a novel as good as one could hope to find from any author, anywhere, anytime.

It is engrossing, moving and



thoroughly satisfying.

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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
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 24 SEPT 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.7256	14.7756
British Pound/SZL	18.5167	18.5796
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3012	7.3240
Swiss France/SZL	14.8608	14.9053
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3459	1.3623
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0193	10.0548
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.1028	11.1388
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.2777	16.3329
Gold	1,504.9821	
Oil	65.14	

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# High Level Business Conference to kick-start e-Commerce launch

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

FOLLOWING His Majesty King Mswati III's official endorsement of the launch of the e-Commerce Platform in the Kingdom of Eswatini, preparations for the historic two-day event are already at an advanced stage.

The launch, which takes place between October 3-4, will begin with a high level Business Conference that will address key areas affecting intra-African trade; as well as how the e-Commerce Platform can be effectively used to support the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The AfCFTA officially entered into force on July 7, 2019 during an African Union Extra-Ordinary Session held in Niamey, Niger. It was during the same meeting, where Eswatini was officially unveiled as hosts of the African Electronic Trade (AeTrade) Group for the Southern African region.

This project is tipped to create between 2 000 and 4 000 jobs in the next four years.

Minister of Commerce, Industry



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III with AeTrade Group CEO Muluaem Syoum at Lozitha Palace recently.

and Trade Manqoba Khumalo said a Business Conference, to be held on October 3 at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini, would set the tone for the main event scheduled for the Mandvulo Grand Hall the following day.

"The conference will include Business to Business Forums, Plenary Sessions, Panel Discussions and a high level Public Private Partnership (PPP) Dialogue.

Some of the topics to be discussed

include; Towards an integrated, digitally connected and prosperous continent, What are the priorities beyond the launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area? MSME Empowerment Training and Capacity Building in Africa as well as Innovative Financing and Logistics Services for Business.

Others will be Digital Infrastructure in Southern Africa and how ready are we and also Public Private Partnerships for e-Government and

e-Commerce Development in Africa," he said.

He added that in between the sessions there will be presentations from some of Africa's economic experts and politicians as well as Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of AeTrade Group, Muluaem Syoum, the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo and Montigny Managing Director Andrew le Roux, amongst others.

"Also expected to be in attendance are a number of the continent's former and current Heads of State, representatives of the African Union Commission, SADC Ministers of Trade, representatives of the African Development Bank and Afrexim Bank, representatives of various Regional Economic Communities (RECS), as well as private sector representatives, amongst others," he said.

The minister further stated that there would be the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the AeTrade Group and the COMESA Business Council.

# CBE MAINTAINS DISCOUNT RATE AT 6.5 PERCENT

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) has decided to maintain the discount rate at 6.5 per cent after considering global, regional and domestic economic developments.

This was decided by the CBE during a meeting with Monetary Policy

Consultative Committee (MPCC) to consider the appropriate monetary policy stance for the upcoming two months last Friday.

This means banks will maintain their lending rates on loans dispersed to individuals and businesses until the next monetary policy meeting.

Overall, inflation remains low indicating that the growth rate of the cost

of goods and services is slow. The bank holds the view that the cost of goods and services will continue to increase at a slower pace.

According to a statement released by CBE Governor Majozi Sithole, the global economy was estimated to have grown by 3.6 per cent in 2018 and the forecast for 2019 had been revised down to 3.2 per cent (from 3.3 per cent), while the economic activity (GDP) increased by 4.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis (seasonally adjusted) in the first quarter of 2019.

The main contributing sectors were manufacturing, wholesale and retail as well as agriculture and forestry.

### Observed

He said the bank had also observed heightening uncertainty arising from trade tensions, geopolitical developments and declining business confidence, which continue to pose downside risks to the global growth outlook.

"Inflation in advanced economies remains stable and below target and global monetary policy remains largely accommodative with the US having effected cuts in both its July and September 2019 meetings.

"In South Africa, the economy grew by an annualised 3.1 per cent in the second quarter of 2019 following a contraction of the same magnitude in the previous quarter.

"GDP growth forecast remains unchanged at 0.6 per cent in 2019, while the forecast for 2020 and 2021 decreased to 1.5 per cent and 1.8 per cent from 1.8 per cent and 2.0 per

cent forecasted in July, respectively. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) maintained its benchmark repo rate at 6.5 per cent on September 19, 2019," he said.

He noted that, on the domestic front, revised figures indicated that the economy grew by 2.4 per cent in 2018 from two per cent in 2017 and that on a quarterly basis, real GDP growth marginally increased by 0.9 per cent (quarter-on-quarter) in the first quarter of 2019 from a 7.2 per cent growth recorded in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Sithole further mentioned that the notable increase on a year-on-year basis largely benefitted from improvements in the secondary sector which expanded by 6.9 per cent (year-on-year) in the first quarter of 2019 compared to 3.8 per cent in the previous quarter.

Then governor further mentioned that the bank's quarterly inflation was forecasted to average 1.96 per cent in the third quarter, down from 2.17 per cent, before increasing to 2.04 per cent in the fourth quarter (down from 2.33 per cent).

"The average inflation forecast for 2019 has therefore been revised down from 2.87 per cent to 2.71 per cent," he said.

He stated that the bank would continue to monitor international and domestic developments that influence the movements of inflation and will act appropriately in line with its core mandate of fostering price and financial stability that is conducive to the economic development in Eswatini.



## PRE REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS (PRES) FOR PROSPECTIVE GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS DATES FOR THE EXAMINATION

1. Part 1 of Pre-Registration examination will be held on the **8th of November 2019**
  2. Part 11 of the Pre-Registration Examination will be held from **22nd - 24th of November 2019**
  3. Closing date for Applications is **14th of October 2019**
- All applications should be read in conjunction with the SMDC application rules and procedures according to the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act of 1970.

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# 14 SCHOOLS FOR COY COMPETITION

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**AFTER a successful round of regional competitions last week, Junior Achievement Eswatini has named the 14 schools to compete in the JA Company of the Year (COY) competition.**

Some of the schools selected for the event to be held at the George Hotel on October 3 are Manzini Nazarene High, St Theresa, Vulamasango, Lusoti, Etimphisini, St Mark's, Nzongomane and Mantambe.

JA Communications and Marketing Specialist Siphesihle Mkhonta said the schools selected represented a fair distribution of all four regions in

the country and that these exhibited all the qualities expected of their project, from the product to the presentations.

"This then sets the stage where entrepreneurs in Eswatini will showcase their businesses which will be translated by the innovative products on display.

## Concerned

This year's theme "Activating Disruptors" seeks to unearth the next big names in Africa where entrepreneurship is concerned," he said.

She said the event would also be attended by JA Africa Director Elizabeth Bintliff, who will also pay courtesy visits to government officials and also tour some of the JA projects across country. "She added that the

SCHOOL	REGION	PRODUCT	URBAN/RURAL
MANZINI NAZARENE HIGH	MANZINI	FUNDZANAYE APPLICATION	URBAN
MBEKELWENI HIGH	MANZINI	SOIL TESTER	RURAL
EKUKHANYENI HIGH	MANZINI	MINI USB FAN	RURAL
ST THERESA	MANZINI	CELL PHONE CHARGING POUCH	URBAN
MJINGO HIGH	MANZINI	FOOD WARMERS	URBAN
VULAMASANGO HIGH	MANZINI	PORTABLE SAUNA STEAMER	RURAL
LUSOTI HIGH	LUBOMBO	TWO IN ONE FURNITUR PIECE (IRON PLUS MIRROR)	URBAN
ETIMPHISINI HIGH	HOOHOO	GPS TAXI TRACKER	RURAL
ST MARK'S HIGH	HOOHOO	ESWATINI CYBER TRADE PLATFORM AND ESHINE SHOE POLISH	URBAN
VELEBANTFU HIGH	SHISELWENI	SIDE LAMPS	RURAL
DWALENI HIGH	SHISELWENI	EASY COOKER	RURAL
NZONGOMANE HIGH	SHISELWENI	CONCREAT DÉCOR ITEMS	RURAL
MANTAMBE HIGH	SHISELWENI	GLUE	RURAL
NYAMANE HIGH	SHISELWENI	BOOK RENTAL SYSTEM	RURAL

winner of the competition would also represent Eswatini at the JA

Africa COY competition in December. The COY competition is Africa's pre-

miere business pitching competition for high school pupils," she said.

## ETA EMPOWERS YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mhabane

**THE ETA in partnership with Junior Achievements (JA) Eswatini hosted a seminar to empower young entrepreneurs at The George Hotel in Manzini.**

Since September is regarded as the Tourism month, the ETA took an initiative to inspire entrepreneurs about opportunities in the tourism space. The seminar was attended by over 30 young entrepreneurs from the Manzini region and beyond.

The ETA invited entrepreneurs to venture in to the tourism industry. ETA's CEO Linda Nxumalo revealed that they have noticed a gap in the tourism sector, she said the country was short of some services in the tourism sector and would invite entrepreneur to invest into tourism.

### Diversity

Nxumalo explained the diversity of the tourism sector and the benefits of the industry.

The CEO revealed that United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) encourages woman and young people to invest in the industry.

Nxumalo highlighted careers in the tourism sector that are often overlooked but can bring a sustainable income, which are blogging, influencers and tour guiding among others.



**EMPOWER: Bertha Sithole, Nathi Gule, Phumelele Motsa and JA officials pose for a group photo during the event.**

Nxumalo applauded JA Eswatini for providing the platform to the young business people to meet and be inspired.

Akhona Fakudze of Sky World travel and Tours explained the art of customer service and technology in a business to the young entrepreneurs.

He said one of the main factors that contribute to the success of a business is customer service.

### Advised

Fakudze further advised that entrepreneurs should always upskill themselves to keep up with the changing world. He advised the entrepreneurs to use social media to their advantage. He said business people should put their products out on digital spaces and market their business on the different social media platforms.

Mxolisi Mdluli of Myxo's Woza

Nawe Cultural tours advised the entrepreneurs to know what ever product they are selling to their customers.

He advised the young entrepreneurs to provide quality services in order to thrive in business.

Phumelele Motsa, a successful entrepreneur shared tips on how to set up and run a business.

Motsa touched on different challenges small businesses encounter and tips to overcome them.

Motsa also suggested that they make use of the business incubation system and youth funds put in place by the government. The ETA CEO extended the invitation to the World Tourism Day that would be celebrated at Eswatini College of Technology (ECOT) on September 27 with the theme, "Tourism and Jobs: A better future for all."

## 'Contingency plans are in place'

**JOHANNESBURG - The SA Revenue Service says it has contingency plans in place in case a planned major strike by bank employees goes ahead on Friday.**

The strike against job losses is being organised by banking union SASBO, which boasts of having 50 000 members.

The tax agency said in a statement yesterday that while it views the strike as unlikely, it is rolling out plans to make sure there is "minimal disruption to SARS services".

"In this respect, SARS will work with all role-players to avert any disruption to the country's financial system. In view of this protest action, we request patience and understanding from

taxpayers and traders." It did not say what the plans entail. Several banks have also said they have contingency plans in place to try and continue operations if the protest action proceeds.

Business Unity South Africa, on behalf of the banking sector, has lodged an urgent application to interdict the strike. The matter is to be heard in court today.

Sasbo, meanwhile, has warned South Africans to expect the banking sector to grind to a halt on Friday. "Make sure you have enough money (cash) on Thursday (tomorrow)," SASBO General Secretary Joe Kokela told Fin24 earlier in the week. "No one will be able to transact, unfortunately." *Fin24*



## SA issues \$5 billion bonds in international capital markets

**JOHANNESBURG - South Africa has issued two new bonds worth \$5 billion (R74 billion) in international capital markets, the National Treasury announced yesterday.**

In a statement National Treasury said: "The Republic of South Africa was able to successfully place US\$5 billion in bonds maturing in 2029 (10-year) and 2049 (30-year) in the international capital markets on 23 September 2019, with US\$2 billion and US\$3 billion placed in the 2029 and 2049 tranches respectively. "Due to favorable pricing and a sizeable order book,

the Republic was able to pre-fund an additional US\$1 billion over the planned US\$4 billion. Pre-funding is the early issuance of an amount planned to be issued in future years.

"This is done to take advantage of good pricing and favourable market conditions while reducing future borrowing need. The 10-year bond priced at a coupon rate and re-offer yield of 4.85 per cent which represents a spread of 313 basis points above the 10-year US Treasury benchmark bond."

The National Treasury said the 30-year bond priced at a coupon rate and

re-offer yield of 5.75 per cent which represents a spread of 358.6 basis points above the 30-year US Treasury benchmark bond. "The transaction was 2.71 oversubscribed with investor demand across Europe, North America, Asia, South America, Middle East, Africa and others," said the statement.

"In terms of investor type, demand was supported by a mixture of Fund Managers, Insurance and Pension Funds, Financial Institutions, Hedge Funds and others.

"The South African government sees the success of the transaction, believed

to be the largest ever out of sub-Saharan Africa, as an expression of investor confidence in the country's sound macro-economic policy framework and prudent fiscal management."

The National Treasury said it mandated Citi, Deutsche Bank/Nedbank (consortium), Rand Merchant Bank, and Standard Bank as Joint Bookrunners. Empowerment partners for the respective banks are: Crede Capital Partners, Rho Capital; Theza Capital; and Africa Rising Capital.

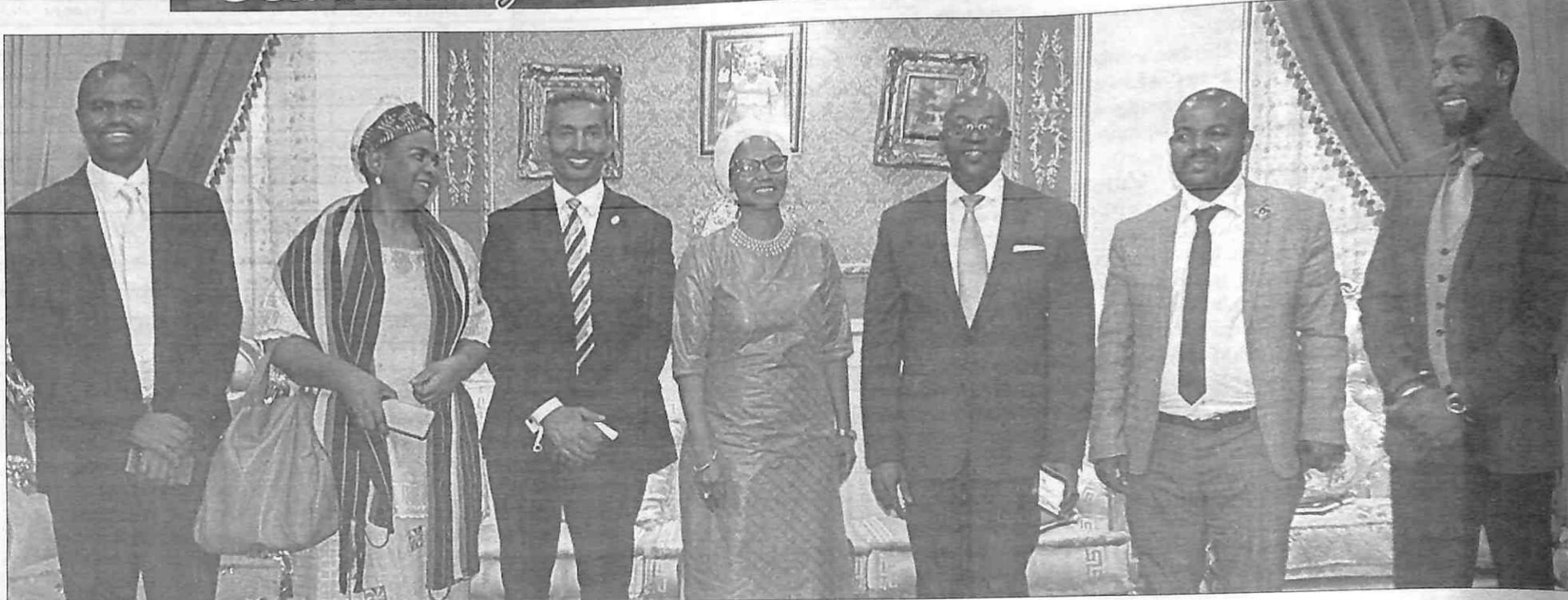
The 2019 Budget Review made provision for US\$2 billion equivalent to be raised in the international capital markets in 2019/20 to fund govern-

ment's foreign currency commitments. *ANA*

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# COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRADE ESWATINI



**DEFINING MOMENT:** AeTrade Group CEO Muluaem Syoum (third right) with (from left) Sizwe Ntshangase, Dudu Nhlengetfwa, Treasure Maphanga, E. Nathi Dlamini, Mluleki Dlamini and Alex Fakudze at Lozitha Palace recently.

## ESWATINI'S DEFINING MOMENT HAS ARRIVED!

### THE Kingdom of Eswatini's defining moment has come!

This being the launch of the Africa e-Commerce Platform on our shores in the coming week. The kingdom will be piloting Africa's largest e-Commerce Platform on October 4, 2019 at Mandvulo Grand Hall. The event will be preceded by a high-level Business Conference to be held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre on October 3, 2019. This after Eswatini won the bid to host the

Africa e-Trade Group (AeTrade) for Southern Africa in Niamey, Niger, back in July.

Next week's event will surely go down in history as one of Africa's biggest events; as it will bring throngs of delegates from across the continent and beyond. Past and present Heads of State, representatives of the African Union as well as some Regional Economic Communities (RECs), SADC Ministers of Trade, representatives of African Development

Bank and Afrexim Bank as well as some of Africa's richest entrepreneurs are but some of the delegates expected to be part of this historic moment.

Locally, we have a number of experts expected to make presentations during the Business Conference; whose agenda includes various issues that hinder Intra-Africa Trade. Intra-Africa Trade remains quite low; estimated at between 15 and 18 per cent; which is a sharp contrast to the way Africa

trades with Europe. This, therefore, calls for the concerted efforts of all Africans to come together and find lasting solutions to this predicament; hence the formation of the African Continental Trade Area (AfCFTA); which came into force on July 7, 2019.

Coming back to next week's event, on September 6 this year, His Majesty King Mswati III officially commissioned the Eswatini e-Commerce Platform Steering Committee to host

a world-class event; in the presence of AeTrade Group Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson Muluaem Syoum. This was during a courtesy visit to Lozitha Palace. This marked the beginning of yet another momentous task for the E. Nathi-Dlamini led committee; whose commitment has previously been proven and tested when Eswatini bid to host the Secretariat of AfCFTA earlier in the year. Even though the bid eventually went to Ghana, the kingdom put up a gallant fight and came third; almost neck to neck with Kenya, humbling some of Africa's biggest economies. And, although we lost the AfCFTA bid, Eswatini still bagged the Africa e-Commerce bid on behalf of the Southern African region. And now, we become the first African State to launch this coveted platform.

