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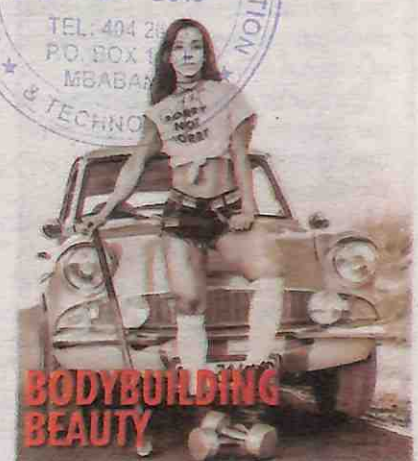
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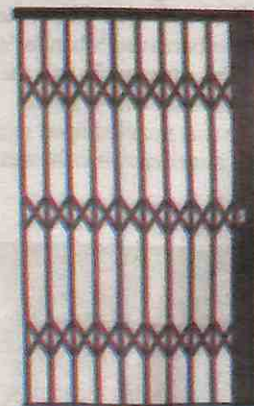
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# DONOR GIVES 400 EXPIRED PADS TO MBULUZI GIRLS

Stories by Zwelihle Sukati

What was meant to be a happy 'period' when over 200 female pupils of Mbuluzi High School received sanitary pads as a donation, only a few were pleased with the kind gesture because all the pads had long passed their expiry date.

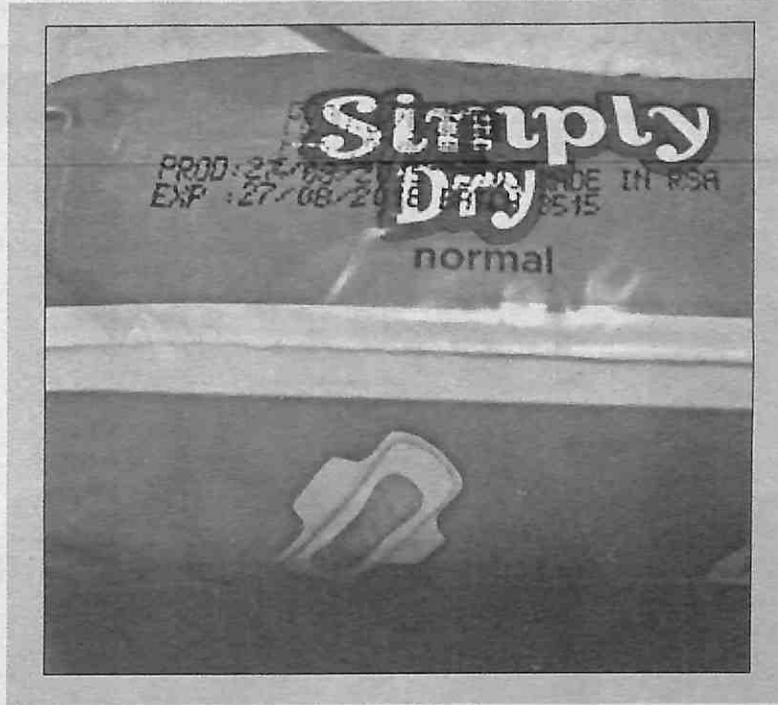
The donation was from one Shiselweni based foundation. Each of the 205 girls got two packets, which totals the whole donation consignment to 410 packets of expired pads.

The mostly girls' high school received the donation a few weeks ago, sometime in mid-September, according to the school's administration.

Upon realising that the pads had long expired, there was a bit of uncertainty and concern from the pupils and parents as to whether it was safe for the children to continue using them or not.

Unlike medical bandages, menstrual products aren't packaged and sealed as sterile products. This means there's a possibility for mould and bacterial growth, especially if they haven't been stored properly. If there's any sign of discolouration or fluff sticking out of the wrapper, it's a no go area. Products that smell a bit strange should of course also be disposed of immediately, according to information sourced from manufacturers.

When using products that are damaged and/or have gone past their expiry date, there's of course a bigger risk of skin irritation, rash and abnormal vaginal discharge. Usually, these complaints disappear again after your men-



struation, when the skin's natural pH levels go back to normal.

"If they don't and the irritation or rash continues, make sure you visit a doctor. In very rare cases, using sanitary products that are too old or damaged can lead to Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS); a bacterial infection that can also happen when you leave them in a very absorbing tampon for too long," says manufacturer, Sanature, in an online report.

"Menstrual products that haven't gone past their expiration date can also sometimes cause complaints, for example if they contain fragrances and/or are too absorbent which dries out your

private parts and disturbs the vaginal flora. Or because you don't use them in the right way."

The issue of expired pads was brought to the attention of the school authorities and, according to Mbuluzi High School Head teacher Siza Dlamini, an announcement was made during assembly that all the dished out pads should be returned.

