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POWER: Umdutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) body builders display their muscles during Army Day final rehearsals yesterday. The event is expected to be graced by His Majesty King Mswati III this coming Friday at the UEDF Headquarters at Nokwane. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



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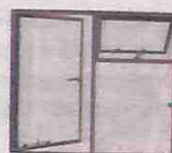
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CTA fuel corruption trial:

HIGH COURT TOLD HOW FUEL WAS DIVERTED

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

THE trial of businessman, Matutu Morris Dlamini and seven others who are facing corruption charges, resumed at the High Court yesterday.

The charges relate to the alleged theft of E12 million fuel from the Central Transport Administration (CTA).

One of the witnesses in the corruption case Wandile Dlamini, who has been made an accomplice witness by the crown, was led in evidence by Principal Crown Counsel Ncansile Masuku and he informed the court how they diverted fuel from the CTA destined to departments such as His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS), the Royal Eswatini Police Service and the Eswatini Umbutfo Defence Force (EUDF) to private filling stations within the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Dlamini told High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga that he, together with Khanyisile Shongwe, Nomfundo Kunene and a truck driver diverted the trucks with fuel to the various filling stations.

Giving a detailed account while referring to documents, Dlamini informed the court that he, together with the three on different occasions,

diverted the fuel which did not reach their intended government destinations but delivered to the various filling stations within the country.

"In all these occasions My Lord it would be myself, Khanyisile, Nomfundo and the driver who would divert the fuel truck from its intended destinations to the various filling stations.

The fuel did not reach the intended destinations," Wandile told the court.

Dlamini (Matututu) is charged together with Wonder Dlamini, Mhlekwana Investments, Dumsani Thabani Vilane, Mzilikazi Caltex Filling Station, Mandla Ndzimandze, Themba Ndzimandze, Mpaka Motors, Moses Simelane, Nhlanguano Excel Filling Station, Khanyisile Shongwe, Tengetile Shabangu, Nolwazi Shongwe, Vusi Tembe and Nomfundo Kunene.

They all pleaded not guilty to the charges when they were put to them before Judge Maphanga when the trial commenced at the High Court.

A total of 15 people were initially charged in connection with the offences and it was only the first, second, third, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 accused persons who were charged under the first two counts of corruption and fraud while the rest appear in all the counts.

However, charges against accused number 16 Wandile Dlamini were withdrawn by the crown when the trial commenced.

According to the first count, Dlamini and the eight others are charged with contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act in that they allegedly, while acting jointly and in furtherance of a common purpose, diverted fuel amounting to E142 480 which was supposed to be delivered at Hluti Police Station but instead delivered it at Mampolo Filling Station.

On the second count, they are alleged to have committed fraud in that they diverted fuel worth E142 480 to Mampolo Filling Station instead of Hluti Police Station.

In each of the counts, they are alleged to have diverted fuel of the similar amounts resulting in the figures reaching the about E12 million.

Dlamini was arrested together with Themba, who is the owner of Mpaka Filling Station, and Simelane, who is the Director of Nhlanguano Filling Station.

Dlamini operates a number of businesses, including Mampolo Filling Station along the Hhelehele-Lavumisa public road.

They are alleged to have been colluding with some of the government employees at CTA to steal fuel which was then delivered to their various filling stations.

It is alleged that the fuel was then delivered to the filling stations at a cheap price. Also arrested in connection with the same crime was Dlamini's son Wonder.



The four were rounded up by police officers from the Hhohho Fraud and Commercial Crimes Unit.

Four civil servants were also arrested in connection with the alleged theft of fuel worth E12 million, at CTA.

In his application for bail, Dlamini denied to have ever defrauded government this amount.

He also denied ever defrauding and/or misrepresenting any orders to the government in the amount alleged, or any at all, arguing that he was implicated in the commission of the offence by virtue of being a director of Mhlekwana Investment.

He also submitted that the allegations against the company are incorrect, alleging that whatever happened might have been done by his employees during the course and scope of their employment and that he will investigate these allegations.

He said he was not physically and actively involved in the operations of the said company, and there was no

way he could have prevented the occurrence of the offence if it did happen.

The businessman had informed the court that he was an old sickly person who suffers from high blood pressure and his continued incarceration would worsen his condition.

"In all these occasions My Lord it would be myself, Khanyisile, Nomfundo and the driver who would divert the fuel truck from its intended destinations to the various filling stations. The fuel did not reach the intended destinations"

COP ALMOST COLLAPSES INSIDE COURT

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

CONSTABLE Madoda Mkhathshwa of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) almost collapsed in court whilst giving evidence in the alleged park rapist case before Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo.

Mkhathshwa was saved by court orderlies who assisted him to sit, whilst Principal Magistrate Khumalo ordered that he be provided with water

to calm him down.

The police officer was called onto the stand to furnish the court with evidence pertaining to the matter of Sanele Sandile Simelane (26) of Maloma under Chief Maja II who faced four counts; two of rape and the others for impersonating as an officer of the law.

While in the stand, Mkhathshwa, who is light in complexion, was seen spinning while sweat dripped on his face. His complexion turned dark and was almost on the verge of collapsing when some court orderlies helped

him sit down. This strange behaviour by the officer was noted by the principal magistrate who then ordered that water be availed for him.

The matter was subsequently postponed in this regard. However, a few minutes later the officer was seen strong as an ox.

Testify

According to sources close to the matter, Mkhathshwa was not ill until he was called to testify on the matter. "He said he felt strange the moment he stepped in the courtroom. Evidently, after a short while, he appeared to be

fine," the source said. When the matter was postponed, the accused person Sanele Sandile Simelane, who conducted his own defence, asked that the court set a nearer date because he felt uncomfortable in jail.

Simelane said it was so cold behind bars, hence he would appreciate if the matter would be deliberated on sooner. The accused person was arrested for raping two 19-year-old women, who were at a park in Manzini, situated between Mavuso Trade Centre and the old Trade Fair.

Simelane allegedly informed the

teenagers that he was a police officer who had come to arrest them after being tipped off by concerned members of the public.

When 'arresting' them, he cited that they had committed crimes such as public indecency and illegally selling drugs. When he led the girls and their boyfriends to an imaginary police van, Simelane allegedly forgave the males and ordered them to leave town.

When alone with the girls, he allegedly told them that he would drop the charges on condition that they agreed to have sex with him. Out of fear of being arrested, both the women complied with his orders to undress before he sexually violated them.

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GOVT SEEKS TO INCREASE FUEL LEVY BY E3.85/L

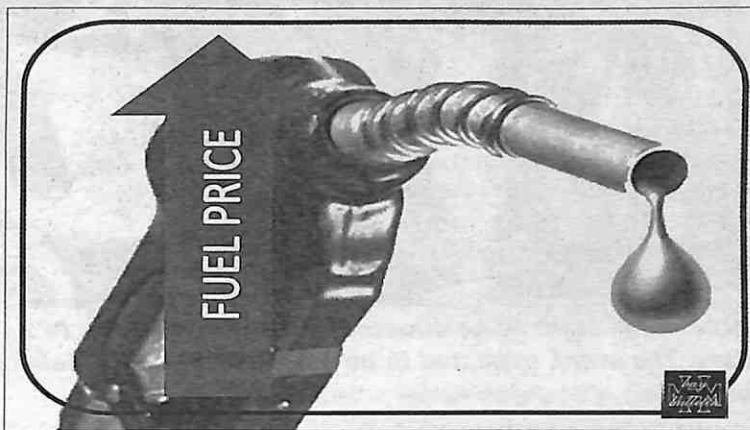
STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

IN an effort to increase its revenue base, government is pushing the Finance Bill, No.5 of 2019 which seeks to impose a levy of E3.85 cents over and above the prevailing fuel price which may push the current price to E16.65 per litre of petrol or E16.70 per litre of diesel.

The aim of this Bill is to impose and alter certain taxes, duties, levies, tolls and fees. It also seeks to amend certain enactment relating to taxes, duties, levies, tolls and fees and to provide for other matters relating thereto.

The proposal of E3.85 levy on a litre of fuel is contained in a report of the ministry of finance portfolio

...this is contained in the proposed Finance Bill that seeks to increase a host of other levies or penalties



committee on the Finance Bill, 2019 (Bill No. 5 of 2019).

The report was tabled in the House of Assembly on Monday by Lobamba

Lomdzala Member of Parliament (MP) Marwick Khumalo, who is the Chairperson of the portfolio committee.

MP Khumalo cautioned that these figures need to be reviewed in their current form otherwise they will make the terrible economic situation even worse.

He posits that not only will it worsen the life of ordinary citizens, but is likely to even scare investors as they would dramatically increase their operational costs.

Petrol ULP 95, Petrol LRP, Diesel 500ppm S, and Diesel 50ppm S are the ones on which the fuel levy is being proposed. A litre of petrol currently costs E12.80 whilst a litre of diesel is selling at E12.85. With the addition of the E3.85 levy, this means a litre of petrol will now cost E16.65 and a litre of diesel will be sold at E16.70. The Bill has to be debated by the MPs and senators will debate it once it has been tabled in the upper

chamber. The debates are the only hope in changing or stopping the proposals from being accepted. Once the Bill is passed as per the proposal, it will mean the increase will come into effect.

The Bill was published in the supplement of the Eswatini Government Gazette (No. 27) on February 26 and from that day, everyone was free to comment and/or propose amendments to the Bill.

The Bill was tabled before the House by Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg on February 28. The Bill was read for the first and second time on March 13. After the second reading, the minister moved that the Bill should be referred to the portfolio committee of the ministry of finance.

A workshop on the Bill was conducted on March 22 at Royal Swazi Spa in Ezulwini. The aim was to capacitate the MPs on the importance of the Bill.

Stakeholders were able to make their submissions on April 17 and 18. Considerations of the proposed amendments were done on June 17 to 20.

E1 000 FOR LATE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION

IF your marriage is still not registered, you should register it because you might find yourself attracting penalties of up to E1 000.

This applies to both customary and civil rites marriages, according to the report of the ministry of finance portfolio committee on the Finance Bill, 2019 (Bill No. 5 of 2019). Registration of customary marriages should be done within 14 days of the occurrence of the marriage. Civil rite marriages are expected to be registered within seven days. Once the customary law is registered from 14 to 60 days, E250 will be paid. An amount of E350 will be paid for customary marriages registered between 61 days to 12 months.

E1 000 could be paid from five years and above. Once a civil rite marriage is registered from seven to 60 days, a fine of E250 would be attracted. An amount of E350 will be paid for marriages registered between 61 days to 12 months. Adjacent this is a table showing all the marriages and their fees.

MARRIAGES

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Special licence marriage certificate	E150
Swazi Law and Custom marriage	E150
Certified copy of marriage certificate	E300
Conversion of manual certificate	E50
Publication of Banns	E50
Late registration of Swazi Law and Custom marriage	
(i) Fourteen (14) to sixty (60) days	E250
(ii) Sixty-one (61) to twelve (12) months	E350
(iii) One (1) year to five (5) years	E500
(iv) Five years and above	E1 000
Late registration of Civil Rite Marriages	
(i) Seven (7) to sixty (60) days	E250
(ii) Sixty-one (61) to twelve (12) months	E350
(iii) One (1) year to five (5) years	E500
(iv) Five (5) years and above	E1 000
Change of marriage status	E300

BIRTHS AND DEATHS SHOULD BE REGISTERED WITHIN 60 DAYS

BIRTHS and deaths are supposed to be registered within 60 days of occurrence in the country.

This will only happen once the Finance Bill of 2019 is passed by Parliament. The aim of this is to

encourage Emaswati to avoid late registration of births and deaths. Late registration, after the proposed 60 days, will attract penalties. Below is a table showing how these penalties will be charged.

BIRTHS

Current birth registration within sixty (60) days after birth	Free
Late registration	
(i) Sixty-one (61) days to twelve (12) months	E50
(ii) One (1) year to six (6) years	E100
(iii) Seven (7) years to fifteen (15) years	E150
(iv) Sixteen (16) years and above	E300
Certified copy of birth certificate	E50

Deaths

Current birth registration within sixty (60) days after birth	Free
Late registration	
(i) Sixty-one (61) days to twelve (12) months	E50
(ii) One (1) year to seven (7) years	E100
(iii) Seven (7) years to fifteen (15) years	E150
(iv) Sixteen (16) years and above	E200
Certified copy of death certificate	E150
Conversion of manual certificate	E50
Insertion of name within 60 days of birth	E50
Alteration of birth or death certificate	E150
Insertion of particulars of father	E300
Registering an adoption	E500
Alteration of marriage particulars	E300
Change of marital status (divorce or nullifications)	E300
Clearance for marriage outside the country	E100
Exams for prospective marriage officers	E1 000
Renewal of marriage licence	E150
Appointment of marriage officer	E250
Verification letter	E50
Authority to get married in Eswatini	E500

Late Senator Mike Temple's memorial service Saturday

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

FOLLOWING the untimely demise of Senator and patron of the arts Mike Temple on Friday, he will be laid to his final resting place on Sunday morning.

Family spokesperson Mandla Dlamini confirmed that the late senator would be laid to rest at the Ezulwini Community Cemetery opposite Satellite bus stop.

Dlamini mentioned that the memorial service would be held at House on Fire in Malkerns on Saturday. The memorial service would begin at 10:00 and would be conducted at the Mandela's lawn.

He will then be laid to his final resting place on Sunday morning.

Dlamini said the burial would take place after a short prayer to be held at

06:00 am at his home in Mahlanya Lobamba-Lomdzala.

In a logistics meeting held yesterday at House on Fire, family friend Paul Fortune urged all who would be attending the memorial service to keep time. He mentioned that the ceremony would be conducted in a tent to be set up the within the premises.

He said the parking outside the premises would be reserved for dignitaries and VIP guests as well as relatives. Members of the public who would come to pay their last respects would use the Mandela's overflow parking lot across the road from the premises.

Fortune said there would be parking attendants and ushers assisting mourners during the ceremony and members of the public were urged to take instructions from them in order to avoid any confusion.

He said there would be 600 designat-

ed seats within the premises and emphasised time keeping was of essence to ensure everyone was seated before the start of the ceremony. "For those who would find no seats are advised to bring their own camping chairs as we anticipate more people than would be catered for. They would be directed by the ushers on where they could sit once inside the premises," he said.



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Relatives and friends are cordially noticed that Gogo Sarah Nozipho Vonkwana Hlatshwako nee Ngwane has passed on to be with the Lord. The memorial service will be on Friday 28/06/2019 at Nhlanguano Methodist Church, Mathendele, starting at 2 PM.

There will be a Night Vigil at her home at Nhlanguano Malcapine and the funeral service will be on Saturday 29/06/2019 at 6 AM. Announcement by family.

REST IN PEACE THUNISWA!!!

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READY: A parade commander in full flight as he directs his troops during the Army Day rehearsals held at the Army headquarters yesterday. The event, expected to be graced by Their Majesties, will take place on Friday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



LUTSANGO: Members of the Lutsango entertain the audience. (R) **BRIEFING:** Some of the officials being briefed about the logistics.



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CULTURE: Sibhaca team was also there to finalise their cultural dance move. (R) PRIDE: EUDF Imbali going through their paces.



UP HIGH: The army helicopter performs the spectacular display during the rehearsals.



ORDER: Mashikilisana Fakudze issues orders to the parade as they drill in the arena.



SALUTE: An officer salutes as he walks past his superiors during the rehearsals.



QUICK MARCH: The parade doing the quick march as part of the preparations.



KICK: The karate team poses before displaying their skills.

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Moza man nabbed with E20 000 worth prohibited cigarettes

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

IT seems that the smuggling of drugs such as dagga and other prohibited cigarettes remains rife along the border separating Eswatini and neighbouring Mozambique.

This is evidenced by the number of cases appearing before the Siteki Magistrate's Court where offenders faced charges ranging from contravening the Opium and Habit-forming Drugs Act to evading tax. One such case was brought before the court yesterday, where a Mozambican man was charged for contravening the Customs and Excise Act of 1971.

Nito Matsinya (28) was nabbed at Mhlumeni Border Gate while attempting to smuggle GT cigarettes (A Mozambican brand of cigarettes) into Eswatini.

The accused person was said to have evaded paying tax for the cigarettes which were valued at E20 000. The cigarettes are also classified as prohibited goods in the country.

Act

According to the law, all permitted goods which are brought into the country must have paid tax through the Eswatini Revenue Authority.

During his appearance before the court, Matsinya was informed of his right to legal representation. He accordingly elected to conduct his own defence in the matter.

Matsinya also applied for bail, saying he was actually residing in the country for work purposes. He was subsequently granted bail at E3 000 while the matter was set for trial next Tuesday.

Meanwhile in the same court, Alberto Simaio faced a charge of contravening the Opium and Habit-forming Drugs Act. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully possessed dagga weighing 1.82 kg while at Mhlumeni Border Gate.

The accused person pleaded guilty to the charge.

He told the court that he intended to use the dagga for personal use as a medicine for his illness.

His plea was accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence. Simaio was found guilty by the court and sentenced to 90 days in a correctional facility with an option to pay E1 500 fine.

KNOWLEDGE NGWENYA SUMMONED BY MINISTER

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

FOLLOWING the war of words between Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Training Dr Sibongile Mtshali-Dlamini and officer Knowledge Ngwenya, Minister Lady Howard-Mabuza has summoned Ngwenya on the issue.

According to sources privy to information, Ngwenya was called by the minister after serious allegations carried by this newspaper where he spilled the beans about a number of issues at the ministry.

Details of the behind closed doors meeting between Ngwenya and the minister could not be availed to the newspaper.

However, it has since been gathered that, among other things, the minister called for calm in the matter. In fact, she is said to have told Ngwenya not to continue discussing

the matter in the media.

When called about the meeting with the minister, Ngwenya asked not to give a comment on that issue instead preferring to address the issue of him being reported as someone who was expecting favours from Royalty.

Ngwenya also addressed the issue of the PS denying that he was addressed as an investigations officer.

He said he had documents in his possession which were signed by the PS while she was still Director of Education which prove that his post as an investigations officer was recognised by Dr Mtshali-Dlamini.

One of these documents are minutes calling for a one day trip to Witwatersrand University, South Africa.

The letter which was written by the director of education, on paragraph 3 reads "the office of the director and that of the ministry of education and training investigation

office (Mr Knowledge Ngwenya) requests that this trip be joined by other officers instrumental in the case. The officers include TSC Legal Advisor F. Dlamini, two police officers who are investigating the cases - Vusi Mkhwanazi and Sibusiso Phakathi, Msizeni Dlamini, the then employee of Promat College, who is currently based at Ngwane College as a lecturer.

When asked if he has assumed his duties at his new workstation in Nhlangu, Ngwenya dodged that question. This is the same issue that the PS highlighted before the PAC.

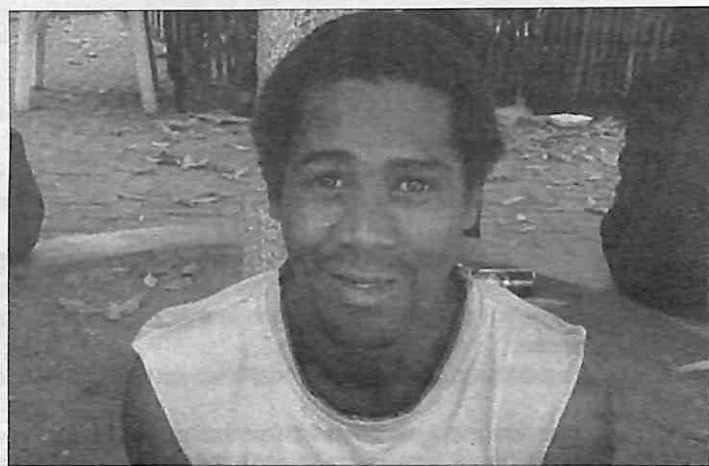
Mtshali-Dlamini had stated that Ngwenya was failing to assume duties after promotion. She said she reported to the controlling officer that an officer, holding the position of Assistant Career Guidance Officer, Grade C4 did not report to his duty station after he had been promoted in August 2014.

The PS stated that the ministry incurred an expenditure amounting

to E524 325.38 in respect of salary paid to the officer yet he did not assume new duties as per his promotion, from August 2014 to 31 March, 2018.

Ngwenya denied ever mentioning to the principal secretary that he was expecting favours from Royalty in securing a job. Last week, the principal secretary was quoted by this publication as having stated that Ngwenya told her that she was expecting Royalty to secure something for him in terms of jobs.

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BUYA EKHAYA: South African national identified as Denzil Daniels.

SA mother pleads for assistance to fetch mentally-ill son from Eswatini

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

A distraught mother of a mentally challenged man from Delft, who has been discovered in Eswatini after disappearing six years ago, is pleading with the public to help her get her son back home.

Jane Daniels, who had lost all hope of ever seeing her son alive again, could not believe it when last week Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) contacted the South African Police Services (SAPS) from Delft informing them they had found a South African national identified as Denzil Daniels scratching in bins outside a supermarket.

It is still not known how Denzil came to the country.

Denzil was found with no documents allowing him to be in the country but was able to furnish authorities with his mother's address.

Jane Daniels said she has spent

the past few days knocking on the doors of people in her community, asking them to lend her money so she could fetch her son.

"My heart's desire is to go to the border, see my son and throw my arms around him and tell him I've been worried about him and I'm happy that he's alive.

I'm just asking people for any donations that will make it possible for me to fetch Denzil and bring him back home safely." Two Delft police officers have in their personal capacity taken it upon themselves to fetch Denzil at the border between South Africa and Eswatini. One of the officers volunteered to use his own car for the trip and has also appealed to the public for financial assistance.

Daniels said the officers were a God-send. "These two police officers made my problem their problem. I've never come across two people like these policemen who have gone out of their way to help me."

'I thought he was dead'

JANE Daniels, had a broad smile as she sat with her hands on her lap and spoke about her son whom she thought she'd never see again.

"I always thought this child is dead. I always prayed and that's what carried me through. My heart is happy and I say thank you to God.

"That's the big question... who knows, he could have been kidnapped. How did he get there? We just don't know. It's a mystery."

Daniels, who had already held a memorial service to bid farewell to her child, said she cried every day.



HAPPY: Jane Daniels says she's struggling to get help from authorities. She needs money to travel to the border between SA and Eswatini to fetch her son.

No help from SA home affairs

INFORMATION sourced from ewn.com revealed that Daniels said with only her marriage certificate in hand, she made her way to a Cape Town home affairs office last week to explain her situation and ask for help and advice but the man who attended to her showed her the door.

"I got to home affairs and the man told me to take my marriage certificate and to go to Eswatini myself. The manner in which they treated me, was like I wasn't a South African. I was heartbroken. They just chased me away."

The 60-year-old woman said she and her family lost everything, including Denzil's personal documents in a fire several years ago.

Daniels said she also visited a police station in Cape Town to

ask for help and was again turned away. She said she was told government did not help with matters like this.

She also mentioned that the officer told her if Denzil was a criminal or if he had been kidnapped, they would have helped her. She said he also mentioned the only thing she could do was go to her community and collect money to fetch her son. "I told him many people here are unemployed, they don't even have food on their tables," she said.

Daniels said mystery still surrounded the day her son disappeared from their Delft home as she had given up hope and thought her son was dead.

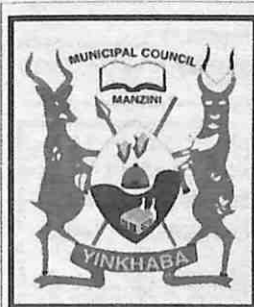
She lost another son, Denzil's older brother, who was killed in a car accident in 2002. Her husband, who she said spoke about Denzil every day, died last year.

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STATE OF MANZINI MARKET: TURNS OUT TOURISTS LIKE IT THE WAY IT IS

...Manzini Council promises to continue maintaining it where necessary

In most engagements between the Municipal Council of Manzini and her stakeholders there is usually a call for Council to modernize the Manzini Market.

However, if interviews done with a group of South African tour guides who were found at the market last Thursday is anything to go by, it turns out that tourists actually like the facility as it is. The tour guides have actually urged Council to leave the market as it is; of course except for attending to roof leakages and other maintenance issues, if any.

In unison, the tour guides said what had kept the Manzini Market a tourism magnet over the years had been its unique form and the fact that it had been maintained as a true African marketplace in terms of aesthetics.

The 75 tour guides were in the country for a training session hosted by the Hospitality and Tourism Association of Eswatini (HOTAE) and one of the stop overs that they felt was a must-see before moving to other tourism destinations is the Manzini Market. They stated that the most tourist-attractive sections within the market was the handicraft space, fruit and vegetable section and the traditional medicine side of it.

"The Manzini Market is not manufactured. It's exotic and that's so beautiful. Tourists like it the way it is," said Bob Forester who spoke with great excitement. He added that the Manzini Market was a great place to be at, the people were friendly and the items on display were reasonably priced. Asked to comment on what he felt needed to be improved, he emphatically said: "Leave it alone. Don't try to modernise it. All I feel is required is proper signage

leading to the facility".

He also suggested that parking space be made available at all times. If need be, pre-bookings (for parking) made.

Another tour guide, Excellence Manzini, who bought a number of items from the handicraft section said it was his first time at the Manzini Market but had always known that the facility was popular for its traditional medicine.

"This is my first time visiting the Manzini Market. I must say that it is well organized. I actually know this place to be the place to go when looking for traditional medicine. So I am very excited to be here", Manzini said.

He added that in terms of tourism the City of Manzini was perfect because of its location and vibrancy.

"Despite that it is a lot busier and congested than other towns and the capital city, Manzini still has what it takes. The Manzini Market is a great place. The vendors are so humble and organized. I would say the only improvement required, from a tourist's perspective, is proper signage leading to the facility. It should not be difficult to locate the facility. Tourists should be able to locate it even without assistance from a tour guide", he added.

Meanwhile, HOTAE member Ruth Buck, who was leading the group of tour guides, sang the same tune regarding the state of the market.

"Tourists love the Manzini Market. It is unique and has the true African ambience. The variety of items on display is also amazing. You know, what people need to understand is that tourists do not want to travel all the way from their countries just to see facilities that they are used to.

They want to see something different from what they are used to; and the Manzini Market offers such. The African touch that characterizes the Manzini Market is really good", Buck stated. She sang the same tune about not changing a thing about the market's look and feel.

The Municipal Council of Manzini has assured Manzini News that, working together with the market traders, she would continue providing maintenance services to the Manzini Market so that they (traders) conduct their trade in a comfortable environment. Council also expressed appreciation to the traders for always being friendly and demonstrating the right attitude towards their customers.



ART AND CASH - One of the tour guides purchasing some beautifully made grass place mats at the market



SKINCARE - one of the visitors made sure to get herself some Sisal (Halibhoma) products



VIBRANT CITY - Excellence Manzini appreciating all the beautiful products at the Manzini Market handicrafts section



LEAVE THE MARKET AS IS - Bob Forester took some time to pose for a picture after his brief interview.



MAIZE GALORE - some of the tour guides asking about the different types of maize that were displayed at one of the stalls.

MANZINI UPDATING ITS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

...please welcome VIP Consultants to your residence as they go about collecting data

The Municipal Council of Manzini is in the process of updating its Geographic Information System (GIS); an exercise that commences today and will run until end of next month. GIS experts, VIP Consultants, has been

engaged to carry out the exercise on behalf of Council.

This follows an open tender evaluation process. The consultants will be moving from one property to another, collecting data such as plot sizes, their owners, number of

structures existent in the property and other vital information.

For authenticity and identification purposes they will be clad in VIP Consultants uniform and carrying a letter from the

Municipal Council of Manzini; which letter confirms that they have been commissioned by Council to collect the information. Residents and property owners are urged to cooperate with the consultants. The GIS is a very important tool in

service delivery.

If it happens that somebody approaches you and you suspect foul play, please do not hesitate to contact Council's 24/7 Call Center (800 2004 or 2505 7000) or the police.

Ex-Mbabane Council manager loses E250 000 compensation review

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

● High Court confirms Industrial Court order dismissing his appeal against dismissal

A former manager at the Mbabane Municipal Council has lost a review application he had filed against a judgment of the Industrial Court which dismissed his application on the decision by the municipality to fire him from work.