## About the e-Commerce Platform

### THE e-Commerce Platform is an enabler of the AfCFTA.

It will provide an opportunity for entrepreneurs; particularly within the Micro Small Medium Enterprise (MSME) bracket, to tap into the African market.

Simply put, this platform will facilitate the delivery of ICT solutions for governance and trade matters, and drive efficiencies within public and private enterprises in Africa by tapping into the resources and expertise of Africa, including the African Diaspora, with a view of supporting the implementation of the Action Plan for Boosting Intra-African Trade, and thus accelerating the implementation of the AfCFTA.

It seeks to provide holistic and futuristic solutions in support of e-

commerce development in the five regions of the African Union. Ultimately, each region of the African Union will host one regional office, and all activities will be coordinated from the Head Office; which is yet to be established.

### Chance

At this point, it is not clear if Eswatini can actually bid to host the Head Office but there is no doubt that given the chance, this little kingdom will prove equal to the task. Enough about that though, the Africa e-Commerce Platform uses various technological tools and approaches; all designed to respond to the low level of development of Africa's physical ICT infrastructure.

The envisioned benefits of this initiative include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Management of trans-boundary infrastructure to enable e-commerce in Africa (telecommunications, airports, roads, ports, railways, including high speed railways);
2. Management of trans-boundary Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for the manufacture of specific products destined for the continental market and beyond;
3. Management of trans-boundary economic corridors which are critical for the transit of goods and services across the continent, conscious of the security and collaboration mechanisms between AU Member States;
4. Trade information exchange benefit with gender and sectoral disaggregation;
5. Ability to accelerate the imple-

mentation of AfCFTA, and responding to the 2063 Agenda.

So, next week's events will surely set the wheels in motion for Africa. Eswatini should view herself blessed to have been chosen to kick-start the series of launch activities for the Africa e-Commerce Platform. What

this means is that this little Kingdom is not so little anymore but has actually ARRIVED in Africa.

As Forbes Africa Magazine rightly described Eswatini in their January edition, Eswatini is indeed Africa's newest country.

And it goes without saying that the more we play our role as a country in the African agenda, the more the rest of the world will take us with the seriousness that we deserve.

For more information on the Africa e-Commerce Platform and other issues related to the mandate of the ministry of commerce, industry and trade, drop an email to our Communications Officer Thabile Mdluli at [jehovaunami@gmail.com](mailto:jehovaunami@gmail.com) or call 2404 3201/2/3/4. You can also follow our Facebook page Eswatini Hosts Africa - AfCFTA. Till next week!

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# Focus on World News

Global News

## GRETA THUNBERG SLAMS UN



SLAMS: Greta Thunberg.

● You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words

**NEW YORK** - Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg had one question for the global leaders assembled at the United Nations: "How dare you?"

Days after telling US lawmakers "listen to the scientists," she made the same demand on an international scale. Thunberg chastised leaders for praising young activists like herself while failing to deliver on drastic actions needed to avert the worst effects of climate change, and she warned that if the world continued with business as usual, her generation would face an insurmountable catastrophe.

"This is all wrong," said Thunberg, who was visibly emotional as she spoke on a panel at a UN climate summit Monday. With tears in her eyes and her face flushed, the 16-year-old activist - who began skipping school in her native Sweden a year ago to protest inaction on climate

change - chastised the world leaders who had gathered in New York.

"I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean," said Thunberg, who travelled for two weeks on a solar-powered sailboat to reach the United States this month.

"Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you?" Thunberg has quickly become the face of a global movement of young people demanding that their elders safeguard their planet's future. On Friday, millions of young people all over the world joined Thunberg in a climate strike that she led from New York. Thunberg continued her campaign Monday, as she and 15 other young people filed a legal complaint with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child arguing that major countries - Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany and Turkey - have known about the risks of climate change for decades but have failed to take sufficient action to curb their emissions.

*The Washington Post*

## IRAN WAS BEHIND SAUDI OIL ATTACK - UK

**LONDON** - UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that there was "a very high degree of probability" that Iran was behind an attack on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities that wiped out half of its production.

Two major oil refineries in Saudi Arabia came under attack last week, knocking out about five per cent of the world's daily production of crude oil, equal to about five million barrels. Yemen's Houthi rebel group claimed responsibility for the attacks, though the US and Saudi Arabia have pointed a finger towards Iran. Iran has denied the claims.

Speaking to reporters flying with him to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, Johnson said his government is now "attributing responsibility

with a very high degree of probability to Iran" for the September 14 attacks.

"We think it's very likely indeed that Iran was indeed responsible, using both drones and cruise missiles," he told reporters, according to the Guardian.

"We will be working with our American friends and our European friends to construct a response that tries to de-escalate tensions in the Gulf region," he added.

Johnson stressed that he wanted to avoid escalating the situation in the region, but said Britain would respond to a call from its allies for military support.

"On what kind of action we can take, you'll have seen that the Americans are proposing to do more to help to defend Saudi Arabia, and we will be following that closely," he said.

"And clearly if we are asked, either by the Saudis or by the Americans, to have a role, then we will consider in what way we could be useful.

"We will consider in what way we could be useful, if asked, depending on what the exact plan is."

When pressed on what specific action the UK was willing to take to address the crisis, Johnson called for a unified response.

"There is certainly a case for responding together, and that's what we're going to do." Johnson's comments follow a US announcement on Friday that it would be sending in a "moderate deployment" of American troops to Saudi Arabia in response to the attack.

*Business Insider*

## 'MEETING WITH KIM JONG UN 'COULD HAPPEN SOON'

**UNITED NATIONS** - US President Donald Trump said Monday that a fourth summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un "could happen soon" amid stalled nuclear diplomacy.

Trump didn't elaborate in comments to reporters ahead of the start of UN meetings in New York, and it was not clear if concrete plans were in the works for another meeting meant to address a growing diplomatic impasse over the North's development of nuclear-armed missiles targeting the US mainland.

The stalemate comes despite past high-profile meetings between Trump and Kim.

Trump has played down a series of recent North Korean tests of short-range missiles and artillery systems that could strike US allies South Korea and Japan, which host tens of thousands of US troops. When asked as he arrived at the UN when he planned to meet with Kim Jong Un, Trump told reporters: "It could happen soon."

It could happen soon. "Trump meets later Monday with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, the driving force behind the initial diplomacy that led to the first Trump-Kim summit last year and replaced threats of war in 2017.

*AP*

## NOT WORRIED AT ALL - TRUMP

**WASHINGTON** - President Donald Trump on Monday dismissed the threat of impeachment over allegations that he tried to pressure Ukraine's leader into investigating his 2020 election rival Joe Biden.

Asked if he was taking the threat from some Democrats seriously, Trump answered: "Not at all seriously." US media reports revealed that an intelligence community whistleblower had filed a report after becoming alarmed at Trump's alleged attempt to pressure Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in a phone call.

Trump has confirmed that he discussed what he says was corruption by Biden's family during the call but denies applying pressure on Zelensky.

"We had a perfect phone call," he told reporters on arrival at the United Nations in New York. "Everybody knows it's just a

Democrat witch hunt." Trump has spent much of his first term as president fighting off allegations that he benefited from Russian-sponsored interference during his surprise 2016 win over Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton.

As the 2020 election approaches, worries are mounting over further attempts from abroad to meddle in the tense US political landscape.

Against that background, the whistleblower's reported raising of the alarm has thrown Washington into renewed turmoil. According to some reports Trump tried to pressure Zelensky to go after Biden by temporarily withholding US military aid to Ukraine.

Growing numbers of Democrats believe they should open impeachment proceedings against Trump.

*AFP*



NO WORRIES: President Donald Trump.

## BRIEFS

### At least 20 killed, 6 injured in unrest

**INDONESIA** - At least 20 people were killed and dozens more injured as fresh unrest erupted in Indonesia's restive Papua region on Monday, with some victims burned to death in buildings set ablaze by protesters, authorities said. "Most of them died in a fire," said Papua military spokesperson Eko Daryanto. "The death toll could go up because many were trapped in burning kiosks."

*AFP*

### Two 6-year-olds arrested in school

**FLORIDA** - A police officer who arrested two six-year-old children in a Florida school has been suspended and the incident will be investigated, police said on Monday. The grandmother of one of the children, Kaia Rolle, said she was arrested after she threw a temper tantrum and kicked somebody. The incident has revived the debate over the role of police officers in public schools, 46 per cent of which have an officer present for at least one day a week.

*AFP*

### Demonstration against GBV

**NEW YORK** - Hundreds of South Africans gathered in New York on Saturday in a show of solidarity against gender-based violence in South Africa. The silent demonstration saw about 200 South Africans from New Jersey, Maryland, California, Colorado, Washington, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania gather in the heart of New York, Times Square, for a silent demonstration. The demonstrations were organised by South African cultural exchange visitor Iman Jeneker, who said when she heard the news from South Africa, she felt numb. *News24*

### Bomb disposal officers respond

**MANCHESTER** - Bomb disposal officers carried out a controlled explosion on a suspicious package at Manchester Airport on Monday, police said, adding a man had been detained by officers at the scene. Flights were unaffected but transport to and from the airport was stopped while officers assessed the suspect package. "A cordon is in place at Manchester Airport transport interchange and people are encouraged to follow directions from officers," Greater Manchester police said in a statement. *AFP*

# Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

## Harry and Meghan join SA's fight against gender violence

**CAPE TOWN** - Prince Harry on Monday urged South African men to turn their back on toxic masculinity as his wife Meghan applauded girls for 'standing up for what's right'.

The British royal couple had launched their first official tour since becoming parents in May.

The pair joined campaigners in Cape Town fighting South Africa's stratospheric rates of violence against women on the first stage of a 10-day swing through southern Africa.

Prince Harry, Meghan and baby Archie landed by commercial flight from London before heading to Nyanga — a township crippled by gang violence and the highest murder rate in the country, and a far cry from Cape Town's image for pristine beaches and rolling vineyards.

A small excited crowd gathered to greet the royal pair as they arrived to visit Justice Desk, a human rights charity, where they surprised young girls in the middle of a self-defence class. South Africa is one of the world's most



**AGAINST VIOLENCE: Prince Harry, Meghan and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex arrive for a visit to 'Justice desk', an NGO in the township of Nyanga in Cape Town.**

dangerous places, particularly for women. At least 137 sexual offences are committed per day, according to official figures. In August alone, more than 30

women were killed by their spouses. President Cyril Ramaphosa has vowed to crack down on perpetrators after 'femicide' protests flared across the country this month.

Prince Harry, clad in a light-blue linen shirt and sneakers, joined Meghan, in a patterned black-and-white dress, as they hugged children and danced with them before entering the charity premises. Surprised girls yanked off their boxing gloves to hear the couple speak. "Touching on what your President said last week — no man is born to cause harm to women," said Prince Harry. "It's about redefining masculinity, it's about creating your own footprints for your children to follow in, so that you can make a positive change for the future."

Meghan, a mixed-race American who has been advocating women's rights long before marrying Harry in 2017, congratulated girls "standing up for what's right in the face of adversity". "While I'm here with my husband and as a member of the royal family, I am here as a mother, a wife, a woman of

colour and your sister," she added, prompting cheers from the crowd. Demonstrations in South Africa have been mounting over the rising toll of murders, rapes and abuse of women and girls, and a sense of impunity that surrounds it. A walk through history The couple later toured District Six museum, a memorial to the expulsion of some 60 000 non-white residents from the city centre during apartheid. The Duke and Duchess — who describes herself as 'half black and half white' — were thrust into South Africa's history and life under the apartheid regime, which classed and divided people according to their skin colour. Those defined as 'black' or 'coloured' were considered second-class citizens and only allowed in 'white-only' areas provided they had a pass. "To have the royal couple here helps to unite people and... look past the pain, especially because we're a diverse culture," Gabriela Wiener, a spokeswoman for District Six, told AFP.

Crowds lined the streets to catch a glimpse of the pair. For some in South Africa, the presence of a royal with mixed heritage could make this visit particularly special. "My mom really wanted to be here, that's why we came. Meghan is a role model to me and my sister," said Shazia Ebrahim, a 22-year-old architect student standing outside District Six. *Citizen*

## Thieves hit home of national police commissioner

**JOHANNESBURG** - Thieves have made off with two TV sets from national police commissioner Khehla Sitole's Mpumalanga home, SAPS confirmed on Monday.

Spokesperson Brigadier Vishnu Naidoo said the items were stolen by criminals who were "purely opportunistic".

The commissioner's house is under

construction and the work was near completion when the theft occurred last Saturday while the General was attending a summit in Cape Town, Naidoo said. Nothing else was stolen from the house.

News24 understands that there was no sign of forced entry onto the premises. Investigations are underway.

*News24*

## Mob attacks, sets alight man accused of raping disabled teen

**JOHANNESBURG** - A 39-year-old man was attacked and set alight by a mob at the Muhovhoya village in Limpopo on Monday.

Police said yesterday they had responded to frantic calls from the area and, on arrival, made the gruesome discovery of the man's badly burnt body. The victim was certified dead on the scene. None of his attackers were present when officers arrived.

The attack was prompted by allegations that the man had raped a 17-year-old mentally disabled girl in the area. "It is alleged that the girl went to the nearby bushes to collect firewood with other women from the village when the deceased attacked her. The other women managed to get away, leaving the teenage girl behind. And that's when the deceased allegedly raped her," said police

Spokesperson, Col Moatshe Ngoepe.

He said the enraged community attacked the man with various objects before he was set alight. Before the attack, the community gathered 'to discuss the matter'.

"They then started tracing the suspect until they caught him around the village and attacked him," said Ngoepe.

A case of murder was opened, the suspects involved were still unknown and there had been no arrests made, police said. A manhunt for those involved has been launched, and police have asked those with information to come forward to assist in the investigation.

Limpopo Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Nneke Ledwaba condemned the continuous acts of mob attacks and killings, which are prevalent in many parts of the province. *SowetanLive*

## 'Making sexual offenders registry public a recipe for disaster'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Following the high prevalence of violence against women and children in the month of August, the question over whether the sexual offenders registry should be open to the public has been brought to the fore.

Social movement Amandla.Mobi has petitioned Justice Minister Ronald Lamola to 'make the sex offenders list publicly accessible online and on mobile platforms that anyone can easily access'. The petition was created 18 days ago with the goal of garnering 8 000 signatures. To date, the organisation has collected 7 842 signatures.

This followed a series of protests under the hashtag #AmINext, after the tragic deaths of young women in South Africa, including Sinthemba Ndlovu, Uyinene Mrwetyana, Leighandre Jegels, Meghan Cremer and Ayakha Jiyane and her three siblings — all acts of gender-based violence, News24 reported. What is the National Register for Sexual Offenders? The National Register for Sexual Offenders (NRSO) — established through an Act of Parliament in 2007 — details a list of persons convicted of sexual offences against children and mentally disabled people.

The list is currently open to various institutions such as schools, creches, hospitals and employers in the private sector to ensure that a person who is not fit, is not hired to work with children and mentally disabled people.

*News24*

## Woman apologises to Tumi Sole over defamatory allegations

**DURBAN** - A woman who accused lawyer and social media activist Tumi Sole of raping her in a Durban hotel room and giving her HIV has issued a public apology, calling her claims false and defamatory.

Tinah Mashiloane issued the apology on social media following allegations that emerged as part of the outing of alleged sex offenders on Twitter as part of the #AmINext movement following high-profile acts of violence against women in recent weeks.

"The allegations following on several other messages that I had sent to Sole in which I had been making threats against him and his family since August 1, 2019. I also created a fake account under Lerato Motsoeneng @leratomotsoene8 and repeated these false and defamatory allegations that I made against Mr Sole," her apology read. She received a lawyer's letter on September 2, and initially denied she had been the one who posted the allegations.

*News24*

## 'Bring allegations to authorities'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Allegations against ANC MP and former North West premier Supra Mahumapelo must be 'ventilated through a court of law', ANC Spokesperson Pule Mabe told broadcaster eNCA on Monday.

This after allegations emerged on Sunday that Mahumapelo was linked to the 2015 murder of North West businessman Wandile Bozwana.

Sunday World reported he and former Rustenburg mayor Matthew Wolmarans, who is also an MP, offered R10m to assassins to kill Bozwana. According to the paper, that information was contained in an affidavit filed by a gang member, who is now a state witness, in May 2016. The witness reportedly led the police to other sus-

pects in connection with the hit on Bozwana.

Mahumapelo denied the allegations, saying it was 'complete fabricated lies' made against him by some within the ANC since he assumed the role of premier, News24 reported.

"The allegations are part of a plan to destroy me in all forms of my existence by some ANC members," he said, adding he would elaborate on this claim at a later stage.

He insisted this was part of a plan to silence him from sharing his views on wrongdoings in the ANC and being an activist for the governing party. Speaking to eNCA, Mabe said: "It would be difficult to determine the fate of comrades on allegations." *News24*



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## 'Keep universities safe, but don't turn them into prisons'

**JOHANNESBURG** - There is a fine line between keeping universities safe and turning them into prisons.

This is one of the major challenges that the department of higher education and training is looking to address.

According to Minister Blade Nzimande, engagement between his department and members of the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) is vital in dealing with the issue.

Nzimande was addressing the media in Durban in the wake of at least two incidents in the province - one in which a student at the University of Zululand

(UNIZULU) was stabbed and robbed at his off-campus accommodation, and another in which a student died after being stabbed in a lecture room at the Durban University of Technology (DUT). Nzimande said

he would soon engage with PSIRA regarding the roles of private security at universities. "A

lot of the security companies are not trained or have experience in crowd control, and PSIRA are concerned about this," he said.

The minister said while he understood the importance of security in ensuring the safety of students, security companies could not take over the role of police. "The minister of police has agreed that dealing with the matter of safety and security lies with the police," he said.

Nzimande began his speech by expressing his con-

cerns for Sandile Ndlovu, a first-year industrial engineering student who was attacked in a lecture hall at DUT's Steve Biko campus two weeks ago.

"I again wish to express my heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and fellow students on his passing, and further express my most serious concern about the often tragic deaths of university students on some of our campuses," he said. He urged the criminal justice system to ensure a speedy arrest and prosecution of the people responsible for Ndlovu's death.

Nzimande also addressed the acts of

violence and unrest at UNIZULU, which saw members of the community destroy the local satellite police station after Msawenkosi Nxumalo was shot and robbed at his unaccredited off-campus accommodation.

"UNIZULU students have highlighted the vulnerability of students living off campus to burglary and related violent crimes - and the dire shortage of sufficient and safe student housing on the university campus." He said after meeting with university management on Friday, he had informed them that an agreement had been met between Universities South Africa (USAf) and his department.

*SowetanLive*



## ZONDO WANTS ANSWERS

**JOHANNESBURG** - Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo wants answers from Minister of Police Bheki Cele and National Commissioner Khehla Sitole on the lack of urgency in declassifying documents related to alleged criminal activity at crime intelligence.