"The expired sanitary pads were recalled and the donor made a replacement. In fact, the donor was not aware that their donation was of an expired product and new ones were quickly brought to the school," he said. He said the expired pads were destroyed.

'It was oversight on part of donor'

Mbuluzi High School Head teacher Siza Dlamini says the need for sanitary pads provision to girls at the school can never be over-emphasised.

He said some girls come from impoverished families, such that the needy ones end up using tissue paper as a replacement.

"It was an oversight on the part of the donor and we genuinely take their word for it in light of the fact that they quickly made replace-

ments after they were made aware of their expired products," Dlamini said.

He nonetheless concurred that in as much as the girls needed the sanitary towels, this is not to suggest that schools should be dumping sites for expired donations. "When we engaged the donor it was brought to our attention that as a foundation they also receive these donations from other partners."

Shiselweni donor admits 'konakala'

The donor behind the now controversial donation of expired sanitary pads to Mbuluzi High School pupils has acknowledged that *konakala*.

Speaking on behalf of the donor that made the presentation, the representative pleaded with this publication to exercise its discretion in protecting their reputation as this was a genuine oversight on something which was of good intentions – helping school-going girls continue with class even during their periods. "All the sanitary pads that

were donated to the school were recalled and replaced with new ones. Some were taken back to where we had sourced them, while some were destroyed by the school as it took some time for other pupils to return them," she said. The school Headteacher, Siza Dlamini, emphasised that it took them over a week reminding the girls to return the pads to get fresh ones. "We kept on reminding the pupils for a whole week to return the expired donation for the new ones, which expire in 2021."

## What suppliers, manufacturers say about their products

Some manufacturers, such as Sanature, do add an expiry date to their products, others, for example Cottons, don't. Procter & Gamble's products (Always and Tampax) in the Netherlands come with a serial number instead, which enables them to be traced back to the date of production. Libresse doesn't have a best-before-date, but advises using their products within three

years to guarantee the best quality.

All suppliers and manufacturers recommend keeping the products in their original packaging and storing them away from moisture.

Provided that tampons are hygienic, clean and are stored dry, you can use tampons for years, says tampon brand O.B.

Stories by Zwelihle Sukati

## Outrage at nocturnal visitor after top cop Tornado burial

Suspicious of a witchcraft practice rocked the Sibandze family, a day after the burial of the late no-nonsense Malkerns traffic police officer Daniel 'Tornado' Sibandze.

'Tornado', as he was widely known, is one of the traffic officers whom public transport workers fiercely protested against a few weeks ago, bringing the small town to shut down mode.

A few days after the kombi drivers and conductors staged their violent protest; Tornado fell ill in what medical practitioners prescribed as sugar diabetes. The 54-year-old Tornado, a week later, succumbed to death as a result. His funeral was last week Saturday.

The next day, on Sunday, just as evening set in at about 7pm, a family friend was

spotted by neighbours digging the ground at the home of the deceased with his bare hands. The homestead was all quiet since all mourners had left the Sibandze homestead after the funeral service.

He was sold out by the torch light he was using as he dug up whatever it was he was digging inside the family yard by the gate.

The deceased's widow and her daughter were inside the house, oblivious to what was going on outside. Curious to whom and what the person was doing at the bereaved Sibandze's homestead by this strange figure, the suspicious neighbour came closer.

He was puzzled upon seeing the man who is wellknown in the area and a friend

to the Sibandze family, digging the soil by the gate and pocketing it. The neighbour went inside the gate and by-passed the culprit, who seemed not at all bothered that someone had gone past him.

The neighbour went inside the house to enquire what this man was busy with outside the gate.

The shocked deceased's wife and daughter rushed outside to investigate, only to find it was someone they knew very well, and was busy digging by the gate without a care in the world.

It was after the bereaved widow lit his face with her own torch light and called him by name, asking what he was doing in the yard, when he seemed to realise that he was being watched.

"He just dropped to the ground and was speechless," said Nichodemus Sibandze, brother to the late 'Tornado'.

Suddenly, other neighbours seeing the commotion by the deceased's homestead's gate came to find out what had happened. He is said have maintained his right to remain silent, as everyone questioned him what he was doing there or what he had lost and buried inside the Sibandze family yard, by the gate.

The State and community police were called. By then, the community was seething with anger as they suspected he was on a witchcraft mission. He was tied up as it was suspected that he could flee before the police arrived.

"Upon seeing the arrival of the police

he then started to act drunk and when the police questioned him, he claimed he had come to see the deceased's brother, knowing very well that he was not home. He had even seen him leave to one of the nearby watering holes to give away the home made brew that was prepared for the grave diggers and was left over," narrated the brother to the deceased.