Cyprian Mkhwanazi had filed an application for review as the Industrial Court dismissed an application he had filed challenging his former employer who fired him from work for flouting council standing orders.

High Court Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza in her judgment said there is nothing to review, correct or set aside concerning the judgment of the Industrial Court that dismissed his application.

Favour

The Industrial Court had issued an order in favour of the council after dismissing his application for compensation allegedly due to him in the sum of E253 248.05 as he

claimed he was unfairly dismissed from employment.

Judge Mabuza agreed with lawyer Sabela Dlamini who represented the council to the effect that the applicant (Mkhwanazi) was in fact attempting to prosecute an appeal under the guise of a review as he was in fact attempting to bring an appeal through a back door which is prohibited in

terms of the Industrial Relations Act of 2000.

"Consequently there is nothing to review, correct or to set aside concerning the first respondent's (Industrial Court presiding judge) judgment. In the event, the application is dismissed with costs and the judgment and decision of the court a quo is hereby confirmed," Justice Mabuza



ordered.

Mkhwanazi was dismissed by the council by letter dated December 8, 2008 after he was found guilty on two counts of misconduct.

Accept

Mkhwanazi did not accept the dismissal and he reported the matter to the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) as a dispute.

The dispute could not be resolved by conciliation, and the applicant instituted legal proceedings before the Industrial Court in terms of Section 85(2) of the Industrial Relations Act No.1 of 2000 as amended as read together with Rule 7 of the Industrial Court Rules of 2007 for the determination of the unresolved dispute.

Dispute

The court observed that it was not in dispute that Mkhwanazi was an employee to whom Section 35 of the Employment Act applied. "Accordingly, the burden of proof was on the respondent to prove that the reason for the termination of the applicant's services was permitted by Section 36 of the Employment Act.

"Taking into account all the circumstances of the case, it was reasonable to terminate the services of the applicant."

The evidence before the Industrial Court revealed that the applicant was found guilty on two charges of misconduct, in violation of the respon-

dent's Staff Standing Orders of 1977 and the charges appeared in the invitation to attend the disciplinary hearing as follows:

"You did continue to engage a company to do business with Council (your employer) when you knew very well that you were an interested party and thus contravening Section 46.1 of the Staff Standing Order of 1977," read one of the charges.

This section states that 'at the time of his/her engagement with Council and throughout the course of his employment with Council an employee shall divulge to the chief executive officer (CEO) any interest he or she may have in any business transaction or application with which Council is involved.

Provision

The standing orders further state that no employee shall directly or indirectly conduct any business with the Council for his benefit and that any contravention of this provision shall constitute corruption, as well as code No.12 Part 11 of the Staff Standing Orders which is the Disciplinary Code and Procedures 1977 where it reads: 'Undisclosed conflict of interest or other employment for remuneration.'

The Industrial Court in its judgment held that the fourth respondent (council) procedurally and fairly fired the applicant, hence it dismissed his application for compensation of the said amount.

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MTN'S PRE-EMPTIVE DISRUPTION GETS 3 000 SIM CARDS REGISTERED IN ONE DAY

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

LAST week Thursday, MTN conducted a pre-emptive disruption exercise which saw over 3 000 SIM cards registered on Friday alone.

Several months since the official closing date for the VELA SIM registration deadline on April 4, MTN Eswatini is making inroads in getting its unregistered SIM card holders to comply with the SIM Registration Regulation of 2016. The company is still encouraging its customers to come forward and register their SIM cards.

Through this exercise, the development has seen the overall number of registered SIM cards grow from 825 000 to 829 419.

MTN Eswatini Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo said the pre-emptive disruption was a deliberate and targeted blocking of unregistered SIM cards so that they were temporarily unavailable on the MTN network. "This is meant to be a gentle nudge that reminds customers to

register SIM cards that do not yet comply with the SIM Registration

Regulation of 2016, which requires all SIM cards to be registered," he said.

He mentioned that the temporary interruption had nothing to do with network challenges as individual subscribers were generally notified before it happened, and further reminded to register their SIM cards after the disruption. It also did not affect partially registered cus-

tomers. Two weeks ago, MTN Eswatini deregistered 4 000 tourists' starter packs following expiry of the allowed 30 days. Lumphondvo said this was part of the process of data clean-up to ensure compliance with the SIM Registration Regulation of 2016.

He also stated that the deregistration has slightly reduced the registered SIM base and increased the unregistered base.

He said in the first week of June the total number of registered SIM cards indicated a slight growth from 813 207 to 817 907. It was at that point that MTN engaged in a pre-emptive disruption exercise last Thursday,

which resulted in over 3 000 SIM cards registered.

He mentioned that with a few weeks remaining before all unregistered SIM cards are completely shut down, there were currently 39 347 partially registered MTN SIM cards. The owners of these SIM cards are still encouraged to have them registered.

"All they need to do is provide a clear and valid proof of residence plus a national Identify Document for their registration to be finalised," he said.

He also said to minimise chances of rejection; the proof of residence should not be older than three months. Additionally, where there is a need for a date stamp, it should be clear. Registration could still be done at all MTN outlets. He added a couple of foot soldiers and MTN staff continued to support those who would like to register SIM cards.



Arrested sugarcane farmers demand E1.8m exhibits back

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

AT least five sugarcane farmers who were allegedly arrested unlawfully by the police are now demanding missing exhibits worth E1.8 million from the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS).

The five, Mphisi Comfort Dlamini (80), William Mkhali (82), Philemon Maseko (45), Nhlanhla Mazibuko (28) and Msolwa Dlamini (66) have taken the National Commissioner of Police, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Government, Master of the High Court and Attorney General to court.

They are seeking an order compelling and directing the National Commissioner, DPP and Master of the High Court to return the exhibits, which were seized upon their arrest and further given a certificate which was issued and later withdrawn by the DPP in October 2018, when their charges were withdrawn.

Represented by Mafutseni based lawyer Leo Ndvuna Dlamini of SA Nkosi Attorneys, one of the farmers Mphisi in his founding affidavit submitted that on June 2015, he together with his four colleagues were arrested by the Tshaneni Police and incarcerated for a day before they were transferred to the Big Bend Correctional facility, where they were kept on remand. He submitted that they spent about 10 days in custody in that facility on charges of theft in that they stole machinery and farm equipment from Vuvulane Irrigation Farm (VIF) worth the amount of E1.8 million.

However the charges against them were later withdrawn by the second respondent (DPP) as they had been charged with offences of theft and fraud after making their appearance at the Simunye

● They have filed an application at the High Court seeking an order compelling Police, DPP to give back exhibits comprising tractors, ploughs, water pumps amongst others

Magistrate's Court, where they were acquitted and discharged.

He submitted that during their arrest, members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) did not have any reasonable belief in their case and did so through malice as they were unlawfully arrested, charged and further prosecuted.

"It is submitted that during the arrest, the police searched and seized exhibits for prosecution of the case and these exhibits have been with the police ever since the arrest when the charges were withdrawn, the applicant personally approached the police for the return of the exhibits but they were nowhere to be found as they have gone missing, hence the present application," Mphisi submitted.

Submitted

He submitted that despite lawful demand for the return of the exhibits the police have no aorta of an answer of what happened to the exhibits to date and further submitted that the exhibits belonged to the applicants as they lawfully own them since they obtained same from the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) a company which left Eswatini in 1983.

He submitted that they were now applying for the return of the exhibits in terms of Section 324 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act (CPE) of 1938 because at all material times before the withdrawal of the charges, they were accused of the theft of the exhibits. The matter is pending before court.

DD accused resists arrest, claims cops insulted him

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

WHEN a man was stopped by police officers after leaving a watering hole, he never thought that the people responsible for protecting him would turn around and insult him.

Peter Magwagwa (50) is crying foul at the treatment he received at the hands of police officers after he was arrested for refusing to provide police officers with his breath specimen, after they stopped him on suspicions that he was driving under the influence of alcohol.

Magwagwa is said to have been arrested and charged on September 22, 2018 at Lobamba, after police officers suspected him of driving under the influence of alcohol. Magwagwa is then said to have refused to give police officers his breath specimen when asked to do so. He is also said to have resisted arrest, after he was found to have wrestled four police officers.

During his trial before the Senior Magistrate Nhlanhla Dlamini yesterday, Magwagwa insisted that he was not guilty of all the charges placed before him. He in fact, was convinced that the police officers who were present on the day had issues with him.

When the prosecution called its first witness Constable Vusizwe Mavuso, who was present on the day of the incident along with the three other officers, Mavuso revealed that Magwagwa was asked to provide police officers with his breath specimen three times, with him refusing each time.

"I could clearly smell the alcohol on his breath yet he kept refusing to provide us with his breath specimen. This

was when he became violent and started wrestling with me," Mavuso stated.

Mavuso explained that Magwagwa then asked to fetch something from his car, only for him to get to his car and start the ignition. "His intentions were to escape as he was already in the driver's seat. If I did not act swiftly, he would have escaped police custody," Mavuso claimed.

However, when given a chance to cross examine Mavuso, Magwagwa disputed his claims that he refused to provide the breath specimen, adding that when he did, the officers insulted him.

"When I eventually blew into the breathalyzer, some saliva was expelled from my mouth. This was when the officers told me not to spray them with my saliva, adding that *ngingabahlaleli emehlo* when doing so," Magwagwa said, much to the laughter of the court room.

When the prosecution's second witness Constable Duncan Dlamini took to the stand, he claimed that he was called in to assist Constable Mavuso at the scene, as there was a scuffle and needed back up.

"When I arrived at the scene, I found Constable Mavuso wrestling with Magwagwa. Magwagwa then assaulted Mavuso on the arm and that was when I rushed to intervene. When I enquired on what the bone of contention was between the two, Mavuso informed me that Magwagwa was refusing to have his breath specimen taken," Dlamini

testified. Dlamini claimed that this was when the two passengers in Magwagwa's vehicle alighted from the car, and started insulting the police officers.

"When the two passengers started uttering disturbing words towards us, somehow Magwagwa gained confidence and started being non-compliant when we asked him to board the police van. We had to manhandle him and force him into the van and when he finally boarded the police van, I personally tried to reason with him," Dlamini stated.

After hearing this, an eccentric Magwagwa once again disputed the claims made by Dlamini, as he asked the court to tell Dlamini to speak the truth as he was under oath.

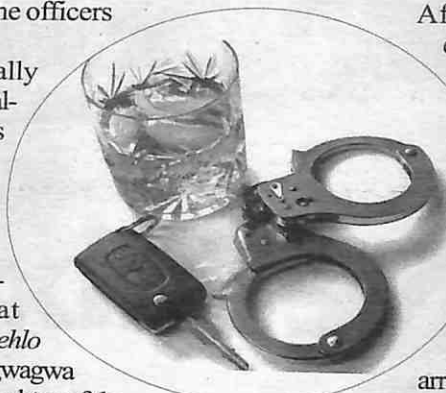
"Dlamini, when we arrived at the police station you did not inform me

what I was arrested and charged for, instead you told me *khumula labo gold-nyana bakho ungene estoksini* (take off your gold chains and get inside the cell).

You did not even allow me to make a phone call to my family, to inform them that I had been arrested for whatever reason," Magwagwa said, visibly shaking in disbelief.

Magwagwa further informed the court not to regard both police officers' testimonies as he claimed that they were being economical with the truth.

The prosecution applied for the matter to be postponed for July 26, for the continuation of trial.



Moneni vs Lwandle dispute still

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

THREE years later, the matter of three members of Moneni Royal Kraal Council is still not concluded.

This follows that their matter was postponed due to the fact that the court prosecution was still not ready to finalise it. The three members, including the council's indvuna, appeared at the

Manzini Magistrate's Court yesterday on two charges levelled against them by some residents of Lwandle under Chief Nkamane.

In the first count where they were charged for malicious injury to property, the three council members are said to have jointly demolished a two-bedroom half-constructed house belonging to one John Khanyile. It is said they used a pick-axe to destroy Khanyile's house. The damage caused by the trio

was estimated to be around E25 000.

One of the three accused persons was further charged for assaulting one Nhlanhla Khanyile by manhandling and shaking her.

The incident happened in July 2016, notably during the peak of the land dispute between Moneni and Lwandle leadership.

After the postponement of the matter, lawyer Mphilo Nkambule applied for a fast-tracked conclusion of the mat-

INSURANCE COMPANY WANTS HEPTAGON CIVIL'S MOVABLE PROPERTY ATTACHED

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

AN insurance company has obtained a Rule Nisi against Heptagon Civil, a construction company to show cause why an order of court for an attachment of movable property belonging to the construction company to recover E260 000 in respect of bond performance.

The insurance company Phoenix of Swaziland Assurance Company is alternatively seeking an order directing Heptagon to pay the money, which in total is E259 956.41 being the bond amount owed to the applicant (Phoenix).

High Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze yesterday granted Phoenix a Rule Nisi with immediate and interim effect calling upon the first respondent (Heptagon) to show cause why an order attaching the movable asset being a Komatsu grader belonging to Heptagon held as a collateral by the applicant (Phoenix) for the performance bond

...to recover E260 000 performance bond

which it has with the applicant to the said amount, should not be made final.

An interim order was also issued by the court that Heptagon be interdicted from dissipating or alienating the said Komatsu grader pending finalisation of the present proceedings before court, alternatively that the respondent to ordered to pay the E259 956.41 being the bond amount.

Granted

The insurance company has also been granted an interim order that the third respondent, First National Bank of Eswatini Matsapha branch be and is hereby interdicted from allowing any withdrawals and deposits on Heptagon's accounts in their name.

Also cited as the second respondent in the matter is COPSE Swaziland and representing Phoenix is lawyer Sifiso Maseko from Mbabane based law firm Henwood and Company.

According to Abhijit Ghose the

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Phoenix of Swaziland Assurance Company, on August 24, 2018 the first respondent was awarded a contract by COPSE Swaziland, a non-government organisation, to construct and rehabilitate a dam in Maphungwane, Tikhuba and Lukhetseni in the Lubombo region and the contract was to run for a period of four months.

"One of the salient terms of the contract was that the first respondent should furnish COPSE with a performance guarantee prior to the commencement of the construction works and to comply with same, the first respondent approached the applicant (Phoenix) in its capacity as an insurance company to apply for the issuance of three bonds being the performance, advanced payment and retention bond and as collateral they submitted the Komatsu grader," the CEO submitted.

He informed the court in his affidavit that the agreement was that

the same vehicle, whose documents were already in the applicant's possession be used as collateral for the bonds and the applicant agreed to the request and issued the bonds to the first respondent.

He submitted that the advanced bond was for advanced monies advanced to Heptagon by COPSE and the retention allowance was to be claimed by the first respondent upon completion of the construction works.

However, Heptagon did not complete the works or project as it completed only 59 per cent of the project and COPSE consequently cancelled the contract for failure to complete on time.

The CEO submitted that COPSE has now intimated that it will file its claim with Phoenix, in that the insurance company being a guarantor of Heptagon has to pay according to the tenor of the policy but must be compensated or reimbursed by Heptagon for the full value of the insured amount of E259 956.41, hence the present application before court.

Buttocks touching man guilty of SODV

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

IT was all fun and games when a man was playing with a woman until he took his actions too far, which saw him spend a night in a cold winter prison cell.

Mduduzi Dlamini (30) of Fonteyn is said to have sexually violated Nomcebo Fraser when he touched her buttocks without her consent.

Dlamini was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act (SODV) when he committed the offence.

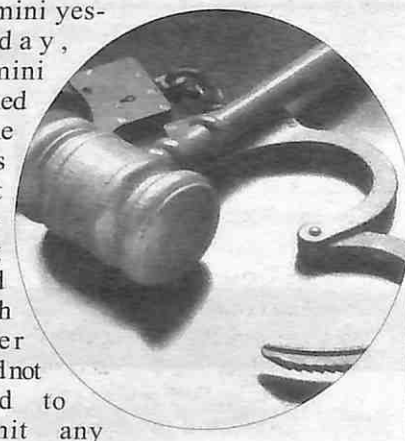
Dlamini is said to have been enjoying alcoholic beverages at the Soweto Bar when he approached Fraser. As he was talking to her, he is said to have touched her inappropriately and his hands wandered down to her buttocks. This made Fraser extremely uncomfortable, prompting her to report Dlamini's suggestive actions to law enforcement officers.

According to his charge sheet, Dlamini is said to have committed the offence Sunday at Fonteyn Soweto Bar area.

During his appearance before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla

Dlamini yesterday, Dlamini claimed that he was just playing around with Fraser and did not intend to commit any offence. "I was just playing around with her and she must have taken offence when I touched her. I did not know that by just doing that I would land in jail. I am an unemployed father and I plead with the court to be lenient with my sentence," Dlamini pleaded.

After hearing his mitigation, Senior Magistrate Dlamini sentenced Dlamini to serve two years in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E2 000 for contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act.



TVET critical to economic development – education

BY COLISILE SACOLO
Mbabane

TECHNICAL and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is critical to economic development in most countries.

This was said by Acting Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Training Dr Ntombenhle Dlamini during a meeting for the review of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Skills Development (TVETSD) policy held at Sibane Hotel, Ezulwini yesterday.

Dlamini said TVET plays an important role in implementing and promoting sustainable development. She said TVET in most developed countries plays a crucial role in national sustainable development (social economic and environmental development). She mentioned that such roles included the provision of training opportunities and career advancement.

Dlamini said reviewing the policy in general was of great importance as stakeholders are given an opportunity to take an in-depth look at existing policies in the context of the country, where such is implemented. "It ascertains whether the purpose of the

existing policy and goal is still being met; and if the policy is still needed or if it should be combined with another administrative policy.

Ultimately, a review of policies and procedures is to ensure that they are implemented as they were intended. Assess how often they are used and gather responses on how accessible/practical they are. To determine if changed the circumstances (legislation, resident population group and render them less relevant," she said.

She highlighted that TVET systems need sustained transformation and revitalisation if TVET is to realise its enormous potential to impact development.

This is ensured through elaborate relevant policies considered as major drivers for promoting TVET at global, regional, and national levels. She said she was therefore, looking forward to experience the robust sharing amongst the stakeholders of TVET initiatives in response the policies, especially in meeting the labour market.

Dlamini said Technical and Vocational Education and Training has been gaining its popularity over the years among countries and is considered as the driving force for sustainable development.



LEARNING: A section of the invited guests grasping a few points.

She noted that United Nations Education Science and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) – local office for communicating their needs for support has played the biggest role for taking the initiatives to support the review, providing consultancy support.

"UNESCO will not only support the review policy, but will make sure that the implementation, monitoring and evaluation mechanism is also put in place. There will be no excuse why implementation cannot happen once such mechanisms are in place," she said. Dlamini said they observed the current situation in TVET, where gov-

ernment provided raging support to different groups. However, for proper tracking, it was important to have a clear coordination strategy in place given that TVET is offered in different ministries world over. There is always a need for a coherent authority to guide its operation and provision of TVET.

"I am more than pleased to be part of this stakeholders meeting on reviewing the TVET policy as this exercise will render the policy relevant and coherent to other policies. A relevant policy is important to provide a basis for a legal and strategic framework," she added.

not finalised in court

ter as provided in Section 21 of the Constitution of Eswatini.

He cited that delaying this process was costly for his clients in that whenever a date was set for the conclusion of the trial, they leave their jobs and avail themselves in court only for the prosecution to come up with excuses that impeded on the process.

Also, Nkambule mentioned that did not only cost his clients, but it also tainted their dignity as respected mem-

bers of the Moneni Royal Kraal Council.

In response to Nkambule's submissions, Magistrate Nelisiwe Ndlela who presided over the matter apologised for the delay in the matter. She said the points singled out by Nkambule were understandable. The matter was then scheduled for July, 1.

This matter continues a day after the leadership from Lwandle and Moneni were summoned to Ludzidzini, where a directive from His Majesty King

Mswati III was communicated to them through Ludzidzini Indvuna Lusendvo Fakudze.

The order was meant for the two areas' leadership to cease from fighting over a piece of land situated at Moneni, which is legally under the care of Moneni's Prince Mshoshi.

Straight

The King set the record straight after the two authorities disputed over the farm, where Chief Nkamane is said to have allocated to some people.

According to Indvuna Lusendvo, the chief was overstepping his authority because the rightful person in pos-

session over the farm as ordered by the King was Prince Mshoshi. The Indvuna said this was common knowledge with Tisuka TakaNgwane.

This was the second time that the King issued the same order as the same was relayed to the parties back in 2016 through the late Ludzidzini Indvuna Timothy TV Velabo Mtetwa.

Mtetwa, on behalf of the King, called for order in the area and categorically stated that the two factions should live separately with Lwandle under Chief Nkamane and Prince Mshoshi's relatives and children confined to Moneni.

Last year residents allocated land in the farm reportedly belonging to Tisuka Taka Ngwane ran to court to stop the demolition of their houses by Tisuka TakaNgwane.

The demolitions of houses situated at Moneni were supposed to take place last year in March but the affected residents sought the services of an attorney to oppose the process. In 2017 it was reported that in the land dispute that rocked Moneni and Lwandle Chiefdoms for the past years, Tisuka TakaNgwane Main Committee visited the place to assess the situation on the ground.

ONE TEAM: Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Corporation Thuli Dladla and other important guests with the ministry's staff members during the official opening of the Training on Protocol workshop held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Monday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



UN trains govt officials,

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Ezulwini

MINISTER of Foreign Affairs Thuli Dladla has thanked the United Nations for its collaboration in hosting the training of officers from the ministry of foreign affairs, home affairs and King's office on protocol and diplomacy.

The minister was speaking on Monday at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre when officially opening a training of protocol and diplomacy for local ministries and officers.

The training was intended for such officers as they are the ones responsible

for welcoming visitors from all walks of life to the country thus need training on protocol.

"I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the UN office in Eswatini, under the able leadership Ndongo-Seh, for the visionary and generational approach she has taken in, firstly, engaging and seeking to empower a local training partner in Institute of Distance Management (IDM), and also in focusing the ambit of the training to matters related specifically to protocol, with a clear commitment to facilitate future training on the more substantive aspects of diplomacy which will require different skill sets and expertise," she said.

The minister specifically thanked the

lead facilitators, Nicole Bresson-Ondieki and Amit Singhal for prioritising the training request made by the Kingdom and customising the delivery of the programme to be of high and practical impact.

Confident

"I am confident that at the end of the three days of intensive and interactive engagement, participants will not only have a clear and crisp grasp of standard international practice, but also, that our facilitators will better understand the nuances of Eswatini culture that accentuate our relations with the rest of the world," she said.

Dladla said the criteria at which these officers from the ministries were cho-



FOLLOWING: UN Resident Coordinator Nathalie Ndongo-Seh and Minister Thuli Dladla following the proceedings.



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PROTOCOL: A section of the officials from the ministry who are also participants in the three-day workshop.

others on protocol

sen was because they are the mirror of the kingdom to the rest of the world mostly the ministry of foreign affairs.

She said in as much as the officials would be trained on protocol and diplomacy, they are not expected to lose or change the way Emaswati carry them. She stated that the training was aimed at equipping the officials with needed skills to deal and respect different protocols and diplomacy.

The minister said the department of foreign affairs and international cooperation was more

than just the mirror of the kingdom to the rest of the world, it is also the venerable office of His Majesty King Mswati III, and as such, must absolutely and at all times, display attributes of international professionalism, respect, and hospitality.

Necessity

"The protocol department is, by necessity, the face of the ministry in engaging with foreign partners.

"Whether as a receiving or sending state, its efficiency, agility, adaptability and for-

midability are the benchmarks by which our sovereign reinforces our international pedigree and raises the global profile of the Kingdom," she said.

Re-position

Dladla said the nation was looking to re-position itself as an honest broker and active interlocutor in the affairs of Africa.

As a result her ministry was committed to promoting the country as a regional and continental hub for meetings of negotiation and decision making, at the very highest level.

50 years later UN, Eswatini still have mutual respect

UNITED Nations Resident Coordinator Nathalie Ndongo-Seh says the protocol and diplomacy training is one of the many examples of the close working relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and government of Eswatini which, after 50 years of UN presence in the country, continue to be governed by mutual respect, mutual trust and strong solidarity.

Ndongo-Seh was speaking during the training on protocol that is facilitated by the UN office in Eswatini for protocol and diplomacy professionals in government ministries on Monday.

"On behalf of the UN system in Eswatini, I would like to thank the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation for hosting this training which will continue to deepen our ties," she

said. She added that the UN brought proven international expertise in protocol and diplomacy. Therefore, it was important to stress from the onset that the training would outline international standards but also address the peculiarities and uniqueness of protocol in the context of Eswatini.

"The training will be a forum of rich, lively and exciting exchanges of knowledge on professional standards, etiquette and cultural sensitivity between people with diverse backgrounds and experiences," she said.

The idea of holding such training precedes her arrival in the Kingdom of Eswatini in December, 2018 and Dladla's appointment as minister.

"I am glad that, together, we saw worth and benefit in pursuing this initiative. In this regard,

I wish to express the UN appreciation to government, particularly to the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation, for the trust and confidence in our ability to deliver on such an important task," she said. She added that the training had come at an opportune time when the Kingdom of Eswatini had just set the ambitious but achievable goal to transform and reposition the country as a leading example of Africa's growth and development, as premised on the continental agenda for integration as well as the 2030 agenda of sustainable development.

"In the next weeks and months, Eswatini will participate in the high-level political forum on sustainable development organised by ECOSOC in New York to present its Voluntary National Review (VNR) on SDGs."

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Monday 01 July 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini Ncobile Sizakele	Education	300342570	24.05.2019	09h00
2. Shoba Mumcy Nelisiwe	Education	3968561	05.06.2019	10h00
3. Nxumalo Jabulani	Health	3202799	22.05.2019	11h00
4. Matsenjwa Norman	Education	6335616	30.05.2019	12h00
5. Dlamini Dumsane	Defence	6943244	01/06/2019	14h15

Tuesday 02 July 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Masilela Bonisile	Education	9151471	07.05.2019	09h00
2. Ntshakala Thuli	Education	3641307	16.06.2019	10h00
3. Dlamini Njabulo	Education	9734430	23.05.2019	11h00
4. Mamba Khetha Final	Correctional	2596493	06.06.2019	12h00
5. Mkhathshwa Mfan'zile	Defence	4293660	21.05.2019	14h15

Wednesday 03 July 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini- Mavimbela GuguHealth	Health	3613474	22.02.2019	09h00

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NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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worries Peak Timbers

PEAK Timbers General Manager Etienne Sales says they are concerned about the MR1 public road that stretches from Motshane to Matsamo.

He said Peak Timbers relied on the road, hence its rehabilitation would be welcome.

Sales was speaking at the Pigg's Peak Hotel on Monday during a stakeholders meeting.

"Peak Timbers values the people around Northern Hhohho, that is why yearly, we introduce various social initiatives geared towards the development of the various communities that surround our industry. As an organisation, Peak Timbers is focused on commercial forestry, but our vast forests are useless if the communities around us don't reap the benefits of our labour. Peak Timbers does not operate in isolation and that is why I am forced to speak about the MR1 public road that connects Motshane and Matsamo. The company and members of the public use this road daily, however. It is not in a very good state, it needs to be rehabilitated," he said, adding that the road is narrow, dilapidated and is littered with potholes that can easily cause traffic accidents. He said Peak Timbers trucks use the MR1 road to export timber to the Republic of South Africa. Sales added that Peak Timbers reg-



PLEADING: Peak Timbers GM Etienne Sales.

istered a decline in forest fires in Northern Hhohho due to anti-fire awareness workshops hosted in schools and public meetings. "In the last two years, fires have declined and this is a positive development. It allows our organisation to grow more forests and enrich

the local communities. We would like to thank all our stakeholders like the police, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), members of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) and the chiefs for their cooperation with us," he added.



SPEECH: Peak Timbers Risk Manager Nhlanhla Nxumalo.

FIRES DECLINE IN 2018

THE year 2018 was a productive one for Peak Timbers as only 77 forest fires were recorded, which is the lowest in four years, says Peak Timbers Fire Protection Officer Maxwell Mthethwa.

"The decline in forest fires is a great improvement since we began recording fires in 2014. Fires have so many causes such as bee hive robbing, arson, mechanical failure and grass burning for grazing land.