Legal representatives from Cele's office told Zondo at the state capture inquiry on Monday that they plan to apply to give his version of events in matters mentioned by Hawks official Kobus Roelofse who testified at the commission last week.

Roelofse alleged that Cele had been paid money to push through the restructuring of the crime intelligence cluster when he was the

national commissioner of police. Adv Griffiths Madonsela, for Cele, said the minister was having troubling compiling his response as he had issues with getting documents declassified.

Zondo said he was surprised that Cele was having issues as he had hoped the minister would be able to explain to the commission why documents were not being declassified with no proper reasons given. Roelofse had testified that he had tried numerous times approaching former police commissioners to declassify documents related to corruption at crime intelligence. He was investigating the looting of the

crime intelligence secret service fund. Those who were alleged to be involved in the looting included former crime intelligence boss Richard Mdluli. Zondo said the commission needed clear answers as to the status of declassifying documents. "Arising from Roelofse's evidence, I am very determined that the commission must get a response from the national commissioner on whether he is willing to declassify the information. And if he won't the reasons why he will not. At the face of it appears the documents that are important to solving crimes were

classified or not being declassified without proper reasons given to Roelofse," Zondo said. "I was amazed at the evidence he (Roelofse) gave, and one of the questions I asked him is if he had approached the minister of police to say that different national commissioners have no cooperated and for him to intervene. I thought that since if the national minister of police needs documents declassified it would not be a problem for him. It would be very strange to me, especially with documents that deal with possible wrongdoing, that even the minister can be bypassed in terms of some situations." *Political Bureau*

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## Beneficiary list to blame for delay in military veterans

**PARLIAMENT** - Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Minister Lindiwe Sisulu has blamed the delays in the building and allocation of housing for military veterans on the beneficiary list that posed challenges to her department.

"The finalisation and authentication of the beneficiary list by my department and the Department of Military Veterans has presented challenges for us. The completion of this process prior to the commencement of a military veterans' housing project is very vital for planning," Sisulu said.

She was responding to a parliamentary question from EFF's Laetitia Arries, who asked about delays in the building and allocation of housing for military veterans and whether there were any plans to speed up the process.

Sisulu said where her department proceeded to build and complete a project while the approved list had not been finalised, houses have been invaded by military veterans who did not qualify for these houses. She also said provincial structures of the South African Military Veterans Association in most cases disputed the beneficiary lists submitted by the Department of Military Veterans.

The minister conceded that the Military Veterans Programme has not been performing as expected. "We are extremely concerned about the slow pace of delivery to our military veterans."

Sisulu said they had on May 3 convened a National Military Veterans Dialogue to exchange views and dialogue around finding solutions to challenges encountered in the provision of housing for military veterans. "It has become evident to me that we have not moved far enough with delivery on this programme." *Political Bureau*

## ROAD SAFETY STARTS WITH CHANGING BEHAVIOUR

**JOHANNESBURG** - Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula has urged members of society to play an active role in road safety after the recent spate of fatalities on South Africa's roads.

The call comes in the wake of crashes, each with multiple fatalities, in the Western Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and Mpumalanga since last Thursday.

"We must all appreciate that safety on our roads is a collective responsibility we must all shoulder. Each one of us must be able to define their individual contribution to making

our roads safer for our children as well as future generations.

"This starts with changing the behaviour that places the lives of other road users at risk," said Mbalula. He said his department had taken solid steps towards curbing the fatalities, but cited road user behaviour as important in the process. "The roll-out of the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) is not just about a more efficient way of adjudicating road traffic offences, but also about creating effective incentives to change road user behaviour," said Mbalula. *Times Live*

## Public works owed R76.8m in unpaid rental fees

**JOHANNESBURG** - A total of R76.8 million was currently outstanding in unpaid rental fees for properties under Public Works and Infrastructure Department's custodianship.

Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille revealed this on Monday in a written response to a parliamentary question from DA's Patricia Kopane.

In her written reply, De Lille said the Pretoria region owed R37.5m, Cape Town R11.7m, Johannesburg R9m, Kimberly R6.4m, Mmabatho R3.9m, Polokwane R3.6m, Durban R1.5m, Port Elizabeth region R1.3m,

Bloemfontein R838 059, Mthatha R420 743 and Nelspruit R279 513.

She named Telkom, Lucky Star, Eastgate Airport, Houtbay Boat Yard, Troyan Foods, Afrima Import Export, Sea Freeze Fisheries, Inter Travel Shops, Fisha Wellness and Abagold as the top 10 entities renting property from her department that regularly fail to pay rental fees on time.

De Lille also said her department has developed acquisition and disposal framework in collaboration with the National Treasury with the latter appointing new officials in the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer. *Political Bureau*



**REVEALS:** Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille.

# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News

Nigeria: Minimum wage

## ONLY BUHARI CAN STOP PLANNED STRIKE - LABOUR

ABUJA - Organised Labour has said only the personal intervention by President Muhammadu Buhari can stop the planned nationwide strike over consequential adjustment arising from the N30 000 new minimum wage.

Speaking to Vanguard, Secretary to the Trade Union Side, TUS, of the Joint National Public Service Negotiating Council, JNPSNC, Alade Bashir Lawal, said organs of various public sector unions were already meeting and leaders were also reaching out to other section of Labour movement and civil society allies for support.

Lawal, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria, ASCSN, informed that mobilisation ahead of the strike had heightened and very soon the nationwide would commence.

He accused some members of the government side in the JNPSNC of working for some individuals with vested interest and personal gains, and not the government or President Buhari.

Recall that last week, Organised Labour had directed civil servants to prepare for a nationwide strike that "It has become clear that the Government Side is not serious about paying millions of workers a new national Minimum Wage and adequate consequential adjustment but prefer taking the Trade Unions for a ride. As a responsible Trade Union, the TUS has given the government enough time to come to term with workers demand but it appears

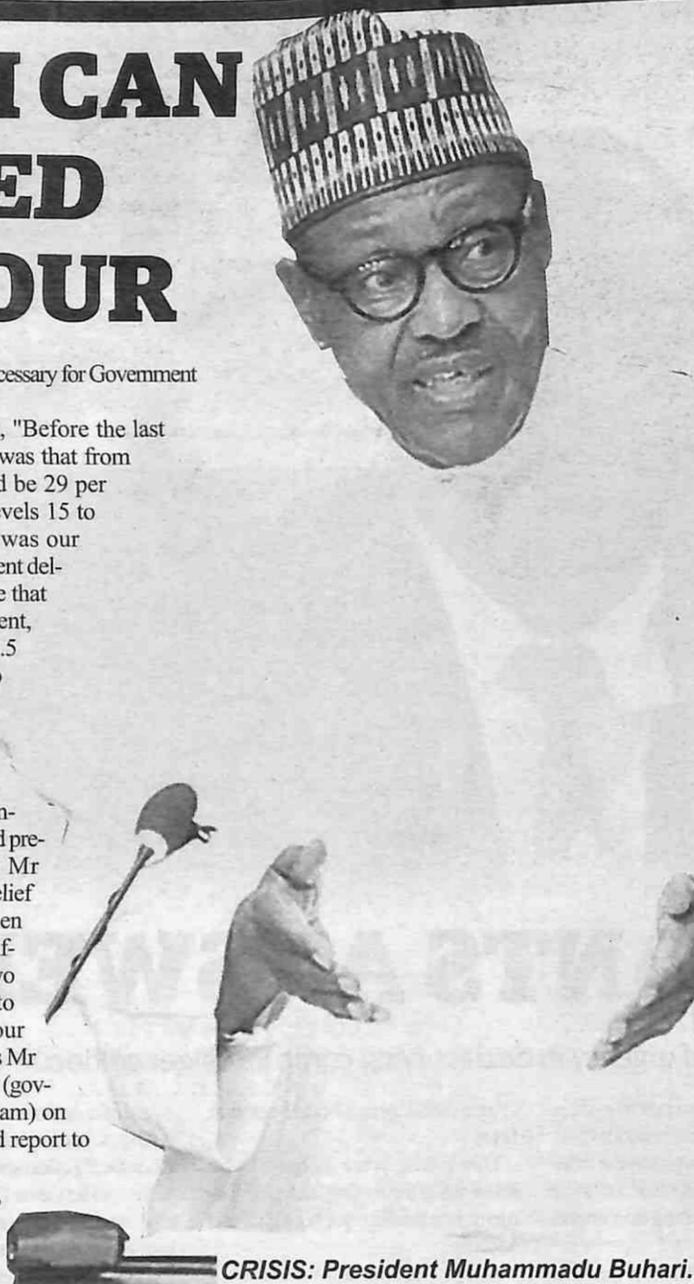
that the only language necessary for Government to act is a strike."

According to Lawal, "Before the last meeting, our position was that from levels 7 to 14 it should be 29 per cent and then, from levels 15 to 17, 24 Percent. That was our position. The government delegation position before that meeting was 10 per cent, for levels 7 to 14, and 5.5 per cent for levels 15 to 17.

"Then, we agreed that since the two sides were not shifting grounds that the government side should go and present the scenario to Mr President. It was our belief that it was possible when Mr President saw the difference between the two sides, he would be able to appreciate what Labour was saying. For us, it is Mr President that sends you (government negotiating team) on the errand, go back and report to him.

"When we reconvened, we knew there was a booby trap somewhere.

*All Africa*



CRISIS: President Muhammadu Buhari.

## Shortages loom as Harare shuts main water plant

HARARE - Zimbabwe's capital shut its main water works on Monday citing shortages of foreign currency to import treatment chemicals, the deputy mayor said, potentially leaving the city dry and raising the risk of water borne diseases like cholera.

Last year, the southern African nation suffered its worst cholera outbreak in a decade, which killed at least 26 people mainly in Harare, due to burst sewers and inadequate water supplies.

An El Nino-induced drought has reduced water levels in the country's dams, including Kariba, which supplies the biggest hydro electricity plant and hit the capacity of cities and towns to supply water to residents. Harare City Council Deputy Mayor Enock Mupamawonde told reporters that the local authority required at least 40 million Zimbabwe dollars (US\$2.7 million) a month for water chemicals but it was only collecting 15 million Zimbabwe dollars in monthly revenue. *Reuters*

## Gunmen kidnap 27 people in Nigeria

JOHANNESBURG - Gunmen have kidnapped 27 people in Nigeria's Kaduna and Osun states, with 13 of those abducted from two villages along the Kaduna-Abuja highway on Sunday and Monday.

A source from the affected communities said that seven people were kidnapped at Begiwa Kaso on Saturday while another six people were kidnapped in the early hours of Monday at Dutse, all in the Chikun local government area of Kaduna state, along the Kaduna-Abuja highway, the Leadership reported yesterday.

The armed gunmen, suspected of being criminals, stormed the villages before opening fire indiscriminately and then abducting the kidnap victims to an unknown destination without asking for a ransom as villagers continue to live in fear that the bandits could return.

In the other incident suspected Fulani herdsmen have also reportedly kidnapped 18 passengers, including the driver, from a bus as it drove along Otan/Imesi-Ile road in Osun.

Clashes, between the mostly Muslim nomadic Fulani herdsmen and pastoralist Christian farmers over land and water resources, have led to hundreds of deaths and many more displacements over the years. *African News Agency*

## Egyptian authorities detain award-winning human rights lawyer

CAIRO - Authorities in Egypt detained an award-winning human rights lawyer on Sunday after she attended judicial investigations into protesters arrested during rare demonstrations against President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

Mahienour el-Massry was arrested as soon as she left the state security

prosecutor's headquarters in the capital, Cairo, where she acted as the lawyer for several people detained during the demonstrations, her lawyer Tarek al-Awadi said.

Hundreds of Egyptians took to the streets in Cairo and several other cities across the country on Friday to call for Sisi's departure. According to the

Egyptian Centre for Economic and Social Rights, 365 people have since been arrested. El-Massry, a political activist and human rights defender, has been tried and jailed twice for taking part in protests. In December 2013, following the army's overthrow of president Mohamed Morsi following mass protests, she was arrested

and imprisoned until September 2014 on charges of participating in a demonstration without a permit.

While in prison, el-Massry received the Ludovic Trarieux Award, an international prize given annually to a lawyer for contributions to human rights.

*AFP*

## BRIEFS

### Darfur students protest for third day

JOHANNESBURG - Despite Sudan's political progress towards an interim government following months of protests which eventually ousted former president Omar Al Bashir, student protests are continuing in South Darfur over bread and fuel shortages - and the call for justice. Three days of consecutive protests in South Darfur's capital Nyala continued on Monday as the Marginalisation Force Group, a civil society organisation, called for a procession of justice to take place on Tuesday at 1pm in five major cities representing the capitals of the states of Darfur, the Middle East Monitor reported. *African News Agency*

### 'Refinery revamps set for January'

INTERNATIONAL - Full restoration work on all three of Nigeria's state-owned refineries will begin in January, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) said in a statement on Saturday. NNPC Chief Mele Kyari said the company will do everything possible between October and December to make the projects possible. Restoring state-owned refineries in Port Harcourt, Warri and Kaduna has been a long-sought, but elusive, goal for NNPC. *Reuters*

### '2019/20 cashew nut output up 33%'

INTERNATIONAL - Tanzania expects to raise cashew nuts production by 33.5 per cent in the year to September 2020, helped by favourable weather conditions and increased plantings, its agriculture minister said on Saturday. Output in 2019/20 (October-September) is seen reaching 300 000 tonnes, up from the 225 000 tonnes produced in the 2018/19 season. "We expect to get a bigger harvest in the coming season, with our cashew nut production likely to rise to more than 300 000 tonnes," the Minister, Japhet Hasunga, told Reuters. *Reuters*

### Malawi to get UN Award for Ncds

LILONGWE - The United Nations is on Monday expected to give Malawi an award for the outstanding work and contribution the country is making in achieving the Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) related Sustainable Development Goals. The country will receive the United Nations Interagency Task Force for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases Award through the Ministry of Health and Population. *All Africa*

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## GCINA MASUKU BAGS 2 SOUTH AFRICAN AWARDS

BY DELISA THWALA

**LOCAL artists cannot stop winning in neighbouring countries as Gcina Masuku has bagged two awards at the Indigenous Gospel Music Awards (IGMA).**

Masuku won awards for the best IGMA Zion Instrument and IGMA Best Zion Choral. The awards were held in South Africa this past weekend.

He said before being awarded, he had been invited to perform at the awards ceremony where he tagged his team along and they delivered a stellar performance.

Speaking to the gospel singer, he said he was happy and humbled about winning the awards and it was a career changing moment for him as he has never won any award before.

"To everyone who voted for me, I am grateful to each and every one of you. For me and my team this is a very big milestone, winning two awards outside the country is very big for me, it means a lot," expressed an elated Masuku.

He also said the awards do not necessarily belong to him but they are for everyone who is a staunch supporter of his music and has love for God.

IGMA is an Indigenous Gospel Music Awards that recognises excellence in indigenous gospel music. They usual-



**AWARD WINNER: Gcina posing with one of his awards.**

ly focus on Amadodana, Acappella, Clap and Tap, Zion and Brass Bands.

Their aim is to celebrate indigenous gospel music and the people who started the movement of awarding excellence to the singers all over the world.

Speaking to Masuku on his future plans, he said his biggest wish was to work with only the greatest gospel stars who include Dumi Mkokstad, Dr Rebecca and Joyous Celebration.

"The only way you grow as an artist is if you work with other artists that inspire you, learn from them either on stage or off-stage, in the studio or outside the studio but the most important thing is to learn and grow your craft," explained Masuku.

Further applauding the artist on the win was SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, who said as an art fraternity they were happy with artists who hoist the country's flag high and win awards as it meant growth for everyone.

"The impact of winning an award outside the country speaks volumes to the country's recognition, for the art sector it means we are doing well as a country and that our artists work is of impeccable standards. This is also a huge thing for the gospel industry, as gospel is also becoming the next big thing," said Dlamini.

He also added that getting a nomination was a huge thing for artists, as it meant they were doing well, winning was the cherry on top.

Masuku said he was working on a lot of projects at the moment but mostly he was focused on his role as a bishop.

Gcina Masuku is the founder of God Praisers Zion Ministries, which has branches in Eswatini and South Africa. He also preaches the word of God too and sings with or without instrument.



**MAIN MAN: Zwile Bhembe.**

## ZWILE FOR ACOUSTIC NIGHT

BY DELISA THWALA

**ZWILE Bhembe is definitely becoming a force to be reckoned with; the saxophonist is billed to perform at the Acoustic Night to be held at House on Fire on Friday.**

This is the second show the artist would be headlining. This was confirmed by Platinum Concepts Founder Khulekani 'Karly B' Mamba.

Mamba said the artist has perfected his skill, hence he was able to headline his own show. "Having perfected his skill with years invested in gaining the much-needed experience, Zwile has been growing tremendously as a brand and quickly becoming a household name in the local entertainment scene, both as a stand-alone brand as well as a part of other ensembles," said Mamba.

He also added that they received the invitation from House on Fire and they were very excited to be headlining their upcoming acoustic night.

"It is a relaxed atmosphere, meant to present musical bliss to diners at the restaurant and there is no cover charge, just come enjoy the

food perfectly cooked by the amazing chefs and let Zwile take you through a journey of musical bliss while at it," he said.

Speaking to Zwile, he said he was looking forward to delivering blissful music and sounds on the night and pleasing the crowd.

"I grow and learn every day. I get different gigs everyday, which allows me to further open my craft and deliver the best for my people and I am definitely looking forward to this one," said Bhembe.

The saxophonist is fresh from setting the stage ablaze at Mistosoul's live concert. He has also left the country for a jazz workshop in Soweto, South Africa, where he hopes to gain more knowledge.

Platinum Concepts has also confirmed that they were working on something that will be worth listening to. "We do not have specific dates yet but we are definitely working on something that will blow people away, we are hoping to have it ready for the public soon," confirmed Mamba.

Platinum Concepts is an events management and coordination company that does brand managing, sound stage and lighting hire services. Under them, they also have artists like Denzel.

## We are sorry - Trompies

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**FOLLOWING their no-show at the All Star Festival, South African group Trompies have apologised to their Eswatini fans.**

The group was scheduled to perform in the kingdom on Saturday and they were nowhere to be seen.

According to their Manager Kenneth Mnyamula, they unfortunately had to perform in South Africa at another event a few hours before, which led them not being able to make it to the Converse All-Star Festival.

"They had an event and unfortunately due to time constraints, they could not make it to the kingdom," he said.

He stated that the group promised to make it up to their Eswatini fans at the next All-Star Festival to be held in 2020.

Organiser of the event Sifiso Maziya said he also would like to extend his sincere apologies to those who looked forward to the show and the group.

"I apologise that the much anticipated group couldn't show up to the event. This was beyond my control and I promise that next year the group will be here to perform," he said.