He was then taken to the Bhunya Police Station where he spent the night. The name of the culprit has been deliberately withheld by this publication, as he has not yet been charged while police investigations continue, according to Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

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**INJURED:**  
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Mdluli lying  
in her  
hospital bed  
at Mbabane  
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# WIFE ADMITED AFTER CLASH WITH MAGISTRATE

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

He is widely known for scolding men that appear before his court for domestic violence matters and those related to child maintenance, but yesterday Pigg's Peak Principal Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli was reported to the police following a clash with his wife. This also happens at a time the country is grappling with the (in) famous Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act that has seen many, especially men, perishing under the long arm of the law for misdemeanors that disturb domestic or matrimonial tranquility.

The clash is alleged to have occurred at the married couple's matrimonial home at Ekupheleni around Sigangeni on Thursday evening. The magistrate's wife, Nelisiwe Mdluli, nee Maphanga, has since been admitted to the Mbabane Clinic

where she is being treated for bruises and cuts on her face following the alleged altercation with her husband. It is alleged by neighbours that during the altercation at Ekupheleni the wife managed to bolt out of the house to nearby bushes and ultimately to one of the neighbours' homestead where she sought help.

It is upon her unexpected arrival at the nearby homestead that the Mbabane police were called to attend to the matter and responded to the call. She is said to have quickly been rushed to the Mbabane Clinic for medical attention as she appeared to be bleeding profusely from wounds on the face.

Pictures leaked to the Observer on Saturday and taken from Mrs Mdluli's bedside at the clinic show her swollen face with blue eyes and cuts on her forehead.

The neighbours suspect that the

root cause of the alleged altercation was the presence of a female stranger at the couple's matrimonial home. The matter has since left the Ekupheleni community shocked as they still cannot believe how such could have happened.

"According to what we have heard, Mrs Mdluli received a punch on the face that landed her on the floor and in the instance she sustained bruises and cuts on her face. She managed to run for dear life after apparently her maid intervened. She then received assistance from a neighbour and the police were called. She was then taken to hospital by the police," said one of the couple's neighbours.

The matter was reported to the Mbabane police, but a case has not been opened.

When a call was made to the Magistrate's wife by the Observer, she elected not to elaborate, stating

that the matter of their differences was to be discussed at family level.

Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati when reached confirmed that the matter was reported to the police and statements from both parties were recorded.

"Yes the matter of the couple's differences was reported at the police station by Mrs Mdluli, but she did not open a case against her husband. The police also attended to the matter at Ekupheleni last evening (Thursday) where the affected woman was taken to hospital," she stated.

Efforts to obtain a comment from the magistrate proved futile at the time of going to print last night. A call was made to Mdluli in the afternoon, but rang unanswered. A text message was also sent to him with no response. A Whatsapp message

## Efforts to obtain restraining order underway

The Observer on Saturday has learnt that efforts to obtain a restraining order against the magistrate by his wife are already underway.

It has been gathered that the wife is already in consultation with her lawyers based in Manzini to proceed with the peace binding process in court.

Manzini based lawyer, Thami Ndlovu from MTN Ndlovu Attorneys when reached by this publication pleaded client/attorney privilege where they are not supposed to disclose information on their clients. Nelisiwe Mdluli was also mum on the matter while the magistrate could not be reached for comment through several attempts.

was also sent to him at 7:24pm, but it appeared that he had last been seen on the Whatsapp platform at least 15 minutes after the message had been sent to him.

## What is witchcraft, how it works

According to online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, witchcraft (or witchery) is the practice of magical skills and abilities.

Witchcraft is a broad term that varies culturally and societally, and thus can be difficult to define with precision; therefore cross-cultural assumptions about the meaning or significance of the term should be applied with caution.

Historically, and currently in most traditional cultures worldwide - notably in Africa, the African diaspora, and Indigenous com-

munities - the term is commonly associated with those who use metaphysical means to cause harm to the innocent.

Belief in magic and witchcraft has been around since the beginning of time. Early man paid tribute to the gods and goddesses that ruled his world and brought healthy crops and mild winters.

### Chaos

The idea of magic came about when things weren't so good: It grew from the chaos that accompanied bad weather, sickness and shortages of food.

When times were bad, shamans, medicine people, witches and other types of sorcerers would cast spells and perform rituals to harness the power of the gods.

Harnessing this power had mixed results: Witches, who were primarily women, were originally seen as wise healers who could both nurture and destroy; this belief in their power, however, eventually led to fear, and this often forced witches to live as outcasts. In the next section, we'll learn about the persecution of witches.

## 'Tornado' urinated on dug holes before he died

The deceased traffic police officer, Daniel 'Tornado' Sibandze, allegedly urinated on dug holes by the entrance to the family homestead, a few days later he got sick and died.

This was said by his family members, including his daughter who requested not to be identified.

"One morning we woke up to find a hole dug by the gate near the plants.