According to our statistics, 2014 had a total of 292 fires, 37 of those were caused by bee hive robbing and 96 by arson attacks. Also in 2014, 113 fires were caused by outside fires burning too close to Peak Timbers forests," he said.

In 2015, 191 fires were recorded, and 41 of those were caused by bee hive robbing.

"In 2015, 35 of those fires were caused by arson attacks and five by lighting.

Also in 2015, 58 fires were caused by outside burning and four by mechanical failure.

For 2016, Peak Timbers recorded 94 fires, 40 of those were caused by arson attacks and three by lighting with 25 fires being caused by beehive robbing. In 2017, Peak Timbers recorded only 78 fires and 15 of those fires were caused by arson attacks.

Then last year we recorded only 77 fires, making 2018 the best anti-fire year for Peak Timbers as an organisation," he added.

Peak Timbers reports no
deaths due to wild fires

PEAK Timbers Fire Protection Officer Maxwell Mthethwa says there has been no life lost due to forest fires in Northern Hhohho since 2007.

He said Peak Timbers had created emergency fire barriers to protect their trees from wild fires.

"We are happy to report that nobody has lost their lives due to forest fires since 2007. That year, two people lost their lives due to fire and excessive smoke inhalation.

Also each and every year, Peak Timbers creates more wild fire barriers which are areas of bare land that are located in-between segments of trees in our forests.

These segments prohibit fire from travelling or spreading outside a demarcated area.

This means that even if fire occurs, it will not spread to

other areas quickly," he said.

Mthethwa then thanked Pigg's Peak fire fighters for their continued support.

"The fire fighters allow us to use their water tanks when we want to fill up our own fire fighting vehicles. They also provide us with man power when needed. Such cooperation between fire fighters and Peak Timbers must be celebrated," he added.

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Gold, copper thieves visit PPK under false pretences

SIYAVUTSA Security's Samson Shiba says copper wire and gold thieves visit Northern Hhohho under false pretences.

Shiba's company is responsible for securing the Peak Timbers forests.

He said members of the public should be vigilant and report any illegal activity that they spot in the many Peak Timber forests.

"The timber and forestry industry is very important to the economy and residents of Northern Hhohho. That is why many people from the other regions around Eswatini flock to Northern Hhohho to search for employment in the forests. However, gold and copper stealing criminals have infiltrated this part of the country in the last few years under false pretences. These criminals come to the region and claim to be seeking employment and yet they are here to either mine gold illegally or steal copper. As a security company, we have apprehended many criminals in the last four years. All these criminals have been

caught stealing copper wire or mining gold on Peak Timbers land. Unfortunately every time we apprehend them, they are then taken to the Magistrate's Courts by the police. At the courts the criminals are given the option of paying fines by the different magistrates. After hearing the fine amount, the criminals manage to pay it and they return to the forests to continue with their illegal activities," he said.

Trapping

Shiba added that stray cattle and illegal animal trapping was on the increase as well. "Animal traps are prohibited by law in the forests because they can injure innocent members of the public, not just the wildlife. In one case, we found a pit that was covered with branches. Apparently that trap was meant to capture wildlife, but such a trap would also injure members of the public who are walking through the forest unaware."

He further appealed to livestock owners to monitor their cattle as they often stray to the forests.



WORRIED: Siyavutsa Security's Samson Shiba.

Man fined E1 000 for hacking mentally challenged woman

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

A 48-year-old man has been hauled to court for hacking a mentally challenged woman with a slasher.

The man claimed that the woman emotionally abused his wife and children.

Musa Dlamini of Sigombeni has been charged with assaulting Tandazile

Khumalo of Sigombeni with a slasher, leaving her badly bruised all over the body.

Dlamini said it was not his intention to hurt Khumalo during his appearance at the Eswatini National Court in Manzini.

The accused said the reason Khumalo harassed his wife was because she thought

she was having an affair with her lover.

"She would go as far as coming to my business area to emotionally abuse me and my wife, but because we did not want trouble, we would keep quiet and not answer her," he said.

Dlamini added that on the day of the hacking, he was prompted to harm the claimant

because she had caused a scene. He further mentioned that he received a call from a relative saying that Khumalo had locked up his children.

He added that when he rushed to his home, he was with Khumalo's father, who was there to help him take her daughter home.

Upon arrival at the home, Khumalo said she was not afraid of him and that she would do anything she want-

ed and get away with it, because she is mentally ill.

"That is when I beat her up. The claimant's even father joined in the assault," he said.

Khumalo said she went to Dlamini's compound to talk to him, and did not mean any harm.

"When he hacked me with the slasher, I was defenseless to the sense that even my father tried to stop him from the act," added Khumalo.

The court found Dlamini guilty of assault, and sentenced him to 10 months imprisonment with a fine option of E1 000.

COUPLE ADMITTED TO E100 000 BAIL FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlengano

A Bangladeshi couple has been admitted to bail fixed at E100 000 for human trafficking.

Mohamed Ali Jinnah (52) who operates several shops in Nhlengano was arrested together with his wife Jesmine Jinnah (41) for human trafficking.

It is said the couple smuggled three people from Bangladesh to the Kingdom to exploit them.

They are facing a total of three counts, all which are related to human trafficking. Each was ordered to pay a bail of E50 000, which was granted after their defence counsel team successfully applied for it without being objected by Senior Crown Counsel Mandla Dlamini. The couple which spent the

weekend in police cells in Nhlengano appeared before Shiselweni Principal Magistrate Florence Msibi on Monday for crimes they committed between 2016 to this year. They were accused of trafficking three of their fellow people from that country. It is believed that the three when they were brought from into the Kingdom, they were promised something which however ended up not materialising.

Lucrative

It is unclear what offers exactly were made to the three people who were allegedly trafficked between the said periods, but claims are that these were lucrative offers which were tempting hence they agreed to be 'trafficked' only to realise later that they were being sold a dummy by their alleged traffickers.

The complainants are Ekram Hussain (24), who was allegedly trafficked into

the Kingdom on April 2016, Sazzad Mia (25) who was allegedly trafficked into the Kingdom April 2017, Hossein Monir (25) who was trafficked into the Kingdom April 2017.

The couple was slapped with three counts and their trial has been set for July 8. The accused persons were charged with the offence of Contravening 12 (1) (e) of the People Trafficking and People Smuggling (Prohibition) Act 7/2009 in that upon or about the period between (month and years this was done to each complainant) and at or near in the Republic of Bangladesh, in the South Asia, the said accused persons each or both of them acting jointly and in furtherance of a common purpose, did unlawfully recruit, harbour, receive, employ and maintain one (name of the complainant and age) to Nhlengano town in Eswatini for the purpose of exploitation.

RSSC presents pre-schools with toys worth E104 000

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

ROYAL Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) has bought educational toys worth E104 000 for children in three pre-schools within the company's estate. The pre-schools are based at Simunye, Ngomane and Mhlume.

Tinkhulisa Centre Supervisor Grace Silombo said they were grateful for RSSC's support because the pre-schools benefit a lot of children, not only children of RSSC employees, but the entire community.

Silombo added that this would not only enrich the children's educational play experiences, but will also improve hand-eye coordination and other fine motor skills that will make learning more successful.

RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe said the acquisition of the learning material was as a result of the company's joint effort with the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to ensure that issues associated with early childhood development were resolved or minimised.



DONATE: RSSC representatives posing with the pre-school team during the presentation. (Pics: Nongcebo Dlamini)

"Statistics show that as a country we need to focus on early-child development, and these are the first steps by RSSC. Educational toys are a fantastic way for children to learn whilst having fun. They are the fundamentals of problem solving, physical development and social skills," he said.

The sugar company also provided the

three preschools with E33 000 per term worth of food supplies, 18 bags of sugar (25kg) per annum and 18 LP gas cylinders.

Recently RSSC employees painted one of the preschools based at Mhlume, where the employees from various departments cooked and showed their love by playing with the children.



NO MONEY: Some of the Intelligence Security Company guards at Mankayane Government Hospital. (Pic: Bongiwe Dlamini)

Unpaid guards now living a miserable life

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

ABOUT 12 security guards based at Mankayane Government Hospital claim to be spending their nights at Good Samaritans' places as they can no longer afford rent.

This, according to the guards who are employed by Intelligence Security Company, follows that they have not been paid for the past two months.

They said they were told by their superiors that they could not be paid as government had not paid the company yet.

In an interview, one of the female guards who preferred anonymity said life was now challenging in that some of them have been forced to move out of their rented flats after failing to pay rent.

The dejected guard said that was not their only concern as some of them had families to feed. Another guard added that some of his colleagues left their rented flats and went back home with the hope that they would manage to secure transport fares to go to work.

"This was out of desperation because reality is that they cannot afford the bus fares. Another even missed work because she could not get here on time," said one of the guards.

"For weeks now, we have been promised money, which we were meant to receive on May 15," another

er added.

The only guards that were paid by the company are those stationed at private health institutions as the organisations have supposedly paid the security company. What further concerned the guards was that they were expected to duly carry out their duties amid their situation.

These are not the only guards employed by Intelligence Company to have gone for months without being paid as those based at the Mbabane Government Hospital are said to be facing the same predicament. These also claimed that they had not been paid for the month of June and therefore, their landlords had kicked them out of their rented flats. As a result, the guards said they slept in offices, where they were stationed. When sought for comment, Intelligence Security Company's Director Milton Fakudze was evasive, when asked about the matter.

"Call government and ask them about it," he said repeatedly.

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CANGO WANTS CHILD-RESPONSIVE NATIONAL BUDGET

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO
Mbabane

AS June is Children's Month, the children's consortium under the Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) last Thursday crafted an advocacy strategy which seeks to highlight children's issues to ensure they are accordingly included in national budget allocations.

Representatives of the children's consortium received capacity building from CANGO in conjunction with the Southern African Parliamentary Support Trust (SAPST) from Zimbabwe on enhancing evidence-based advocacy for child-right issues to cement the alternative voice on how the country should allocate budgets for children.

Facilitating during the seminar held at Sibane Hotel, SAPST Public Policy Advisor Chengetai Kanyangu said the event's objective was to share ideas on how child-focused civil society organisations could strategically engage Parliament processes as a critical arm of the government which has oversight role.

Meanwhile, CANGO Executive Director Emmanuel Ndlangamandla said they had engaged Parliament to



CHILDREN'S MONTH: CANGO Executive Director Emmanuel Ndlangamandla following proceedings of the workshop. (Pics: Colisile Sacolo)

influence policy with little success in the past because of not having a clear role in the budget input.

Tolerance

"We appreciate the current government which has shown tolerance to the work of civil society as an important stakeholder in socio-economic issues. Parliament plays the representative role of citizens, thus it is a critical arm of government and the voice of the people. Civil society, due to the proximity to the grassroots, especially in hard to reach areas, present an alternative in which issues are identified and presented to government.

Hence, CSOs are an extension of the government," he said.

Ndlangamandla added that civil society organisations need to monitor how funds are allocated to ministries and departments.

However, CSOs play that role as they also build up a case to advise government through alternative monitoring activities.

"They could ensure that their beneficiaries or communities they serve actually understand the segregated data of service delivered to the people and the issues government prioritises from time to time," he said.

PFS offers counselling services

THE Prison Fellowship Swaziland (PFS) continues to offer counselling services to those broken and fragmented by addictions and life controlling problems.

PFS Executive Director Mandla Mtetwa said the Fellowship was not a correctional, but a faith based organisation working with correctional services, churches, communities and institutions of academic pursuit. He said they do not only preach the Word of God, but they also offer counselling because sometimes before you spread the Word of God, some of people need counselling first. "Our mandate is enhancing rehabilitation process of incarcerated people through spiritual and practical approaches, especially youth and children. We also do crime prevention and life controlling problem solving in communities," he said. He said they offered counselling to those who are struggling with substance abuse.

"As the leader of the organisation, over 15 years ago I graduated from a drug and alcohol Christian rehabilitation centre (Teen Challenge-Emafini) which helped transform my life hence we are giving back to society in the same approach," he said.



COUNSELLING: Prison Fellowship Swaziland Executive Director Mandla Mtetwa.

Young people battling with an addictive habit should contact @ Prison Fellowship Swaziland for effective and proven solutions to enhance the rehabilitation process.

They offer regular counselling services and referrals simply contact them at: 7979 2201/7680 8470.

Landline: 2421 2211 97 email: mmetwamandla@yahoo.co.m Offices: at Mbabane (Nkoyoyo north).

Zakhele FEA donates 50 Bibles to PFS

THE Zakhele Free Evangelical Assemblies has donated 50 Siswati Bibles to PFS.

PFS will in turn donate them to inmates who have repented at the Pigg's Peak Correctional facility.

This was said by Prison Fellowship Swaziland Executive Director Mandla Mtetwa.

"We expressed our appreciation to Pastor Shodi Msibi through the church Deacon Chairperson Mzwethu Simelane and promised that the Bibles will go a long way in assisting us in our initiatives in enhancing the rehabilitation of the incarcerated," he said.

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HERE YOU GO: Zakhele FEA Secretary Mbali Msibi handing over the donation to PFS Programmes Coordinator Nhlanhla Dlamini.

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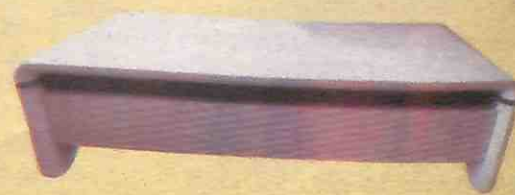
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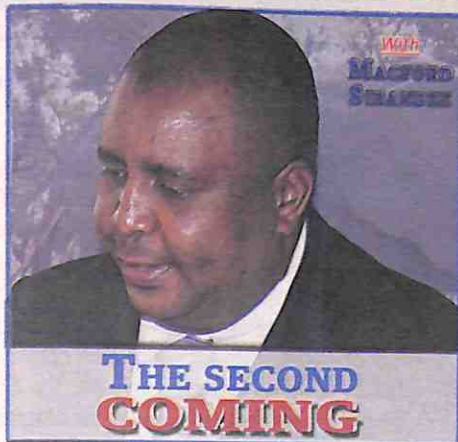
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Features & Opinions

Refresh What You Think



IF you think climbing up the mountain is tough; wait until you reach the top to have the real meaning of a hard place!

This is in reference to any position of leadership; by all stretch of imagination leading people is a flinty struggle! It can be leading an organisation, a company, a community, a constituency, a ministry, a government, a country, etc! The repercussions are more or less the same! And it becomes worse if you lead people who don't want to be led! And that's a real struggle! And who would have articulated it better than legendary English poet, playwright and actor, William Shakespeare in the play HENRY THE FOURTH when he said, "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown, loosely translated to *KUMATIMA EGALENI LENYONI!*"

OLIVER TAMBO

I am reminded of a 1977 speech by long serving ANC executive leader Oliver Tambo! This lowly sung (unsung) hero was the engine driver that propelled the oldest liberation movement from the humblest chicken to the proudest bull! He built a party that was in tatters; bankrupt, with executive leaders either languishing in jail or in exile! In fact, Mandela in the book *LONG WALK TO FREEDOM* says that, "Oliver Tambo was head and shoulders above all of us." Tambo, a very visionary and optimistic leader, was seeing an ANC take over just a year after the vicious slaughter of children in June 16, 1976. In his mind apartheid took aim and shot itself in the heart and would bleed profusely to death; allowing the ANC to triumphantly march to the seat of power! It sounded like a science fiction movie, of course, as he had to wait for another 17 years (1994) to procure the social franchise of freedom!

1977 SPEECH

In not so many words Tambo was sending warning bells; that now that you will be leading the country, it will be so hard; harder than all the crooked bends and corners you turned on the rough road to freedom! Remember in his mind of minds, freedom was right around the corner! With the apartheid regime making blunders after blunders, it looked glaring; the killing of Steve Biko (mastermind of June 16 uprising) when all eyes were on the regime; exhibited, on global merchandise, a ruthless administration with a devil care free attitude! Thus ANC leadership anticipated the beginning of the end for the monstrous establishment! Thus we have to understand Tambo within the context of the time!

SIGNIFICANCE OF SPEECH

For me, the gravity of the speech is leadership and the hardships that come with it. This is the essence of my debate this time around. As different leaders in different fields, there are so many expectations from those we lead. And they need no excuses! As politicians, espe-



cially elected ones, we have to deliver the social franchise. On the 21st of September 2018 we signed a social contract by winning elections. During campaigns we said *TFUMA TSINE* (SEND US) and they *TFUMAAAAAD* us! (THEY SENT US) Time flies oh! my gosh we have just finished the first JUNE which means we are left with only 3 JUNES! The good people who sent us have a memory of an elephant and they will send us again! My goodness me I wish they don't send us packing! EKHAYA!

FULL BLOWN FISCAL CRISIS

When we thought we had turned the corner of Economic Crisis, we were confronted with a horrendous fellow by the name of Fiscal Crisis! Those who study economics would prefer the former! This means we have NO MOOLA! NO CASH! NO MONEY! It is like having a nice car but can't afford one litre petrol! Or wearing an expensive suit but can't afford a E1 ice block to quench thirst! And this is where we are; in a CASH CRISIS! And this is not just about us as a country! It's a global scourge which started with the global eco-

nomie crunch, the fall of oil prices, poor controls, climate change, natural disasters, etc.

As leaders, how do we tell those we lead that we are trying very... very hard but we have serious odds against us? Do they really have a patient ear to hear us? Or maybe we have become like the biblical voice of John the Baptist who cried in the wilderness but no one paid attention to him?

ROADS: END OF THE ROAD?

Tambo, Mandela and Shakespeare were all right; *KUMATIM'EGALENI LENYONI!* If there is no medication in hospitals, voters know where to point blaming fingers! When there are no textbooks in schools they know which ministry to go to! But sadly...I repeat SADLY..when gravel roads rot to the core and get damaged MPs take the blows! Mind you they also use the same roads and cannot allow the situation to go on because they are also affected!

Ordinarily this means the problem is above them! How many motions have been raised about feeder roads in Parliament? So many! Almost all Parliaments have done so as far as

I remember! And if the road (as it seemingly does) constitutes "the end of the road" for MPs, logic dictates that it will be in their priority list! And it is! I don't know how many times MPs make efforts for the paving and gravelling of the roads! It is not just roads but so many deliverables that end up not being fulfilled! I tell you it becomes painful when the MPs finds himself a powerless middle man!

LOSE WHITE TEETH THAT CAN-NOT BITE

Thus I make a plea for patience to those in leadership! Any leadership! Many are faced with huge structural defects!

Others are just leaders on paper but don't even have power to discipline the sectors under them! Good God those they are supposed to lead have more power and job knowledge than them! They even know where real power resides! The leader may have teeth but those you lead know it is just lose white teeth that cannot bite! And if those you are in charge of; know that you can only bark but not bite; it becomes problematic indeed! *KUMATIMA BO EGALENI LENYONI!!!!*



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Utsini umtsetfo

SODV ACT 2018

COURT MAY MAKE INTERIM PROTECTION ORDER

...without proof of service in certain circumstance

95. A Court may make an interim protection order, or vary a domestic violence order, if—

- (a) an application is made for a protection order or for a variation of a domestic violence order; and
- (b) the Court does not begin to hear, or has decided not to begin to hear, the application because the applicant has not satisfied the Court that the respondent has been given a document mentioned in Section 128 (1)(a) or (b), whether or not the respondent is present in Court; and
- (c) it appears to the Court—
 - (i) the aggrieved person or a named person is in danger of personal injury; or
 - (ii) property of the aggrieved person or a named person is in danger of substantial damage.

Interim protection order when cross application made.

96. (1) This Section applies if—

- (a) the original application for a domestic violence order has been made and is before the Court; and
 - (b) the person named in the original application as the respondent applies for a domestic violence order through a cross application and the aggrieved person named in the original application is named in the cross application as the respondent; and
 - (c) the cross application is made orally or is made in writing but not served on the aggrieved person named in the original application at least one business day before the day of the hearing of the original application.
- (2) If the cross application is made as mentioned in subsection (1)(c), the Court shall adjourn the hearing of the cross application and set a date by which the written cross application is to be served on the aggrieved person named in the original application, unless that the aggrieved person consents to the Court hearing the cross application before hearing the original application or together with the original application.
- (3) The Court may make an interim protection order in relation to the cross application if—
- (a) the aggrieved person named in the original application does not consent as mentioned in Subsection (2); and
 - (b) at least one of the following persons is in danger of personal injury, or the property of at least one of the following persons is in danger of substantial damage—
 - (i) the person for whose benefit the domestic violence order, based on the cross application, is sought;
 - (ii) another person who is sought to be protected by the domestic violence order based on the cross application.

Court may make interim protection order when considering variation of protection order.

97. (1) A Court may make an interim protection order if—

- (a) it is hearing variation proceedings about a protection order or interim protection order and adjourns the hearing; and
- (b) it appears to the Court that the interim protection order is necessary to protect the aggrieved



ed person or a named person pending its decision in the variation proceedings.

(2) In this section, “variation proceedings” means proceedings—

- (a) for an application for variation of a protection order or interim protection order; or
- (b) for varying a protection order arising because the Court is acting on its own initiative under section 130 or when dealing with a contravention of the order.

Interim protection order for application under Section 100.

98. (1) A Magistrate to whom an application is made under Section 100 may make an interim protection order against the respondent if it appears to the Magistrate that because of distance, time or other circumstance of the case, it is not practicable to apply to a Court for a protection order and for it to be heard and decided quickly.

(2) The interim protection order under subsection (1) may be in the same terms as if the Magistrate were then and there constituting a Magistrates Court.

Court may make interim protection order on a police application

99. A Court may make an interim protection order if the police officer making an application for a protection order under section 115, asks the Court for an interim protection order.

PART XVI POLICE MAY APPLY FOR INTERIM PROTECTION ORDERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Out of hours applications and applications by

telephone or facsimile.

100. (1) The Registrar in each region shall ensure that a roster is in place for Magistrates to deal with out of hours applications and that the contact details of which Magistrates are on roster at any given time are provided to the most senior Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Unit officer in each police station in that region.

(2) A police officer may, by way of telephone, facsimile, telex, radio or other similar facility, apply under this Section for a interim protection order to a Magistrate if—

- (a) that police officer believes that because of distance, time or other circumstances, it is not practicable for an application made to a Court, or to be made to a Court, to be heard and determined quickly; or
- (b) it is outside of ordinary Court hours or on a day which is not an ordinary Court day, and the police officer believes that the aggrieved person may suffer undue hardship if the application is not dealt with immediately.

(3) Before making the application, the police officer shall—

- (a) prepare or assist the aggrieved person in preparing a form of application for a protection order under this section; and
- (b) if practicable, given the urgency of the matter, obtain statements or supporting affidavits from other persons who have knowledge of the matter concerned.

(4) Information regarding the distance, time or other circumstances as to why it is not practicable for an application made to a Court, or to be made to a Court, to be heard and determined quickly and, as to the need for urgency and the undue hardship which will be suffered by the

aggrieved person shall be included in either the application or the supporting statements or affidavits.

(5) The police officer shall inform the Magistrate of the particulars of the application and provide him or her with copies of the supporting affidavits or statements or inform him or her as to their contents.

(6) The form of application for a protection order completed under subsection (2) is to be filed as soon as practicable after the Court reopens in the office of the clerk of the Magistrates Court at the place where—

- (a) the order sought, when made, is to be returned; or
- (b) if such order is not made, would be returned were it made.

(7) On the filing of the form of application, an application for a protection order is taken to be made to the Court at that place.

(8) An application in terms of this section shall not be made if an application for a protection order has not already been made before Court.

Duty of Magistrate upon application under section 100.

101. A Magistrate before whom an application for an interim protection order is made under section 100 shall—

- (a) if the Magistrate makes the interim protection order—
 - (i) complete and sign the order;
 - (ii) record on the order the factors that caused the Magistrate to be satisfied that a protection order could properly be made by a Court under Section 83;
 - (iii) inform the applicant, by telephone, facsimile, telex, radio, or other similar facility, of the terms of the order and the time and place at which it is to be returned before Court;
 - (iv) as soon as is practicable, cause the application and supporting material conveyed by the applicant (if the same was given to them) and the order referred to in subparagraph (1) to be given to the clerk of Court at the place where the order is to be returned; and
 - (v) cause a copy of the order referred to in subparagraph (1) to be given to the National Commissioner of Police; or
- (b) if the Magistrate refuses the interim protection order—
 - (i) reduce to writing the reasons for the refusal; and
 - (ii) as soon as is practicable, cause the application and the supporting materials as conveyed by the applicant and the written reasons for the refusal to be given to the clerk of Court at the place where there is filed an application for a protection order against the respondent.

“A Magistrate to whom an application is made under section 100 may make an interim protection order against the respondent if it appears to the Magistrate that because of distance, time or other circumstance of the case, it is not practicable to apply to a Court for a protection order and for it to be heard and decided quickly.”

THE PLIGHT OF THE WIDOW

1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

MANY of us may not be aware that the United Nations in fact set aside a day, June 23, to commemorate International Widows Day.

There is an interesting history to how the plight of widows worldwide caught the attention of a supranational body of no less stature than the United Nations.

This was a culmination of a global campaign that had its roots primarily in India and which was pioneered by Lord Raj Loomba, of Indian descent who later became a legislator in the British Parliament.

As a seven-year-old boy, Raj lost his father to tuberculosis. Shockingly, on the very day of his father's death, his grandmother ordered his young mother, who was now a widow, to remove her bangles, jewellery and bind, (our equivalent to a wedding ring) and wear mourning gowns. From a happy, fulfilled wife, his mother was instantly transformed into a desolate widow. Later on in life, a priest drew Raj's ire when on the occasion of his wedding the priest asked his mother to sit away from the altar lest, as a widow, she brought bad luck to the young couple.

Through the efforts of his hard-working mother, Raj studied and went to build his business in the UK where he was later to become a mem-



ber of the House of Lords. After his mother's death in 1997, he then set the Loomba Foundation which was to later do a lot of advocacy work on the plight of widows, initially in India and later in other parts of the world.

This ultimately led to the work reaching the attention of the UN and consequently, in its 75th General Assembly, Ali Bongo Ondimba, then President of the Republic of Gabon, reflecting on the ostracising of widows in their communities, deprivation of possessions and discrimination, among a plethora of other affronts to dignity visited upon widows, moved that the United Nations give special attention to widows and their children, and to raise awareness about these issues around the world.

Under the auspices of Umhluma Women and Youth Foundation, the Kingdom of Eswatini has also begun to commemorate this very important day and this year's commemoration took place in Manzini on June

21, where civil society organisations, traditional leaders, government representatives, widowed women and the public in general gathered to reflect on the plight of widows in the kingdom. There can be little objection, if at all any, to the assertion that widows in our country, are not at all immune to the many forms of discrimination, deprivations and violations that afflict women upon the attainment of the status of widowhood which are perpetuated in the name of culture, religion and opportunism. These happen at the instance of chauvinistic men, traditionalists, religious fanatics, and in some cases, other women who are products of our patriarchal society.

It is not uncommon to read or hear about cases of grabbing of widows' properties by in-laws, their boy children and traditional authorities. Many a widow has had to run from pillar to post trying to secure death certificates of their late husbands after their in-laws have refused to

hand them over to them, ostensibly to lay their hands on the estate property.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of women, out of sheer ignorance of their rights; for the sake of 'making peace' and some for lack of means to mount legal challenges, have been left disinherited together with their children. They have restrictions on their social, economic and cultural life and this further exacerbates women's already compromised place in society. It is hoped that through this year's commemoration, and in others to come, society would make an introspection on how we treat widows and orphans.

Let *bunfu* grow in us again and let us stand up for the rights of widows. As a married woman, you could be one tomorrow, as a mother; your daughter could be one tomorrow, as a man; your wife, daughter or sister could be one tomorrow. Treat a widow with dignity, they have enough going in their lives already.

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UFO's A Scientific Debate

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This is the first major reassessment of the origin of AIDS since Hooper's book entitled 'The river...'. The book delves into the extensive archives on the AIDS epidemic. In this scholarly and immensely readable account of the origin of AIDS, Dr. Pepin draws on his personal experience of working in central Africa and his extensive knowledge of African history, as well as his training in infectious diseases, virology and epidemiology. Unlike others who have tackled the subject, he comes to it with an open mind, and this account is likely to be definitive. This is a great book on the evolutionary origin of HIV and the possible role of cultural and medical practices in Central Africa and the dissemination of the virus.