He further said although DJ Bucks



**SORRY: South African group Trompies.**

and Moruti did not perform, they were at the venue. He said the reason they could not perform was because by the time they were about to perform people had already left the venue.

"The crowd started leaving after 12 and there was no use to continue, my last artist was Afrikaan Roots, but Dr Moruti and DJ Bucks were at the venue.

We shall add more exciting artists in next year's line-up as we have already started planning," he said.

He said for next year's show he would make sure he books artists early to prevent mistakes from happening again.

"People should start now preparing for the show as they will not regret. The group will perform next year," he said.

## I hope you are ready - Dladla Mshunqisi

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

**SOUTH African artist Dladla Mshunqisi has confirmed that he would be performing Saturday at Jukes on Fire in Nhlanguano.**

The 'Memeza' hit maker confirmed on his social media platform that he would be coming to Eswatini. Dladla Mshunqisi has been in the country more than twice this year and was last in the country in April, where he performed at Solani's Shisanyama.

"I hope my fans are ready for me because I'm coming to Eswatini and I cannot wait to give you guys a great show," said the singer.

The famous singer is well-known

for his song 'Pakisha', Mshunqisi will be headlining at the Durban Invades Eswatini Volume 2 show alongside Umshunqu team and DJ Touch of Soul.

Eswatini DJs to perform include Zulu D, Rekoda, Lady Zee and more. Dladla made his debut in the music industry through

the hit song 'Memeza.' The song attracted massive play both as a party song and as an activist anthem against injustice towards women and children.

Mshunqisi, later on, collaborated with the talented Gqom group from South Africa known as Distraction Boyz, who featured him in the award-winning 'Omunye' song.



**DLADLA MSHUNQISI**

# FUN AND GAMES GALORE AT AIR-SHOW

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**PRINCE Sicalo** together with the Eswatini Air Force hosted a successful air show on Saturday at the Matsapha Airport.

Families came all out to enjoy the day with their loved ones.

The event began at 7am, where attendees watched a series of airplanes showing off different stunts in the sky.

At some point during the event, a car started rising with one of the helicopters, which got the attention of almost every attendee.

It was all fun and games for children who had attended as they enjoyed games like the jumping castle, car rising, trampolines and face painting to name a few. There were also a number of stalls, selling different kinds of toys at affordable prices.

According to Prince Sicalo, although planning the event was not a walk in the park,

he was happy at how it all played itself out. He thanked Emaswati for the support they continue to show him.

"We are really happy and thankful at how the event went. Everyone who was expected to be here was. I thank the pilots for giving Emaswati a great feel of what air games could be like,"

he said. Event Coordinator and Toxic Entertainment founder Tammy Mamba thanked people for supporting the event. He said it was a great experience that has taught

him that Emaswati were adventurous and enjoyed seeing exciting new things.

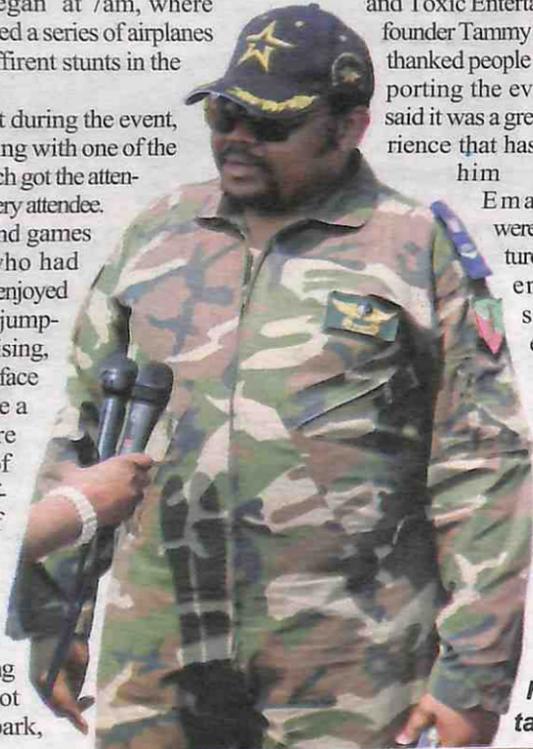
"As the event coordinator, this was a spectacular show, all the airplanes came through and performances were great and Emaswati came in their numbers," he said.

Later during the day, a helicopter showered the attendees with marshmallows. Children together with some parents rushed to collect as many as they could. This led to a number of cases where paramedics, had to assist bruised children. According to one of the paramedics, this year's air-show had a few incidents, which were mostly children after the helicopters started throwing down sweets.

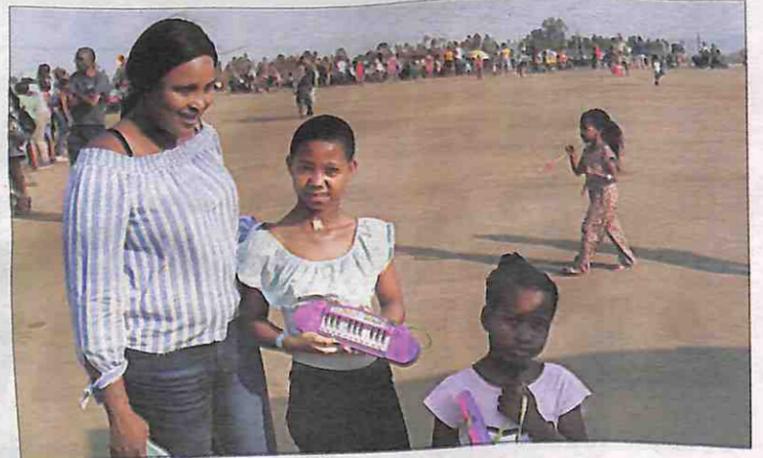
Some of the families expressed how scotching the sun was. They stated that comparing it to the previous ones, this one was the least fun.

Zandile Motsa, who had come with her two children mentioned that he began attending air-shows a long time ago. She stated that she wished there were more activities with the aircraft that involved the public

"This year, the public couldn't get an opportunity to enjoy the ride with an aircraft while this is what I was looking forward to. I also feel as though the attendance comparing it to the previous years was not that good," she said.



**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS: Prince Sicalo** talks to the media.



**HAPPY FAMILY: Chantell Zwane** enjoys the day with her daughters. (Pics: Setsabile Nkambule)



**FAMILY: Yeye and Setfu** pose for a picture as they enjoy themselves at the air-show.



**FACE-PAINTING: Yenzekile Mamba** gets her face done.



**PLAYING: Daddy and son** having a blast.



**AIRCRAFT: One of the aircrafts** about to set off.

## Malebomvu Foundation to provide prom dresses for girls

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

**MALEBOMVU Foundation Co-founder Malebomvu Ginindza** has started a dress-a-girl-to-prom charity initiative that will provide female pupils with dresses and make-up for their prom.

Ginindza took to her social media platforms to announce that she will avail four dresses to underprivileged girls.

Each dress will include make-up, hair and transport, depending on the location. The foundation is focused on helping young girls where they received sanitary pads through a drive run by the foundation.

Malebomvu Foundation's first initiative was last year during her birthday in June, where they donated sanitary towels at Emkhuzweni,

which was special because her father grew up there. She hopes to help over 100 000 girls in Eswatini in the next 10 years and start spreading to Southern Africa.

Ginindza, in her post, mentioned her motive for this initiative. She said she hoped her foundation would grow to a point where she would be able to take children through school by the age of 25.

She also hopes to open a clinic that would provide psychologists to the youth because she believed everyone

deserved the right to free therapy, especially children. She also posted the dresses she will be giving out. Ginindza is currently studying in the United States of America. Her biggest dream is to open a clinic in Eswatini, which specialises in different psychological fields, especially for children. Male, as she is affectionately known, believes everyone should have the right to see a therapist because the youth needs it. To stand a chance to be dressed for your prom, interested and qualifying girls should message Ginindza on her Instagram page at @red.money. It should be noted that after the prom, the dresses will be returned to the foundation in order to help other girls throughout the prom season.



**ELEGANT: The three of the four dresses** to be provided by Malebomvu Foundation.

THE SPOTLIGHT

# ANOTHER 3 GOING HOME

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

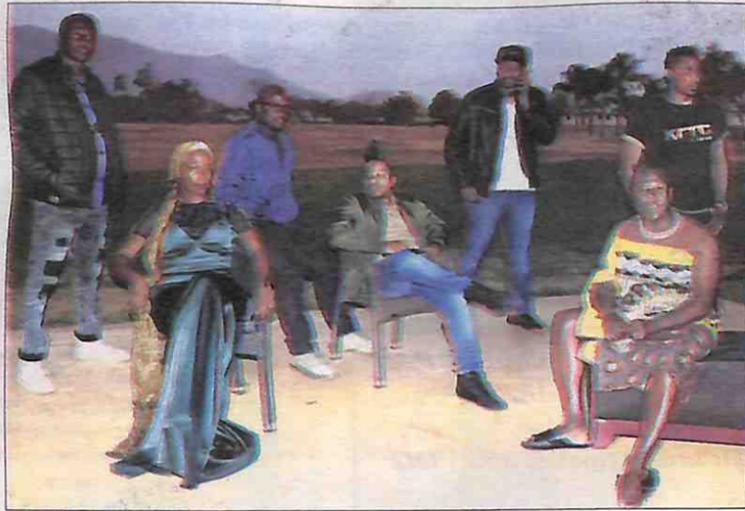
**THE Spotlight second episode of eliminations gave the contestants edginess after four contestants were eliminated and had to leave the contest.**

This week is no different as three contestants will be leaving the competition. The Spotlight narrowed down their search for the country's next music superstar on Saturday and revealed the top 26.

After surviving the second episode of eliminations and making it to the top 26, the hopefuls got another opportunity to show Eswatini what they have got. They delivered their performances accompanied by The Spotlight band.

MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko said the second episode of eliminations was for the contestants to get their names out there with the hope that they deliver memorable performances that will get them good scores from The Spotlight judges and more votes from the public.

"Everybody gave their best on stage. However, eliminations continue this week, three contestants will be going



**TEAM: The Spotlight judges and production team.**

home and others will be happy for making it to the next round," said Maseko.

To decide who would be leaving and staying, Maseko said they add the judges scores and public votes and then the contestants with the least overall scores get eliminated.

"Whether it's national elections or preschool elections, we all know that the voting process is very sensitive, that is why we have the sharpest eyes of auditors who are overseeing the

process," explained The Spotlight host Thamsanqa 'KrTC' Sibandze.

Maseko said as per the competition's procedures, this week, three contestants will go home when the top 23 is revealed.

Thus far, the judges are impressed by the quality of the contestants.

"The quality of the contestants that have been revealed by The Spotlight far-exceeds our expectations," said Velemseni Ndzimandze.

"It is getting harder and harder to

judge in the competition and it is really sad to see some of contestants going home.

"But we believe in them as well, they only just needed to push harder to survive in the competition because there will only be one winner at the end," she further stated.

However, she said even those who have to leave the contest have benefited a lot from their participation.

"We have helped them in many different ways through panels and trainings to improve their general performance.

"They have also got exposure from the competition. People now know how good they are and they already have online content through The Spotlight," said Ndzimandze.

"So, it's never a loss for them and we believe in them," she added.

Maseko reminded the public to vote and make sure that their favourite contestants stay on The Spotlight once again this week.

"To vote for your favourite contestant, SMS the contestant's number to 7768 or you can vote on the website, [www.thespotlight.co.sz](http://www.thespotlight.co.sz)," said Maseko.

Voting both through SMS and the website costs 50cents. Voting will

close on Friday at 3pm.

Tune in to The Spotlight on Sundays at 5pm on Eswatini TV. The public can also stream live The Spotlight on YouTube @MTNEswatini every Sunday at 5pm.

**LOOKOUT FOR PROMOS ON MTN, THE SPOTLIGHT FB PAGES**

"Be on the lookout for new promos on MTN Eswatini and The Spotlight Facebook pages."

This set of good news was announced by MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko.

The Spotlight is powered by MTN Pulse- a community, a lifestyle that enables you to enjoy money-can't buy experiences on MTN.

Alongside The Spotlight competition, Maseko said the company will be treating its youth segment with cool treats designed for the youth and young at heart.

"We encourage the public to follow The Spotlight conversations on the MTN and The Spotlight Facebook pages and stand a chance to win fabulous prizes under various promos that we will be rolling out on these platforms," he said.

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# Celebville

International Celebrity News

## Miley Cyrus' obsessed fan arrested in Vegas

**LAS VEGAS** - Miley Cyrus' iHeartRadio set in Las Vegas nearly took a dark turn due to a man cops say is obsessed with knocking her up and it was only her eagle-eyed bodyguards who prevented disaster. Law enforcement sources tell TMZ cops were called to the T-Mobile Arena Saturday night after Miley's security team noticed 42-year-old David Rumsey in the audience.



**OBSESSED: Miley Cyrus.**

We're told Rumsey was on their watch list because he'd allegedly made previous threats against her. Our sources say Rumsey told Miley's team, "It's my life's mission to impregnate Miley." We're told the guy also claimed he was going to raise Michael Jackson and Prince from the dead so they could party with him and Miley. **TMZ**

## Blac Chyna's new man sucks her toes

**CALIFORNIA** - Blac Chyna has a new boo in her life, and the guy seems to have an appetite for bunions and toenails 'cause that's what he had for dinner, or maybe just dessert. BC was out Sunday night in Woodland Hills, CA where she and her mystery man walked up to a restaurant together, apparently in couple mode. And, if their joint appearance didn't give it away, well what he did next certainly does.



**NEW MAN: Blac Chyna and rumored boyfriend.**

The guy started snackin' on her foot right there at the table!!! Some thing's just ain't gonna be on the menu. Of course, to each his own (shout-out to foot fetish fans), but there's a time and place to lick up some toe jam and at the dinner table probably isn't it. **TMZ**

## Are Mhlahli, Lewis a thing or nah?

**JOHANNESBURG** - It seems all Mhlahli has to do is breathe and the streets get excited. On Monday, everyone was in meltdown mode because they think she is dating F1 driver Lewis Hamilton. All this started when Mhlahli took to Instagram to post a series of snaps of herself at the Singapore Grand Prix at the weekend. She was in the crowd to watch Lewis register his worst finish since the German Grand Prix in July. She didn't mind, though, posting several snaps of herself cheering him



**CAPTURED: Mhlahli.**

on. Two in particular captured fans' attention. One, on her Instagram Stories, featured Lewis in a store, with the caption: "You did the best you could babe, super proud of you. A winner in my eyes." The message ended with a loved-up smiley. She also posted a pic of herself in the bath, with Lewis tagged as the photographer. **Times Live**

## Zodwa Wabantu wants more money for next season

**JOHANNESBURG** - Zodwa Wabantu's reality show has been a massive hit with audiences and she has said that she's currently negotiating for a second season of the show. The show, which started in May and ran for three months, was a hit with audiences and trended on Twitter every week it aired. Zodwa said she enjoyed shooting the project but was surprised when



**MORE MONEY Zodwa Wabantu.**

she was approached to do a second season. "I was surprised when the people who are producing my reality show told me that they wanted to start shooting soon. I said that it would be a one-time thing but apparently a lot of people were watching and they want more." While Zodwa is definitely open to the idea, she said that money talks and it needs to be a bit louder this season. **Sowetan**

## Peter sports bar shut down over tax debt

**ATLANTA** - Former 'Real Housewives of Atlanta' star Peter Thomas is pulling the plug on his North Carolina sports bar and it's all because the place is dealing with some tax issues. According to federal records, Peter's Sports One Bar and Lounge in Charlotte was hit with a tax lien for nearly \$237,000 and now the establishment is closing its doors after racking up a huge debt. **TMZ**



**CLOSED: Peter Thomas.**

Sources close to Peter tell TMZ the bar didn't have enough money to stay afloat after committing funds to other projects, and the place fell behind on its taxes. We're told Sports One Bar and Lounge will be closed for three to six months while Peter and the bar's legal team clear everything up and pay down the debt.

## Laila Ali sued for hitting elderly man with car

The elderly man who was seriously injured after getting hit by Laila Ali's SUV in 2018 has lawyered up and filed a lawsuit TMZ Sports has learned. As we previously reported Ali accidentally hit a man with her Land Rover while backing out of a Calabasas shopping centre in December '18 causing him to fall and hit his head on the ground. The man claims he went unconscious for a brief amount of time. Paramedics and LA County Sheriff's



**SUED: Laila Ali.**

deputies quickly responded to the scene and Ali cooperated with law enforcement. She was not arrested. In court docs, obtained by TMZ Sports, the man Robert Ise says he suffered a left orbital blowout fracture, a concussion and lacerations and contusions across his body. Ise claims he still suffers from pain and emotional distress due to Ali's negligence and now he wants her to pay for all past and future medical expenses. **TMZ**

## 'I've never taken drugs or been offered any'

**JOHANNESBURG** - While the entertainment industry is known for drug use, TV and radio personality Pearl Modjadie said she's never been exposed to anybody using drugs or been offered any. "So often parents warn their children about the entertainment industry being drug-infested. Never have I ever, in the 13 years I've been in this industry, been offered drugs or even seen anybody take them. Or is it because I live in my own bubble?" Adding to her tweet, Pearl said she had, however, heard stories, but nothing



**NOT ME: Pearl Modjadie**

had taken place in her immediate environment. "If it was, I was oblivious to it." The tweet has sparked a huge debate in the comments section, with people sharing their stories. Even gospel singer and TV personality Khaya Mthethwa commented, saying unlike Pearl, he was offered drugs by his peers. The topic encouraged others to talk about their experiences. **Times Live**

## Bokang on shows created for black people

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former Miss South Africa Bokang Montjane-Tshabalala has added her voice to the ongoing debate around TV shows that apparently make black people look "stupid". Mzansi has been debating the impact of reality shows featuring black people since the success of Moja Love. The channel airs several programmes about infidelity, maintenance struggles and conflict on Cheaters and Jerry Springer-



**DEBATE: Bokang Montjane.**

like shows. While these shows are a big hit with fans, especially on social media, Bokang weighed in and said shows created for black people were "stupid" and "make us look pathetic." Tweeting while cheating show Uyajola was at the top of the trends list, Bokang said people needed to understand the ulterior motive behind the content. **Sowetan**

## DAILY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



**DECIDES: S'khaleni.**

Duma plunges into an underworld of darkness and corruption. S'khaleni decides to change direction. Leo risks the wrath of a Zulu mother.



TODAY

As the bulldozers move in, the community needs a miracle. Morongwa, Veronica and Florence are between a rock and a hard place. Anja worries about the wellbeing of her friends.



**WORRIES: Anja.**



TODAY



**PRAYER ANSWERED: James.**

Tenda thinks he saw a ghost but he actually saw what he saw. James's prayers are answered and all seems well. Vhangani's bubble bursts when he finds out Vho-Mukondeli will be competing with him.