My father strongly suspected that someone did this deliberately for ritual purposes and passed water on the dug ground, I think as a way to neutralise whatever muti had been planted during the night - at least that is what he believed," she said.

"A few days later he got sick and it got worse.

No one, not even himself, ever knew that he had what doctors diagnosed him with: Sugar diabetes."

According to the deceased's brother, Nichodemus, before he died he suffered convulsions and would allegedly scream as if hallucinating and fighting off someone.



## Police refer matter to Umphakatsi

Having taken in the man found to have been practicing what is suspected as witchcraft at the Sibandze homestead, the police released him the following day and referred the matter to the traditional community structures for deliberations.

This was said by the deceased father, Buhlebezwe Sibandze. He said the police told them that cases of such nature were dealt with at Umphakatsi level. The suspect allegedly continued acting as if drunk at the police station while also threatening everyone with death by light-

ing, even the police.

Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati when reached for comment confirmed last week's incident and said indeed matters of this nature were dealt with by Umphakatsi. Nonetheless, she said independent police investigations were on-going.



## Princess Sikhanyiso's freestyle rapping for RT's correspondent

**R**USSIA - The Information communications and Technology Minister of Eswatini, Princess Sikhanyiso Dlamini, found time to impress RT's crew with her rapping skills in between talking business at the Africa-Russia Summit.

Princess Sikhanyiso - the eldest of daughter of His Majesty King Mswati III's children - represented her homeland, formerly called Swaziland, at the Sochi Summit, which brought together all the countries of the African continent.

The princess has been actively involved in her country's politics since the mid-2010s, running a foundation focused on helping the country's girls and women, but there's much more to the princess than her government role and charitable efforts.

Princess Sikhanyiso is actually a well-known rap performer in her country, going by the alias Pashu. RT's crew did not miss the opportunity to get a performance from her, and the princess was not shy in delivering.

RT.com



**SINGS:** Princess Sikhanyiso displaying her rapping skills to RT's crew.

## Eswatini set to formalise military cooperation with Russia

**S**OCHI - Eswatini has informal military ties with Russia and is about to formalise them, the country's Minister of Information Communication Technology, Princess Sikhanyiso, told Sputnik.

"We have some Eswatini military training in Russia and so far the cooperation between the countries has been informal, we're about to formalise it now," she said.

According to her, Eswatini would be interested in cooperation with Russia on cybersecurity and homeland security.

"Eswatini has been infiltrated by quite a number of citizens of the globe which are not official in the kingdom.

"So we just have to strengthen our border security and strengthen our immigration and citizenship statuses as well. So our military personnel should not only be skilled on infantry but also on intelligence and other areas across the spectrum," the princess said, adding that Russia was 'the best militarily.'

At the moment, the two countries have informal agreements, mostly a 'skills-based initiative,' the minister said.

The princess is attending the Russia-Africa forum in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. The Rossiya Segodnya International Information Agency is an official media partner of the event.

(UrduPoint News)



**ENDORSED:** Eswatini Investment Promotion CEO Sibani Mngomezulu and Commerce Minister Manqoba Khumalo endorse the MoU with Roscongress Foundation in Russia.

# RUSSIA KEY TO OUR DEVELOPMENT- KING

Stories By King's Office Correspondent

**S**ICHI - Russia has a lot to offer towards the development of the African continent, His Majesty King Mswati III has observed.

Reciprocally, he said the continent, Eswatini in particular, had the ideal investment climate for Russian businesses.

In an intervention at the two-day Russia-Africa Summit which ended yesterday, the King highlighted and commended the technical and developmental support that Russia has extended to the continent over the years in terms of human capital, as well as other humanitarian interventions.

"This has added the required impetus in terms of working towards the attainment of some of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030," he said.

He praised Russia for identifying the importance of creating vibrant economic ties with the African continent.

"We believe that Russia and Africa possess great potential for reciprocal economic benefit and building strong and lasting partnerships for sustainable economic development, as per the theme of the summit, 'Uncovering the Potential for Cooperation,' said His Majesty.

He further recalled that in June this year, Africa liberalised her trade in the continent and created unique markets for goods and services for investors. This, he said, would be facilitated through the regional economic blocs e-Commerce platforms which will serve as a conduit to market the products.

"We welcome this platform to share experiences with a country like Russia, which is well positioned as an advanced economy. It is important for developing nations to sit and strategise with Russia on how to move forward together in developing the Africa we want by 2063 through forming strong partnerships," he stressed.

He invited investments in Eswatini,



(Both Pics) **BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the Russia-Africa Summit on Thursday while Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Thuli Dladla listens attentively. (Pics: Len Mohale - State Photographer)

saying it remains an oasis of peace and stability with predictable investment settings. "We have investment opportunities in a variety of sectors such as manufacturing, mining, agriculture, pharmaceutical, aviation, tourism and infrastructure," he said.