JACQUES PEPIN

The Origins of AIDS

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Wit & Wisdom

● "Marriage can wait, education cannot."
— Khaled Hosseini, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

● "A question that sometimes drives me crazy: am I or are the others crazy?"
— Albert Einstein

● "Ally." Peeta says the words slowly, tasting it. "Friend. Lover. Victor. Enemy. Fiancee. Target. Mutt. Neighbor. Hunter. Tribute. Ally. I'll add it to the list of words I use to try to figure you out. The problem is, I can't tell what's real anymore, and what's made up."
— Suzanne Collins, *Mockingjay*

● "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
— Oliver Goldsmith, *The Citizen of the World, Or, Letters from a Chinese Philosopher, Residing in London, to His Friends in the Country*, by Dr. Goldsmith

● "Because this is what happens when you try to run from the past. It just doesn't catch up, it overtakes ... blotting out the future."
— Sarah Dessen, *Just Listen*

● "Where is Wood?" said Harry, suddenly realizing he wasn't there. "Still in the showers," said Fred. "We think he's trying to drown himself."
— J. K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

● "My fault, my failure, is not in the passions I have, but in my lack of control of them."
— Jack Kerouac

● "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity"
— Albert Einstein

● "Like all magnificent things, it's very simple."
— Natalie Babbitt, *Tuck Everlasting*

● "Katniss, the girl who was on fire!"
— Suzanne Collins, *The Hunger Games*

● "Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."
— Edith Sitwell

● "You can't lie to your soul."
— Irvine Welsh, *Porno*

● "We learn from failure, not from success!"
— Bram Stoker, *Dracula*

● "You're beautiful and sad," I said finally, not looking at him when I did. "Just like your eyes. You're like a song that I heard when I was a little kid but forgot I knew until I heard it again." For a long moment there was only the whirring sound of the tires on the road, and then Sam said softly, "Thank you."
— Maggie Stiefvater, *Shiver*

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TAXES RAKE IN OVER 800M TO GOVT REVENUE

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

...VAT raked in E605.9 million while the company taxes contributed E226 million in 2018/19 last quarter.

VALUE Added Tax (VAT) and company taxes have contributed a collective E831 million to government revenue in the last quarter of the 2018/19 financial year.

VAT raked in E605.9 million while the company taxes contributed E226 million.

This is according to the latest Macroeconomic Analysis and Research Unit e-Bulletin No. 29 Q1 2019 released by the ministry of economic planning and development.

The report highlighted that individual income taxes, the second largest tax source after SACU receipts, did not vary as rapidly with economic conditions and instead depended to a greater degree on employment and salary arrangements.

Source

"This was the case in 2018/19 Q4, with income taxes growing by 11.3 per cent year-on-year, rising to E804.4 million. The other significant revenue source, fuel taxes, grew by 7.9 per cent year-on-year to reach E257 million. This is in line with the trade data, which also reflects a similar increase in the nominal value of fuel imports," read the report.

The report noted that the fall in these taxes most likely corresponded to the difficult macro-economic conditions in the country currently. It stated that many companies were struggling to be profitable in a difficult business environment and large government arrears in some cases creating cash-flow issues for even profitable companies.

The VAT decline was unexpected given that the rates were increased from 14 to 15 per cent



REPORT: Minister of Economic Planning and Development Dr. Thambo Gina.

in August 2018. This was indicative that disposable incomes are under strain, resulting in reduced consumption.

It was also highlighted that preliminary data indicated that total revenues for the last quarter of the fiscal year 2018/19 were down by 5.8 per cent on the same period in the previous year, falling from E3.85 billion to E3.63 billion.

A fall in SACU receipts for the fiscal year was the key driver of this year-on-year decrease.

"On a quarter to quarter, 2018/19 Q4 revenue was 9.1 per cent lower than 2018/19 Q3.

This is a regular pattern every year, given that there is an increase in economic activity near the end of the year.

"Nevertheless, this drop was more significant than usual and was driven by a decline in corporate taxes and value-added taxes (VAT). On a year-on-year basis, these declined by 5.8 per cent and 0.8 per cent, respectively, and on a q-o-q basis they declined by 3.5 percent and 1.8 percent," it read.

...Eswatini's total export at E6.3bn in 2019 1st quarter

ESWATINI'S total exports amounted to E6.3 billion at the end of the first quarter of 2019, having declined by 22.7 per cent from the previous quarter.

The increased demand for the country's exports observed in the first quarter of 2019 is mainly due to recovery of the SACU market for sugar and miscellaneous edibles.

Information sourced from the Macroeconomic Analysis and Research Unit e-Bulletin No. 29 Q1 2019 released by the ministry of economic planning and development is that on an annualised quarter comparison, however, they were up by 19.2 per cent, rising from E5.3 billion in the same period of the previous year. This was mainly driven by an increase in the demand of Eswatini's exports, particularly in the SACU region emanating from South Africa's economic recovery in the last half of 2018.

It was noted that in the period under review, the European market was good for the local exports as they surged up to E363.8 million in 2019 Q1, growing by 307 per cent from the same period in 2018.

This was attributed to the resumed uptake of beef exports in the EFTA market, low sugar prices and exchange rates.

The report also highlighted that this is con-
cretised by the improved uptake of the local

exports in the region which stood at six per cent in 2019 Q1, compared to two per cent in the same period of 2018.

"Sugar exports also accelerated by 61.3 per cent and amounted to E1.473 billion in 2019 Q1, thus contributing 10.7 per cent to total export growth.

The higher growth in sugar exports was also boosted by good yields for the current season and stock piling during tough market conditions. Furthermore, miscellaneous edibles exports also grew by 6.5 per cent and were recorded at E2.9 billion in 2019 Q1 compared to E2.7 billion in the corresponding period of 2018.

Exports

As indicated earlier, the uptake of the local exports also improved in the SACU market as it absorbed 73 per cent of the total exports for the quarter, which is a percentage point more than in the corresponding period in 2018. In monetary terms, the exports transactions to the SACU market were worth E4.60 billion in 2019 Q1 compared to E3.80 billion in the same period of 2018.

Imports, on the other hand, were said to have declined during the period indicating declining domestic demand.

When compared on a quarter-on-quarter basis, the country's total import transactions were

worth E5.75 billion in 2019 Q1, having declined by 15.1 per cent, from E6.77 billion in 2018 Q4. On the annualised quarter comparison however, they were up by 6.3 per cent, from E5.41 billion in 2018 Q1.

This nominal growth in the import volumes was mainly driven by 'motor vehicles' as well as 'Fuel and energy' which had grown by 29.7 per cent and 15.0 per cent respectively.

Increased

Furthermore, food imports increased by 9.2 per cent, while other final consumption and other intermediary consumption grew by 9.1 per cent and 7.1 per cent, respectively in 2019 Q1.

However, pharmaceutical and construction imports were down in this period. They dropped by 28.6 percent and five per cent, respectively, mainly due to the continued fiscal challenges which led to the reduction of the government's capital programme.

Construction imports also fell as a result of the completion of major projects. The SACU market, particularly South Africa, remained the major source for the country's imports in 2019 Q1. It supplied 72 per cent of the imports in this period, which is a percentage point lower than in 2018 Q4. Imports from Asia remained flat at 15 per cent.

FARMERS LOSE 40 PER CENT OF PRODUCE THROUGH SPOILAGE

BY MHLengi MAGONGO

NATIONAL Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) Agribusiness Manager Tammy Dlamini has noted that local farmers lose 40 per cent of their produce through spoilage.

Dlamini was speaking during the unveiling of EswatiniBank sponsorship towards their Cold Chain Summit.

Dlamini said local farmers fail to meet their target produce because most of their products are damaged, either during the preparation or harvesting period.

The manager mentioned that spoilage affects the profit margin of commercial farmers as well as the trade patterns that the country shares with other countries.

"At times when the produce is damaged, the trade patterns are affected because when you trade farm products, you trade in certain qualities and quantities. If the numbers are not met as per agreement, then the patterns are affected," he said.

He also added that NAMBoard is



REPORT: NAMBoard Agribusiness Manager Tammy Dlamini.

currently working on a project with the Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE) which will enhance the trade patterns of both the public and private sectors.

Project

The project requires the allocation 859 hectares and the manager mentioned that two farms have already been allocated and six more are to come up.

The manager also mentioned that

through the project, 14 to 15 tons of the produce is exported to South Africa and abroad. He also said over 50 tons of produce is also being moved locally.

"The private sector in Eswatini is not that much involved in the agribusiness as compared to the public sector. The private sector should also be involved in the agribusiness as it has a potential of generating profit," he said.

SEDCO backs Goat Meat Summit

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) has backed Eswatini's first ever Goat Summit scheduled for today.

The summit, hosted by Ndzingeni Inkhundla, will be held at the Gobolondlo Hall starting at 8.30am.

Interviewed yesterday, SEDCO Senior Manager Strategy Themba Dlamini said their aim of hosting the summit is to assist the farmers identify and develop value chains for the goat meat market.

"During the summit, we will discuss the commercial potential for goat meat in local retail and export markets. SEDCO's role is to provide training on business development and offer coaching to the farmers as they migrate from subsistence farming to commercial production," he said.

He added that this fell under their One-Household-One-Product Programme which seeks to empower households to venture into income generation activities using the avail-

able resources in the different homesteads.

"We assist households and small-holder farmers to develop viable business plans that can be used to seek finance for the commercialisation of their livestock production," he said.

Topics

Some of the topics to be discussed during the summit include the commercial potential of goat meat, the global demand versus Eswatini supply, the nutritional value of the meat as well as its commercial value.

Some of the speakers for the day include goat entrepreneurship strategy expert Dr Bryline Chitsunge, value chain goat production expert Dr X Dlamini and goat meat nutritionist O Kunene.

Also expected to grace the event are Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo, who will give the keynote address, and Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza, who will address the participants on agribusiness.

Sterksroom property worth E1.2 milion to be auctioned

BY BAHLE GAMA

PORTION 74 of farm No.264 in Manzini will be put up for auction.

The portion has a two bedroom house with a lounge, kitchen and bathroom located at Sterksroom in Manzini and has been set at a reserve price of E1.2 million.

This was disclosed by Remy's Investment auctioneer Melusi Qwabe, further stating that the auction would be on July 4 at the Manzini Regional Administrator's offices next to Somhlolo Park.

"We would like to urge bidders to come in numbers and try their luck on the property, which will be a long term investment for them," he said.

Qwabe also stated that interested parties should contact him on his cellphone for viewing any time before the day of the auction. He further disclosed that bidders were expected to pay a refundable registration fee of E2 000 on the day of the auction and only cash, EFT and bank guaranteed cheques will be accepted.

On another note, another auction by the Mbabane Magistrate's Court will be held on Friday.

LIST OF FURNITURE TO BE AUCTIONED

- 6 X Flat Screen Computers
- 18 X School Chairs
- 7 X Desks
- Computer stands
- Chest of drawers
- File cabinets
- Printers

This is after the court gave a ruling on a matter which was between Emprop Limited and Universe Technical Investment, along with Mozane Investment which stated that property will be sold by public auction.

Auction

Messenger of the court Christopher Nongwane, who will be conducting the auction, said the function would be held at the Magistrate's Court parking lot starting at 10:30. He said there would be no viewing and registration fees paid on the day.

"We will be auctioning office furniture on Friday and bidders are invited to come in numbers," he said.

The furniture to be auctioned includes office desks, chairs, printers, chest of drawers and more.

7 UNESWA students awarded tickets for Cold Chain Summit

BY BAHLE GAMA

IN a bid to engage youth groups to participate in the first Cold Chain Summit, NAMBoard has awarded seven students from the UNESWA Luyengo Campus tickets for the event.

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

Dlamini said the event would provide a good platform for young people to learn about existing opportunities within the cold chain sector.

"NAMBoard will continue to engage youth groups in a bid to encourage them to participate in the first ever Cold Chain Summit to be held in the Kingdom of Eswatini, which will also provide a good platform for the youth to learn, share experiences, network with captains of industry, and to forge vital business relationships with suppliers, producers, retailers, and processors," he said. Also present during the session was Professor Paul Kamau Wahome, who said as the country continues to grapple with high youth unemployment, the Cold Chain Summit may create a window of opportunity for youth that once seized, could greatly contribute towards sustainable



WINNERS: The seven students from the University of Eswatini Luyengo Campus who won themselves tickets for the upcoming Cold Chain Summit. (Pic: Bahle Gama)

job creation.

Wahome is a lecturer at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Luyengo Campus, under the Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Horticulture. He is also a consultant for post-harvest losses in cabbages and tomatoes for the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Eswatini, and one of the speakers for the upcoming summit.

Stimulate

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

"Most young people have established different enterprises because they have been encouraged to do so, and we have

not adequately done this in horticulture. Therefore, this summit could not have come at a better time," he said.

He further encouraged young people who are looking for opportunities in agribusiness to attend the summit, adding that horticultural business was the easiest way to go. "If you look at the current unemployment rate, it is really quite sad. But all what young people need for a business in horticulture, is just a small piece of land to produce a few lettuce plants, tomatoes, cabbages, and then they can be able to sustain themselves," he said. The summit will be staged from August 7-8 at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini. Early bird registration for the summit costs E200 and pre-sale costs E250. Interested parties can register through the event's website; www.coldchaineswatini.com.

ESCCOM awards over E1 million tender to Touch IT Technologies

BY BAHLE GAMA

ESWATINI Communications Commission (ESCCOM) has awarded Touch IT Technologies a tender worth E1 283 757.08.

Touch IT has won the tender for health facilities connectivity. This is

according to the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPPRA). Two more Swati companies had applied for the tender and Touch IT won with an evaluation score of 88 per cent. These two applicants were Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (ESPTC) who got an evaluation score

of 51 per cent and Summit, whose evaluation was not available. Touch IT Technologies is a company based in Mbabane, providing ICT unified communication solutions and specialises in Touch-Fi, Hotspot management system, hotel management system, phone management system (IP PABX) and IP video cameras sur-

veillance. "We offer an uncapped internet at a speed that will satisfies

you according to your expectation as our customer," reads their website.

DETAILS FOR BEST EVALUATED RESPONSE TENDERS

Name	Touch IT Technologies
Nationality	Swati
Name of Tender	Health Facilities Connectivity
Proposed Contract Price	E1 283 757.08
Total Evaluation Score	88 per cent



ESWATINI HOSTS AFRICA

AFCFTA WEEK 13

How winning AfCFTA Bid will enhance country's strategic pillars

THE whole of Africa is abuzz about the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as the African Union Extraordinary Summit to be held in Niamey, Niger, draws closer.

AU member states across all eight regional economic blocs are currently busy preparing for the Niamey Summit, where the member state that will eventually host the AfCFTA Secretariat will be announced on July 7. Eswatini is facing Egypt, Ghana, Madagascar and Kenya in the race to host the AfCFTA Headquarters. Despite mounting pressure from the other competitors on the eve of the Summit, Eswatini remains positive that the bid will come home. Worth noting is that Emaswati are joining the dialogue about the AfCFTA on social media platforms.

Imploring

This follows the letter from the African Union Commission's Executive Secretary Dt Stergomena Lawrence Tax to SADC Ministers of Trade and Ambassadors on June 14; where the AUC was imploring SADC to support and vigorously campaign for Eswatini in its bid. Social media has been alive with messages of goodwill for the kingdom. It seems Emaswati realise the importance of winning

this bid; and the opportunities that this will bring to the kingdom in its quest to turn the economy around. All five strategic pillars in the country's five-year Strategic Roadmap launched by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini last month stand to benefit from hosting the Secretariat.

Tourists

Tourism takes the lead; as this will bring hundreds of tourists into the country; directly and indirectly, in the form of delegates travelling into the country to have AfCFTA meetings here; as well as the ordinary tourist that will be attracted by the vote of confidence on the kingdom from an esteemed office such as the African Union.

The strategic pillar of information communication technologies (ICT) and education also stands to benefit a lot; as technology is bound to improve in the interest of servicing the AU office, delegates and Secretariat staff. ICT remains pivotal in the African trade agenda and thus hosting such an office would benefit not just the delegates but Emaswati and Africa as a whole. In terms of education, our local schools will definitely be enrolling the children of Secretariat staff and thus indirectly enhancing the economy.

The third strategic pillar that stands to receive a major boost would be mining and energy. The mining sector in the kingdom has remained dormant for some time and yet the country boasts quite a few precious mineral resources.

Should we win the AfCFTA Bid, investors in the area of mining will most likely flow into the country because this will be a show of confidence on the kingdom from the highest African authority i.e. the AU. The same goes for investors in the energy sector; meaning our energy woes as a country could be a thing of the past.

Eswatini imports over 80 per cent electricity at the moment.

On the strategic pillar of manufacturing; it goes without saying that manufacturers will benefit a lot. Take, for example, the woodwork manufacturer whose orders will receive a major boost from AfCFTA Secretariat staff members who will be ordering furniture and fittings.

Agro-processing, likewise, will get its own fair share of business in the form of Secretariat employees who will buy locally-processed agricultural products. Who knows, they may even spread in a good word about our products to their counterparts

back in their countries; and thus opening the agro-processing market.

The last strategic pillar, which is agriculture, is also going to get a major boost. Guess who will be buying fresh produce from the ordinary farmer in Madlenya? The Secretariat staff, of course! And likewise, if the produce is juicy and fresh enough, this will open up the export market for local agriculture farmers. After all, nothing beats word of mouth in marketing.

So, if you are still wondering why Eswatini wants this bid so much, it is because it will do so much for the country and its people. It will actually make our lives a whole lot better as Emaswati.

As one social media writer recently posted on our Facebook page, "...a Secretariat for AfCFTA will attract tourists for major global events such as international expos, cultural festivals, and political summits.

Large-scale gatherings of this kind have again become extraordinarily popular. In part, this can be explained by the worldwide media attention and sponsorship that such events now generate.

But it is also substantially accounted for by the longer-term local benefits that can be achieved for the host

nation, including improved infrastructure, increased revenues from tourism and trade, employment creation and heightened civic pride.

However, such positive effects do not occur by accident, or without effective local action. Effective legacy planning and management is essential to ensure that the financial risk of investing in the event pays off, and that local development is boosted in a meaningful way.

"Put simply, when international events are hosted well, they become a catalyst for local development and global reach. This article identifies how international events work as a trigger for local development and what the hosting nation can do to ensure that positive local development is realised," the writer said.

So, there you have it! Eswatini is indeed ready to host Africa!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter #Eswatinihostsafrica and join the conversation.

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STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

ENTREPRENEUR and Tee & Jay Managing Director Thembinkhosi Mndzebele has urged Design and Technology (D & T) pupils from the Manzini region to use creativity to improve their lives.

Mndzebele was the main speaker during the first Design and Technology Fair held at the Prince Mfanyana Hall in Manzini last Thursday.

He stated that some people were not gifted academically but were extra talented through their creativity, hence the mind-blowing designs and inventions. The pupils from about 20 different schools in the Manzini region had gathered for their first of its kind 'subject fair,' where pupils from Forms One to Five participated.

Prepared

The pupils from Form One to Form Five in the different schools had prepared mind blowing projects and designs which included a floating house designed for flat land countries such as Mozambique.

The design was brought forth by the alarming number of disasters in Mozambique caused by the recent Cyclone Idai.

Mndzebele shared his journey in carpentry with the pupils, expressing how the passion for wood crept into his heart when he was a young boy.

"When I was a young boy I invented a wheelbarrow that could contain about eight water containers and that made life easier for me and my siblings as we went about the chore.

"I later found out that wood was actually something I was strongly passionate about and that is when I told my mother that one day I would own a furniture manufacturing company that would

TEE & JAY MD INSPIRES MANZINI REGION D&T PUPILS



DECORATED: Tee & Jay Managing Director Thembinkhosi Mndzebele awarding the winning pupils with medals. (R) The Tee & Jay MD delivering his speech.

employ over 25 people, but today I am humbled to say that we have employed even more Emaswati," he said. He added that the first of its kind designs such as the braai stand which also functions as a water heater on the other side, could sell fast, especially in this chilly winter. Mndzebele further made his wish known that Their Majesties witness the talent displayed by the pupils and further put in place mechanisms that would support the young aspiring entrepreneurs who would later employ hundreds of Emaswati, thus improving the economy of the country.

In conclusion, Mndzebele advised the pupils to start business with the passion exceeding the desire for making money as passion goes a long way.

Business

"If you start your business with profit at the back of your head, you will more likely give up after seeing the returns of your first year not amounting to the work done so you have to put passion first," he said. The pupils who were moved by Mndzebele's speech later thanked him through the D&T regional inspector who said he was humbled to have been honoured by Mndzebele's presence at their very first subject fair.



PLEDGES BETTER PRIZES NEXT YEAR

A thoroughly impressed Mndzebele proceeded to make a pledge for next year's edition of the Design and Technology Fair.

The Tee & Jay Director made this pledge during his speech at the design and Technology Fair which took place at Prince Mfanyana Hall in Manzini last Thursday. Mndzebele promised that the pupils would receive better prizes next year. The winning pupils on the day were given medals, trophies, backpacks and rulers, amongst other prizes.

Focus on World News

Global News

Trump puts sanctions on Iranian supreme leader, other top officials

WASHINGTON/RIYADH - US President Donald Trump targeted Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and other top Iranian officials with sanctions, taking a dramatic, unprecedented step to increase pressure on Iran after Tehran's downing of an unmanned American drone.

With tensions running high between the two countries, Trump signed an executive order imposing the sanctions, which US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said would lock billions of dollars more in Iranian assets.

Trump told reporters the sanctions were in part a response to last week's downing of a US drone by Iran, but would have happened anyway. He said Khamenei was ultimately responsible for what Trump called "the hostile conduct of the regime" in the Middle East.

Trump said the sanctions "will deny the Supreme Leader and the Supreme Leader's office, and those closely affiliated with him and the office, access to key financial resources and support."

John Smith, who was director of the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) before joining a law firm last year, said the United States had never targeted an Iranian head of state



TARGETS: US President Donald Trump displays an executive order imposing fresh sanctions on Iran in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, US.

before and that was a sign Trump was getting personal.

"Generally, when you target a head of state you're not turning back. That is when you believe all options are at an end," Smith told Reuters.

Some policy analysts say earlier sanctions issued under Trump's "maximum pressure" campaign are why Iran has felt compelled to adopt more aggressive

tactics as its economy feels the crunch. The Trump administration wants to force Tehran to open talks on its nuclear and missile programmes and its activities in the region.

Iran would not accept talks with the United States while it is under the threat of sanctions, Iranian ambassador to the United Nations, Majid Takht Ravanchi, told reporters at the UN. **AFP**

Ethiopia army chief, local officials killed amid regional 'coup' bid

BAHIR DAR - Ethiopia's army chief and a top local leader have been shot dead during an attempt to overthrow a regional government in northern Ethiopia, underscoring political instability in the country as Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed tries to push through reforms.

The latest unrest in the Horn of Africa nation flared on Saturday afternoon in Amhara, one of nine autonomous regions, when a "hit squad" attacked a meeting of top officials, Abiy's office said on Sunday.

Spokesperson Billene Seyoum told journalists the Amhara "coup attempt" was led by local security chief Asaminew Tsige, and resulted in state President Ambachew Mekonnen and his advisor



ATTEMPT: Brigadier General Asaminew Tsige.

being shot.

The men were "gravely injured in the attack and later died of their wounds", she said, adding that the regional attorney general had been seriously wounded.

"Several hours later in what seems like a co-ordinated attack, the chief of the staff of the national security forces Seare Mekonnen was killed in his home by his bodyguard" in the capital, she added.

Seare and a visiting retired general were shot dead in his home in the upmarket Bole district of Addis Ababa, home to diplomats, aid workers and expats.

The bodyguard has been apprehended, while Asaminew is still on the loose, sources said. According to the statement from Abiy's office, the situation in Amhara region is "currently under full control by the federal government in collaboration with the regional government". **AFP**



ENDS: Zimbabwe made its interim currency the country's sole legal tender on Monday.

Zim ends decade of dollarisation in new currency reform

HARARE - Zimbabwe made its interim currency the country's sole legal tender on Monday, ending a decade of dollarisation and taking another step towards relaunching the Zimbabwean dollar.

The central bank also hiked its overnight lending rate to 50 per cent from 15 per cent as a part of a set of measures to protect the RTGS dollar introduced in February.

"The march towards full currency reform is part of our transitional stabilisation programme," Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube said in a video posted on Twitter.

"This move is really beginning to restore full monetary policy."

Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa, who replaced long-time leader Robert Mugabe after an army coup in November 2017, is trying to repair an economy ruined

by hyperinflation and a long succession of failed economic interventions.

But a hoped-for economic turnaround is yet to materialise, and many Zimbabweans are distrustful of Mnangagwa's promises.

Mnangagwa's government last month agreed a staff-monitored programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) whereby the fund will help Zimbabwe implement coherent economic policies.

Analysts are sceptical that the latest currency reforms will be a quick fix for the deep problems that have constrained economic growth in the southern African country.

"Zimbabwe will have to show results before people are convinced," said Jee-A Van Der Linde, an economist at South Africa-based NKC African Economics.

Reuters

Senegal President's brother resigns after allegations of energy fraud

DAKAR - The brother of Senegal's President Macky Sall has resigned from his government post after allegations of fraud relating to natural gas contracts, he said on Monday.

An investigation by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) this month alleged that a company run by Aliou Sall received a secret payment of \$250 000 in 2014 from Frank Timis, a businessman whose company, Timis Corporation, that year secured licences to two major offshore gas blocks.

The affair has dominated the airwaves in Senegal, overshadowing the beginning of President Sall's

second term. Protesters have taken to the streets of the capital Dakar in recent weeks and the country's top prosecutor has launched an investigation.

Agreed

It also has international implications: London-based BP in 2017 agreed to pay Timis Corp \$250 million for a stake in the licences, plus about \$10 billion in royalty payments over the coming decades, the BBC said. BP says the royalty payments are nowhere close to \$10 billion and that it carried out ample due diligence before signing the deal. Timis has denied wrongdoing. **Reuters**

BRIEFS

Court hands 7 life terms to 'first serial killer'

NICOSIA - A Greek Cypriot army captain who murdered five women and two girls was handed seven life sentences on Monday in an unprecedented serial killing case that has shocked the Mediterranean island. Nikos Metaxas, 35, had pleaded guilty to the premeditated murders, all targeting foreigners, which sparked anger over perceived police racism. Metaxas was led into a Nicosia court under heavy security and stared grimly at the ground as a prosecutor read out a string of charges, including kidnapping and the killings of the women and two of their daughters. **AFP**

15 000 deploy forces to halt US-bound migration

MEXICO CITY - Mexico has deployed almost 15 000 soldiers and National Guard in the north of the country to stem the flow of illegal immigration across the border into the United States, the head of the Mexican Army said on Monday. Mexico has not traditionally used security forces to stop undocumented foreign citizens leaving the country for the United States, and photographs of militarised police catching Central American and Cuban women at the border in recent days have met with criticism. Mexico is trying to curb a surge of migrants from third countries crossing its territory in order to reach the United States. **Reuters**

Cambodia charges Chinese nationals

PHNOM PENH - A Cambodian court charged seven people yesterday, including five Chinese nationals, with involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy after 28 people died in a collapsed building on the weekend. Some 26 people were injured after the Chinese-owned building collapsed on Saturday in the coastal town of Sihanoukville, prompting Prime Minister Hun Sen to fire a top disaster management official. Investigators are trying to determine what caused the seven-storey steel and concrete structure to crumple without warning before dawn, trapping construction workers who were sleeping on the site. **Reuters**

North Korea's Kim not ready to denuclearize

WASHINGTON - The US intelligence community does not believe North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is ready to denuclearise, US Defense Intelligence Agency Director Lieutenant General Robert Ashley told Fox News in an interview on Monday. A summit in February between Kim and President Donald Trump collapsed when the two leaders were unable to bridge differences between US demands for denuclearisation and North Korean demands for sanctions relief. "We still continue to assess within the IC (intelligence community) that Kim Jong Un is not ready to denuclearize," Ashley said. **Reuters**

Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

ANC CHIEF WHIP MAJONDINA DEFENDS RAMAPHOSA'S 'DREAM'

CAPE TOWN - ANC Chief Whip Pemmy Majondina was the first to speak at the reply to President Cyril Ramaphosa's third State of the Nation address (SONA) taking place in Parliament taking the opportunity to speak in favour of Ramaphosa's vision, which many members of the opposition dismissed as nothing more than "dreams".