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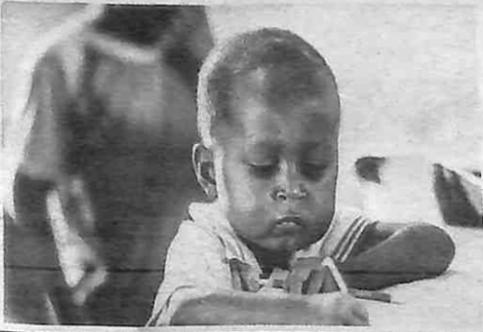
Pearl realises that the entire RedHub funding has been a hoax. Bash records incriminating footage of Jamaica and Khulekani. Sabelo and Sindiswa find a way to outsmart Boyce.



**REALISES: Pearl.**

MEME OF THE DAY

Lecturer: Good morning  
First years:



**TODAY'S HOROSCOPE**

**Capricorn December 22 – January 19**

Communication between you and a family member could be difficult today. Your warmth and understanding might give this person the courage to tell you what's on his or her mind. You might feel adventurous, Capricorn, so you and a romantic partner could decide to go out on the town and kick up your heels tonight. You're both looking and feeling good. Have a great time!



**Cancer June 22 – July 22**

Some misunderstandings could cause confusion in the home, Cancer. Your intuition and insight should defuse the situation, especially since you're more diplomatic than usual. You could also have an artistic inspiration, perhaps a new project that could be very important to you. It could be important to your career or it could open up new opportunities for you.



**Aquarius January 20 – February 18**

A welcome letter, phone call, or perhaps visit could come from a lover or close friend bringing interesting news. Your creative energies are bubbling over, Aquarius, so you might want to try writing, music, drawing, or painting. You might send some letters, place a lot of phone calls, or make a lot of short trips in your neighborhood, maybe to libraries or bookstores.



**Leo July 23 – August 22**

Social events you attend today could put you in touch with some fascinating people. A new acquaintance could become a close friend. These individuals may be highly educated in a field that interests you or from other states or countries. Conversation should be stimulating. Any information gleaned could serve you well for a long time. Writing, teaching, and publishing matters come to the forefront.



**Pisces February 19 – March 20**

Good news regarding money could have you thinking in terms of freshening up your home. You might want to do some painting or add some small decorative touches like art or houseplants. You might even want to shop for some new furniture. This promises to be a lot of fun, Pisces, so get family members to do it with you.



**Virgo August 23 – September 22**

You generally like to think of yourself as a practical and down-to-Earth person, Virgo. Today you might depend on intuition more than usual. People around you might seem to be acting peculiarly, and your insight could give you hints as to their true motivations and how to deal with them. Relations with colleagues could especially benefit from this. Follow your heart!



**Aries March 21 – April 1**

A visit from a relative or neighbour early in the day could put you in a fantastic mood. Perhaps this person has some interesting news, encouraging words, or maybe a gift. Listen and enjoy, Aries, but beware of idle gossip. Some of what you hear is unlikely to be true, so it's best to keep it all to yourself. In the evening, go out on the town!



**Libra September 23 – October 23**

Emotions could run high among those close to you, Libra. It might seem like everyone is in a bad mood! In your own relations with them, your friendly nature and social skills will calm them down and keep them on an even keel, at least when you're around! Social events may keep you busy. You could make some valuable contacts.



**Taurus April 20 – May 20**

Your inspiration and imagination are soaring today, Taurus. You may want to try an artistic project of some kind. You could be pleasantly surprised at the results. Your intuition is also high, and your understanding of those around you is greatly increased. Don't be afraid to act from instinct. This is one of those days when it should win out over rationality and logic!



**Scorpio October 24 – November 21**

Your warmth, sensitivity, and understanding in your relations with those you care about are heightened, Scorpio. You should feel especially well, as your health is good. You want to get out and be social with friends and family. If there are no outings planned, don't hesitate to be the instigator. Everyone will have a wonderful time, and your company will be greatly enjoyed.



**Gemini May 21 – June 21**

You look gorgeous and feel especially sociable today, Gemini. Don't be surprised if you either host a social event or decide to attend one to which you've been invited. You're always a congenial companion, Gemini, but today more than ever your enthusiasm is high. People will want to enjoy your company. You may also have some interesting information everyone will want to hear.



**Sagittarius November 22 – December 21**

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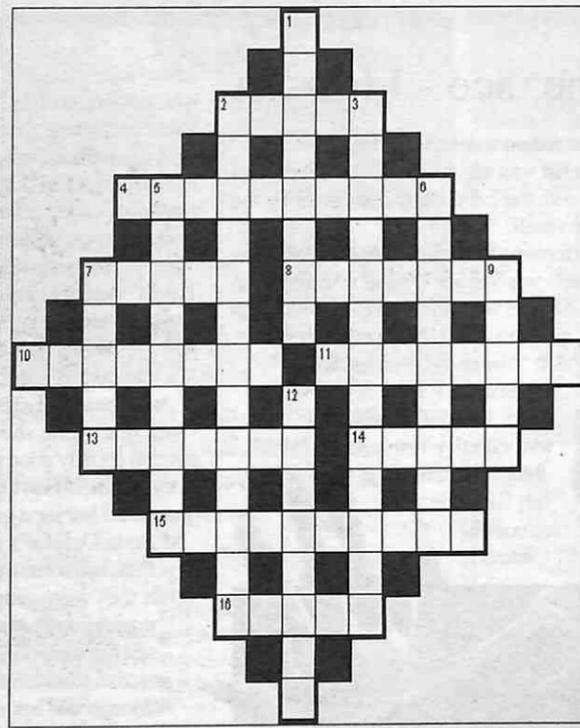


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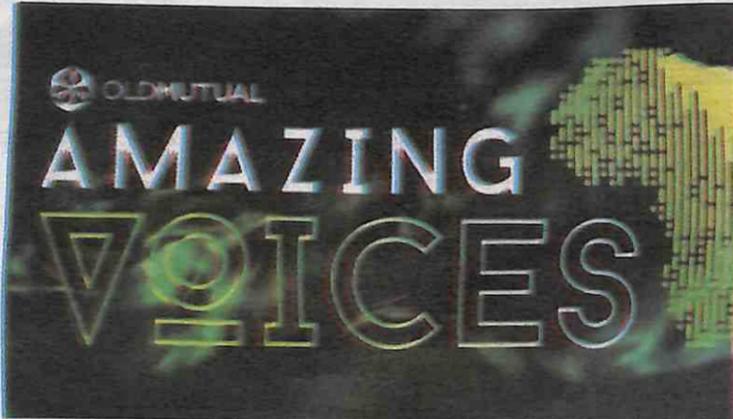
On 12 January 2020, Old Mutual's Amazing Voices, a pan-African singing competition, will premiere on the small screen with contestants from nine African cities – Accra, Kumasi, Mombasa, Nairobi, Bulawayo, Harare, Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg, – squaring off against each other for the grand prize of \$100 000 (R1.5 million).

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## Innocentia Sibi bows out of the race - Idols SA

**THIS Sunday, Idols flipped the tables on Mzansi, leaving fans on a cliffhanger for the entire top nine reveal.**

It was only at the close of the show that we learned it would be the end of the line for 30-year-old teacher, Innocentia Sibi.

The top nine contestants were a mixed bag of soulful Afrosoul ballads, dance hits and chilled love tunes, which gave them a chance to shake off last week's emotional outpouring of grief and get the audiences dancing.

This week's guest performer was DJ Tira, who was asked which 10 songs he would want to listen to if

he were stranded on a deserted island.

This song list was the theme for tonight's performances, with the contestants mentored by the hitmaker himself.

Performing first – a sure sign that she was safe – was Virginia Qwabe, who impressed Somizi Mhlongo so much with her performance of Durban's Finest hit, 'Umsindo', that he called her Brenda Fassie reincarnated. Randall Abrahams was equally impressed, though Unathi Nkayi felt like she seemed distracted.

Also safe from elimination was Sneziey Msomi, who performed Dladla Mshunqisi's 'Pakisha' to wild cheers from the audience. The judges agreed with the audience, with Nkayi saying the music industry was just waiting to work with her, while Mhlongo praised her in tongues and adding a "whoa shem" for good measure. Abrahams said her rehearsal was enough to impress him and her performance showed it was clear she was true performer.

Dinky was third, performing 'No Rush' by DJ Tira and Prince Bulu. Mhlongo enjoyed what he called a chilled performance. Abrahams said that while she was a good performer and gave an equally good performance, she would have to try harder to beat the likes of Msomi. Nkayi congratulated her for a great performance.

Micayla Oelofse's rendition of Daniel Caesar's Best Part, had some mixed reviews from the judges. While they were generally happy with her performance, with Abrahams saying she had chosen her song wisely, Nkayi felt she could have practised more restraint.

Mhlongo said her voice was innocent and authentic but needed to be a bit more controlled. Nqobile Gumede continued to amaze the judges with her resilience. She performed 'Malokazi' by Mduduzi and the judges praising her for a performance that did justice to the spirit of the song. Nkayi said it was a sweet, strong performance that was simple and to the point, while Mhlongo said she did an amazing job.

Abrahams said she would get votes for doing just what the song deserved – a simple performance without adding drama.

Next up was Nolo Seodisha with AKA's Jika. Mhlongo said it was a super amazing song that got him excited – especially since he is getting mar-

ried very soon. Abrahams said Seodisha had a feel-good element about him, while Nkayi said he had lived the song as he had reminded people that this was wedding season – a time to be happy.

Mangaliso Gumbi's soulful performance of Chrisette Michele's 'A Couple of Forevers' had Abrahams wondering how the audience would vote, but adding he was hoping Gumbi would be back next week.

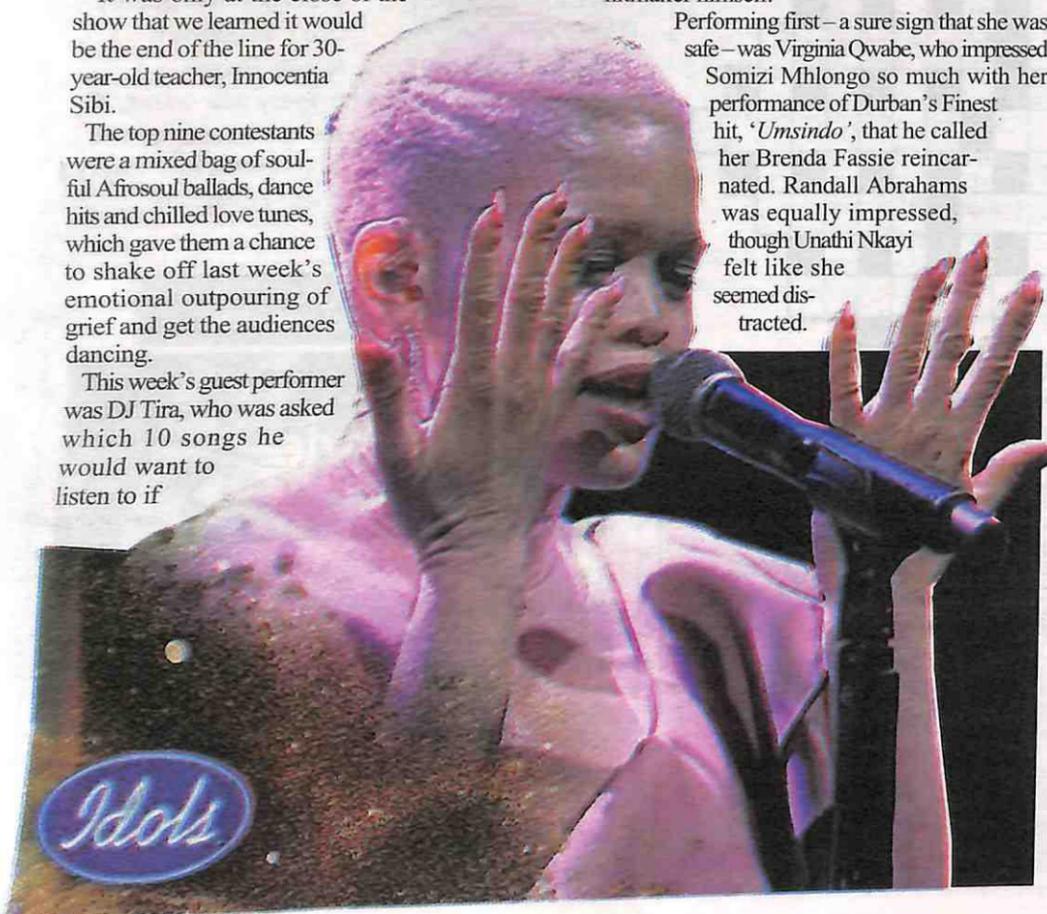
Mhlongo said like Seodisha, Gumbi had given him wedding fever. Once again, he called her a wonder, saying she was part of the reason why he believes this season's talent is probably the best by far of all the seasons of SA Idols. Nkayi called her versatile and said she had a long singing career ahead of her.

Viggy Qwabe cover of Distruction Boyz's Gqom hit Amaxoki marked the first time the second half of the super-talented twins failed to excite the judges. While Nkayi felt the performance was amazing, both Abrahams and Mhlongo were less enthused, with Abrahams reminding her this was a competition.

Completing the top nine, was Luyolo Yiba, with Sjava's Abangani. Nkayi praised Yiba for a solid, controlled performance that was exciting. Abrahams said it was an honest performance, but he and Mhlongo asked him to be more dynamic and give audiences a different side to his usually chilled performances.

Next week, the top nine will perform for a spot in the top eight.

**Idols South Africa airs, Sundays at 17:00 on Mzansi Magic Ch161. You can also get an exclusive look at what doesn't make the Live Shows plus, updates on all the action right here on our site. Don't forget to join the conversation by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram**



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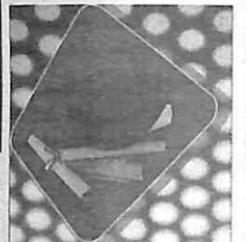
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# SAMOA CLINCH BONUS-POINT WIN AGAINST RUSSIA



**KUMAGAYA - Marauding winger Ed Fidow bagged a quickfire double as Samoa beat Russia 34-9 in a bruising Rugby World Cup encounter yesterday.**

Fidow provided the spark in a tempestuous Pool A clash after the Pacific islanders were reduced to 13 men in the first half for two reckless tackles in steamy Kumagaya.

"To lose two players, go down to 13 men and we didn't lose on the score, (I'm) really proud of the effort," said Samoa coach Steve Jackson.

"We knew we would come out after half-time and the boys were still fresh. I'm just glad we got over the line."

Russia coach Lyn Jones bemoaned his team's short, four-day turnaround after his team lost 30-10 to Japan in the tournament-opener on Saturday.

"It's very disappointing. The performance wasn't what we expected. However, the short turnaround has affected us tactically and mentally," said the Welshman.

"I thought we could play the same tactics as Japan but it wasn't going to be tonight. We needed more time to prepare. It's not the physical deterioration, it was the mental. We just weren't there tonight."

Samoa, World Cup quarter-finalists in 1991 and 1995, began the game pumped up after a passionate performance of their 'siva tau' war dance.

And they went ahead after 15 minutes when a superb pass from Tim Nanai-Williams - cousin of All Black star Sonny Bill - found Alapati Leiua to crash over for the first of his brace.

But Russia fly-half Yury Kushnarev, making a record-extending 111th appearance for the Bears, kicked a pair of penalties to give the Bears a 6-5 half-time lead which should

have been more after Samoa played almost 10 minutes with 13 men.

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**WINS: Marauding winger Ed Fidow.**

## French fume over scrum refereeing at World Cup

**PARIS - France's players are fuming over the refereeing during their last-gasp win over Argentina in their Pool C opener at the Rugby World Cup.**

'Les Bleus' won Saturday's encounter 23-21 in Tokyo thanks to a Camille Lopez drop goal 10 minutes from time but the French feel Australian referee Angus Gardner failed to sanction their opponents for engaging early in the scrum, which is forbidden under new rules.

"We worked for weeks not to engage early, and on the first three scrums they put pressure on us and the referee didn't say much," France captain and hooker Guilhem Guirado was quoted as saying by sports daily L'Equipe on Tuesday.

"We got screwed," prop Jefferson Poirot added.

France, however, have vowed to be smarter when they take on the United States in their second game on October 2.

Reuters



## RECORD-BREAKER JANTJIES EPITOMISES NAMIBIA'S NEVER-SAY-DIE SPIRIT

**HIGASHI-OSAKA - After almost quitting rugby in 2011, the veteran scrum-half Eugene Jantjies becomes the first Namibian to play in four World Cups.**

In 2011, he had to give serious thoughts to the physical and financial demands of the sport in his homeland.

But on Sunday against Italy, he deservedly wrote his name into the record books of his proud nation.

By stepping on to the field in the second half and helping Namibia finish the game strongly by playing a key role in two finely crafted team tries, the 33-year-old veteran of 2007, 2011 and 2015 became the first

Namibian to appear at four World Cups. Since making his debut against Kenya in May 2006, aged 20, Jantjies has won 68 caps and played club rugby in Romania, South Africa and currently for the Windhoek Draught Welwitschias based in the Namibian capital.

In a country with fewer than 900 registered players, the vast majority of whom have to juggle full-time jobs to pay the bills, it is an achievement that deserves special recognition.

"It's not getting easier," Jantjies said. "It's hard to go through this for four World Cups. Sometimes you want to give up. I wanted to give up in 2011 after the second one because of money issues and politics. But then I thought, I can still run, I can still play, and I just kept going."

The 33-year-old is now just one tournament behind rugby royalty Sergio Parisse, who joined Italian compatriot Mauro Bergamasco (1999-2015) and Samoa's Brain Lima (1991-2007) on five World Cups in the Azzurri's 47-22 win over Namibia on Sunday.

Jantjies credits his remarkable longevity in such an uncompromising sport to an attitude built around the words "believe, trust, laugh and unity", words he has had tattooed across his body as a daily reminder to stay focused through Namibia's many highs and lows. "It was hard when I was younger and it's still hard to play rugby at this level now but I still enjoy it," he said. "If you enjoy it, why not?"

African News Agency

## All Blacks prolong guessing game over RWC centres

**OITA - The All Blacks selectors have settled on their much-debated top midfield combination, but they're keeping their preference under wraps.**

After Ryan Crotty and Anton Lienert-Brown started in their blockbuster opener against South Africa, the veteran Sonny Bill Williams and rising talent Jack Goodhue can expect plenty of game time against Canada, Namibia and Italy before the quarter-finals.

Assistant coach Ian Foster believes it's good practice to mix up the midfield foursome so there is familiarity for all possible combinations.

"Do we know what our leading midfield is? Probably. We've got a good idea. I'm not going to tell you but I'm really happy with the combinations we're developing," Foster said.

"History's told us it's a physical area. We've often had to make changes in that area in the last two years. We haven't had a lot of consistency of two guys doing the role for a whole

lot of Tests in a row. Some people see that as a negative, we see that as a positive."