His Majesty added that innovation parks that could be used for research

and development, and free economic zones were also available to be used by investors to access preferential markets.

He also applauded Russia for her quest to confront global imbalances, as well as the significant role that she plays in advancing peace and stability together with the socio-economic challenges faced by our continent.



**IT'S BEEN A GOOD DAY:** Prince Hlangusempi, Prince David, Chief Mbuso Dlamini and OB staffer Zweli Masuku captured at the Russia-Africa Summit which ended yesterday.



# PRINCE SICALO AWARDED BY RUSSIAN MILITARY

**S**ICHO, RUSSIA – Prince Sicalo, yesterday received high recognition from the Russia Military for his role in building close ties between the two armies.

This was at an event that took place on the sidelines of the inaugural Russia-Africa Summit yesterday and was witnessed by Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force Chief of Staff Prince Hlangusempi and other Emazinyane Prince Bandzile and Prince Majaha. The prince has received military training from Russia and the recognition, which came in the form of a certificate and a medal of honour, is regarded amongst the highest honours to be awarded by the army. In a brief interview, the prince said he was deeply humbled to have received such recognition and was happy to have created a good relationship between the Eswatini and Russian military forces. Prince Hlangusempi then signed a cooperation of agreement with the Russian Army on behalf of UEDF.



**HONOURED:** Prince Sicalo was recognised and decorated by the Russian Army for developing close relations with Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force.

## EIPA SIGNS TRADE MoU

**S**OCHI, RUSSIA – Another window of opportunity in trade and international collaboration has been opened.

The Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) and The Roscongress Foundation of Russia yesterday concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of EIPA, Sibani Mngomezulu and his counterpart, Alexander Stuglev, the CEO of Roscongress Foundation concluded the agreement on the sidelines of the Russia-Africa Heads of State Summit, held at Sochi, Russia.

In a statement, EIPA explained

that the MoU seeks to promote mutual economic interest and facilitate trade and investment between the two countries.

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo expressed support for the collaboration. He pointed out that the collaboration would position Roscongress well to promote Russian interests in the southern Africa region and beyond from Eswatini, while Eswatini would gain from information exchange and leverage the partnership by positioning SMEs and businesses in Eswatini to gain access to Russian and Far East markets for local products.

The minister was accompa-

nied by Martin Masilela of EIPA and Robert Biyela of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy.

### ABOUT ROSCONGRESS FOUNDATION:

Roscongress is a State owned entity of the Russian Federation that coordinates international economic events in Russia such as the International Economic Forum, St Petersburg International Economic Forum and the Russia-Africa Summit amongst others.

These events are held in partnership with business chambers, investment promotion agencies and trade promotion organisations.



**IN BLACK AND WHITE:** Commerce Industry and Trade Minister Manqoba Khumalo signing a letter of intent with Alexander Stuglev, the CEO of Roscongress Foundation. (Courtesy Pics).



**OFFICIALS:** Roscongress Foundation officials during a meeting with commerce minister and the EIPA CEO Sibani Mngomezulu.

**World Vision**

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

World Vision International is a Christian relief and development child focused organization, as an organization we seek to improve the quality of life of children and the communities in which they live through promotion of sustainable development projects. World Vision Eswatini Office has the following vacancy and applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates.

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# BRING THE BOOZE HERE, SAY CHIEFS

Stories by Sifiso Dlamini

Manzini region chiefs have no issues with liquor licences, they simply want watering holes to bring business opportunities in areas under their jurisdiction.

This was revealed during a meeting organised by the ministry of home affairs where chiefs from the region met with the ministry's representatives together with Federation of Eswatini Business Community (FESBC). This was at Manzini Regional Offices Conference room.

Regional Administrator Chief Gija also invited the business community to make presentations to the traditional authorities, encouraging them to utilise the land they administer on Swazi Nation Land for purposes of establishing businesses. This would ensure that they played a part in the nationwide economic recovery strategies and the much expected betterment of the economic lives of citizens under their jurisdiction.

One of the chiefs mentioned that as traditional authorities, they had no issues with the issuing of liquor licences or establishment of businesses of that nature under Swazi Nation Land (SNL) on condition the owners of the establishments followed the necessary requirements for operating such businesses.

He mentioned that liquor establishments were a lucrative business which should also be established in rural areas as they would act as an attraction for

other businesses.

FESBC President Henry 'Tum' Dupont said liquor establishments were indeed a viable business. He further mentioned that there would need to be certain guidelines and regulations to monitor and manage these establishments.

"These establishments should be different from the urban establishments in terms of opening and closing time. *'Emakhaya kubaneningcwabo naleminywe imisebenti lefunakuhlonishwa'*, the owners of the licences for these establishments should respect the Eswatini culture, failing which their licences would not be renewed," he said.