"There is no revolution without a dream, any revolution without a dream is dead," she said.

In a mixture of Xhosa and English, Majondina also called on South Africans and the opposition to respect Ramaphosa's office and the Constitution.

Undermining

"There is [a] difference between robust debate and the undermining of a person's dignity," she said.

Majondina also denied claims by some opposition leaders that Ramaphosa showed in his SONA that he had no plan to fix South Africa's many problems.

"The president has outlined more than

21 concrete plans on how to take SA forward. He was specific on how to grow the economy. Unemployment remains high, particularly among the youth. Our country endures unacceptable levels of income and wealth inequality," she said.

She said government must work in a social contract with South Africans, and hoped to "work together with all South Africans to close the gap between the poor and the rich".

Accused

She also accused certain opposition members of immature political engagement, saying she hopes to foster a "culture of mature political engagement" instead.

"The ANC will not descend into an arena of childishness and political vulgarity, no matter how much

we are provoked as you are doing," she said.

She called on the opposition to exercise "all structures available at our disposal" if they had grievances and to work together with the governing party.

Citizen



DEFENDS: ANC Chief Whip Pemmy Majondina.

EThekweni warns of crowd-funding scam for embattled Zandile Gumede

DURBAN - The eThekweni municipality has warned residents about a group of alleged scammers who claim to be fundraising on behalf of Mayor Zandile Gumede, who is on 30 days leave.

In a statement yesterday, the municipality said a group of scammers was allegedly randomly approaching people, requesting donations for Gumede's legal costs.

The municipality said she had not asked for such donations.

Gumede, senior councillor Mondli Mthembu and businessman Craig Poonan were charged in mid-May for graft relating to a R208m Durban Solid Waste contract dating back to 2016.

Warn

"The municipality would like to warn residents that mayor Gumede has not asked for such donations and is not part of the scheme. This is a scam and anyone who is approached by these unscrupulous individuals must report the matter to the nearest police station," the statement read.

Acting head of communications Mandla Nsele said the municipality had decided to take a proactive approach to warn residents as it had heard a number of rumours.

"We are investigating these rumours and have not yet received any solid evidence of anyone being scammed. We don't know who is behind this or who these people are," said Nsele.

Times Live

Mbeki denies call for action against #ZindziMandela over 'Our Land' tweets

PRETORIA - Former South African president Thabo Mbeki has denied widespread media reports that he called on government to take action against Zindzi Mandela-Hlongwane, South Africa's Ambassador to Denmark, for labelling white people as beneficiaries of stolen land via Twitter.

On Monday night, the Thabo Mbeki Foundation clarified that the former president answered questions posed to him by a Sunday Tribune reporter, and that during the interview the journalist asked whether Mbeki had read the ambassador's tweets on the land question. "His reply was that he had not read the tweet. President Mbeki, however, explained the discipline and culture of the diplomatic world in which, as representatives of the president of the Republic and broadly the government, ambassadors and high commissioners represent official government policy; not their views and opinions," said the Thabo Mbeki

Foundation. "This is so in part because the system of government, as indeed the fabric of foreign policy, would be seriously imperilled were officials to express their personal views as and when they see fit. This has absolutely nothing to do with Ambassador Mandela's views or her right to hold her views."

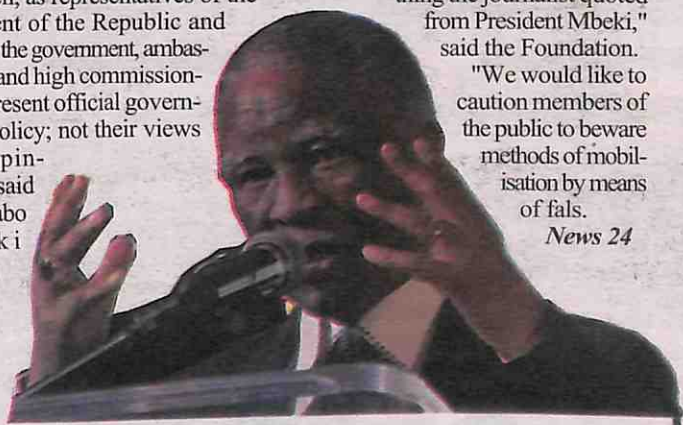
Actions

The foundation said Mbeki had explained that prior to taking action, if such action was contemplated, the president or government would have to consider Mandela-Hlongwane's comments relative to the positions of government on the land question.

"At no point did he call for any action to be taken against Ambassador Mandela. This is borne out by everything the journalist quoted from President Mbeki," said the Foundation.

"We would like to caution members of the public to beware methods of mobilisation by means of fals.

News 24



DENIES: Former SA president Thabo Mbeki.



SLAMS: Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

MKHWEBANE SLAMS DA OVER RAMAPHOSA PROBE

CAPE TOWN - Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane has hit out against claims that she was never requested to probe allegations of money laundering in relation to a donation African Global Operations made to President Cyril Ramaphosa's campaign for the presidency of the ANC.

In a media statement yesterday, Mkhwebane cited court judgments that found that her office was not a passive adjudicator between citizens and the state, and should not be limited to the issues raised for consideration by the parties but should investigate further and discover the truth.

"Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane is dumbfounded at emerging claims by the DA and the CR17 campaign managers that she was never asked to investigate allegations of money laundering in relation to the AGO (African Global Operations) donation to President Ramaphosa's

campaign for governing party presidency," said Mkhwebane.

She said DA leader Mmusi Maimane in his complaint dated November 23, 2018, requested her to investigate the possibility of an improper relationship between the president, his family and AGO (formerly known as Bosasa), the nature of the R500 000 payment towards the CR17 campaign passing through several intermediaries, thereby raising the suspicion of money laundering; and that the president may have lied to the

National Assembly in his reply to Maimane's question on November 6.

"Mkhwebane has since met, on two occasions, with Maimane during which meetings the complaint and scope of the investigation were discussed at length, and not once did Maimane raise any of these emerging issues," she said.

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CURRENT PROBLEMS: DA leader Mmusi Maimane.

Park bullet train, solve PRASA problems first, Maimane tells Ramaphosa

CAPE TOWN - DA leader Mmusi Maimane told President Cyril Ramaphosa to tackle the problems of the current urban centres before thinking of build new smart cities.

Speaking in the national assembly yesterday during the debate on Ramaphosa's state of the nation address delivered last week, Maimane also criticised the president's approach to the fourth industrial revolution, saying giving school children tablets was not helpful.

In his speech, Maimane continued in the same vein, saying Ramaphosa's dream of a bullet train traversing multiple provinces as irrelevant as long as current problems plaguing state rail agency Prasa remained unresolved.

"Today we have floods in KZN and droughts in the Western Cape. This is the future we must plan for, and so before we build smart cities, we should build sustainable cities.

Countries

"Elsewhere in the world countries are using smart technology to keep their people healthy and safe. Solutions like smartphone screening to detect cervical cancer. This should be part of our plan too.

"I hear everyone speaking of the fourth industrial revolution these days, but I'm not sure they always know what this is. Giving our children tablets at school is not the fourth industrial revolution, but preparing them for jobs that don't even exist yet is," said Maimane.

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PM LAUNCHES MTN SWAMA AWARDS

BY AYANDA DLAMINI AND SETSABILE NKAMBULE

THE third edition of the MTN SWAMA awards has been duly launched.

This year the awards ceremony will be riding on a cloud of a whopping E740 000 boost from the title sponsor.

This amount has been increased by E40 000 from last year's E700 000 to the staggering E740 000.

The awards were launched in a dignified affair on Monday evening at the MTN Headquarters, Mahlalekhukhwini House in Ezulwini.

The E740 000 cheque was presented by MTN Eswatini Acting Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko before distinguished guests and musicians.

Launching the awards was the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini accompanied by Minister of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati and Endzingeni Member of Parliament Lutfo Dlamini who is the former SWAMA president.

Delivering his speech, the premier lauded MTN Eswatini for its continued investment in the arts; an area that is fast proving to have the potential to take the kingdom to

- MTN pumps in E740 000 to SWAMA Awards
- The sponsorship increased by E40 000 from last year
- Nominations begin today
- Ceremony slated for December 7



OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED: Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini giving his speech during the official launch of the MTN Eswatini SWAMA Awards at Mahlalekhukhwini House. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)

another level in terms of country image enhancement and job creation.

"I would like to also commend MTN Eswatini and SWAMA for ensuring that the awards initiative was sustained in the last

three years; which is still the formative years of the partnership.

"May I also pay special tribute to SWAMA's National Executive and its awards project team together with all other structures for their profes-

sional conduct and approach in ensuring a win-win situation for both the sponsor and the ultimate beneficiaries; the artists," delivered the premier.

Also, gracing the event were Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Under Secretary Nhlanhla Motsa, Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) CEO Stanley Dlamini, musicians, artist managers and personalities.

Delighted

In addition, SWAMA President Melusi Zox Dlamini thanked SWAMA patron, HRH Princess Sakhizwe, for her continued support. He stated that they were more than delighted over the Prime Minister's appointment given his proven commitment to the sector as the previous CEO of MTN Eswatini.

"We would like to assure you, Your Excellency that we are ready to play our part in ensuring that His Majesty's Vision comes to life. Youth participation in the national agenda is paramount and inevitable. Allow us to wish you nothing but the best," he said.

He said MTN Eswatini had proven beyond any reasonable doubt that they were committed to the development of the arts in the kingdom of Eswatini. He extended his gratitude to MTN Eswatini for being a reliable support system and partner over years.

"Since this partnership between MTN Eswatini and SWAMA was established, thanks to the previous executive led by Lutfo Dlamini, the quality of music production and support for local music in the country has improved tremendously, resulting in a number of our artists making significant inroads into the regional and international scene. Our artists are really hoisting our national flag

THIS YEAR'S CATEGORIES ARE:

1. Song of the year
2. Album of the year
3. Best Newcomer
4. Best Music Producer
5. Best Music Video
6. Female Artist of the year
7. Male Artist of the year
8. Best Contemporary (Inclusive of all urban genres: R&B, Dancehall, Kwaito, Afro Pop, etc.)
9. Best Collaboration
10. Best DJ
11. Best House Music Artist/Group
12. Best Hip Hop Music Artist/Group
13. Best Gospel Music Artist/Group
14. Best Traditional Music Artist/Group
15. Best Jazz Music Artist/Group
16. Best Rock Music Artist/Group
17. Best Country Music Artist/Group
18. Most Downloaded Caller Tune
19. Lifetime Achievement
20. President's Award

high, in turn generating a lot of interest on the Kingdom as a destination", said the president.

The theme has been aptly titled #MonetizeYourMusic.

Dlamini said the theme was informed by the need for artists to transform their informal 'hustle', into formal processes that can be quantified.

Announced

The entry period would be one month commencing today until July 26. Nominees would then be announced on August 5 and eventual winners will be announced and celebrated at a glittering yellow carpet ceremony to be held at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre on the December 7.

Entries are open to all musicians who have released work between the May 31, 2018 and the July 26, 2019, across the first 17 categories.

Artists happy with this year's SWAMA awards

ARTISTS came in their numbers to grace the lively event and they all commended SWAMA for making sure that the third edition of the awards was launched.

In an interview with the Entertainment Desk, artists expressed how happy they were with the third edition of the country's biggest awards ceremony.

Amongst the audience were artists like, Illa Panboy, Sands, King Terry, Popzin, Nothando Hlophe, symphony, Umfana Webhejisa and more.

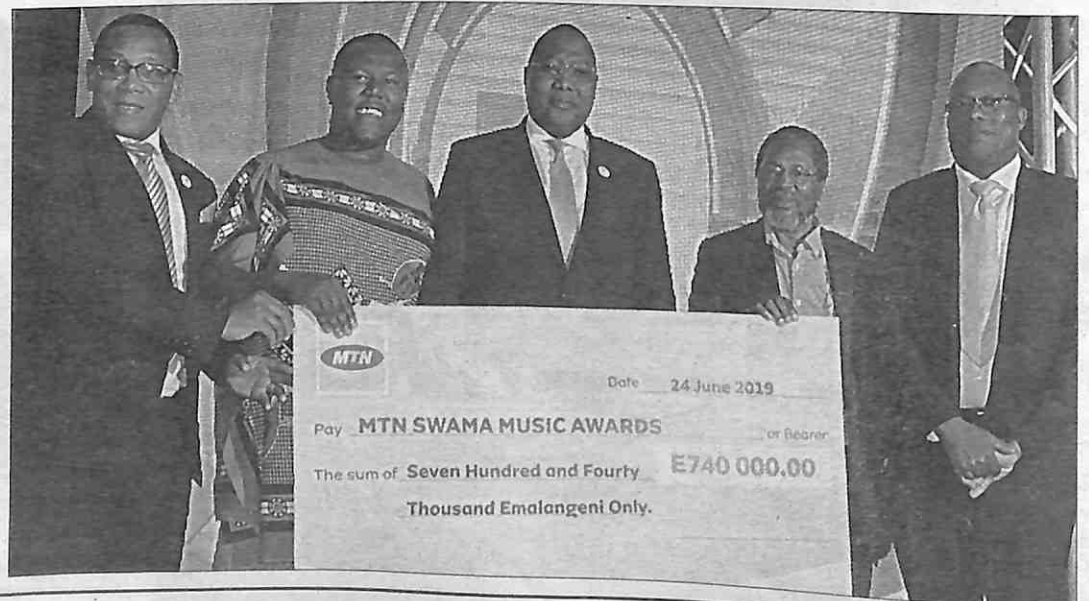
Illia said he was excited about this year's SWAMA awards as it gives more artists the platform to shine. "It excites me to know that every year artists who put as much work

in their art are being awarded. It's a great feeling to know that such a big company like MTN is in full support for such. By the looks of it this year's awards will be bigger and better," he said.

King Terry expressed his excitement on the money that was placed for the SWAMA. He said more money meant better awards and

more chances for artists to win and be appreciated. "I am excited about this year's awards. I cannot wait to get more awards and also have the opportunity to show Eswatini and the rest of the world their talents and event be appreciated for it," he said. He said MTN Eswatini had proven beyond any reasonable doubt that they were committed to the development of the arts in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

SPONSORSHIP: Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini with Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, MTN Chairman David Dlamini and MTN's acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko.





CONFIRMED, NO JOYOUS CELEBRATION THIS YEAR

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

IT has been confirmed that there would be no MTN Joyous Celebration Live Concert this year.

Following weeks of speculation, MTN Eswatini and Destiny Group have jointly announced that there will be no such show this year.

Instead, MTN is working with Destiny Group to deliver a different and innovative concept that will potentially excite a different segment of the local market.

Details of the new concept will be shared with the public early next month.

"I can confirm that MTN Joyous Celebration is not coming this year. Instead MTN is at the tail-end of a process to launch a fresh concept which seeks to appeal to a different segment of our market," said MTN Eswatini Corporate Affairs Manager, Mandla Lumphondvo.

"That there will be no MTN Joyous Celebration Live Concert this year does not mean that there will be no such shows in future. I can assure the public that we will continue to host a revamped MTN Joyous Celebration Live Concert, and possibly feature additional international artists alongside them," he further stated.

"MTN Eswatini and Destiny Group sin-

cerely appreciate the groundbreaking support that MTN Joyous Celebration Live Concert has accrued since 2013.

"This event has grown to become a signature event in the gospel music calendar."

Lumphondvo said both companies were particularly grateful to the private sector and numerous organisations who have supported MTN Joyous Celebration Live Concert from inception.

"Additional to just being a gospel show, MTN Joyous Celebration Live Concert has an element of empowering local artists through workshops, just like MTN Bushfire has a capacity enhancement element," explained Lumphondvo.

He further noted how the media has outdone itself in terms of favourable coverage and further creating the much needed excitement around this event.

Lumphondvo concluded by appreciating the massive support of everyone who has participated in the Joyous Celebration Live Concert since the activity was launched and expressed confidence that the change will be embraced with the same level of support, if not more.



REVEALED: MTN Eswatini Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo.

DJ Vinny Da Vinci coming to Eswatini

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

NEW Life Entertainment is indeed keeping their fans on their toes as they will yet again be bringing South African DJs in the country on August 17.

This was confirmed by New Life Entertainment Director DJ Cup.

The spinners they will be bringing are DJ Vinny D Vinci, 3Kings Of The East and DJ Lastborn.

"It's going to be a good show, especially when you have legends of deep house like Vinny Da Vinci. It's always inspiring to our fellow upcoming DJs, and looking at the 3 Kings Of The East, this is just amazing since it will be their first time here."

"I feel so great because this will be a good show," DJ Cup said.

Vinny has come a long way from playing at school functions in Pretoria; today he holds the reputation as one of South Africa's leading house masters. His friendship with DJ Christos has seen them release three albums under the DJs at Work collaboration to date, and his African-ism series under the House Afrika Records label (of which he is co-owner) has dominated the deep-house scene, pioneering a new wave of minimal, bass line-heavy, Afro-flavoured rhythms that have bewitched dance floors.

3 Kings Of The East (Zeedan, Picat Da Italian and DJokovic Zinyo) are from Johannesburg East.

Passionate about deep house music, they were introduced to the game by the late DJ Monde. Lastborn has been playing for four years now and growing with every set. He plays deep house and soulful house. His music is more like communication or way of expressing his feelings.

He has shared the stage with South African biggest DJs, including Black Coffee.

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2 designers to represent Eswatini in Paris, Addis Ababa

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

TWO of Emaswati designers Lindelwa Ngwenya and Slindile Bhembe have been chosen to participate in the Africa Fashion Reception show that will be held in Paris and Addis Ababa.

This followed a meeting ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini had with Legendary Gold CEO Lexy Mojo while he had visited the country for the UN workshop that was held at Bethel Court last month. Mojo had agreed to help

the country in terms of fashion design by featuring Emaswati in a show that he normally hosts every year in Paris.

According to Mojo, being part of the fashion show would help in exposing the designers.

"This will be a good exposure for Eswatini to promote its designers to arts, culture and tourism, potentially there will be one each for Addis Ababa and Paris.

"They will be expected to present African inspired collection that will reflect their rich dress culture in fabrics, accessories and designs," he said. ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini said they were excited and grateful for such an opportunity as it meant exposure for not only the designers who would be participating but also for the country. He said they were soon going to meet with the two participants to discuss ways on meeting them half way regarding the expenses for the trip.

"We are still in discussions on how we will help them. This is great for them and their careers as designers. They will also be able to learn a lot in terms of how other designers work internationally," he said.

The designers would be provided with an exhibition stand with eight models for eight looks, back stage stylist, hair and makeup, sound and lights, two VIP invitations, profile in the event brochure and website, personal video interview, photos and video of their showcase and free participation in Africa Fashion Business Summit. Lindelwa Ngwenya stated that she was happy to have been given the opportunity to showcase her work in Paris. "I cannot even explain the series of emotions going in in my head. It is an honour to represent Eswatini in this manner," she said.

She stated that she would be using *Lihya* inspired designs to represent the kingdom.



EXCITED: ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini.



REPRESENTING:
Lwazi Dlamini shines
in Joburg Theatre over
the past weekend.
(Courtesy Pics)



LWAZI DLAMINI STIRS JOBURG THEATRE

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

SOUTH African based local opera singer Lwazi Dlamini represented the kingdom at the Joburg Theatre this past weekend.

Dlamini was part of the opera entitled 'La Traviata' composed by Giuseppe Verdi an Italian opera composer from back in the 1800's.

He was selected from a number of

singers to take on the Barone role amongst other roles with the Sempere Opera Company.

This show is currently happening in the theatre till June 30.

Achievement

Speaking to the singer, he said getting where he is has not been easy.

"I take it as a great achievement even though there's still a long way to go. Having a dream of being an

opera singer in our country seems to be a very impossible dream as there are no institutions or companies, where one can settle in on a full time job," he said.

He said he was introduced to this art in high school as they had competitions sponsored by EswatiniBank, which were highly motivating since soloist competitors won prizes and trophies together with the adult choirs.

"With that alone our future was still limited since more knowledge had to be gained through international coaches rather than having a music school that only educates.

Forced

"With that being the case, after completing of my Form Five at Manzini Nazarene, I was forced to do Matric so I could be accepted as a TUT Vocal Art student," he narrated.

He said after completing his matric,

he auditioned to be considered.

"It is really awesome that being a part of music needs one to develop some qualities like passion and mostly consistency with patience as some people may not like you or your voice and that may disturb your progress," he said.

Supportive

Dlamini said as a musician you need to keep moving on and try more places till you get the company or area where your work will be appreciated.

"This was my second opera on an international stage, with this I am really grateful to my supportive mother who chose to believe in my dream.

"So I'd also encourage more parents to let their children do what they dream of as it brings peace to our souls and minds," he added.

!Sooks' album number one on itunes

BY DELISA THWALA

!SOOKS' debut album 'Mzansi House Vol 9' is currently number one on iTunes Top Dance Album Charts.

This was confirmed by the deejay through a series of posts on his social pages.

The deep house spinner said he was happy about his album being number one and that he was amazed by the continuous support from his fans.

"I'm excited and shocked at the same time. I had anticipated the album to do well but I had no idea it would do this good and this is because of my loyal fans, thank you," said !Sooks.

The album compilation, describes his sound as a blend of tech, Afro deep and deep house and it has already caught the ear of spinners like 2Lani The Warrior.

Born and raised in the city of Mbabane, !Sooks became fascinated by African music and the synth sound creation at a very young age.



This rapidly developed into a passion for Deejaying that in turn fuelled his desire to produce tracks for his sets.

He is influenced by artists such as P.Laoss, Jouem, Phidias to name a few.

He rapidly honed his production

skills and began creating a versatile and unique sound.

As a result !Sooks released his first ever project on Open Bar Music, a single titled 'Desolate'.

He later released his debut EP under the country's Deep House label, Antidote Music titled 'Seven Years of Colour'.

Ntjilontjilo Choir Festival kicks off auditions

BY DELISA THWALA

NTJILONTJILO Choir festival is ready to kick start regional auditions.

Ntjilontjilo Choir Festival Founder Mathokoza Sibiya said they were looking for any kind of talent.

"We are looking for any kind of talent in arts, it can be talent in singing, dancing, instrumentalist, comedians, poets, magicians and any other entertaining act," said Sibiya.

He also added that contestants could bring their own chosen song or backing track otherwise acapella would also be acceptable.

They are also welcoming group auditions and registration costs E100 and individual registration is E50.

The auditions are going to be taking place in different regions until the finals, which are going to be on September 22.

They will kick off on August 10 in the Lubombo region, during the



FOUNDER: Ntjilontjilo founder Mathokoza Sibiya.

auditions there will be no limit on the number of people who can join.

There judges will include Sikelela Msibi and Melisizwe Zwane.

The last competition was held on August 4 at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre, where artists like Linda Dlamini, Nothando Hlophe and Mozaik collaborated with choirs such as Manzini Choir.

Entertainers all about giving back

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

THE Pedestrians team which includes Mdura the Comedian and Sbu Nhlengetfwa alongside comedians Ndosh, Dr Shakes, Thembelela, SBU, Bongiswa and Sjaiva, raised over E5 000 worth of sanitary pads at Kobe Ramogkadi Learning Academy.

According to Mdura the comedian, they decided to use their talents to raise sanitary pads for less fortunate children around the country.

He stated that the idea was pioneered by Sbu Nhlengetfwa who shared it with him.

Return

With the help of Gcina Mtshali from the school, they were able to perform for pupils in return for sanitary pads.

Ndosh said they were working closely with the president of the Rotary Club in Malkerns as they

handed the donated sanitary pads to the club.

"Let's say a random cycle will take up to five days maximum. We have three months of school per term and of all those days we at least want to shave off a couple of days by helping.

Difference

"We hope that it will make a difference, someone else may take over the baton and shave off a couple of days more and we may just find ourselves sitting at zero days missed because of a cycle," he said.

He stated that they have tried to host comedy shows and let people in for a discounted price if they have the sanitary pads or have a full blown line-up of comedians with the entrance fee being only a pack of the pads.

"Worth mentioning is also the relentless support we get from Zulu D who actually sponsors us with his presence, I'm joking, his PA system," he said.



HELPING HANDS: The comedians during the collection of the pads.

ALL SET FOR FESTIVAL XPLOSION

- Epic line-up revealed; Sjava, Bucie, Prince Kaybee, Nomalungelo D, Velemseni, Bholoja, Itallo, Judah, DJ MBO and Wicked to set Dwaleni Farm Lodge on fire
- Tickets now available at Pick n Pay Lojaf Kiosk outlets

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

IT'S indeed going to be a remarkable fest looking at the line-up of the Eswatini Festival Xplosion slated for July 27 at Dwaleni Farm Lodge.

With the epic line-up recently revealed, the inaugural festival will see South African based Amanda du Pont and Big Dreamz directing the proceedings of the fest.

These two trailblazers will be joining a list of both local and South African heavyweights such as Bucie, Sjava, Prince KayBee, Nomalungelo D, Velemseni, DJ Wicked, Judah, Bholoja, Itallo and DJ MBO.

The Festival Xplosion is set to raise the bar and set new standards for the country. It is designed to attract families in the kingdom and also consumers across the SADC region.

Dream

The team behind this festival led by Msimisi Dlamini has a dream of growing this event to become Eswatini's top show and also on Africa's top list of events.

The festival focuses on fireworks, food, music and children activities – fireworks being the main attraction.

The fireworks to be displayed will be provided by Fireworks For Africa; a professional company that has been in operation for over 20 years which prides itself of high quality fireworks and boasts of being a nationwide leader in the fireworks display industry in South Africa.

Fireworks For Africa has made fireworks presentations in countries within Africa, Australia, Europe, North America and Asia.

Displayed

They have won seven international competitions representing South Africa, worked in 34 countries and have displayed 6 580 different type of fireworks effects – which is quite impressive.

Exhibition stalls and children activities will be recreational activities of the festival.

Physical tickets are now available at Pick n Pay Lojaf Kiosk: Mbabane New Mall, Matsapha Mahhala, The Gables and Manzini Hub.

TICKET PRICE: General E250, VIP E600, VVIP E1 500 and children E150. Online tickets are also available at www.festivalxplosion.com

Limited VVIP can be booked (on +268 7944 8000) for a special delivery.



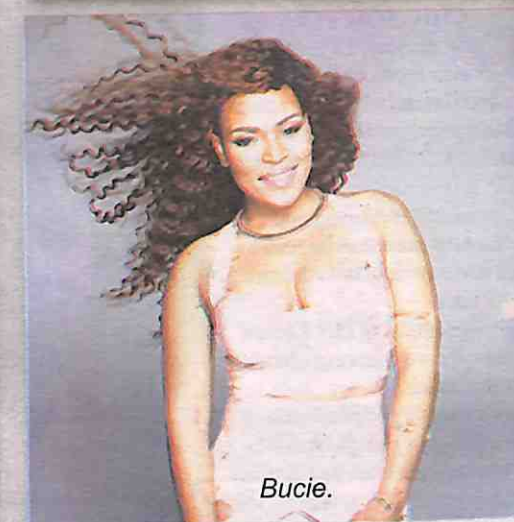
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Uzalo producers claim it's business as usual

DURBAN - The producers of SABC soapie Uzalo, Stained Glass Pictures, have hit back at reports that cast and crew are 'shaken' by the current financial crisis at the SABC and worried that they may not be paid their salaries this month.

According to Sunday Sun, the struggle to keep the lights on at the SABC has affected some of the talent at Uzalo, who are allegedly scared that this could result in them not getting paid at the end of the month.

Affected staff were apparently informed that the production company was waiting for outstanding payments from the SABC at the start of the month.



"This is frustrating. What makes us worried is that each time the SABC

announces that they didn't have money, production houses always don't get paid," an insider told the tabloid. These claims come hot on the heels of a Sunday Times report, which brought to light the SABC's "decision" to pay its staff, despite still having an "eight-figure municipality account" to settle.