Settling on the centres is the last piece in the puzzle for the All Blacks' A-list backline, with the coaches seemingly happy with Aaron Smith and Richie Mo'unga as halves with Beauden Barrett as a roving fullback and the energetic George Bridge and Sevu Reece on the wings.

The defending champions, who headed to the hot-springs resort city of Beppu in southern Japan on Tuesday, have a 10-day break before their next match against Canada.

But Foster said there will be no slacking off.

"The reality is we've got three more opportunities to hone our game and to get it to the point we need it to be at," he said.

"The only way we're going to progress any further is if we keep trying to meet our own expectations on a daily basis."

AFP

## War of words between Fiji, Australia at World Cup

**TOKYO - Fiji coach John McKee lashed out yesterday at Australian counterpart Michael Cheika, suggesting the Walla by has a different idea of the 'spirit of the game' amid a row over a high tackle.**

The two have been at loggerheads over a no-arms high tackle by Wallaby winger Reece Hodge that left Peceli Yato concussed, and which earned him a disciplinary hearing due today after a Fijian referral.

Fiji were up 11-7 when the incident occurred, with many commentators saying the tackle had prevented a certain score and should have resulted in a penalty try for the underdogs - and a red card for Hodge.

"From our side we lost a player who was nearly the most influential player on the park at that time of the game, for the rest of the game, and because of the head injury he can't play in this game (Wednesday versus Uruguay) either," McKee told reporters yesterday.

"Maybe Michael Cheika's views of what's within the spirit of the game are slightly different to some other people, but it's not up to me to decide what exactly he meant by that comment," fumed McKee, a New Zealander.

On Monday, Cheika had accused Fiji of going behind his back in referring the tackle after the coaching staff of both teams had enjoyed a 'friendly discussion'.

"To get a referral from them in the way it was referred, that was really disappointing," said Cheika.

"I'd prefer they come up to me and get upset with me if they're really upset about it, not to talk to me in that nice sort of friendly chat and go behind your back and put it in a referral."

In a pulsating Pool D encounter, Australia eventually ran out 39-21 winners but were behind well into the second half as the Flying Fijians produced a dazzling display of attacking rugby combined with bruising hits.

AFP



**CLASH: Australian coach Michael Cheika.**



# STRUGGLING MAN UTD POST RECORD REVENUES OF **£627M**

**MANCHESTER** - Manchester United have posted record revenues of £627.1million for the latest financial year in yet another sign of where the club's current priorities lie.

However, Chief Executive Ed Woodward insists that club is still committed to matters on the pitch and insists that winning trophies still remains the number one goal at Old Trafford.

United have endured a tough start to the season on the pitch, with defeats by Crystal Palace and West Ham in the Premier League showcasing the flaws in Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side.

United currently lie 10 points adrift of leaders Liverpool after only six matches. The financial figures will do little to placate fan anguish over the club's current onfield woes, but Woodward has sought to assure fans that matters on the pitch are of the utmost importance.

"We remain focused on our plan of rebuilding the team and continuing to strengthen our youth system, in line with the philosophy of the club and the manager," he said in a statement on Tuesday.

## Reflected

"This is reflected in the recent addition of three exciting first team players, key player contract extensions and the talent we have coming through our Academy.

"Everyone at United is committed to delivering on our primary objective of winning trophies."

Despite a significant outlay on the likes of defenders Harry Maguire and Aaron Wan-Bissaka and winger Daniel James



**COMMITTED:** Ed Woodward insists that Man Utd remain committed to winning trophies. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side is seen above.

over the summer, the inability to replace striker Romelu Lukaku has been scrutinised.

Woodward added in the club's quarterly investors' call: "We and our growing global fan-base demand success. Success means winning trophies. That target and that standard has never changed for Manchester United.

"The progress we've made on the busi-

ness side underpins the continued investment in the football side.

"Much of the progress made around that investment in the academy, the recruitment department and the training-ground facilities is behind the scenes and therefore isn't immediately apparent to those on the outside looking in.

"These investments, together with the commitment we've made to Ole and his coaching staff in March have given us the building blocks for success.

## Patient

"Whilst we're confident this investment will deliver results, it's important that we are patient while Ole and his team build for the future.

"We will continue to focus on the long-term strategy and won't be influenced by short-term distractions."

Regarding a potential director of football, Woodward said: "We're continually reviewing and looking at the potential to evolve our structure on the football side.

"Much of the speculation on this type of role focuses purely on recruitment - an area we've evolved in recent years.

"As already mentioned, we feel that the players we've signed this summer demonstrate that this approach is the right one."

The club, whose stock has dropped more than seven per cent this year, is also lagging behind other European clubs that have either surpassed it in terms of revenue or are quickly looking to close the gap.

*Daily Mail*

## KLOPP INSPIRED TO MAKE CHARITY PLEDGE

**LONDON** - Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp has revealed that the emotional high of his side's Champions League triumph inspired him to join the Common Goal charity.

Klopp will join a host of star names from the world of football, including Manchester United's Juan Mata and FIFA women's player of the year Megan Rapinoe, by donating one per cent of his salary to aid the work of charities across the world.

The 52-year-old, who was crowned FIFA men's coach of the year on Monday, told the Players Tribune of difficult times he suffered early in his career as an amateur footballer, working in a warehouse while trying to support his young family.

And while he now faces the pressure of trying to deliver Liverpool's first Premier League title in 30 years, Klopp insisted he and his players have the luxury of no longer living in the 'real world'.

"We should not forget what it was like when we had real problems," said Klopp.

"This bubble we live in is not the real world. I am sorry, but anything that happens on a football pitch is not a real problem. There should be a bigger purpose to this game than revenue and trophies, no?"

"Just think what we could accomplish if we all came together and gave one per cent of what we earn to make a positive difference in the world. Maybe I am naive. Maybe I am a crazy old dreamer. *AFP*

## Two jailed over online image of Sala's post-mortem

**LONDON** - Two people were jailed on Monday for illegally accessing CCTV footage of the post-mortem of footballer Emiliano Sala, who died in a plane crash in January, and posting images online.

CCTV company Director Sherry Bray, 49, was sentenced to 14 months in prison after pleading guilty to three counts of computer misuse and perverting the course of justice.

Her employee Christopher Ashford, 62, was jailed for five months after pleading guilty to three counts of computer misuse.

Sala's plane went down in the English Channel as he flew to Cardiff on January 21, two days after the

28-year-old had completed his transfer from French side Nantes to the Welsh club.

The footballer's sister Romina Sala said in a statement that the actions were 'wicked and evil', explaining she found out about the pictures when they appeared on Instagram.

"I'll never erase those images from my head," she said.

"My brother and mother can never forget about this. It's hard for me to live with this image."

The jailed pair illegally accessed the CCTV footage of the post-mortem, which took place at a mortuary in Bournemouth, southern England, on February 7.

*AFP*

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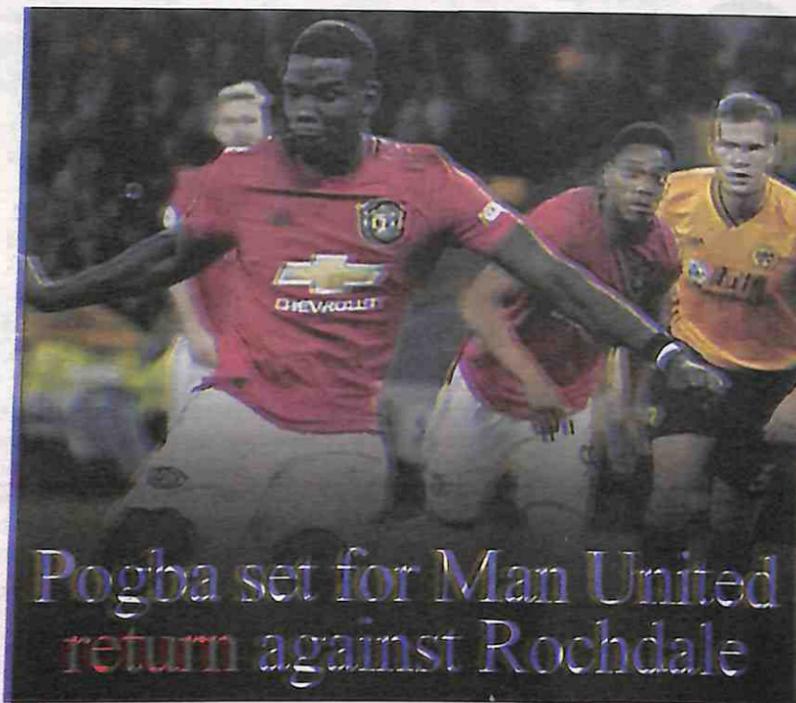
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## Pogba set for Man United return against Rochdale

**MANCHESTER** - Manchester United Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has indicated midfielder Paul Pogba will return to the squad for today's League Cup match against Rochdale.

Pogba has been out of action since the 1-1 draw with Southampton on August

31 due to an ankle injury, but is hoping to regain full fitness ahead of the Premier League visit of Arsenal on Monday.

"He'll probably get some minutes against Rochdale," Solskjaer told the club's website <https://www.manutd.com/>

en/news/detail/team-news-for-manchester-united-v-rochdale-in-the-carabao-cup.

"But we definitely think he's ready for Arsenal."

Mason Greenwood was absent from Sunday's league defeat at West Ham United with a bout of tonsillitis, and the teenager, will be hoping to be back in the squad against Rochdale.

Luke Shaw (hamstring) and Anthony Martial (thigh) will both miss the mid-week clash as they continue to recover from injuries picked up before the international break.

Marcus Rashford is also facing an extended spell on the sidelines after picking up a groin injury in a 2-0 defeat by West Ham.

Angel Gomes and Tahith Chong could return to the line-up against Rochdale after making their full debuts against Astana in the Europa League last week, while Jesse Lingard is in line for a first start in over a month after recovering from illness.

United have made a disappointing start to the new season, recording eight points in six matches to sit eighth on the league standings.

*Reuters*

# I COULD BE NEXT - BENNI

CAPE TOWN - Benni McCarthy says there is an element missing in Cape Town City's approach and is tempted to cut back on the expansive play of the team, and go back to trying to grind out wins in an effort to get back on the victory trail.

City were one of the outsiders tipped for success in the new Premier Soccer League season but with just one win in seven matches, including early elimination in defence of their MTN8 title, their campaign has not exactly got off to a flying start.

"Something is missing there and I'm yet to put my finger on it but I think we are throwing points away like there's no tomorrow," McCarthy said after his side gave away a late penalty and ended up drawing with 1-1 at Lamontville Golden Arrows on Sunday.

"We look like a team that can pick up three points in most games but we are not grabbing our chances. We are ruthless (but) we are not there yet. It's disappointing."

McCarthy said he would have to go back and look at games where things were going right for the club and try and find the formula again.

"We've added far better players to our squad than we had before but things are going pear



**SOMETHING IS MISSING: Benni McCarthy responds to the media.**

shaped.

"Maybe I must go back to grinding out wins, getting dirty the old fashioned way. In this bubble that we are in, we are too set on playing beautiful football... nice passes etc.

"But if you don't get results, beautiful football ain't going to keep you in a job. Four heads have rolled already.

"I could be next, because I bought into this beautiful football stuff and forgot what I installed in the team that made us what we were and who we were.

"Now that mentality is going out the window. We want to do it the Man City way, Barca way. But it ain't working."

*Socwetan Live*

## All teams need something that binds them together - Komphela

JOHANNESBURG - Highlands Park have developed a reputation as the hardest running team of the Premier Soccer League but Lamontville Golden Arrows showed similarly impressive fitness on Sunday as they held Cape Town City to a 1-1 draw for a valuable away point.

They played a high pressing game for much of the 90 minutes, effectively strangling their hosts and not allowing City to play their natural running game.

"When you look at Highlands Park play, they are brought together by a work ethic.

"When you see Manchester City play, they are

brought together by their technical quality," explained coach Steve Komphela after his side moved up to fifth place in the PSL standings.

"All teams need something that binds them together and our unity is dependent on the work ethic as well.

*Socwetan Live*



## The ancestors are with us again - Legend Ace

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs legend Donald 'Ace' Khuse has put Amakhosi's struggles over the past four seasons simply down to bad luck.

The Glamour Boys have endured their longest period without a trophy since winning the Absa Premiership under Stuart Baxter in 2014/15.

However, the Soweto giants are showing signs that they might just break that drought, having made an impressive start to the season which has seen them rise to the top of the Absa Premiership standings. The new signings have undoubtedly strengthened the squad and blended in well, with Serbian striker Samir Nurkovic particularly impressive.

As well as making astute acquisitions in the transfer window, coach Ernst Middendorp has welcomed Erick Mathoho and Lebogang Manyama back into the side after lengthy injury lay-offs, with the duo looking to be getting back to their best. All this has given the Amakhosi faithful real hope and Khuse, who gained legendary status at Naturena and was an instrumental figure in putting Chiefs right up there with Africa's very best, believes the universe is finally rewarding the club after a spell of bad luck. *Sport24*

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# FIFA CHIEF SAYS RACISM 'NOT ACCEPTABLE'

MILAN - FIFA President Gianni Infantino on Monday made a plea to "kick racism out" of Italian football, during the FIFA Best Football Awards ceremony in Milan.

"Tonight is a night to celebrate, but we should reflect a little bit," the Swiss-Italian football chief told a star-studded gathering at Milan's iconic La Scala Opera House.

"I would like to say that here in Italy

in my country, yesterday (Sunday) we witnessed again in the Italian championship an episode of racism.

"This is not acceptable any more, we have to say no to racism in society. We have to kick racism out of football and society once and for all."

Sunday's Italian league match between Atalanta and Fiorentina was halted for several minutes after racist abuse was aimed at the Tuscan side's Brazilian

player Dalbert in a game played in Parma. The problem is a recurring one throughout the peninsula.

This season Inter Milan's Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku and AC Milan's Ivorian player Franck Kessie have both been targeted by monkey calls without any sanction being taken.

Blaise Matuidi, Kalidou Koulibaly and Mose Kean were also victims last season. *Daily Mail*

## Luc Eymael confirms double PSL talks

JOHANNESBURG - Former Free State Stars and Polokwane City coach Luc Eymael has confirmed he will be returning to the PSL soon.

Last week saw three teams parting ways with their coaches - Black Leopards, Chippa United and AmaZulu, however Usuthu moved quickly to appoint Jozef Vukusic to replace Cavin Johnson and the Chilli Boys have installed Duran Francis as caretaker coach. KickOff.com revealed that Eymael is the favourite to take over at Leopards and the Belgian coach confirms that a move is close after speaking to two clubs. "Good afternoon man, I'm in Belgium. If you want to talk about my contacts with South African football, we will see in the next couple of hours if it's true or not," he says.

"Yes, I've been talking with two clubs since last Sunday. Nothing has been finalised as yet so I can't say much but it's two clubs that don't have coaches at the moment."

*KickOff*



## Football lawmakers consider temporary substitutions for head injuries

LAUSANNE - The body in charge of the laws of football is considering allowing temporary substitutions in cases of possible concussion, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) told AFP on Monday.

The IFAB confirmed that they will start with "deliberations on the assessment and management of concussions" in the game. Such temporary changes are already permitted in certain rugby matches when a player receives a head knock and needs to be assessed for

signs of more serious injury.

Allowing the player to be temporarily taken off for a period of up to 10 minutes would allow medical staff to determine if the player can return to the pitch.

An IFAB spokesperson said: "It may take some time until visible progress is made, due to the high complexity of the matter. We want to dedicate enough time and expertise to find the best solution for football."

*AFP*

## Zinedine Zidane fed up as injury list grows

MADRID - Coach Zinedine Zidane expressed frustration about Real Madrid's growing injury list this season, after it emerged that defender Ferland Mendy will miss today's visit of Osasuna for a La Liga match.

Real have had a bumpy start to the season, with other members of the first team squad picking up more than 10 separate problems between them so far. For French full back Mendy it is the second muscle injury he has picked up since joining from Lyon in the summer.

"It annoys me a lot because I don't want my players to get injured, but it's a part of football. It doesn't worry me," Zidane told a news conference.

"Hopefully it's just one of those small things that can happen, because games at this level take a lot out of you.

"I'm annoyed that Ferland is out again because he was playing well and happy to be here. We need to have patience and let him recover."

Zidane, who has

also lost attacker Marco Asensio to a long-term knee injury, hinted there is a chance that midfielders Luka Modric and Isco could be fit, having missed the club's last four league games. Marcelo's back problem, which has seen the Brazilian miss the past week, might not be as bad as first feared either. "They're getting better. All three of them



are on the verge of joining up with the team and we'll see what we do for the game (against Osasuna)."

The Frenchman said the team staff were not to blame for the players' problems.

"All the fitness staff think about what is best for the players. I believe in the people whom I work with.

"We've shown that we know what we're doing. We worked well over pre-season and we're not the only side who has had injury issues. There are lots of factors at play." Real currently sit second in La Liga on 11 points, behind table toppers Athletic Bilbao on goal difference. Newly promoted Osasuna, who held Barcelona to a 2-2 draw last month, sit four points back in 11th.

*Reuters*

## Mane, Shaqiri out injured

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool will be without injured forwards Sadio Mane and Xherdan Shaqiri for next week's third round League Cup tie at MK Dons, the club's assistant manager Pepijn Lijnders confirmed yesterday.

Mane is yet to recover from a knock he received in Sunday's 2-1 Premier League win at Chelsea, which resulted in a dead leg, while Shaqiri injured his calf during a training session.

With four league goals, Mane is Liverpool's top goal scorer this season alongside Mohamed Salah while Shaqiri is yet to start a game for the Anfield club this season.

"Yesterday, towards the end of training, Shaqiri felt his calf stiffen up a little bit," Lijnders told the club's website. "He couldn't continue and a scan showed he had a little tear there.

"We need to wait a couple of days, but for sure he is not in contention for tomorrow. He needs some rest, so he will not be involved.

"Sadio has a knock, of course, but he looks good. With having today off and having treatment tomorrow, I think on Thursday he will be back in training again, so that looks all good."

Goalkeeper Alisson Becker and striker Divock Origi continue to remain sidelined with calf and ankle injuries, respectively, and will not be available for the match against the third-tier outfit.

"Ali is on his way back," Lijnders added.

"But as we know with calf injuries you have to be careful, especially if you see how strong and big he is and how much weight he puts through his calves when he has to make these speed reactions.

"Divock is in the right way and has already been on the pitch, but not with the team yet so that's his next step. Hopefully that comes quickly."

*Reuters*



## 'HE'S A SERIAL WINNER'

LONDON - Former Arsenal defender Paul Merson believes David Luiz should be named as the club's new captain.

Currently without a permanent club captain, midfielder Graint Xhaka has been wearing the armband so far this season. But, after coming under heavy pressure from fans following a run of poor individual performances, there are calls for Xhaka to be replaced and Merson believes ex-Chelsea defender Luiz is the perfect candidate to step in.