FESBC Vice President Hezekiel Mabuza said the traditional authorities should play a pivotal role moving forward. He mentioned that the most important part would be the monitoring of the establishments under their jurisdiction.

Mabuza said as an organisation, they were prepared to work hand in hand with the chiefs. He also stated that there was an abundance of funding from international donors as well as organisations as long as proper structures were established.

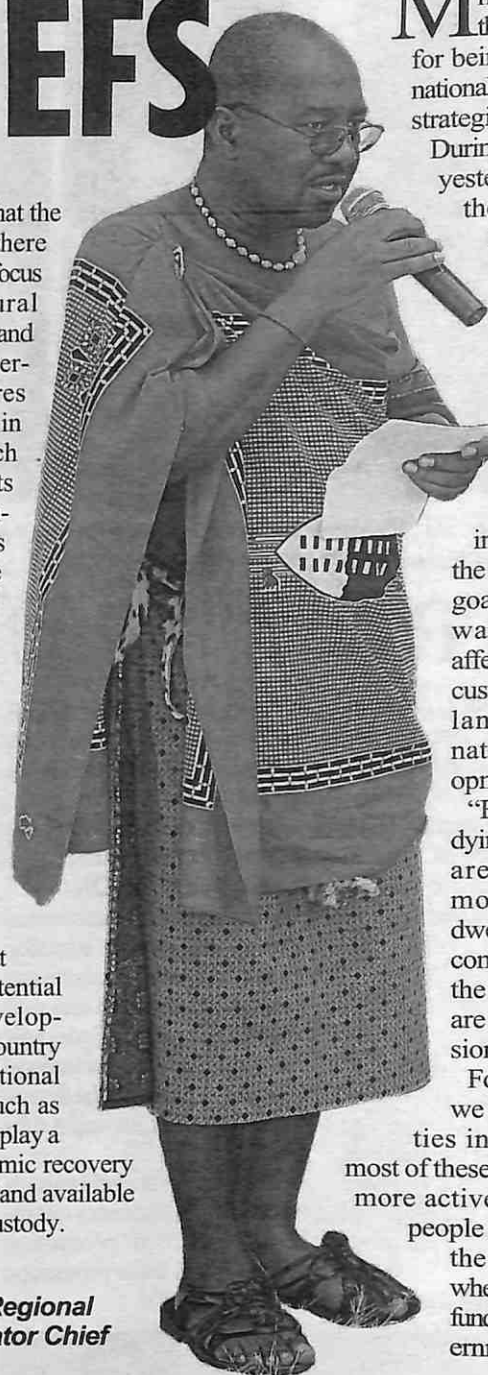
He urged the chiefs to practice proper planning (*Luhleliso*) where there would be designated areas for different land uses. He said according to the Eswatini culture, in the past there would be planning of land use where certain areas would be designated for uses such as grazing, farming as well as homestead building.

He added that the

world over there was a shift in focus towards rural development and there were certain structures and funding in place for such developments and establishments. "As Emaswati we should be well organised in order to be able to benefit from the abundance of funding for rural development," he said.

He also mentioned that there was potential for rural development in the country and the traditional authorities such as chiefs should play a part in economic recovery as there was land available under their custody.

**INVITES: Regional Administrator Chief Gija.**



...also want stake in national development projects, funding

Manzini region chiefs have expressed their discontent for being left out of national development strategies.

During the meeting yesterday, one of the chiefs said he was not quite sure whether it was development or not, as the issue with chiefs

not being included in all the development goals and funds was not only affecting them as custodians of the land but also national development.

"Emaswati are dying in the rural areas because most of the dwellers in these communities are the elderly who are mainly pensioners.

For us as chiefs we face difficulties in addressing most of these issues as the more active and young people are living in the urban areas where most of the funding from government is chan-

nelled."

He said there was less money in the rural areas and the most deterring aspect to development in these areas was the Eswatini Environment Authority. "This becomes a major hurdle for us as even if we are willing to develop an area, we are requested to conduct an environmental assessment study which is always too expensive as sometimes the costs range in the regions of E200 000.

This is before you even consider developing the area," he mentioned. The authority however is still to respond on the allegation.

## Designated

FESBC President 'Tum' Dupont said as an office, they were willing to assist the chiefs in attaining the required documentation as there were funds from international organisations designated for such projects.

"We have structures as an organisation to address these kinds of issues," he said.

The other main concerning issue faced by such developments is the issue of land disputes between individuals and authorities which needs to be addressed as well, he added.

FESBC Vice President Hezekiel Mabuza mentioned that as an organisation they worked hand in hand with government and such issues could be dealt with following the proper structures.

"We are also working towards ensuring that for local development, there are less hindrances so as to allow for quicker and easier implementation of development projects," he said.

## TITIMELA A BREEDING GROUND FOR UNREGISTERED CHILDREN

By Sifiso Dlamini

Chiefs have singled out informal settlements as one of the main causes of unregistered children contributing to statelessness.