Times Live

Boity gets a ride worth more than R2.5m

SANDTON - TV personality and businesswoman

Boity Thulo is on cloud nine at the moment after getting a fancy new set of wheels.

Boity will be zipping around town in a Range Rover Lumma CLR R8 Sport V8.

According to online car directories, the car is worth just more than R2.5m and comes with rear cameras, screens on the back of the seats and a panoramic roof. In short, it makes the Uber look like a bicycle ride. And it even has a name: 'Esther'. Boity took to Instagram on Monday



ON CLOUD NINE: Boity Thulo admiring her fancy new set of wheels.

to welcome 'Esther' home and share her excitement.

"My incredible baby is finally here! Welcome home, Esther," she wrote.

Times Live

Chicago police release body cam footage of Smollett

CHICAGO - Chicago police released a body cam video footage on Monday from January when actor Jussie Smollett told police that he was attacked on a street outside his Chicago home.

The video was captured as police entered Smollett's apartment and the former 'Empire' actor can be seen in a red and white sweater with the rope around his neck.

He told investigators he kept the rope there to show them evidence of a racially motivated attack.

As the officers arrive, Smollett removes the rope and says: "There's bleach on me." A few seconds later, he asks the police to turn off the body cam.

Investigators went on to tell him that they were recording the visit, to which he said: "I don't want to be filmed."



ATTACKED: Jussie Smollett.

The officers then turned off their body cams. *Times Live*

Tupac's first prison ID card up for auction

NEW YORK - Tupac Shakur is the most famous person ever incarcerated at Clinton Correctional Facility in New York, but he still needed an ID when he was behind bars, and now it can be yours -- for a few grand. Pac's first prison ID card from his infamous 1995 incarceration is going up for auction through the memorabilia company, Heritage Auctions, and they're starting the bidding at \$2 000.

Tupac served nine months behind bars after he was convicted on sexual assault charges, and he was required to carry this laminated ID card at all times. Pac started his sentence on



FOR SALE: Tupac Shakur's ID.

Valentine's Day, and two weeks later he was issued this prison ID -- which includes his signature. While he was locked up, Tupac wrote a letter to his then-girlfriend and included some super graphic sex scenes, and the NSFW artwork sold earlier this year at auction for \$21 000. *TMZ*

Can black people in America be allowed to live?

PRETORIA - Actress and TV host Pearl Thusi has weighed in on the alleged police brutality in America, sharing her outrage on social media.

The behaviour of police toward black Americans has come under the spotlight recently largely because of the Netflix series 'When They See Us', which recounts the real-life story of five teenagers who are falsely accused and jailed for an alleged murder and rape in Central Park that they alleged-



OUTRAGED: Pearl Thusi.

ly had nothing to do with. While people across the globe are still trying to process the issues that the show highlighted, Pearl weighed in on the debate around police in America.

Sharing several posts about inequality and injustice, Pearl vented her frustration and asked why "can't black people just be allowed to live in America?"

Sunday Times

AKA laughs off #AKAwinanga hate

PRATORIA - Even though AKA became the butt of all jokes for walking away empty handed at the BET Awards in Los

Angeles on Monday, he isn't catching feelings.

Musician Sho Madjozi may be the toast of Mzansi after winning a BET for Best New International Act, but AKA also made headlines after he lost out to Nigeria's Burna Boy in the Best International Act category.

It is the fourth time AKA has been nominated in the category and missed out, so fans weren't about to let him forget it.

The infamous hashtag, #AKAwinanga, resurfaced hours after the awards, as fans flocked to Twitter to post memes and



MOCKED: AKA.

jokes at the rapper's expense. A few fans even congratulated AKA on participating, with one tweep joking that the rapper got a "best nominee attendance certificate" at the awards and offered to laminate it for him.

Times Live

Tristan Thompson 'threatened suicide'- Kardashian

HOLLYWOOD - In the latest episode of 'Keeping up with the Kardashians', Khloe is seen telling Scott Disick that Tristan Thompson "threatened to kill himself" after the cheating scandal involving Jordyn Woods earlier this year.

In clips from the show that have gone viral, Khloe and Scott are talking about the incident when Khloe explains how "remorseful" Tristan has been.

"He's like, 'I can't stop thinking about you and what a mess I have caused'. He's doing this to get a reaction out of me. Oh, so I'm just allowed to say 'I'm going to kill myself' at any time? That's crazy."



Khloe.

TMZ reports that even though Khloe didn't believe Tristan's threats, she did send friends to check if he was okay.

The couple split after an alleged cheating incident involving Tristan and Jordyn. Jordyn was besties

with Khloe's sister, Kylie. Despite Jordyn denying the claims, she was ousted from the Kardashian family, with all business ties between herself and Kylie cut off.

Khloe faced immense backlash after blaming Jordyn for the so-called incident, but later backtracked and said she was in a bad space.

Sunday Times

Williams husband to appear at son's assault arraignment

NEW YORK - Wendy Williams was right behind her son yesterday in court when he entered a plea in his assault case, and it looks like the incident that got him arrested

may have significantly reduced tensions between Wendy and her soon-to-be ex-husband.

Sources connected to Wendy tell us, she along with estranged husband Kevin Hunter, will present a united front, supporting their 18-year-old son, who allegedly punched his dad



Wendy Williams with son and Kevin Hunter.

in the nose during a heated argument.

It seems the incident last month may have actually eased tensions between Wendy and Kevin. We're told the divorce is going forward for sure -- this after Wendy learned Kevin father a baby with his mistress -- but we're told she believes it doesn't cancel out their 28-year relationship. *TMZ*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



ACTION: Dabula.

Jerry almost stumbles on the truth. Cebisile puts her career in jeopardy when she decides to conspire with a witness. Mandla and Dabula put their plan into action.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Lincoln has a very unexpected visitor. The full might of the law closes in on Anja. Sibiya's friends rally around to help him pass his entrance exams.



UNEXPECTED VISITOR: Lincoln.

Muvhango

TODAY



SPILLS THE BEANS: Vho-Makhadzi.

Vho-Makhadzi spills the beans about Gizara's young secret Shaz. Tenda is caught up in a dilemma either he marries or loses the child. There is a new girl in town courtesy of Marang.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Mzi and Pearl fail to connect and Lerato moves in on him. Mampho makes a life-changing decision.



MOVES: Lerato.

The way my English has improved I can sometimes perhaps probably why not though.

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

There's a strong force working to oppose you today, Capricorn. Another's unbending attitude may be holding you back from things you're trying to accomplish. Take the time to see the other side of the situation. You can gain a great deal of perspective and come to a healthy point of balance, thanks to the events of the day. Don't back down from your viewpoint just because everyone doesn't agree with you.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

There's an intensity about the day that may cause you to recoil from certain events and conversations, Aquarius. Issues could get uncomfortable and perhaps a bit too involved. Other people may want to go to places that you don't want to go to. Don't get upset or frustrated. Either join in and roll with the punches or walk away and deal with the issues later.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

If anyone is capable of dealing with the intense emotional energy of today, it's you, Cancer. Other people may be angry and unable to stomach the sensitive issues that may arise. Take care, since there may be some major opposition coming at you that disrupts your plans. You will face a practical, grounding force that questions your methods of operation. Use these lessons to your advantage.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Stubbhorn forces may challenge your easygoing nature today. You would do well to tap into this aggressive energy and use it to follow through on some projects that you've left hanging. Leo. Other people may be unyielding in their positions, but you can easily overcome this by tapping into your flexible, adaptable nature. Don't get upset and restless. Go with the flow.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Tune into the aggressive energy of today, Virgo, and use it to push your intentions forward. Today's emotional intensity will bring you to your knees if you aren't careful. The secret is to harness the energy and use it to your advantage. Try not to get caught between the crossfire of conflict. Tap into the slow-moving, generous force that's helping you ground your thoughts and emotions.



Libra September 23 – October 23

This is one of those days in which you need to act or else you will be acted upon, Libra. Stubbhorn, aggressive forces are working counter to your aims. You will find yourself swept up in the thick of things if you aren't careful. Don't get too worried about what other people consider wrong. Have confidence in what you know is right.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

The intense energy of the day is helping you streamline your projects and solidify your thoughts, Scorpio. Work to manifest the ideas and dreams that constantly swirl in your head. Today is a great day to bring your mind into focus and get down to the nitty-gritty. Clean up the scraps off your plate and make room for the next gourmet course to be served.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Suddenly your emotions are much more intense, Sagittarius. You notice that people are on edge and they're likely to go to extremes in all situations. This is one day to do things with passion. If there is any sort of detective work you need to get done, now is the time to do it. Try not to start any arguments. Others aren't likely to back down. All-out wars are likely to ensue.



Gemini May 21 – June 21
You may have a hard time figuring out why everyone is so worked up today. Don't waste your time, Gemini. You're better off accepting that things simply are the way they are and allowing other people to have their drama. Your job is to maintain balance. This may be easier said than done. You're working with some pretty intense issues, but nothing you can't handle.



BABY BLUES

5 ways
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BUCKLES

I'VE GOT A BONE TO HIT WITH YOU, SLOBBER FACE!



"PICK," SCRAPPY. THE TERM YOU MEAN IS YOU "HAVE A BONE TO PICK WITH ME."



WHAM!



IF I HAD MEANT "PICK," THEN I WOULD HAVE SAID "PICK."



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

DO YOU HAVE PAIN?



YES, EMOTIONAL PAIN... I'M SURE YOU DON'T HAVE A BOTTLE OF PILLS FOR THAT!



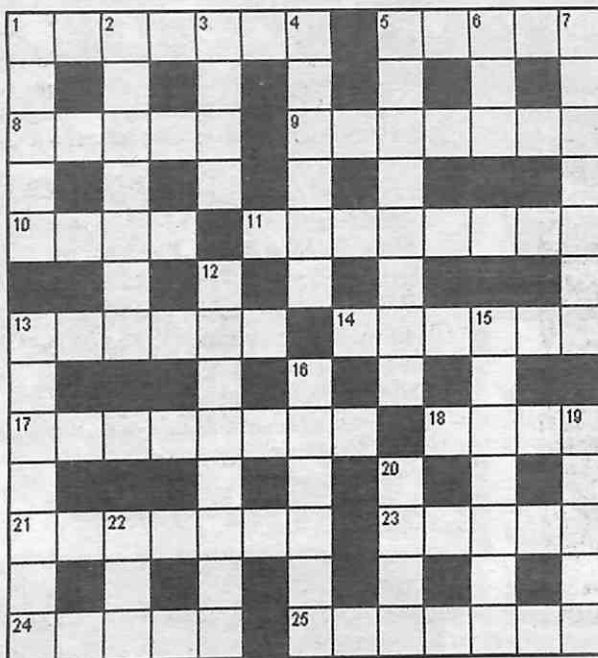
I HAVE A CARTON OF ICE CREAM!



HEY! WHY DO YOU HAVE MY CHEW BONE?!



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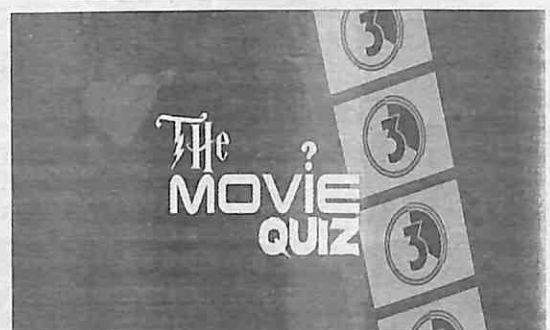
Wait for me honey, I'm just finishing my make-up.
You don't need make-up,

Jane. Oh, Richard, really? That is so sweet of you!
You need plastic surgery.

DID YOU KNOW

- You'll eat more than 35,000 cookies in your lifetime (probably).
- Steve Jobs relieved stress by soaking his feet in Apple's company toilets.
- Fredric Baur was the man who invented the iconic "Pringles" can. When he died, his ashes were buried in one.
- There is enough sperm in one single man to impregnate every woman on earth.

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Yesterday's Quiz

1. Who won an Oscar as Professor Higgins in 'My Fair Lady'?

Answers:
A. Rex Harrison

Today's Quiz

1. Which musical by Lionel Bart was based on a Dickens novel?

Answer:
A. Psycho B. Oliver!



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NEWS



DStv Delicious goes inside our coach's kitchen – and it's tasty!

DStv Delicious is an annual celebration of music and food in Johannesburg and included a performance from Erykah Badu in 2018. It's also regularly graced by The Voice SA Coach Lira. Now the Delicious team has shot a 'Cooking with the Stars' insert with her and we're salivating!

Favourite

She cooks an unlikely favourite in the video – brussels sprouts. But damn: do they not look er, delicious! Seasoned with garlic powder, soya sauce, parmesan cheese and thyme (from her own organic garden!), Lira makes a strong case for this maligned veggie, saying, "A lot of people don't like brussels sprouts because they don't know how to make them."

During the cook, she also reveals how her parents taught her to "eat food as medicine... [to] make food

COOK WITH LIRA - THE VOICE SA



that will give you life." She also tells what food means to her, who

she'd love at her fantasy table and her favourite cookbook, and reveals

that her husband's cooking once made her cry!

What's hot on DStv

Our Perfect Wedding Zimbabwe

Tomorrow at 21:30 on Zambezi Magic

Our Perfect Wedding Zimbabwe is a reality television show which follows an engaged couple as they make final preparations for their big day.

MPALI

Tomorrow at 20:30 on Zambezi Magic

Nguzu surprises everyone by marrying a new wife, this surprise shocks his other wives and children.

BATTLEGROUND

Tonight at 20:30 on Africa Magic Urban

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EVA MARCILLE REVEALS GENDER OF THIRD BABY

The Real Housewives of Atlanta star Eva Marcille has revealed she is expecting another boy.

The pregnant 34-year-old shared the gender of her unborn baby as she showcased her bump at the

2019 BET Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday.



Eva and her husband Michael Sterling already share 14-month old son Michael Todd Jr and she is also mom to five-year-old daughter Marley Rae McCall, from her previous relationship with Kevin McCall. 'Yeah, it's a boy... and I haven't told anyone,' the mom-to-be told Extra, as they arrived on the blue carpet.

The America's Next Top Model season 3 winner cradled her blossoming tummy, echoing Meghan Markle's favoured pregnancy pose.

Model

The model beauty wore a flowing in a pink cape-style gown, which featured a dramatic thigh-high slit and diagonal cut-out section across the bodice.

She completed her style with quirky black and white polka dot heels.

Her husband, "Michael Sterling, 35, chose a dashing light grey suit.

Eva revealed her pregnancy news in May.

She told People: 'Michael and I couldn't be more excited to announce baby number three is on board! Looks like little Michael Jr. is going from the baby to the middle child, and Marley will be the boss of them all!'

The couple welcomed Michael Jr. in April 2018, and tied the knot the following October during a private ceremony in Atlanta.

Eva joined Season 10 of The Real Housewives of Atlanta as a friend of Nene Leakes and was promoted to a full-time cast member in 2018 for season 11.

BIG LITTLE LIES S2

M-Net

Big Little Lies is back with the fine talent of its excellent first season: Reese Witherspoon, Nicole Kidman, Shailene Woodley, Laura Dern and Zoë Kravitz – alongside an imposing new character played by Academy Award-winner, Meryl Streep. Season one unpacked the intricate stories of five very different wives, mothers and complex women whose lives were thrown into turmoil by the events of a single night.

Now, in season two, everything seems the same in the tranquil seaside town of Monterey, California. Our mothers continue to dote, their husbands continue to support, their children remain adorable and the houses are just as beautiful.

But the night of the school fundraiser has changed that façade, leaving the community reeling as the "Monterey

Five" – Madeline, Celeste, Jane, Renata and Bonnie – bond together to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives. Relationships will fray, loyalties will erode – and the potential for emotional and bodily injury shall loom.

Wyatt Cenac's Problem Areas Show

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Comedian Wyatt Cenac examines a wide range of social and cultural problems facing Americans.

A HARVEST WEDDING

M-Net Movies Premiere

Sarah Bloom, a highly successful wedding planner, returns to her hometown to plan the season's biggest wedding. Much to Sarah's surprise, the bride's brother happens to be her first love.

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THE ORVILLE

M-Net City

Down on his luck after a bitter divorce, Planetary Union officer Ed Mercer finally gets his chance to command his own ship.

Determined to prove his worth and start a new chapter, Ed discovers the first wrinkle in his plan when the First Officer assigned to his ship is his ex-wife, Kelly Grayson. As the new commander, Ed assembles a qualified – but eccentric – crew, including his best friend, Gordon, who has problems with authority but is the best helmsman in the fleet; Dr. Claire Finn; Bortus, an alien from a single-sex species; Isaac, an artificial life-form from a machine society; navigator John Lamarr; Alara Kitan, a young, inexperienced security officer; and Yaphit, a gelatinous creature.



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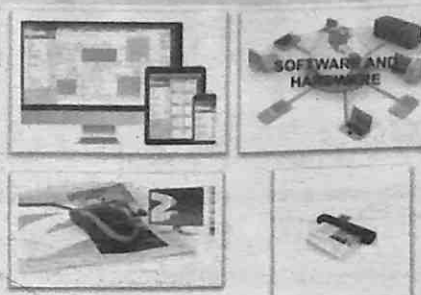
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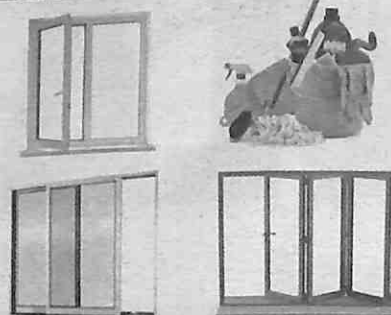
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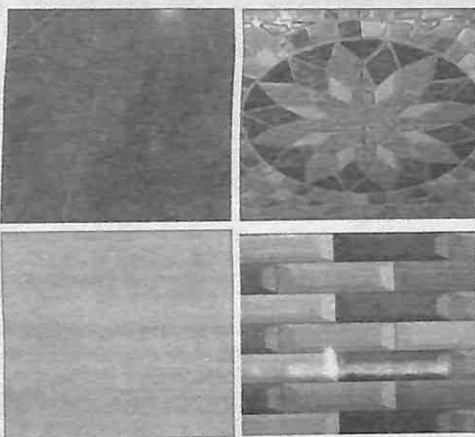
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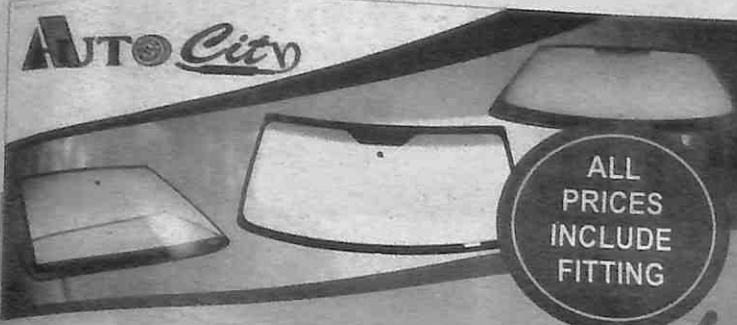
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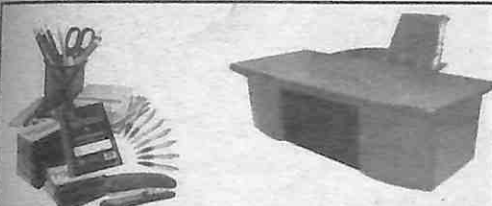
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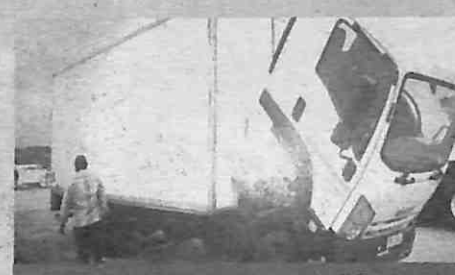
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SA MUST LEARN FROM WORLD CUP FLOP - RABADA

LONDON - Kagiso Rabada admits his South Africa teammates must learn the painful lessons from their dismal World Cup campaign.

Faf du Plessis's side were eliminated from the tournament with two games to play after losing to Pakistan at Lord's on Sunday.

It is only the second time South Africa have failed to make the World Cup knockout stages and the post-mortem has already begun.

Proteas paceman Rabada hopes the squad can emerge wiser as a result of their chastening run in England and Wales.

"There have been times where we've been really unlucky. At the same time, there have been times where we have let ourselves down," he said.

"But there are plenty of learnings. That's why we play this game. It's not easy.

"As much as you want to be at the top, you will never find it smooth sailing.

"It's extremely tough and when you're playing out there, you experience all these feelings, the highs and the lows and that's part of the game."

South Africa have games against Sri Lanka and Australia before they can return home.

And former South Africa allrounder Jacques Kallis has told his country to follow the example of England, who struggled at the World Cup four years ago but have now established themselves as contenders for the title.

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Naib fumes at sloppy Afghan after latest defeat

LONDON - Afghanistan captain Gulbadin Naib slammed his side's sloppy fielding in their 62-run World Cup defeat against Bangladesh on Monday.

Naib's men were guilty of a series of errors - dropping catches and committing careless misfields - as Bangladesh scored 262 for seven in Southampton.

Those blunders were worth an extra 35 runs according to the disgruntled Naib, who defended his decision to bowl first after winning the toss.

"I'm happy with the toss, but if you look at the match, we missed a couple of catches and gave away some extra runs," he told reporters.

"We gave away 30, 35 runs. Because of misfielding we missed the opportunity again.

"Again, we didn't bowl in the right area in first 10 overs, and they scored like 50-something."

Afghanistan slipped to 200 all out despite Naib's 47 in a lacklustre run-chase that suggested they would have been better off batting first.

Asked if it was a realistic target to chase, Naib saluted man-of-the-match Shakib Al Hasan - who took five wickets and scored 51, saying: "If you look for the wicket, it's chasable.

"But praise goes to Shakib. He bowled really well. He's the world number one allrounder.

"He has a lot of experience, so he took time on the wicket when he batted. Also, he bowled really well, according to the plan."

Naib was also frustrated by the bowling and fielding of star legspinner Rashid Khan. Rashid has endured a disappointing World Cup, conceding the most runs in the tournament's history against England and failing to sparkle against Bangladesh.

"He's giving his 100 per cent, but if you look for the fielding side, I'm a little disappointed," Naib said.

"He's also disappointed about the fielding. One time he's very angry in the field.

"I asked him just keep relaxed and just focus on your bowling. So I think he missed his momentum there because of fielding."

AFP

DISGRUNTLED:
Gulbadin Naib.

Bangladesh coach Joshi hails 'Mr Consistent' Shakib

LONDON - Bangladesh allrounder Shakib Al Hasan's consistency with the bat and ball at the Cricket World Cup is down to his fitness regimen and his presence in the squad has driven them to new heights, the team's spin coach Sunil Joshi has said.

Shakib made 51 in Monday's 62-run victory over Afghanistan to reclaim his position as the tournament's leading run scorer (476 runs) and also logged the best bowling figures of 5-29 to take his tally to 10 wickets.

Suggestions

The 32-year-old brushed aside suggestions Bangladesh were a one-man team but his third man-of-the-match performance has moved them one step closer to the semifinals, the side sitting in fifth place and a point behind England.

"It is a source of great pride that we have a player like that in the Bangladesh side," Joshi told reporters.

"He is Mr Consistent for us - be it with the

bat, the ball or in the field. He has really focused on his fitness and lost between five and seven kilos recently.

Hunger

"You can see how that has paid off with his running between the wickets, you can see the hunger in his cricket. His presence is really helping us to take our whole game forward." Bangladesh have a break



until they play India next Tuesday and Joshi, who played 69 one-day internationals for the twice champions between 1996 and 2001, is expecting a battle of the spinners on a slow pitch at Edgbaston.

Formats

"We all know they play spin well but so do we," Joshi said.

"We have shown in the white ball formats here and before this that we are a good side. We won in Ireland, we have beaten West Indies home and away and come close to beating India three times in the past three years.

"I have seen India very closely when we have played them. We know where to bowl to them."

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MR CONSISTENT: Bangladesh allrounder Shakib Al Hasan.

Consistent despite some disappointing dismissals - Miller

LONDON - David Miller has arguably been the most consistent Proteas batsman of the World Cup, having made four scores of between 31 and 38, and he has appealed for some clemency by saying two of his dismissals have come when he was chasing quick runs.

Miller began the tournament with two disappointing dismissals, both of which epitomised the Proteas' curse in this tournament of batsmen getting set but not being able to go on to a big score. In both cases he was dismissed in the 36th over of the innings via leading edges when he should have been playing the deliveries that dismissed him straighter rather than through the leg-side.

Innings

The match situations were slightly different though. Against Bangladesh, he was dismissed with South Africa needing 129 runs in 15 overs - they would end up going down by 21 runs. Versus India, he was trying to stabilise the innings, coming in at 78 for three and having added 46 in 13 overs with Andile Phehlukwayo.

His 36 against New Zealand ended in the 45th over, having added 72 in 12 overs with Rassie van der Dussen, while Pakistan dismissed him for 31 in the 41st over, when the Proteas already needed more than 10 runs an over to win.

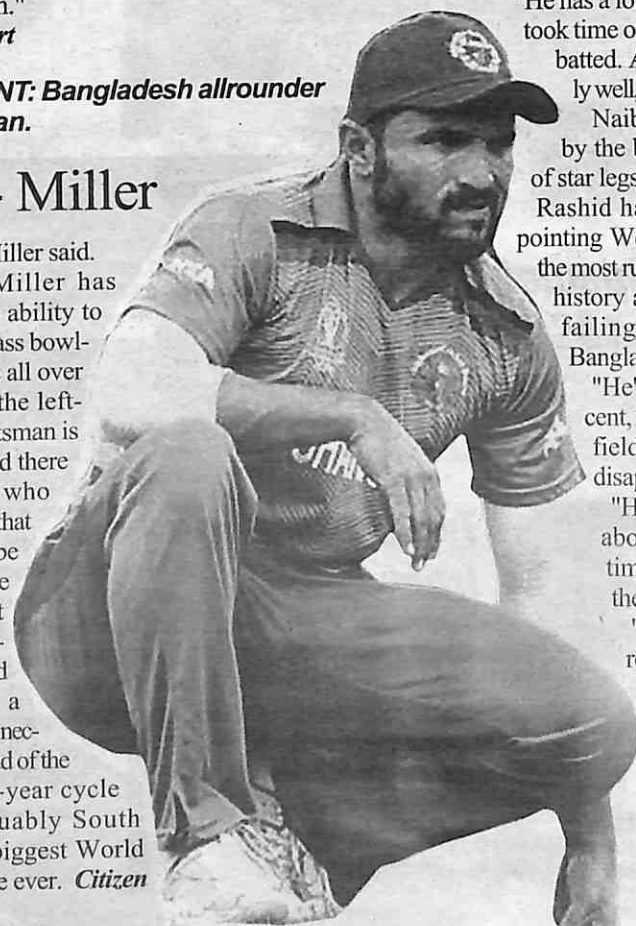
Dismissals

"As a batting unit, we've had starts but we haven't kicked on and that's been through the tournament. I really wanted to make a difference here, but I've scored four thirties. But two of the dismissals have come at the back end of the innings, when I had to go for it, otherwise the other two I could have put in a big performance.

"So there's disappointment all round. We haven't finished the job, there haven't been enough partnerships or any hundreds. I don't feel personally that my confidence is low, it's just a lack of execution. And I don't know why it hasn't happened for us, it's just poor execution, one of those things. It's definitely not because of a lack of effort and we all really want to win for our country. We're doing the right things, but not for an extended

period," Miller said.

While Miller has shown the ability to cart top-class bowling attacks all over the field, the left-handed batsman is now 30 and there are many who are saying that he should be one of the players cut from the national squad because a clean-out is necessary ahead of the next four-year cycle after arguably South Africa's biggest World Cup failure ever. *Citizen*





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18:00	Madagascar	vs Nigeria
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SUPERSTAR SALAH SEEKS



CAIRO - Superstar Mohamed Salah gets a second chance to score his first goal at the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations when hosts Egypt face the Democratic Republic of Congo in Group A tonight.