Speaking on Sky Sports' The Debate, Merson said: "David Luiz has got to be captain, he's a serial winner. "People have a go at him because one week he'll be a 2/10 and the next a 9/10, but he's going to play every week." Naming a leadership group, instead of one traditional skipper for the season, is an approach which worries Merson. "The worrying thing for me is I heard the manager say he's going to have five captains, which tells me he has no idea what his team is.

"Unai Emery's been there a year-and-a-half, he's got to have five captains because he doesn't have

a clue what his best team is. He hasn't got a clue.

"The good teams are the ones who play virtually the same team every week, but with Arsenal you don't know who it'll be from week to week. "I'm not the greatest lover of a forward being the captain, but [Pierre-Emerick] Aubameyang's another one. Those front three should pick themselves straight away and you go from there - they'll play every week, if they're fit." Xhaka was criticised heavily on social media after his performance in Arsenal's 3-2 win against Aston Villa, with a chorus of boos ringing out at the Emirates as he was substituted in the second half. Similarly, Luiz has been lambasted for giving away penalties against Liverpool and Watford, the latter contributing to two points lost at Vicarage Road.

### DAVID LUIZ SO FAR IN 2019-20

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Futis Nkhaba Regional League E30 000

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Pots Construction Sigangeni League E30 000

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Bakhanjisele & Gongz Maphaleni League E50 000

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South Star Mzimba Regional League E65 000

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Milky Max Piggis Peak U13 Log

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Mbabane Midas U20 Group A

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Mbabane Midas U20 Group B

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Mbabane Midas U20 Group C

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Mbabane Midas U20 Group D

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Mandla Mahewu U15 Mbabane Juniors

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Mandla Mahewu U17 Mbabane Juniors

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Furniture Warehouse Mbabane U20 League E15 000

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Oupa Mhlangatane Football League - E50 000

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Western stream

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Shebes Ntabenzimpisi Football League - E50 000

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Bhulane Resort Ndzigeni Football League - E50 000

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Bulandzeni Stream

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MP Nelson Mamba Timphisini Football League

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B. DIVISION

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Swazi-Trac Lubombo Super League Log Standing

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# MY GAME

'AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SPORTS ISSUES'

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## A NATION IMPATIENTLY WAITING!

AS Sihlangu seMnikati continues to inflict pain on this football passionate nation, the latest being the defeat by Zambia's Chipolopolo in the CHAN qualifiers at Mavuso Sports Centre on Sunday, one cannot ignore to pen a piece about the (dismal) performance displayed by our beloved national team.

Under the tagline 'work in progress', the Kostadin Papić's men are still struggling to win games much to the agony of the football loving Emaswati who had been impatiently waiting to see the squad progressing.

After defying all odds to beat Malawi and Angola enroute to this stage, the locals gave us a glimmer of hope that they will turn the corner in a not-so-distant future but lo and behold, the wait for positive results continues unabated.

Before I sound like a pessimist, let hasten to state that I am a passionate football person and an independent sports analyst who always desires to see progress associated with the improvement of the country's standard of play.

I usually celebrate when the national team wins, and of course, I am bound to feel the pain whenever the results are not forthcoming. It's on those grounds that I was flattered when the squad failed to come to the party even against lowly ranked countries like Djibouti in what can be termed as the most painful experience for this glory starved nation. However, mine today is not to dwell much on the Djibouti game which is obviously 'water under the bridge' but it is progress (or lack of) in as far



as the team is concerned.

As I write this, the team is facing an arduous task in the CHAN qualifiers, carrying a 1-0 goal deficit in the return match away in Zambia in few days' time. Just like in the previous encounter against the Angolans, the locals are expected to put up a gallant fight to overturn the scoreline and oust the formidable Zambians. Yes it's an uphill battle that needs

extra ordinary determination from Papić. Do they have what it takes to do the duty?

A question it remains! We might be a work in progress or playing promising football but it is the positive results to boost the morale of the players that we need. That's why the Zambia game should have been a 'do or die' for us as it carries the ticket to the CHAN finals next year. This is

the only tournament we have a realistic chance of qualifying to - and closely so.

And the question is what is preventing us from using all what we have just to win this game and qualify to the continental showpiece? Why are we struggling to give our best, put this Zambians to the sword and make our history? This is the time when the team has to show char-

acter. They have to fight with their boots on and demonstrate the will to conquer even when it is evidently unlikely just to appease this nation which has been patiently waiting for glory. With such an opportunity we shouldn't be regretting next year when different nations battle it out for honours in the finals. We had a realistic chance. We played our games. We had our journey.

The point I am driving home here is that in as much as we are building we have to ensure that we make a meaningful impact on such not-so-important tournament. If we fail to make our presence felt in such tournaments, are we going to be able to compete in big tournaments like the FIFA World Cup and Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) where the stakes are always high?

I am not trying to put the pressure on the technical bench per se but I am highlighting a very important aspect which must not be taken for granted if we still strive to become a great footballing nation. Admittedly, the coach is introducing a new style of play to the boys and obviously building a team for the future, but it is of colossal importance for them to consider the ordinary citizen who can't even comprehend the process of development.

The team must start grinding results and make targets of making meaningful impact in every tournament they are involved in, especially the COSAFA Cup and CHAN. We have to use every available tool just to pass this stage, and bring hope to the nation.

I rest my case!

## SPORTS MEDICINE SOLUTIONS

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WITHOUT food there is no life, thus we thank the ministry of agriculture for encouraging Emaswati to grow fresh foods.

Today we are looking at the diet for athletes. Diet can significantly affect performance in all sports, and a good diet is important if peak performance is to be achieved.

Nutrition is no substitute for fitness or skill, but it can help players to make the most of their abilities. Performance may be improved by dietary manipulation. Every player is different, and there is no single diet that meets the needs of all players always.

Individual needs also change across the season and players must be flexible to accommodate this.

Diet may have its biggest impact on training. A good diet can help support consistent intensive training while limiting the risks of illness or injury. Good food choices can also promote adaptations to the training stimulus - this can lead to more improvement for the same training load.

The right diet is also important in preparing for games and in hastening recovery afterwards.

## DIET IN SPORTS

The key nutrient requirements:

**1. Carbohydrates** - This is the most important fuel for exercise. The players eating and drinking plan needs to provide enough carbohydrates to fuel their training programme and to optimise the recovery of muscle glycogen stores between trainings.

Actual needs are specific to the individual and must be fine-tuned to meet the specific training goals. An inadequate carbohydrate intake will lead to early fatigue. Examples of carbohydrate foods include breakfast cereals, rice, potatoes, breads, fruits and vegetables, pasta, etc.

**2. Protein** - Protein has been regarded as the key nutrient for sporting success by athletes of all eras and in all sporting codes. Protein plays a key role in the adaptations that take place in response to training.

Amino acids from building blocks for the manufacture of new tissue, including muscle and repair of old damaged tissue. They are also the



building blocks of hormones and enzymes that regulate metabolism and

other body functions. Examples of protein foods include, legumes, meat, poultry products, dairy products, cereals etc.

**3. Hydration** - Players should limit dehydration by drinking enough fluids. This includes water and sports drinks. Coaches should facilitate water breaks during trainings according to the weather and the intensity of the season. The negative effects of dehydration on high-intensity performance are greater in warmer environments so water breaks should be enough to avoid fluid deficit.

The use of commercial sports drinks with a carbohydrate content of about four - eight calories /100 ml allows carbohydrate and fluid needs to be met simultaneously in most events.

Players who sweat a lot of salt may be prone to muscle cramps and to avoid this, they should use electrolyte replenishing drinks or use the Oral rehydration salts that come in sachets. A key strategy in staying hydrated is not to wait until you feel thirsty. Players

should avoid high caffeine energy drinks but should rely on caffeine present in tea, coffee and sports drinks.

**4. Vitamins, minerals and antioxidants** - Hard training place heavy stress on the body but good food choices can reduce their risk of harm. Adequate intakes of iron, copper, manganese, magnesium, selenium, sodium, zinc, and vitamins A, C, E, B6 and B12 are particularly important to health and performance. Antioxidant nutrients are important in helping protect the body's tissues against the stress of hard exercise.

**5.** To ensure that you are eating a variety, make sure you eat a rainbow each day. This includes: White e.g.; cauliflower, onions, banana, potatoes, pineapples, Green e.g.; broccoli, spinach, lettuce, green apples. Blue/ purple e.g.; blueberries, plums, grapes, Orange/yellow e.g.; carrots, oranges, mangoes, peaches, pumpkins, Red e.g.; tomatoes, watermelons, red peppers, red apples.

Lastly let's encourage athletes and teams to work with sports dieticians and nutritionists on individual athletes proper diet for them to perform well.



# MTN Premier League 2019/20

REVIEWS

AFTER INTERNATIONAL BREAK

## MTN LEAGUE CONTINUES

COMPILED BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCKER – THE MTN Premier League continues today after the international break.**

A total of 10 teams will be playing in different stadiums around the country. Yes, it is going to be a night not for the faint-hearted as the teams battle it out.

**WILL WINLESS MILLING HOTSPURS UPSET WESLIANS?**

**Milling Hotspurs vs Manzini Wanderers**  
@ Mavuso Sports Centre, 6:30pm

**NEW kids on the block Milling Hotspurs are eyeing their first victory in the Premier League.**

The Manzini-based outfit have lost all four matches and they are without a goal. The team's head coach Clement 'King Clay' Mdluli is expected to mastermind his former employers' downfall tonight.

Mdluli knows the Weslians like the back of his hand. Surely, he would want to prove a point in this match and steer his team to its first league victory. Mdluli will bank his hopes on striker Lungelo Nyoni to bang the important goals. The experience of former Mbabane Highlanders left-footed midfielder Futhi Gama will also come in handy in this encounter.

On the other hand, hub giants Manzini Wanderers will be all out to beat Hotspurs and climb the MTN log ladder. Speedy winger Mike Dombo will be the one to watch tonight. The DR Congo-born

player has been a revelation in the maroon and white outfit. He has pace and eye for goals. The Milling Hotspurs defence needs to be on toes for the entire 90 minutes.

### TEAMS:

**Milling Hotspurs**  
Head coach - Clement 'King Clay' Mdluli  
Key Players - Gcinumuzi Ndzimandze, Futhi Gama, Linda Mbuli  
Match Winner - Lungelo Nyoni  
**Manzini Wanderers**

Head coach - Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe  
Key Players - Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze,

**ON A MISSION: Birds' Tony 'TT' Tsabedze.**



Thami Zulu, Laurent Abah  
Match Winner - Mike Dombo

**'SEA ROBBERS' TO TAME 'KAPPA BOYS'**

**Denver Sundowns vs Moneni Pirates**  
@ Mavuso Sports Centre, 8:30 pm

**MONENI Pirates will be hoping to add to Denver Sundowns' woes when the two teams face each other.**

The 'Sea Robbers' are on the right track and are currently fifth on the MTN Premier League log standings.

Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini's boys are playing entertaining football and have what it takes to upset the 'Kappa Boys'. Veteran player Lwazi 'Shumi' Mamba will be a key figure in this tricky clash. The former Manzini Wanderers player's overlapping runs are always dangerous to the opposition. Sundowns need to monitor him throughout the match.

Meanwhile, Sundowns will be no pushovers in this match. The Christopher Ennin-led boys will be all out to match their opponents pound for pound. It is high time the Manzini-based outfit collects maximum points.

### Teams:

**Moneni Pirates**  
Head coach - Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini  
Key Players - Lwazi Mamba, Romanus Idigimba, Siphosethu Mlotsa,  
**Denver Sundowns**  
Key Players - Lwethu Simelane, Siciniseko Ndlangamandla  
Match Winner - Siyabonga Ginindza

**WILL BOGANDAGANDA CRANK AGAINST INGWEMABALABALA?**

**Mhlume Peacemakers vs Royal Leopard**

@ Mayaluka Stadium, 6:30 pm

**HARD-FIGHTING Mhlume Peacemakers will be all out for a win when they take on Royal Leopard in what is expected to be an epic clash.**

'Bogandaganda', as the team is affectionately known among its supporters, are proving to be a hard nut to crack. Their form against capital city giants Mbabane Swallows sent a clear message that they cannot be taken for granted.

Coach Takesure Chirangwi will rely on Ghanaian forward Emmanuel Nsiah to carry the day for the team, while defenders Sihawu Dlamini and Mancoba Zwane will ensure that they diffuse everything that looks a threat at the back.

On the other hand, Royal Leopard are aware of the tough task. They lost the league by a whisker last season to Green Mamba and surely this season, they will be all out for the league crown.

The team coach Edwin Matsebula will have to collect the maximum points from this match. He will count on the experience of Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini, Sifiso Matse, Fanelo Tsabedze and Barry Stankaamp to do the damage.

### Teams:

**Mhlume Peacemakers**  
Coach - Takesure Chirangwi  
Key Players - Shaka Nkwanyana, Innocent Adja, Sihawu Dlamini, Mancoba Zwane  
Match Winner - Emmanuel Nsiah  
**Royal Leopard**  
Coach - Edwin Matsebula  
Key Players - Mcolisi Lukhele, Sifiso Matse, Fanelo Tsabedze, Berry Stenkaamp  
Match Winner - Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo

**'CHOCOCO' TO HAUNT BULL**

**Manzini Sea Birds vs Mbabane Highlanders**

@ Somhlolo National Stadium, 6:30pm

**FORMER Mbabane Highlanders' longest serving captain Colani 'Chocco' Sibandze will be facing his former employers for the first time since he joined Manzini Sea Birds at the beginning of the season.**

The pint-sized midfielder, who spent a number of years wearing the black and white jersey, knows the strengths and weaknesses of the capital city giants.

He will be all out to prove a point in this encounter. Another 'Bull' player in defender Sibusiso Dlamini will also be crucial in this encounter. At the belly of the park, the team coach Anthony Mdluli will deploy dribbling wizard Darren Christie to unlock Highlanders' stubborn defence.

Meanwhile, the capital city giants will be hoping to record another victory after beating Milling Hotspurs in their recent match.

The return of midfield dynamo Phumlani Ngwenya sounds as sweet music to the ears of the followers. He arrived at the right time to stabilise the midfield as team captain Menzi Sithole is still nursing an injury.

Coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini will deploy South African 'hit-man' Josef Lekata upfront to bang in the vital goals.

### Teams:

**Manzini Sea Birds**  
Coach - Anthony Mdluli

**Key Players** - Ndumiso 'Skhokho' Shongwe, Sibusiso Dlamini, Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze  
**Match Winner** - Darren Christie

### Mbabane Highlanders

**Coach** - Zanzele 'Ace' Dlamini  
**Key Players** - Menzi Mamba, Peter Dlamini, Punch Mesenemela  
**Match Winner** - Josef Lekata

**WILL GREEN MAMBA BOUNCE TO WINNING WAYS?**

**Green Mamba vs Mbabane Swallows**  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 8:30 pm

**CORRECTIONAL Services side Green Mamba are seemingly struggling as they have suffered two defeats in a row.**

'Inyoka Ehuhlazana' will be hoping to redeem themselves when they visit capital city giants Mbabane Swallows tonight at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Coach Caleb Ngwenya will bank his hopes on his seasoned players in the likes of Njabulo Thwala, Musa Dlamini and Phinda Dlamini to win him the match.

However, the green and white outfit will be meeting a tough side in Mbabane Swallows, who are yet to taste defeat since the league started. Zambia-born coach Honour Janza will want to maintain their 100 per cent record and collect the maximum points.

Midfield maestro Vusumuzi Zungu will once again marshal the belly of the park with veteran captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze.

Upfront, former Mbabane Highlanders hit-man Thabiso Mokonkoane and Sandile Hlatshwako are expected to score the vital goals for the red and white glamour side.

### Teams:

**Green Mamba**  
Coach - Caleb Ngwenya  
Key Players - Solomon Oladele, Phinda Dlamini, Thokozani Mkhulisi, Mthunzi Mkhontfo  
Match Winner - Mcolisi Mkhontfo

### Mbabane Swallows

Coach - Honour Janza  
Key Players - Vusumuzi Zungu, Tony Tsabedze, Wonder Nhleko, Khanya-kwezwe Shabalala  
Match Winner - Thabiso Mokonkoane



**LOOKING FOR FIRST WIN: Milling Hot Spurs' Futhi Gama.**

# 'DOWNS CROWNED MKHITSINI ZONAL LEAGUE CHAMPS

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO

## SOCCKER - SUNDOWNS were on Sunday crowned champions of the Mkhitsini Zonal League.

This was during a presentation held at Lubhuku Sports Ground, in Mkhitsini where the football lovers enjoyed festivities for the day prepared by the sponsor and Shiselweni II MP, Strydom 'Tincengeni' Mpanza.

The sponsorship is to the tune of E15 000, having started in the 2017/18 season.

Making his remarks, Chairman of the Mkhitsini Zonal League Hitler Shabangu thanked the legislator for

sponsoring their league.

He mentioned that Mpanza had been sponsoring them for the past two seasons, after previously having a challenge in this regard.

"We are very much grateful for that to the sponsor," said Shabangu.

He also sent a stern warning to all teams under the zone that issues of registration fees needed to be sorted out, regardless of whether the sponsor had presented or not.

"These are standing responsibilities that teams have to plan for and do away with this habit of then putting pressure on the sponsor to present so they could clear such responsibilities and should be planned for,"

the chairman emphasised.

Representing the Shiselweni Regional Football Association (SRFA), Dlamini also sent his appreciation to Mpanza for sponsoring the league.

"Sponsorship in our zones is a very stressful issue, we are struggling to get such and to find that there are people like Mpanza, who still have the urge to support soccer is very heart-warming," said Dlamini.

In his closing remarks, he stated that there was a strong need to take care of sponsors because they are very scarce and therefore urged the Mkhitsini committee and teams to make sure they maintain good relations with the MP.

## ...MP STRYDOM APPLAUDS SRFA

SOCCKER - MEMBER of Parliament Strydom 'Tincengeni' Mpanza has thanked the Shiselweni Regional Football Association committee for their commitment in the sports activities in their region which is in the right direction.

"As an MP that doubles as a sponsor, I enjoy working with the chairmanship of Bhekani Khumalo and his committee members," said the MP.

The Mkhitsini Zonal League management committee is a team that is very dedicated and willing to work for their community in the field of sports.

Mpanza unreservedly appreciated the collaboration between him and companies such as MTN, MSF and many others that were rendering services on that day.

"A special thank you goes to Moses 'Mthetho ka Mosi' Matsebula for his gifted crowd pulling voice and skills in entertaining audiences. Also a marvel to watch was Muziwakhe Myeni and his group and co-directing the day's proceedings was a bless-



ing.

"I cannot forget the presence of some of the senior people from Mkhitsini Chiefdom, who also graced the auspicious event", further said the MP Mpanza.