The ministry of home affairs has over the past week conducted a sensitisation workshop capacitating Chiefs from around the kingdom about the rising concern of the number of unregistered people in the country.

Yesterday the ministry met the Manzini region chiefs at the Manzini Regional Office conference room.

Ministry of Home Affairs Commissioner For Refugees Inkhosikati Lakhumalo Thandile said at first the issue of statelessness was undermined. However following an urge from the European Union to eradicate the issue, the ministry has been tasked with formulating a national action plan on eradicating statelessness.

She mentioned traditional authorities were pivotal to addressing the matter as they were the first point of reference regarding registration of citizens.

She said the ministry sought to engage



chiefs on the matter in an attempt to forge a way forward towards addressing the concern.

She said in a bid to avoid finger-pointing and blame, the ministry sought to engage chiefs as the *Indlunkhulu* was a mainstay unlike members of Parliament who changed every once

in a while.

United Nations Statelessness Eypent Bureau for Southern Africa Emmanuelle Mitte said the UN was working hand in hand with the ministry to address the issue.

She said this was a violation of basic human rights as every individual had

a right to nationality. She further commended government for endorsing the national action plan.

During the question and answer session, one of the guest chiefs from the region said informal settlements mainly constituted around the urban areas was one of the major causes of state-

lessness.

He said most of the country's population was found in urban areas and in such cases, people ended up living in informal settlements found in peri urban areas. "This is a cause for concern as over the years our children have found themselves having children and not registering them and this has been going on for generations now.

They no longer have touch with their chieftencies, hence we do not know them and can not vouch for them," he said.

He added this in turn caused issues when people died as they had to confirm they indeed belonged to their constituencies.

Another concern raised by the chiefs was with regard to women nowadays having intercourse with multiple partners within a matter of hours leading to confusion regarding the biological fathers.

One of the chiefs said back in the day it was unheard of for women to engage in the act in such a manner. He said this has increased the burden on parents as they have to take care of the children and have found it difficult to register them as both parents have to be present.





**NEW:** This picture shows the recently opened bottle store that belongs to former minister Ntuthuko Dlamini at Mhlabubovu. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

## EX-MINISTER OBTAINS LIQUOR LICENCE ON SNL

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Former Minister of Public Works and Transport turned businessman, Ntuthuko Dlamini is one of the lucky few that have obtained licences to trade in liquor on Swazi Nation Land (SNL), where others fear to tread and have constantly failed to obtain same.

Dlamini now operates a bottle store styled Nosisa Bottle Store at his shopping complex at Mhlabubovu on the way to Bhunya and patrons found around the business centre confirmed that the drinking hole has been operating for some time now. In an interview with the Observer on Saturday, the former minister also confirmed that his new business was fully legit after he underwent the proper application channels to obtain a liquor trading licence.

Since the advent of the now archaic Liquor Licences Act of 1964, licences to trade in liquor on SNL have not been issued until a landmark ruling by the High Court in October 2017. Top Human Rights Lawyer Thulani Maseko was granted an order by Judge Titus Mlangeni that the Liquor Licensing Board was to issue a liquor license for him to continue operating a bar. The effect of the judgment was that the Liquor



**OPENED:** Former minister of Public Works and Transport turned businessman, Ntuthuko Dlamini.

Licensing Board was to issue the liquor licence to him in respect of business premises that are on Swazi Nation land at Ka-Luhleko area around Bhunya.

That was soon to open floodgates for others to apply for the licences following the order. It happens that the former minister is one of them. Our independent investigations have uncovered that at least 17 businesspeople in total were issued the licences after the landmark ruling.

### LIGHT OF DAY?

Minister of Commerce, Industry

and Trade Manqoba Khumalo when appointing the new Liquor Licensing Board members this month, urged them to prioritise the issue of the amendment of the Act as it would be vital in the issuance of the licenses. In August this year, the minister of commerce clarified to members of Parliament (MPs) that there would be difficulty in continuing with the amendment.

He mentioned that the ministry was also aware that there was a court case which touched on the licensing of liquor on SNL that was won by an

individual. The minister said consequently, there had been a continued issuance of licensing using the case as a precedence which they condemn as there was still a pending appeal on the matter.

"In a nutshell, there is still going to be difficulty in continuing with the amendment, given the conflicting views of important stakeholders which include the Eswatini Royal Police," said Khumalo in his response submitted in Parliament.

The minister explained that in the previous Parliament, the team working on the amendment of the Liquor Licensing Act of 1964, were assigned to get comments from all stakeholders. From this assignment, Khumalo said it had been unearthed that not all stakeholders were of the view that liquor licences should be granted on SNL.

### Refused

"This is the reason why there has been slow or no progress on the liquor licensing Act amendment," Khumalo clarified then.