The recent Champions League winner with Liverpool was unable to convert several chances against Zimbabwe last Friday as Egypt won 1-0 in the opening match of the tournament.

"Mohamed Salah was among

those who missed chances, but I was satisfied with our performance," admitted Mexican coach Javier Aguirre.

Victory over the Congolese, who performed poorly when losing 2-0 to Uganda, could clinch a last-16 place for the Egyptians with one match to spare.

Egypt v DR Congo

After four days of small crowds, a capacity 75 000 crowd is expected.

Cameroon player pulled out of AFCON due to possible heart defect

CAIRO - Striker Joel Tagneu has been withdrawn from Cameroon's squad at the Africa Cup of Nations after a medical examination revealed a possible life-threatening heart defect, the country's soccer federation said in a statement on Monday.

The 25-year-old, who plays for Portuguese club Maritimo, had an "anomaly in his coronary artery detected by team doctor William Ngatchou which risks his life if he were to play," the Cameroon Football Federation said.

"On the advice of the doctor, the coach (Clarence Seedorf) has decided not to risk the player, who is leaving the tournament,"

The doctor first detected the possible defect when Cameroon held a pre-tournament training camp in Qatar and subsequent examinations confirmed his suspicion. "The news was greeted with a lot of sadness in the camp.

The staff and the players could not hold back their tears," the statement added.

As Cameroon have yet to play their first game at the tournament, they can still replace Tagneu.

The holders begin the defence of their title against Guinea Bissau in Ismailia on Tuesday.

The risk of heart failure during the game is an emotive issue for Cameroon, whose midfielder Marc-Vivien Foe collapsed and died while playing for the Indomitable Lions at the 2003 Confederation Cup in France.

Foe, only 28, collapsed on the field and lost consciousness during the semifinal against Colombia at the Stade de Gerland in Lyon.

After attempts to resuscitate him on the pitch, medics spent 45 minutes at the stadium's medical centre trying to restart his heart, and although he was still alive when he arrived there, he died shortly afterwards.

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ANGOLA FIGHT BACK TO HOLD TUNISIA IN GROUP E

CAIRO - Angola fought back to hold Tunisia 1-1 in the opening Group E match at the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations on Monday night.

The Carthage Eagles claimed the lead at the Suez Stadium in Egypt through Youssef Msakni, but the Palancas Negras fought back in the second half and Djalmá Campos capitalised on a goalkeeping error to secure a share of the spoils. Tunisia looked the stronger side from the opening minutes and created a couple of half-

chances for the likes of Naim Sliti and Wahbi Khazri, but they were unable to test Angola goalkeeper Toni Cabaca.

The Palancas Negras grew in confidence and began to threaten through the likes of Mateus Galiano and Fredy, who

each struck speculative efforts wide of the Tunisian goal-posts.

However, Tunisia sliced open Angola's defence just after the half-hour mark and their move resulted in a penalty, with Sliti tripped up in the box by Manuel Paizo. Youssef Msakni struck home the spot kick on 34 minutes to put the North Africans in the lead. Angola were 1-0 down at the break and coach Srdjan Vasiljevic responded with a double change at the start of the second half: Stelvio Cruz and Wilson Eduardo made way for Geradlo da Costa and Jacinto Gelson.

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Namibia key in deciding who goes through - Mannetti

CAIRO - Namibia's coach, Ricardo Mannetti moved swiftly to answer a question that wasn't even directed at him, but was about the Brave Warriors.

The question, posed to Morocco's Herve Renard, was how far the Frenchman thought Namibia would go at the Africa Cup of Nations. Mannetti was asked to assess the Atlas Lions after the North Africans won Sunday's between the two team's 1-0.

"I can answer for the both of us," Mannetti said. "You can't come to the Nations Cup after 11 years, you are in the group of death and then you talk about getting out of the group. As far as I am concerned, we will play an important role in deciding who is going to go through. That should be quoted.

We will play that role, and we are happy playing that role. How far will Morocco go? I think that they have a good enough side with a lot of depth.



X FACTOR: Namibia coach Ricardo Mannetti.

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ed in Cairo to cheer Egypt as they seek a third win in four Cup of Nations meetings with the DR Congo.

There will be contrasting pressures on the teams with the Pharaohs eyeing a second-round place and the Leopards fighting for survival after a horror first outing.

"We must learn to handle the pressure of being among the favourites in order to realise our

goal of becoming African champions," said Aguirre.

DR Congo came to Egypt as one of the most unpredictable qualifiers having finished third in 2015 only to make a timid quarter-final exit two years ago.

"We let our country down against Uganda," confessed captain Youssouf Mulumbu. "It was a bitter lesson for us and we plan to correct the situation quickly." *AFP*

Defeat to Ivory Coast a great learning curve for Bafana - Baxter

CAIRO - Bafana Bafana head coach Stuart Baxter on Monday said his side's 1-0 defeat to the Ivory Coast was a learning curve for his players but lamented a lack of goal threat.

A Jonathan Kodjira strike in the 64th minute handed Bafana Bafana a narrow defeat in their opening Group D fixture of AFCON 2019.

Baxter's men registered only two shots at goal with none troubling the Ivory Coast goalkeeper despite having 56 per cent possession compared to their opponent's nine attempts at goal.

"I thought we started the first 15 minutes quite slow in our decision making," Baxter said. "We allowed Ivory Coast to come into a better rhythm and I think we were quite poor in transition from defence to attack."

"But we did well the rest of the half and I thought it was quite an even game."

"I think the heat affected both teams but the longer the game went on we looked better but then the goal comes when we have a corner but then we didn't defend well in transition and decide to press the ball."

"After the goal, I think we

had the better of the ball but we didn't transmit that into any goal threat with no strikes at goal, especially after creating some dangerous situations.

"If you don't create enough of an attacking threat against a good side like Ivory Coast, you're going to have problems," Baxter said.

Bafana Bafana next face Namibia on Friday in their second fixture of Group D at the Al-Salam Stadium.

Kick-off is at 22:00.

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LEARNING CURVE:
Stuart Baxter.

Mali thump debutants Mauritania to top group E

SUEZ - Mali recorded an impressive 4-1 victory over Mauritania in their first 2019 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) Group E match at the Suez Stadium in Egypt on Monday night.

The Lions of Chinguetti, who were making their debut in the finals, were able to contain the Eagles in the opening stages of the encounter.

Mali were forced to try their luck from range as the Mauritania defence looked solid and impenetrable.

However, the Eagles upped the tempo after the half-hour mark and they managed to break the deadlock through Abdoulaye Diaby.

The Sporting Lisbon forward scored with a left-footed shot from outside the box to make it 1-0 to Mali in the 37th minute.

The momentum was with the Eagles and they were awarded a penalty after Lassana Coulibaly drew a foul in the box on the stroke of halftime.

Moussa Marega then stepped up and beat Souleymane from the spot-kick to make it 2-0 to



VICTORY DANCE: Mali celebrate after their victory against Mauritania.

Mali heading into the halftime break.

The Eagles continued their dominance after the restart and in the 55th minute they extended their lead through Adama Traore II. The 23-year-old midfielder netted with a left-footed shot from the centre of the box to make it 3-0 to Mali, with Diadie Samassekou grabbing an assist.

The Lions of Chinguetti then fought back and they were awarded a penalty which was conceded by Mamadou Fofana in the 71st minute.

Moctar Sidi El Hacen then made no mistake from the spot-kick as he beat Mali goalkeeper Djigui Diarra from the spot-kick to make it 3-1 for Mauritania.

However, Mali responded with a goal when second-half substitute Adama Traore I scored with a well-taken shot to make it 4-1 with 17 minutes left on the clock. Mauritania pushed for another goal in the latter stages of the encounter, but Mali held on to their three-goal lead and they emerged 4-1 winners on the night. *Backpagepix*

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JUVENTUS WANT TO MOVE HIGUAIN ON BUT...

MILAN - Gonzalo Higuain is a favoured option of new Juventus boss Maurizio Sarri, but the Bianconeri are still eager to move him out of the club this summer.

A striker who once boasted a fearsome reputation in Serie A has attracted little interest from those in the Italian top flight and Juve have no suitable offers on the table at present.

Higuain is under contract at Juve through to 2021 and a switch to China has been mooted, but the Argentine is reluctant to head for Asia at this stage of his career.

He is only 31 years of age and believes he still has plenty to offer in Europe, although he has not been proving that in the final third of late.

A loan switch to AC Milan at the

...have no offers for Argentine striker

BELIEVES:
Gonzalo
Higuain.



start of the 2018-19 campaign delivered only eight goals in 22 appearances.

Sarri then took him to Chelsea

in January, but he managed only another five strikes in 18 outings.

He has done little to convince those back in Turin that he is deserving of a second chance.

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Serie A champions Juventus would prefer to bring in another frontman, with Higuain's fellow countryman, Mauro Icardi of Inter, a favoured option.

An exit will be required in order to free up space for any arrivals, but Higuain's current deal, which is worth €7.5 million per season, is presenting a stumbling block in efforts to find a buyer.

Juve's Sporting Director Fabio Paratici is the man charged with the task of making future calls and, unless forced into a corner, he would like to get Higuain out of the Allianz Stadium.

There is acknowledgement that the South American has flourished under Sarri before, particularly at Napoli. **Goal**

Chiefs striker axed, more to follow

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have confirmed the departure of a striker but still plan to add to their list of released players before the commencement of the 2018/19 season.

Chiefs released eight players in recent weeks, including the likes of Pule Ekstein, Bongolethu Jayiya, Virgil Vries, Ryan Moon and Gustavo Paez, among others, but say they are not done yet.

As earlier reported on KickOff.com, the latest on the list is former youth academy graduates Emmanuel Letlotlo and goalkeeper Brylon Petersen.

In a statement released by the club yesterday, it was confirmed that "two or more" could still be on their way out of Naturena as they continue their overhaul ahead of the new campaign.

Ways

"Amakhosi parted ways with no less than eight of its players in preparation of the upcoming 2019/20 season. Hendrick Ekstein, Bongolethu Jayiya, Ryan Moon, Virgil Vries, Gustavo Paez, Khotso Malope, Emmanuel Letlotlo and Brylon Petersen have parted ways with Amakhosi for a variety of reasons," read the statement.

"Meanwhile talks are proceeding for the release of two or more players. The process of rebuilding the team ahead of the new season is underway with further announcements expected in due course."

One of the proposed exits is understood to be Colombian striker Leonardo Castro, as the club also plans to bring in one more foreign striker.

The club also announced that pre-season preparations are officially set to get underway today, June 26, just one month before the much anticipated Carling Black Label Cup Soweto Derby on July 27.

Amakhosi have thus far only welcomed one new signing in the form of Zambian international Lazarous Kambole, who has signed a three-year deal coming from Zesco United and will meet his new teammates at the Kaizer Chiefs Village tomorrow.

Kick-Off

Rapinoe fires USA into World Cup quarters clash with France

PARIS - The United States will take on France in the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup after two Megan Rapinoe penalties squeezed them past Spain 2-1 on Monday.

The reigning world champions will face the hosts in Paris on Friday in a match that could well decide the destiny of the tournament after Rapinoe struck from the spot in the seventh and 75th minutes.

Spain had got themselves back into the game two minutes after Rapinoe's opener through a fine lob from Jennifer Hermoso following sloppy play at the back from the Americans. The USA thought they were ready for an easy afternoon when Tobin Heath was brought down by Maria Leon after brilliantly collecting Abby Dahlkemper's searching long pass. Rapinoe lashed home the subsequent penalty to send the overwhelmingly American crowd wild, but Spain stunned them back into silence shortly afterwards.

Goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher played a sloppy pass to a dozing Becky Sauerbrunn, who let Lucia Garcia nip the ball from her feet before feeding Hermoso who arced a super strike over Naeher.

Spain held their own against a team most observers expect to lift the trophy in Lyon come July 7, but were undone with 15 minutes left when referee Katalin Kulcsar whistled for another spot-kick following what looked a soft foul on the lively Rose Lavelle from Virginia Torrecilla.

Super-sport



Sweden into quarters with narrow win over Canada

PARIS - Stina Blackstenius scored the only goal of a cagey match as Sweden beat Canada 1-0 in Paris on Monday to reach the women's World Cup quarterfinals.

The victory sets up a rematch of the 2016 Olympic final as the Swedes play Germany on Saturday in Rennes. Three years ago Germany won the gold with a 2-1 victory in Rio de Janeiro, though Blackstenius scored in that match. Blackstenius scored

the only goal in the 55th minute with a brave finish after a crisp Swedish counter-attack.

After that, the last-16 tie was once again a story of VAR. A review gave Canada a penalty, but Hedvig Lindahl, at full stretch, saved Janine Beckie's driven spot-kick.

Then, referee Kate Jacewicz pointed to the spot after a foul by Ashley Lawrence, but the decision was over-ruled after VAR detected a Swedish offside

in the build-up. Both sides came into the knockout rounds after losing dead rubbers to finish second in their groups. Canada went down 2-1 to the Netherlands. Sweden fell 2-0 to the USA but rested a host of usual starters.

The Swedes made five changes for a match that kicked off with the temperature tickling 30 degrees Celsius. Neither side managed a shot on target in the first half.

Christine Sinclair, chasing the all-time women's international scoring record, had one shot, early in the second half, a 25-metre free-kick that curled gently wide. **AFP**

CAVANI PRAISES URUGUAY'S 'ATTITUDE' AND 'MENTALITY'

SAO PAULO - Uruguay demonstrated a winning attitude and mentality in their 1-0 Copa America success over Chile on Monday that gave them top spot in Group C, match-winner Edinson Cavani said.

Uruguay began the game in second place in their pool behind the reigning champions and facing a daunting potential quarterfinal tie with Colombia, the only side to go through the group stage with three wins.

But Cavani's header eight minutes from time from Jonathan Rodriguez's cross propelled Uruguay above Chile and into, what looks on paper at least, an easier last eight challenge against Peru. "In some moments we played well, in other moments less well, but always with the (right) attitude and mentality we were able to snatch the game," said the 32-year-old, who scored his 48th goal for his country.

But the Paris Saint-Germain forward insisted thoughts of a poten-

tially easier quarterfinal draw played no role in Uruguay's approach.

"We wanted to win the group without knowing what would come next, to show a good image in the group and continue with this attitude," he said following the match at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana stadium.

Captain Diego Godin said this win "is important for confidence, to rediscover the feelings after Japan" in which they were surprisingly held to a 2-2 draw. **AFP**



WINNER: Edinson Cavani.

Copa exit a learning process - Japan coach Moriyasu

SAO PAULO - Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu said his team would learn from their Copa America heart-break after missing out on a place in the quarterfinals following Monday's 1-1

draw with Ecuador.

Shoya Nakajima gave the Blue Samurai a 15th minute lead in Belo Horizonte while substitute Daizen Maeda had a late chance to win it when put through one-on-one with goalkeeper Alexander Dominguez. Angel Mena's equaliser on 35 minutes and teenage sensation Takefusa Kubo's potential injury-time winner being ruled out by VAR

meant Japan came up short. "They're learning to compete with top level opponents," said Moriyasu, who brought a mostly under-23 team to Brazil as several clubs refused to release regular first choice players. "Our players need to learn as much as they can, with great humility, respecting their opponents and understanding that they can develop our football." **AFP**

REGIONAL 100S

STANDINGS

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MILKY-MAX PPK U13 JUNIORS LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Black Swallows	4	4	0	0	19	3	16	12
2 Citizens	4	3	0	1	4	1	3	9
3 Academy	4	3	0	1	5	9	-4	9
4 City Stars	4	2	0	2	15	11	4	6
5 Mhlalane United	4	2	0	2	9	7	2	6
6 Magwaneni Celtics	4	2	0	2	8	7	1	6
7 Malanda United	3	2	0	1	6	10	-4	6
8 Peak City	4	1	1	2	7	10	5	4
9 Young Stars	3	0	2	1	6	8	-2	2
10 Nkomanzi United	4	0	0	4	0	12	-12	0

MBABANE MIDAS U20 GROUP A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Umbelebele	2	1	1	0	6	4	2	4
2 M Fighters	2	1	1	0	7	6	1	4
3 Red Stars	2	1	0	1	6	6	0	3
4 Imbumba	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0

MBABANE MIDAS U20 GROUP B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Multi Classic	2	2	0	0	10	2	8	6
2 Matsholo United	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
3 Zulwini Aces	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
4 Freestyle	2	0	0	2	2	10	-8	0

MBABANE MIDAS U20 GROUP C

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Hurricane	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6
2 Aces United	2	1	1	0	6	4	2	4
3 Mphalati	2	0	1	1	6	4	2	1
4 Sivutsa	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0

MBABANE MIDAS U20 GROUP D

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Interstars	2	2	0	0	6	1	5	6
2 Sidwashini	2	1	0	1	6	4	2	3
3 Veni Cosmos	2	1	0	1	4	5	-1	3
4 Wizards	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

MILKY-MAX MBABANE JUNIORS LOG

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Dark City	15	13	2	0	43	5	38	41
2 Real Tec	14	12	1	1	37	9	28	37
3 SuperSport United	15	10	2	2	50	13	37	32
4 Umbelebele	15	10	1	4	32	12	20	31
5 Hurricane	15	10	1	4	30	10	20	31
6 Matsholo United	15	9	0	6	30	15	15	27
7 Mbabane Swallows	15	7	2	6	28	19	9	23
8 Mpolonjeni Fighters	14	7	1	6	16	19	-3	22
9 Barcelona	15	5	2	8	14	32	-18	17
10 Habbana	15	4	1	10	10	30	-20	13
11 Freestyle	15	4	1	10	13	34	-21	13
12 Mangwaneni	15	3	2	10	5	38	-33	11
13 White City	15	3	1	11	13	34	-21	10

14 Stone Breakers	15	1	0	14	4	42	-38	3
15 Mphalati	15	0	0	15	0	45	-45	0
16 Malanti Chiefs	15	0	0	15	0	54	-54	0

MANDLA MAHEWU U15 MBABANE JUNIORS

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Real Tec	14	12	1	1	35	13	22	37
2 Hurricane	14	11	0	3	36	11	25	33
3 Mpolonjeni Fighters	14	10	1	3	43	14	29	31
4 Mbabane Swallows	14	10	0	4	27	16	11	30
5 The Wallers	14	9	0	4	30	18	12	27
6 SuperSport United	14	8	1	5	32	21	11	25
7 Habbana	14	6	2	6	26	23	3	20
8 Malanti Chiefs	14	6	2	6	25	24	1	20
9 Malagwane	14	5	2	7	16	27	-11	17
10 Amawele	14	5	0	9	19	35	-16	15
11 Multi Classic	14	4	1	9	14	26	-12	13
12 Mangwaneni	14	2	0	12	6	33	-27	6
13 Stone Breakers	14	1	0	13	3	39	-36	3
14 Mphalati	14	0	0	14	0	42	-42	0
15 D Wizards	14	0	0	14	0	42	-42	0

MANDLA MAHEWU U17 MBABANE JUNIORS

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 SuperSport	12	9	2	1	30	11	19	29
2 Ebuka stars	12	9	1	2	35	8	27	28
3 Dark City	12	8	2	2	28	9	19	26
4 White City	12	8	1	3	23	12	11	25
5 The Wallers	12	7	0	5	23	14	9	21
6 M Classic	12	6	1	5	24	13	11	19
7 Hurricane	12	6	1	5	22	16	6	19
8 Double Action	12	4	0	7	16	23	-7	12
9 Lusoti	12	3	0	9	9	27	-18	9
10 Mvukweli	12	2	0	10	6	28	-22	6
11 Sidwashini United	12	1	0	11	3	33	-30	3
12 M Movers	12	0	0	12	0	36	-36	0
13 Umbelebele	12	0	0	12	0	36	-36	0

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Inter Stars	13	10	1	2	44	11	33	31
2 Hurricane	13	10	1	2	36	16	20	31
3 Zulwini Aces	13	8	2	3	30	13	17	26
4 Umbelebele	13	8	2	3	25	22	3	26
5 Sidwashini United	13	7	3	3	32	21	11	24
6 Sivutsa	13	7	2	4	20	17	3	23
7 Multi Classic	12	6	0	6	33	24	9	18
8 Matsholo United	12	5	3	4	25	19	6	18
9 Red Stars	13	5	1	7	28	18	10	16
10 Mpolonjeni Fighters	13	4	3	6	17	21	-4	15
11 Veni Cosmos	13	5	0	8	21	40	-19	15
12 Aces United	13	4	2	7	25	32	-7	14
13 Mphalati	13	3	0	10	9	42	-33	9
14 D Wizards	13	2	2	8	15	29	-14	8
15 Freestyle	13	2	0	11	11	33	-22	6
16 Imbumba FC	13	2	0	11	12	39	-27	6

HUB HARDWARE MDZIMBA JUNIORS U17

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 United Bombers	7	4	1	2	18	7	11	13
2 Barcelona	7	4	1	2	14	7	7	13
3 Sundowns	7	4	1	2	12	7	5	13
4 Green Sea	8	3	1	4	10	14	-4	10
5 Amacabane	7	3	0	4	11	13	-2	9
6 Bush Bucks	7	3	0	4	7	13	-6	9
7 Real Monaco	7	3	0	4	9	17	-8	9
8 Rhumba Stars	7	0	0	7	0	21	-21	0
9 Mzimba Rhinos	7	0	0	7	0	21	-21	0
10 Top Centre	8	0	0	8	0	24	-24	0
11 M Arsenal	8	0	0	8	0	24	-24	0

HUB HARDWARE MDZIMBA JUNIORS U17

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Young Chiefs	7	5	1	1	20	9	11	16
2 Swallows	7	4	1	2	17	7	10	13
3 All Stars	7	2	0	5	10	15	-5	6
4 Kasiko	7	2	0	5	7	18	-11	6
5 N Rebels	7	2	0	5	8	22	-14	6
6 N Cosmos	7	1	2	4	4	13	-9	5
7 Timbungulu	7	0	0	7	0	21	-21	0
8 Ngweni Highlanders	7	0	0	7	0	21	-21	0

HUB HARDWARE MBABANE U17 GA

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Hurricane	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2 D Action	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
3 Sidwashini	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
4 Lusoti	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

HUB HARDWARE MBABANE U17 GB

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 The Wallers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2 M Classic	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
3 Dark City	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
4 Umbelebele	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

HUB HARDWARE MBABANE U17 G C

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 White City	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
2 Supersport	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
3 Ebuka stars	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
4 Mvukweli	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0

HUB HARDWARE MAPHALALENI JUNIORS U17

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Rollers	7	5	1	1	17	4	13	16
2 Top Classic	7	4	3	0	17	3	14	15
3 Happy Fighters	7	3	4	0	13	3	10	13
4 Mighty Birds	7	2	4	1	18	15	3	10
5 Jubukweni	7	2	2	3	13	22	-9	8
6 Hill Stars	7	1	2	4	8	15	-7	5

7 Academy	6	0	2	4	5	19	-14	2
8 Lubuyane Pirates	6	0	0	6	0	18	-18	0

HUB HARDWARE MAPHALALENI JUNIORS U17 ARARATI STREAM

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Lunk. Highlanders	5	4	1	0	16	2	14	13
2 Love and Peace	5	4	0	1	23	4	19	12
3 Happy Tiggers	5	2	1	2	13	7	6	7
4 Siphambwanweni	5	2	0	3	5	13	-8	6
5 Manchester	5	1	0	4	5	11	-6	3
6 Sunrise	5	1	0	4	4	27	-23	3

HUB HARDWARE MAPHALALENI JUNIORS LEAGUE U17

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Young Stars	5	5	0	1	15	5	10	15
2 Blue Birds	5	3	1	1	10	1	9	10
3 Young Lovers	4	3	0	0	7	2	5	9
4 Hotspurs	5	3	0	2	8	6	2	9
5 Junior Stars	5	3	0	2	6	5	1	9
6 Billy Ocean	5	2	0	3	7	10	-3	6
7 Thuluzobona	5	1	1	3	4	5	-1	4
8 Xi experience	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
9 Khulungwane	4	0	0	4	4	9	-5	0
8 Rangers	4	0	0	4	4	13	-9	0

HUB HARDWARE SIGANGENI JUNIORS U17 NTSETSE

STREAM								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Tiki-Taka	6	5	0	1	22	5	17	15
2 Men Unlimited	6	3	1	1	14	6	8	10
3 Burning Spear	6	3	1	2	10	5	5	10
4 Ntsetse Flyers	6	3	0	3	8	8	0	9
5 Total Xi	5	1	1	3	6	15	-9	4
6 Luphohlo	5	1	0	4	8	15	-7	3
7 XI Rangers	4	0	0	4	0	12	-12	0

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IT'S TIME WE ALIGN OURSELVES WITH FIFA STANDARDS!

NEWS that the FIFA Connect system of registration will soon be introduced to regional promotion leagues should surely come with a fair share of challenge for the football fraternity, especially the football authorities which need to ensure smooth implementation of the relevant requirements.

As revealed by Eswatini Football Association (EFA) CEO Frederick Mngomezulu during the association's Ordinary General Assembly, in the not-so-distant future, every football player will be registered on the FIFA system, and so are football officials who are supposed to be registered under the system.

For any football person worth his or her salt, this is the right step towards the right direction. We are slowly but surely getting there as long as we will demonstrate extra-ordinary dedication in whatever we ought to achieve, and there is no any other time than now.

This has been long overdue.

In terms of registration of players, a lot has been going amiss with the biggest challenge being multiple registrations which became a potent recipe for disputes emanating from protests over

certain players. The FIFA Connect, which is currently in the Super Leagues, ensures that once a player is uploaded in the system there is no other option of registering for the second or third time, something which quashes away any chances of defaulters.

As things stands, there is no guarantee that those players registered under the FIFA system cannot be registered again in other leagues that are not using the system. In a nutshell, the status quo reflects that those players in regional promotion leagues can also register under the FIFA system in Super League without the registration officer detecting that they might have registered somewhere. By speeding up the process of registering regional players under FIFA Connect, we will be eliminating such irregularities that always have the potential of putting our football into disrepute.

Under the current situation, even the correct figure of registered players cannot be obtained owing to the fact that some players could be double registered, playing for teams in the upper leagues while at the same time playing for teams in lower leagues in any part of the country. This is the reason



REVEALED: Eswatini Football Association CEO Frederick Mngomezulu.

I'm of the view that our football authorities should thrive in keeping us abreast with what the FIFA standards entails. Here I'm not only referring to players' registration but the club licensing is what I think can address all this. It is

time our teams apply another gear in as far as professionalism is concerned because as a country we cannot afford to continue lagging behind while other countries take great strides in this regard.

This will also make things easier for

the teams when doing duty for the country in international competitions, as they will not have any hurdles in meeting the requirements which borders on club licensing.

We have to make the relevant effort and take the sport to greater heights. We might not have the great standard of play compared to other countries but I still believe we can take the positive step towards professionalism.

One might also applaud the glaring effort made by EFA in terms of courses and workshops for football personnel as this goes a long way in imparting the relevant expertise.

As I write this, physical fitness coaches are in class at the Lobamba Technical Centre, a course which started on Monday, barely a day after the two-day referees symposium. And we sincerely hope that such will not just be a matter of attending class for the administrators but they should grasp all what is taught, for practical implementation in their respective teams.

The same goes to the football authorities, they must ensure that the courses are relevant and effective to our football. There is nothing discouraging as seeing someone who possesses certain qualifications but somehow failing to explore his expertise because he has nowhere to implement it.

It is high time we align ourselves with the standards of FIFA in every aspect of the game.

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SHOULDER INJURIES

GOOD day fellow readers.

Pre-season is already approaching in the next couple of weeks and we hope coaches have already shared their training programmes to their colleagues and medical team.

Good readers, today we are looking at the shoulder joint.

Common sporting injuries of the shoulder include dislocations and labral pathology, acromioclavicular joint (ACJ) injuries, rotator cuff injuries, biceps injuries, and fractures.