### Expending

Furthermore, the Sponsor thanked the people of Mkhitsini, Lubhuku and other neighbouring communities for expending their energies cheering up every single performance of the day.

The MP during the presentation ceremony concluded by saying he will continue sponsoring Mkhitsini

Zonal League for some time, more-so because there were no adverse occurrences such as deaths and injuries due to fighting.

Notables at the event were radio personality and Moses 'Mthetho' Matsebula who was the Programme Coordinator, Ezomoya Communications President and artist, Mzwakhe Myeni, Comedians Sbu and Bongiswa, as well as other gospel artists who had come to support the member of Parliament. Companies MTN Eswatini, MSF and Chaps were also part of the event, servicing their customers and selling products.

## Correctional continue with perfect record in VB league

BY JONGILE XUBA

**VOLLEYBALL - CORRECTIONAL men's team continued with their perfect record in the Nedbank Volleyball League, which saw them stretching their winning streak.**

The matches were played at Pigg's Peak Club over the past weekend and the defending champions Correctional made light work of their opponents.

They won the first match against hosts Mshinande with a 3-0 score followed by another 3-0 win over Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF). Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) played against RSSC and won 3-0 as Bob Cats, who also have been in fine form beat Mshinande 3-0.

In the women's league REPS had a dominant day defeating Siteki 3

### NEDBANK VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Results:		
Men		
Correctional	3-0	Mshinande
REPS	3-0	RSSC
Correctional	3-0	UEDF
Bob Cats	3-0	Mshinande
Ladies		
Chilly Babes	3-2	Siteki
REPS	3-0	Siteki
Chilly babes	3-2	RSSC
REPS	3-0	Zakhele

-0 followed by another win over Zakhele by the same scoreline. Chilly Babes also won both their games but had a tougher time doing it defeating Siteki 3-2. This was followed by a match against RSSC which they won 3-2 as well.

Volleyball lovers will be happy that the league is back in full swing and games are scheduled to continue this weekend as teams look to end Correctional's dominance.

## ALL SET FOR ALL AFRICA GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY COLISILE SACOLO

### THE TEAM:

1. Sifiso Vilane
2. Siboniso Mkhwanazi
3. Mandla Junior Dlamini
4. Brandon Rennie

**GOLF - THE Eswatini Golf Union, through the Eswatini Sports and Recreation Council, has selected the golf team to represent the kingdom at the All Africa Golf Team Championships to be held in Mauritius from October 8-13.**

The team is made up of the current top four golfers in the country, namely Sifiso Vilane, Siboniso Mkhwanazi, Mandla Junior Dlamini and Bradon Rennie.

Eswatini Golf Union President Albert Mhlanga said they were hopeful the team would represent the country well. "They will compete against the best in Africa featuring South Africa, Morocco, Egypt, Mauritius,

to name a few. This is the opportunity for the Eswatini golfers to weigh themselves against the best in Africa as they are eager to graduate to the professional world," he said.

Mhlanga said Mandla Junior, in particular, was polishing his golfing skills in South Africa and would join the rest of the team just before they depart on October 8. "The Eswatini Golf Union can appreciate any form of assistance towards the needs of the team. It can be recalled that three of the golfers participated in the King's Cup recently and must have picked up a few tips/lessons from the professional golfers."

## BAARTJIES WINS MBABANE CAPTAIN'S CUP

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**GOLF - FAST-improving golfer Senzo Baartjies is the champion of the Captain's Cup after outfoxing about 40 golfers at the Mbabane Golf Club on Saturday.**

Baartjies scored a sterling 40 points in the individual stableford competition hosted in honour of Mbabane Golf Club's outgoing captain Genius Sihlongonyane. Placed second was one of the club's regular top performers Siboniso Mkhwanazi with 38 points. Lying third was a surprise new-comer Sipehelele Ngcamphalala, who won on a count-back with 37 points ahead of regular winner Thami Seilbea. Placed



fifth with 36 points was Brian Mayisela followed by the duo of Cosmo Mthethwa and Stephen Mavuso, who both obtained

35 points.

Meanwhile, the outgoing captain thanked all the golfers whose partic-

ipation made the tournament exciting. He explained that it was tradition in the club for the outgoing captain to bid the members farewell by hosting such a competition. Sihlongonyane also expressed his gratitude to the tournament's sponsor Shamrock Butchery for the to-die-for prizes received by all the seven top performers on the day. It was announced that Mbabane Golf Club will have its annual general meeting on Saturday to elect new office bearers.

Commenting about Saturday's performance, Baartjies said the secret to his accomplishment was going back to the basics of the game and committing to every shot.

"My game has improved drastically in the past three months from quite a high handicap index down to 12. It's

challenging to play in a lower handicap, but it's testament to an improving game," he said.

Added Baartjies, "Recently I've been playing well with my team-mates in the business league, picking up points on all matches from the last couple of games. I've been consistently on the podium for the last few tournaments be it in the bottom half, but steadily climbing."

Asked when he started playing golf, Baartjies said; "I played a bit of golf in high school, but didn't play for a while until after joining the Mbabane Golf Club about four years ago. I'm enjoying my game currently and I'm hoping to play a good game for the next few months. As any golfer will tell you, this game can be cruel yet extremely rewarding."



GWAZA NKUNZI: Mbabane Highlanders boss Ally Kgomonkwe, patron Benson Dlamini posing with the team's new players and some members of the MC at the Royal Swazi Sun. (Pic: Melusi Mlotso)

# BULL PART WAYS WITH TWO OFFICIALS

STORIES BY MELUSI MLOTSA

## SOCCKER: CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders have parted ways with two senior officials.

These are General Secretary Gcina Dlamini and Manager Makhosonkhe Gama. The message was conveyed by the team's patron Benson Dlamini yesterday at the Royal Swazi Sun.

Dlamini did not explain the reasons behind the decision, men-

tioning that it was not for public consumption. "We have parted ways with our two officials in Gcina Dlamini and Makhosonkhe Gama. These are only technical changes." He said they had appointed Clement Dlamini to act as team manager, while Trevor Ginindza will assume the position of assistant manager and junior coach. Dlamini added that Simiso Jele will act as secretary until further notice. Josiah 'Digger' Dlamini, Paul Masilela

and Bhekisisa Dlamini have retained their positions. Meanwhile, outgoing General Secretary Gcina Dlamini said he had no hard feelings with the team after the decision. He said he would always remain a Highlanders at heart. "I am still 100 per cent a Highlanders person. I regret to inform the team's family that I am no longer general secretary. I think this painful decision was reached for the betterment of the club. This will also

enable me to spend more time in church. It may have been a short journey for me this time around as I will now be involved with other teams in the country for business," he said.

**The new look MC:**  
General Manager - Josiah 'Digger' Dlamini  
Acting Manager - Clement Dlamini  
Assistant Manager - Trevor Ginindza  
Acting Secretary - Simiso Jele  
Communications Officer - Bhekisisa Dlamini  
Radio PRO - Paul Masilela

## ...Team unveils nine players

### SOCCKER - MBABANE Highlanders yesterday unveiled nine new players at the Royal Swazi Sun.

The players were unveiled by team patron Benson Dlamini. Also present was team boss Ally

Kgomongwe and coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini. Three of the players are making their return to the club and they are Siphwe Manana, Mncedisi Dlamini and Phumlani Ngwenya. The others are former Denver Sundowns midfielder

Siphelele Dlamini, Mthunzi Hlandze (Young Movers), Sakhile Dlamini (Don Don FC), Lindani 'Rio' Matsenjwa (Young Buffaloes), Melusi Magagula (Green Mamba Under-20) and Patric Mashele (ABC Motsepe League and Orlando Pirates). Team coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini said they recruited young

players to also benefit the national squads. He said they were engaged in a project of building the team for a period of five years.

"I would like to thank the team boss Ally Kgomonkwe, who has a vision for the team. Within a short period of time, this project will bear fruit," he said.

## KFC hands E20 000 sponsorship to Jabez School of Excellence

BY COLISILE SACOLO

### CRICKET: KFC has donated E20 000 towards a cricket tournament that is hosted by Jabez School of Excellency.

The cricket tournament will be played at Malkerns Country Club on Saturday and schools that will be playing are Sisekelo High, Njabulweni High as well as U-Tech High School.

This was said by the school tournament director, who is also the Deputy Principal of the school Mica Singano during a media briefing held at Jabez School at Nhlambeni.

Speaking on behalf of KFC was Accounts Officer Wandile Ncwane, who said they would like to express and extend their appreciation to Jabez School of Excellency for the excellent support they are providing for Eswatini's youth participation in the advancement of the game of cricket.

He said putting all the elements in place for a successful tournament is no simple task- with solid support of sponsors being a key factor. Therefore, it is not a most welcome state of affairs, but also a privilege



GENEROUS: Jabez School of Excellence cricket team, teachers, sponsors as well as the Cricket Association members pose for a group picture.

and a pleasure to be a major sponsor of this event.

"Firstly, the relationship with the upliftment of Eswatini's youth is of enormous importance of KFC. At all levels, it is not one of the most important and valued relationships. It is not just about sport, vital though sport is. The very high level of energy towards the relationship is create in becoming a team player in walks of life in the coming years," he said. Ncwane said their support for this project shows that, given the right platform to promote sport, the business community will respond

and respond magnificently in the promotion of sport amongst youth. Jabez school has provided the raw ingredients for a pretty good cake and he said their sponsorship provides the icing and it takes them to a level where they can be very confident that their participation in the tournament will leave a deep impression on every pupils, whether they are participating or spectators.

"We are seeing through this sponsorship and more broadly, that there are new patterns of opportunities for each and every pupils who is astute enough to take them and I

would like to acknowledge the great contribution of Mr Mica Singano the tournament director at Jabez school and his team in Preparing such a strong and effective sponsorship," he added. Meanwhile, the tournament Director Singano said he would like to thank all the sponsors that have supported them to make the cricket tournament the success it is. He said they want spectators to promote cricket in the country beyond 2022. Other partners were Pamarlat and Clover who will provide refreshments on Saturday during the tournament.

## Birds, Black Swallows battle headlines Y'ello Sunday games

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCKER - MTN Premier League log leaders Mbabane Swallows will take on newbies Pigg's Peak Black Swallows in the first Y'ello Sunday of the season at Somhlolo National Stadium.

This is according to a fixture released by PLE Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati.

The weekend games will start on Saturday with resurgent Mweni Pirates playing against Tambuti at Mavuso Sports Centre at 3pm. Somhlolo National Stadium will host a double header on Saturday, where Milling Hotspurs will clash with Denver Sundowns while defending champions Green Mamba have a date with the troublesome Mhlume Peacemakers. Malanti Chiefs will host Royal Leopard at Killarney Sports Ground. The Y'ello Sunday will dish out a feast of exciting football with Black Swallows clashing with log leaders Mbabane Swallows, while Manzini Wanderers will face-off with Manzini Sea Birds. Next Tuesday will see Mbabane Highlanders take on Young Buffaloes at Somhlolo at 6:30pm after Buffaloes return from their continental assignment in South Africa.

SATURDAY AT MAVUSO SPORTS CENTRE			
Mweni Pirates FC	vs	Tambuti FC	3pm
At Somhlolo National Stadium			
Milling Hotspurs FC	vs	Denver Sundowns FC	1:30pm
Green Mamba FC	vs	Mhlume Peacemakers FC	3:35pm
At Killarney Stadium			
Malanti Chiefs FC	vs	Royal Leopards FC	3pm
Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
P/P Black Swallows FC	vs	Mbabane Swallows FC	1pm
Manzini Wanderers FC	vs	Manzini Sea Birds FC	3:05pm
01/01/19 at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Young Buffaloes FC	6:30pm

## I have nothing to prove against Bull - 'Chocco'

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCKER - MANZINI Sea Birds' new player Colani 'Chocco' Sibandze says he has nothing to prove when his team takes over his former team tonight at Somhlolo National Stadium.

'Chocco' spent a number of years playing for capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders before joining Manzini Sea Birds at beginning of the 2018/19 season. He will be meeting the black and white outfit for the first time since he crossed the rubicon.

Speaking to this publication yesterday, Sibandze said he was not under pressure and would treat tonight's encounter like any other match. He added that they had done enough preparations to win the encounter.

"I have served at Highlanders for a number of years and I will treat this match like all games. Honestly, I don't have a point to prove against them. In fact, I respect them a lot. The spirit is high in the camp and we are all looking forward to collecting the three points," he said. 'Chocco' also mentioned that he had settled well in his new club.

"I received a warm welcome when I got here and I must say that I have settled well and ready to help the team."

Manzini Sea Birds captain Sibusiso Dlamini is also another player, who once played for the capital city giants.

Meanwhile, Manzini Sea Birds started the season on a low note as they have lost three matches in row. They recorded their first victory in the league last weekend when they beat Malanti Chiefs 1-0 in a match that was played at Killarney Sports Ground.

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**RESULTS**

**PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE**  
 AmaZulu 0-2 Kaizer Chiefs  
 EFL CUP  
 Preston 0-3 Manchester City  
 Luton 0-4 Leicester  
 Sheff Wednesday 0-2 Everton  
 Watford 2-1 Swansea  
 Portsmouth 0-4 Southampton  
 Arsenal 5-0 Nottingham  
 Colchester United 4-3 (after penalties) Tottenham

**LALIGA**  
 Barcelona 2-1 Villarreal  
 Real Valladolid 1-1 Granada  
 Real Betis 3-1 Levante

**SERIE A**  
 Verona 0-0 Udinese  
 Brescia 1-2 Juventus

**FIXTURES**

**MTN PREMIER LEAGUE**  
 Playing on Saturday  
 Momeni Pirates vs Tambuti 3pm  
 Milling Hotspurs vs Denver Sundowns 1:30pm  
 Green Mamba vs Mhlume Peacemakers 3:35pm  
 Malanti Chiefs vs Royal Leopards 3pm

Playing on Sunday  
 P/P Black Swallows vs Mbabane Swallows 1pm  
 Manzini Wanderers vs Manzini Sea Birds 3:05pm

Playing on Tuesday  
 Mbabane Highlanders vs Young Buffaloes 6:30pm

## BUFFS BRUSH ASIDE MALANTI

● Win a morale booster for the Army side as they take on SA Bidvest Wits on Friday in CAF Confederation Cup

BY JONGILE XUBA

Malanti Chiefs..... (0)0  
 Young Buffaloes..... (1)2

**SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes recorded their second win after beating Malanti Chiefs 2 - 0 during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium last night.**

The army side has jumped to fifth spot on the log table.

A late first half goal by Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze and second stanza strike by substitute Mpendulo Dlamini was enough to give Buffaloes a comfortable win. The opening minutes of the match started with both teams evenly matched with none gaining an inch over the other. It was only in the 10th minute when the first real chance fell to 'Saviola', whose shot was off-target.

Malanti had the next best chance when Charles Molopo got a free-kick but his shot went into the keeper's hands. Buffaloes gained more confidence as the game progressed and finally got their deserved goal.

**Searching**

It was talisman 'Saviola', who buried a header in the 42nd minute to give his side the lead. Buffaloes went into the break ahead by a single goal and in control of the match.

Malanti started the second half on a high note, searching for the equaliser but Buffaloes almost

**MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:**

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Mbabane Swallows	4	4	0	0	12	1	11	12
Royal Leopard	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
Mbabane Highlanders	4	2	2	0	4	2	2	8
Tambuti	5	2	2	1	7	10	-3	8
Black Swallows	5	2	1	2	8	6	2	7
Young Buffaloes	2	2	0	0	6	0	6	6
Momeni Pirates	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
Manzini Wanderers	4	1	2	1	6	8	-2	5
Mhlume Peacemakers	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
Green Mamba	4	1	1	2	5	4	1	4
Sea Birds	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
Malanti Chiefs	5	1	0	4	2	8	-6	3
Denver Sundowns	4	0	1	3	2	8	-6	1
Milling Hotspurs	4	0	0	4	0	7	-7	0

made them pay for their more attacking approach when Phiwa 'Slwabelwabe' Dlamini found some space but missed his chance.

**Impact**

Malanti made a change and brought in Thembumenzi Mayisela for Sandile Mazibuko. The substitute almost made an instant impact when he was brilliantly denied by goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu in the 63rd minute.

Buffaloes then brought in Mpendulo Dlamini for Wandile Shabangu.



**TEAMS:**  
**Malanti Chiefs** - Xolani, Sandile, Innocent, Sithembiso, Sifiso, Lindokuhle, Bongane, Siyabonga, Ayanda, Charles.  
**Young Buffaloes** - Nhlanhla, Lindo, Wandile, Sihlangu, Mpendulo, Dumsane, Ali, Sandile, Phiwa, Wandile S, Fanelo.

The Buffaloes substitute showed great tactical awareness as he scored a goal to double his team's lead. He fired from outside the box to beat the

keeper and make it 2-0 in the 85th minute. That was enough for Buffaloes to see out the match and secure the vital three points.

## 'TT', Sandziso MTN August best players

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER - CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Swallows veteran captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze's excellent run in the league has earned him the August MTN Premier League best player award.**

The former Sihlangu captain was handed a E6 000 cheque by MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko during a presentation held at the Sigwaca House yesterday.

Also winning the monthly individual prize was Tambankulu Callies striker Sandziso Masuku from the MTN National First Division League, who went home E2 000 richer.

PLE Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati said this season started on a high, judging from the teams' performances and attendance.

**Growing**

"The teams have been well prepared for the start of the season, as we have already watched some entertaining matches so early in the new season.

"The numbers as well are growing with each game and we urge spectators to continue supporting their respective teams," he said.

Maseko applauded the players for winning the awards and encouraged them to continue working hard.

"We are here to present August best players and we congratulate them to continue working



**BEST:** Tambankulu Callies' Sandziso Masuku and Mbabane Swallows' Tony 'TT' Tsabedze hold up their replica cheques and trophies after they won the August Player of the Month awards for the MTN First Division and Premier League respectively. The presentation was held at Sigwaca House yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

hard." He also mentioned that this Sunday will be the first Y'ello Sunday of the season.

"This Sunday we encourage fans to make their way to stadium as we will have a lot of prizes and incentives available," he said.

## ...WE WANT TO GO BACK TO CAF - 'TT'

**SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze says they look forward to returning to the CAF tournaments.**

"For us to compete in the Champions League we have to finish on top. We know what it takes to do that and are taking it one game at a time," he said.

The skipper was instrumental in his team's recent good performance, scoring four goals in four matches.

He thanked all his team-mates for helping him perform well.

"My teammates deserve the award more than I do as they are a team of talented players. I would also like to thank MTN and the PLE for having these incentives, which motivate us as players," he said.

Meanwhile, Tambankulu Callies attacking midfielder Sandziso Masuku, who has already scored three goals in five matches, said they were fighting to gain promotion at the end of the season.

"I would like to firstly thank my teammates and management for making it possible for me to play. We are hoping to fight for promotion this year and I would like to help the team achieve that," he said.