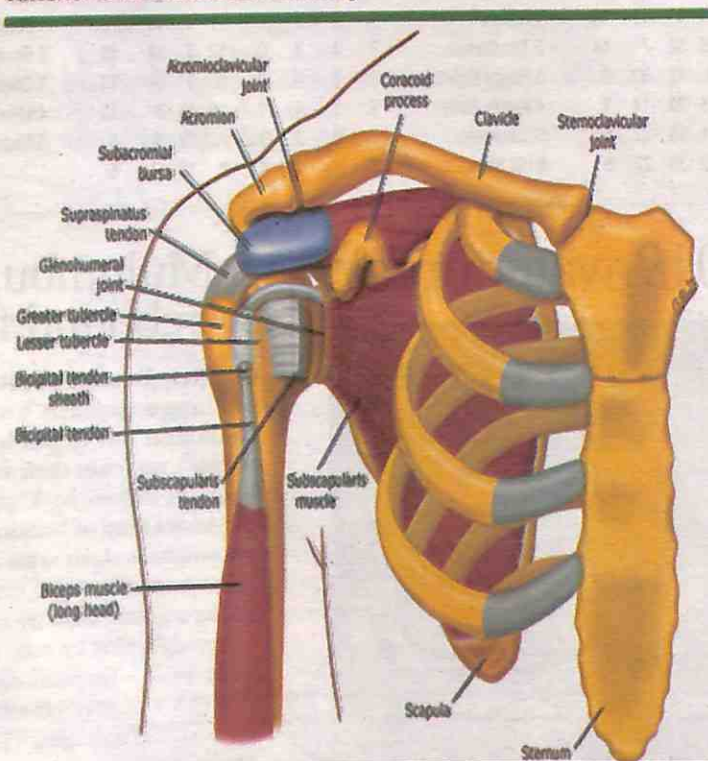
In very general terms, dislocations and ACJ injuries are more common in contact sports such as rugby and wrestling, while rotator cuff tears and biceps lesions are common in sports involving explosive heavy weight-lifting. Fractures around the shoulder are seen in sports involving crashes and falls from heights.

All of these injuries can, however, occur in football.

Shoulder injuries appear to be an increasing problem for football players. This is likely to be related to the increasing demands of modern football which is characterised by high speeds, pressing, and marking. Goalkeepers appear to be the players who are at most risk of sustaining a shoulder injury.

While shoulder injuries are not among

Anterior view of shoulder anatomy



the most common injuries sustained during football, they can be associated with a prolonged absence from play.

Mechanism of injury

The mechanism of injury is a key

consideration. For example, an ACJ sprain almost always occurs after a fall onto the 'point' of the shoulder, while shoulder instability almost always happens when the arm is in an abducted and externally rotated position. ACJ arthropathy typically comes on insid-

iously and is made worse by pressing activities.

There are a variety of common fractures that can occur in football players. These are associated with acute trauma and can present in a similar way to some of the soft-tissue injuries. The acromioclavicular joint (ACJ) is a common site of injury, particularly for athletes involved in contact and collision sports such as football.

Treatment

Acute management

Immediately following an injury, it is important to offer adequate pain relief. A sling can be very effective and can be combined with simple analgesia, NSAIDs and cryotherapy. Passive range-of-motion exercises, including pendulum and active-assisted exercises, should be considered. The player should stay below 90 degrees of abduction. They can be encouraged to maintain fitness if comfortable using a stationary bike and may be able to maintain the strength of their proximal kinetic chain.

Early rehabilitation

When the player's pain has settled, and their range of motion has improved to 60-70 per cent of the unaffected side, they can progress with their rehabilitation.

This can be a good time to identify biomechanical factors that may have been predisposed to injury.

Exercises that might be useful in this phase include:

- Stretch of the posterior capsule sleeper stretch.
- Stretching anterior structures open book and towel exercises
- Progressive ROM exercises with the goal of achieving full ROM

Strengthening of the rotator cuff and scapular stabilisers

- Work in single plains
- Closed chain scapular stability exercises
- Scapular squeeze and clock.

Late rehabilitation

Players can progress to this phase when they have a normal full and painless. ROM and 75 per cent strength of the unaffected side.

The types of exercises that might be useful in this phase include:

- Progressive multi-planar exercises
- The addition of further resistance exercises, including weights and the use of medicine balls and more functional activity
- Plyometric exercises.

Return to sport

When the player has a normal range of motion and more than 90 per cent strength of the uninjured side, they can progress to a return to football. This should be done in a gradual manner. Have a productive week readers, God bless you all.

THE 2018/19 BUILD-IT IN A NUTSHELL

THE Build-it U-13 football development programme started in 2004 and has been in existence to-date.

This football development programme targets the Eswatini child under the age of 13 years and it is implemented across the country. Currently, there are seven Build-it stores that are participating in this programme namely: Mbabane, Nhlalanga, Manzini, Matsapha, Buhleni, Pigg's Peak and Siteki Build-it stores.

Under each store event, a total of 16 teams participated as they eliminated each other until eight of them remained.

The remaining teams competed in a store event with a trophy, medals, soccer kit and Build-it bags.

The runner-up team got medals and Build-it bags. During the store event, the Eswatini Football Association's (EFA's) youth coaches select the excelling players, who formed the

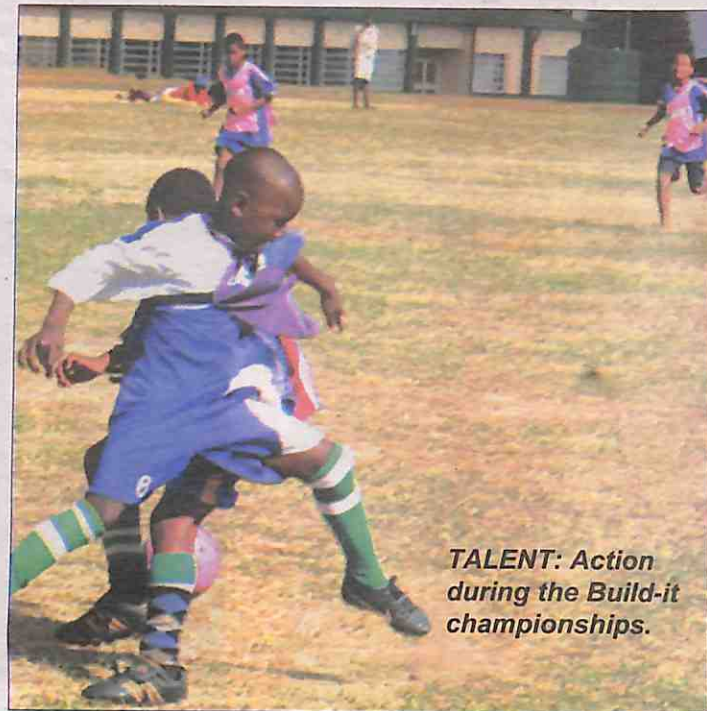
pick teams that will compete during the Build-it U-13 National Championships to be played at the Mavuso Sports Centre on July 6.

The seven pick teams will compete in a round robin format with the top two teams qualifying for the semi-finals then the winners will play the final.

On this day, the EFA's youth coach will select the best players who will be part of the U-13 national team.



ON THE FIELD: Vunokuhle Dube who went to Russia before the FIFA World Cup.



TALENT: Action during the Build-it championships.

Build-it U13 football development feeds the junior national teams

THE Build-it U-13 football development programme acts as a direct feeder to the U-13 and U-15 football national teams.

Currently, both national teams parade players from this development programme and they have represented the country, during the Durban Central Football Association's game in the Republic of South Africa.

"This football development programme act as a feeder to the U-13 and U-15 nation-

al teams and the aim is to see this player in the senior national team," Mkhonta said.

Just last year, the U17 national team was able to get a bronze during the Region five games and this team was the U-13 national team of 2015.

Shows

This shows continuity in the development of players who graduate from the Build-it U-13 football development programme.

Over and above these players, a number of Sihlangu players have participated in this football development programme, which can be quantified as its end result.

Some of this players are Felix Bardenhost (Mbombela United), Mxolisi Lukhele, Zweli Nxumalo (Royal Leopard), Mlamuli Nkambule (Mbabane Highlanders), Justice Figueredo (Maritzburg United) just to name but a few.



DEVELOPMENT: SSS girl player from Royal Leopards during the U-13 buildit matsapha championships.

Build-it U-13 Championship - The entry point of Eswatini Football

THE Technical Director (TD) of Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Bhekisisa 'Bizzah' Mkhonta has described the Build-It U-13 football development as the entry point of the Eswatini Football.

He was making reference to the opportunities that have come up with this football development programme as a lot of players were discovered from this initiative.

Players who are selected from these players become part of the U-13 national team, which presents them with the opportunity of getting international exposure. "This is where the youngsters get the opportunity to represent the country after being selected to be part of the U-13 national team, of which they tend to get international exposure at a very young age which enhances their football development," said Mkhonta.

This football development has provided a plat-

form for U-13 players to showcase their football artistry on a bigger picture.

The fact that they end up playing in stadiums where the elite football in the country is being played, presents an excellent opportunity for them to show the country what they can offer in terms of football skills. With the partnership of Amazulu F.C and this football development programme, more opportunities are up for grabs for these youngsters as they can end up playing professional football in outside leagues.

"In December 2018 we were in Durban with Amazulu FC where-by five players from Eswatini were part of a one week training camp with Amazulu FC who have promised to monitor the development of these players of which with proper nurturing, these players can end up playing professional football even outside the country," Mkhonta said.

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● Manchester United are willing to pay more than Manchester City for Leicester City centre-back Harry Maguire, 26, but the England international would prefer a move to Premier League champions City. *(Sun)*

● Paris St-Germain offered Manchester United the possibility of swapping Brazil forward Neymar, 27, for 26-year-old France midfielder Paul Pogba. *(Independent)*

● Newcastle United hope to have Rafael Benitez's successor in place by the time the team travel to China to compete in the Premier League Asia Trophy in just over a fortnight's time. *(Telegraph)*

● Real Madrid will not consider bids of less than 50m euros (£47.7m) for 22-year-old Spain midfielder Dani Ceballos, who is a target for Tottenham. *(AS- in Spanish)*

● Arsenal are resisting interest from AC Milan in Uruguay midfielder Lucas Torreira, 23. *(Mirror)*

● The Gunners are still interested in Dalian Yifang winger Yannick Carrasco, but are yet to make a bid for the 25-year-old Belgium international. *(Football.London)*

● New Juventus boss Maurizio Sarri has identified Tottenham right-back Kieran Trippier, 28, as the player he wants to make his first signing but faces tough competition from Napoli who have already made contact. *(Mirror)*

● Real Madrid's 27-year-old Colombia forward James Rodriguez, who has spent two seasons on-loan at Bayern Munich, is unsure if he will be at the Bernabeu next season. *(Marca)*

● Liverpool expect Belgium keeper Simon Mignolet to stay at the club unless an offer is made for the 31-year-old which is good for the club and player. *(Times)*

● Liverpool's first signing of the summer could be 17-year-old PEC Zwolle central defender Sepp van den Berg, with Ajax, Bayern Munich and PSV Eindhoven also interested in the Dutch Under-19 international. *(Mail)*

● The next Chelsea manager will have the chance to keep Gianfranco Zola, who was assistant to ex-boss Maurizio Sarri last season, as part of their backroom coaching team. *(Express)*

● Newcastle United remain interested in West Brom's 29-year-old Venezuela striker Salomon Rondon - who spent last season on loan at the Premier League club - despite manager Rafael Benitez's exit. *(Star)*

● Southampton are looking to sell at least five senior first-team players and want to bring in a striker, centre-back and wing-back during the summer transfer window. *(Telegraph)*

● Real Zaragoza have denied they have agreed a deal to sell 16-year-old Spanish winger Mateo Mejia to Manchester United. *(Mail)*

BUFFS LADIES UNCROWNED WOMEN LEAGUE CHAMPS

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes Ladies are the 2018/19 Women League uncrowned champions after beating Langeni Ladies 1-0.

The tightly contested match was played at Lobamba Technical Centre on Sunday.

The army side's lone goal was scored by impressive midfielder-cum-striker Noxolo Malinga in the 33rd minute.

Young Buffaloes are on course to make it three times in a row.

Young Buffaloes Ladies are sitting at the summit of the log standings with 78 points.

They have two games to play before the 2018/19 Women League curtain falls.

In the two remaining games, the army

side will play against their old rivals Manzini Wanderers and Mbekelweni Ladies.

Queens

Worth noting is that Langeni Ladies are the only team in the league which Young Buffaloes struggle to beat.

Manzini Wanderers Ladies occupy the second spot with 70 points.

The EswatiniBank reigning queens will hope to hold on the second position as Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard are hot on their heels.

The full weekend results:

Langeni	0-1 Buffaloes
Siteki Ladies	0-2 Mbabane Swallows
Illovo	0-4 Mbabane Swallows
Siteki Ladies	0-1 Illovo



CHAMPS: Young Buffaloes Ladies soccer team during one of their games at Somhlolo National Stadium.



CHAMPS: LRFA's Super League champions Illovo FC walked away with E17 000 plus a trophy while their runners-up Rail United took home E10 000.

SWAZI TRAC PUMPS IN E20 000 FOR LUBOMBO TOP 8 KNOCK-OUT

STORIES BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - SWAZI Trac has committed a sum of E20 000 for Lubombo Super League's Top 8 knockout competition.

The new tournament was officially launched at Swazi Trac's offices in Matsapha last Thursday in the presence of the company's officials, Eswatini Football Association (EFA)'s Vice President, Peter 'Samora' Simelane, and officials from the Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA).

The tournament will feature teams that finished inside the top eight bracket over the past season in the Super League, which are Rail United, Juventus, Ubombo Flyers, Samampela, Magwanyane FC, CK

Survivors, Mauritius FC, and Crookes Plantations Limited FC.

LRFA's Secretary, Sicelo Nene said the tournament is expected to kick-off on the weekend of 20-21 July. "The champions, Illovo FC will not participate in the tournament owing to their engagement in the National First Division League, hence the teams to compete are those placed second to ninth," he said. Nene also extended words of gratitude to Swazi Trac for offering yet another sponsorship towards the region. He said they had a very good relationship with the company as it has been a supporter of football development in the region for many years. Swazi Trac's Managing Director, Ian Bold affirmed his company's commitment to the LRFA. "I'm glad to announce that

we are sponsoring a Top 8 tournament in the Lubombo region with E20 000, and we hope to con-

tinue observing the interesting and healthy competition amongst teams," he said.

... Swazi Trac assures continued support for LRFA

SOCCER - SWAZI Trac has assured of its continued commitment towards the support of the Lubombo Super League.

The company made these assurances during the prize presentation held at its premises in Matsapha last Thursday. Managing Director, Ian Bold applauded the LRFA for a successful season.

He also thanked all stakeholders for a good working relationship, something which also ensured the smooth running of the league.

"We are very happy about the good relationship we have with the LRFA as it has given us much desired mileage in terms of marketing through their informative newsletter. We really appreciate this as a company, because our prime objective is to get more people to know about what we do as a company so they can make use of our services," he said.

Swazi Trac is an agricultural input and tractor services company, and has been the main sponsors of Lubombo Super League for some

time. Bold added that the relationship with the LRFA shall continue well into the future.

EFA's Vice President, Peter 'Samora' Simelane thanked the sponsors for their commitment to football, and promised that the LRFA shall always promote and protect the brand of the company through running games successfully.

Simelane also congratulated the champions, Illovo FC, and wished them well in the National First Division League.

"We are very happy about the good relationship we have with the LRFA as it has given us much desired mileage in terms of marketing through their informative newsletter"



IN NUMBERS: Some of the teams who attended the Lubombo Super League presentation at Swazi Trac premises in Matsapha last Thursday.

BASIC ADMINISTRATION COURSE FOR PLE CLUBS

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER – THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) is set to offer a basic administration course for all clubs under the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE).

This is contained in a memo released to clubs by the PLE yesterday. Although not explaining the need for such a course, administration forms part of the key pillars of Confederation of African Football's club licensing requirements, which all Premier League clubs are expected to adhere to in order to meet the standards of being admitted to the CAF Champions League or the Confederations Cup.

PLE Chief Executive Officer, Simanga Nhleko, in a memo, stated that the workshop will be staged on the weekends of 13-14 July, and that of 20-21 July.

"Each club is permitted to send a maximum of three persons for the course,"



ANNOUNCED: PLE Chief Executive Officer Simanga Nhleko.

reads the memo in part.

EFA's Chief Executive Officer, Frederick Mngomezulu recently stated that local

clubs were struggling to meet some of the pillars of club licensing.

"Where we have had a serious headache is with finance. For instance, we asked clubs to present us with their budgets, and only two complied.

When it comes to administration, which requires clubs to have fully operational offices, we currently stand at 50 per cent," he said.

Both Green Mamba FC and Young Buffaloes will not be allowed to participate in the CAF competitions this year if they do not meet the stipulated requirements. CAF representatives will be coming into the country next year to inspect club licensing compliance.

CLUB LICENSING COMPLIANCE SO FAR		
Pillar	Compliance (clubs)	Percentage
Infrastructure	8	58%
Administration	7	50%
Finance	2	15%
Legal	9	65%
Sporting	10	72%

COSAFA Women's Cup draw next Wednesday

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER – THE COSAFA Women's Cup draw is scheduled to take place next Wednesday at COSAFA House in Johannesburg, South Africa.

This is per information contained in the Council of Southern Africa Sports Association (COSAFA)'s website. The draw will lead to local women's national team, Sitsebe Samhlekatl, knowing their opponents for the July 31 kick-off.



The women's Under-20 side is also expected to know its fate as both draws are expected to take place on the same day. The Under-20s tournament begins on the 1st of August.

Eswatini Football Association (EFA)'s Marketing and Communications Officer, Muzi Radebe said both squads had already begun preparations for the tournaments. He said the teams have engaged in training sessions gradually over the past weeks, and what they were in the process of arrang-

ing was the dates for full-time camps for both teams.

"They have been training regularly at the Technical Centre and we hope that by the time the tournament draws nearer they would be well conditioned to compete. Details of the full-time camp will be released soon," he said.

Radebe added that both the Under-20s and Sitsebe recently came back from Mozambique where they played preparatory matches.

Botswana, Eswatini, Namibia, hosts South Africa, East African guest nation Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe have all confirmed their participation, while the eighth side will be named before the draw next week.

The city of Port Elizabeth in South Africa will host this year's tournament.

Milling Hot Spurs begin pre-season

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – NEW kid on the block, Milling Hot Spurs began their pre-season on Monday in readiness for the 2019/20 season.

The Makholweni based outfit was promoted to the Premier League together with Pigg's Peak Black Swallows. Milling Hot Spurs Public Relations Officer, Muzi 'Chido' Mlota confirmed that the team began training on Monday at Manzini Central Primary School. He said they retained their last season squad. He, however, did not rule out possibilities of beefing up their squad.

"We have 26 players which we shall chop to 14 in order to give way to the new blood. As a result, we shall conduct trials at St Paul's Sports Ground on July 7. From the trials, the coaching personnel will identify players who will be signed ahead of the upcoming season," he said.

On another note, Mlota said the board of directors have decided to



GETTING READY: Milling Hotspurs players celebrating.

honour their players for the pivotal role they played in taking the team to the Premier League. He said the date and venue was yet to be confirmed by the team's authorities. The ambitious side announced their management committee a few weeks ago.

The new MC:

Chairman - Ivan Munro

Assistant Chairman - Blake Payne

Chief Executive Officer - Damien De'Souza

Public Relations Officer - Muzi 'Chido' Mlota

General Manager - Henry 'Mphilisi' Dlamini

Marketing Manager - Brian Eamshaw

Secretary - Benson Dlamini

Assistant Secretary - Mbongeni 'Mawu' Dlamini

Treasurer - Neil Earnshaw

Coach - Colani 'Jazz' Sigudla

Members - Louis De'Souza and Tom De'Souza.

The Tigers pick on Afghanistan



Married to Cricket

...WITH NOTHANDO NHLEKO

DRAMA as the tigers beat Afghanistan by 62 runs to stay in the contest in what was their hardest pitch in this World Cup.

Afghanistan won the toss and took to bat first but were limited to 200 runs by the Tigers whose batting was simply out of this world. Surprisingly, there was no spinner in the first 10 overs until Shakib Al Hassan went on, this is when things started going in the side's favour. Shakib Al Hassan managed to nail five wickets, whilst showcasing his smarts on the field, in my opinion he was simply showing off against the minnows Afghanistan.

One thing I like about Afghanistan they always give their all regardless of the outcome, they also always keep any side they are up against on toes and for that, I give them credit.

Another person who deserves credit is the Tigers' captain Mashrafe Mortaza, who made the right calls when it came to field positions. His choices managed to create the much

needed pressure before the wickets started, thereafter. Another player who contributed to limiting Afghanistan on the bat was Mustafizur Rahman, who managed two-32. Without such a great bowling effort by Bangladesh, Afghanistan definitely would have had them, seeing that a win by 262-7 is not that high when comparing to the higher scores that have been witnessed in this World Cup.

It would not have been a World Cup showing if there were no controversial moments on the field. Liton Das was sent out early after his ball gravitated towards

Afghanistan's Hashmatullah Shadidi who grabbed a very low catch in the second innings. This prompted on-field umpires to refer this decision upstairs eventually being sent off. Twitter streets would not have any of it. Fans complained and even called it a decision for fools.

Afghanistan have not moved an inch at last

position, whilst the Tigers

are now on position five in the log standings. This win keeps their semi-finals hopes alive and hopefully something good will come from their brilliant showing.

EFA calls teams to FIFA Connect workshop

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER – THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA), through the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE), has called upon all teams to attend a FIFA Connect workshop this week-end.

A memo signed by PLE Chief Executive Officer, Simanga Nhleko, and addressed to teams indicates that the workshop will start on Saturday and end Sunday.

Nhleko said Premier League clubs are expected to attend on Saturday, whilst First Division clubs will be due Sunday.

The EFA will administer the course after it recently upgraded its systems to obtain a direct link to the FIFA Connect system. Teams are expected to be

briefed on the key changes, especially where it concerns the registration of players.

The system was first introduced by the EFA during its Annual General Meeting at Sibane Hotel two weeks ago, where the EFA's Chief Executive Officer, Frederick Mngomezulu revealed that getting the link to FIFA Connect had cost the organisation over E120 000.

"We had to upgrade our entire fleet of computers so they could be enabled to connect to the new system. The new computers will be delivered already programmed, which explains why the costs on computer systems skyrocketed in the last financial year," he said.

Nhleko urged teams to attend the workshops without fail as they might encounter problems when registering players on the new system if not clued on how it works.



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FIFA Connect Schedule

DATE	DESIGNATION	TIME	VENUE
29 June	PLE (premier teams)	9am	Sigwaca
30 June	PLE (First Division)	9am	Sigwaca
6 July	Women	9am	Sigwaca
7 July	Junior Leagues	9am	Sigwaca
10 July	Status Committee	5:50pm	Sigwaca

RESULTS:

World Cup Women - Play-offs

Italy 1 - 0 China

Africa Cup of Nations - Group F

Cameroon 2 - 0 Guinea-Bissau

RESULTS:

PLAYING TODAY

Africa Cup of Nations - Group A

Uganda vs Zimbabwe 7pm

Egypt vs DR Congo 10pm

Africa Cup of Nations - Group B

Nigeria vs Guinea 4:30pm

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ITS' ANOTHER BIG CATCH AS...

BIRDS SNATCH LEON MANYISA

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Swallows have started the process of beefing-up their team by signing three players, including the much sought after midfielder Leon Manyisa.

The other players are defender Kingu Pemba from Manzini Sundowns and striker Thabani 'Tito' Mamba, from Illovo FC.

Pemba, one of the most reliable defenders in the Premier League, was also on the wanted list of some of the other big clubs.

Pemba is said to be already staying with the rest of the Swallows players at the club house after finalising his deal with the team.

A reliable source within the team has revealed that these players were among those in the team's wish list ahead of the upcoming season.

"I can tell you that Leon Manyisa and Mamba have reached an agreement with Mbabane Swallows to join the team, while Pemba has completed his deal.

"Swallows are now discussing personal terms with them. It's only a matter of time before everything is finalised," said the source.

Mbabane Swallows Public Relations

- Player's representatives have met with Swallows authorities
- Manyisa was said to have attracted interest from Mauritius
- Team assures fans all is well



Officer Jackson Dlamini only confirmed that they would be signing new players to beef up their squad.

"Yes we will be signing a few players but I cannot reveal their names for now until the deals are complete.

The idea is to get the new players join the rest of the team as we will start our pre-season next week."

He said they would also be releasing some players in the team.

"We will also have other players

leave the team but that also is not yet concluded."

On another note, Mbabane Swallows have released a statement on circulating news that they view is aimed at destabilising the team.

Committed

"Due to recent rumours purporting in-fighting and takeovers within the team's governance structures, Mbabane Swallows wishes to assure all supporters, stakeholders and concerned parties that Princess Lungile (Make Gamedze) is Director of the club and is still very much committed towards the running of the team and ensuring that it returns to the top of local football, where it belongs.

"As in past seasons, the team will start pre-season training on July 1. Recruitment trials will be announced through the media and the team's official social-media pages in due course.

Mbabane Swallows assures all supporters and stakeholders that the team and its structures are functioning normally and that the team is focused and preparing for the start of the new season."

'Pupu's market value drops to E2.2m

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER – THE value of Swazi International and Polokwane FC's mid-fielder, Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze has dropped from about E2.5 million to E2.2 million.

The former Mbabane Swallows' mid-fielder was valued at E2.5 million last July when he left the 'Birds' for Polokwane City FC. Before his departure, he had been a key feature for Swallows in the CAF Champions League despite failure to make it out of the group stage.

The drop in value could largely be attributed to the player's spell on the sidelines for the South African side as he only made six appearances in the league for the whole of the 2018-19 season.

Blossom

Transfermarkt.com rates professional players' market valuation over a six months period, and now puts the local star at E2.2 million.

Hopes had been high that the mid-fielder's career would blossom when he went to South Africa and re-united with his former coach at FC Cape Town, Josef Vukusic, who was in charge of the team over the past season.

However, things have not panned out well for Sikhondze as he ended up being relegated to Polokwane's reserves. Interviewed earlier about his move to South Africa, the player said he was delighted to have joined up with Vukusic.

Heights

"I feel at home already knowing I will be playing under a coach who knows me.

"He is a very knowledgeable coach, and mine is just to work extra hard because I am here to make a name for myself and also help the team to greater heights," he said.

'Pupu' recently found his way back to the senior national team, Sihlangu, under new coach, Kostadin Papic.

He was a key feature at the recent COSAFA Cup in Durban, where Sihlangu played identical 2-2 draws against the Islands of Comoros and Madagascar. This was after he was frozen out of the team by previous coach, Anthony Mdluli.

Polokwane FC is expected to name a new coach soon ahead of the start of the new season. They finished fifth on the ABSA Premiership log in the last campaign.

MIKE DOMBO EXTENDS WANDERERS STAY

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – DEMOCRATIC Republic of Congo midfielder, Mike Dombolo has renewed his 'marriage' with Manzini Wanderers as he is reportedly to have signed a one-year renewable contract with the 2019 Bible Society Cup Champions.

This comes after the player's contract expired at the end of the 2018/19 season.

In fact a large number of players in the team had their contracts coming to an end early this month as reported by this publication a month ago.

Information gathered from reliable sources within the team revealed that the talented midfielder was in company of his fellow countryman and Manager Alain Kibangula, when the deal was sealed at the team's offices opposite Manzini Council Offices on

Monday.

Manzini Wanderers were represented by their Manager Sabelo Nxumalo when the deal was sealed.

The former Matsapha United was a key member of the Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led squad in the 2018/19 season as he scored crucial goals that helped the team survive the chop.

Interest

The dribbling wizard once attracted interest from ABSA Premiership side Lamontville Golden Arrows.

Public Relations Officer, Mduduzi 'Mr G' Ginindza referred all questions to the team's Head of Legal Affairs Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli. Mdluli confirmed that the player had signed a contract with the team.

He, however, did not mention the contractual details.

"I can only confirm that Dombolo will be playing for Manzini Wanderers in the upcoming season after signing a



DOMBOLOLO: Manzini Wanderers Manager Sabelo Nxumalo shakes hands with Dombolo's agent Alain Kibangula, while Mike Dombolo shows his team's jersey.

contract with the team."

Mdluli also mentioned that the team

was currently in the process of renewing other players' contracts.