The Liquor Licensing Board granted Maseko a licence to operate a bar on SNL.

The board initially refused to grant Maseko the licence and he took the matter to court.

High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni issued an order that the board should grant the human rights lawyer the licence. The Board appealed the decision.

The appeal was struck off the Supreme Court roll and Maseko filed an urgent application at the High Court before Judge Nkululeko Hlophe, arguing that the board should grant him the licence as per Judge Mlangeni's order.

Maseko said after the appeal was removed from the roll, Judge Mlangeni's order remained effective but the Board still refused to grant him the licence. When the matter was heard recently, Crown Counsel Noluthando Nxumalo informed the court that the board was agreeable to granting Maseko the licence.

In his application before Judge Hlophe, Maseko also wanted the chairman of the Liquor Licensing Board to be arrested and imprisoned for a period of 30 days.

This was after the board declined to grant him a licence to operate Liyabuya Wine and Malt, popularly known as Dambhadi, which is situated in Bhunya.

According to Maseko, the chairman of the board had refused to grant him the licence despite a court order by Judge Mlangeni directing him to do so.

The Commerce department at the ministry also reported that it was currently in the process of reviewing the Liquor Act which had already been finalised by the Attorney General's (AG) office, awaiting Cabinet approval.

"The passing of the Act will contribute towards increasing the tax base as it is evident that most businesses are not registered which consequently contributes to tax evasion," read the report in part.

The department also mentioned that it had successfully reserved certain businesses for emaSwati citizens on urban and private farms and all businesses on SNL (Rural) were reserved for Emaswati.

"An online verification system for both trade and liquor licences has been developed and now fully operational," it was stated.

## 'Instead of banning licences, regulate liquor on SNL'

Ntuthuko Dlamini is of the opinion that government instead of banning the issuance of liquor licences on Swazi Nation Land should at least consider regulating the consumption of alcohol in rural areas.

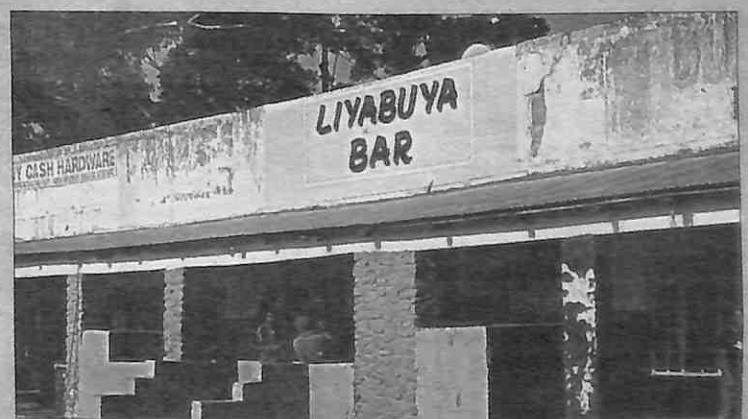
The former minister, who doubled as former LaMgabhi Member of Parliament, during his time in politics feels that government should not try to stop legit businesspeople from selling alcohol to citizens in

rural areas because after all they do consume the alcohol with or without the liquor outlets.

"Instead the people drink from illegal shebeens or drinking spots. In that case it becomes difficult for government to monitor the consumption and closing hours. This is one of the most sought after products that government just cannot stop people from consuming. Government should be looking at ways to regulate the consumption

of alcohol in rural areas," he stated.

Dlamini continued that his patrons from the local community are now elated that they are able to save a lot of money they would have used to hire cars to go as far as Malkerns to enjoy their alcoholic beverages. He said there were now a few cases of drink-driving as after drinking these patrons just walk to their various places of abode, which are within the bottle store's vicinity.



**BACK AGAIN:** This is the bar that was re-opened at KaLuhleko and belongs to Lawyer Thulani Maseko.





**TOP TABLE:** Pictured (from L-R) Airlink HR Manager Kobus Engelbrecht, Eswatini Airlink Chairman Joseph Waring, retiring GM Teddy Mavuso, his wife Gugu and Airlink Executive Ground Operations Manager Crystal Baxter at Mavuso's farewell function. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

# AIRLINK'S TEDDY MAVUSO LEAVES AVIATION AFTER 41 YEARS

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

**H**e has seen it all in the country's aviation industry having entered the sector 41 years ago.

Retiring Airlink Eswatini General Manager (GM) Teddy Mavuso has overseen the turbulent times of the country's aviation sector when the then Forker 28 aircraft was operating in West Africa, with the Forker 100 grounded until both ceased to exist under the Royal Swazi National Airways - now Royal Eswatini National Airways Corporation (RENAC).

He has risen in the ranks at RENAC over the years and at one point - 1997 to be precise - he signed to take a voluntary retirement package from the company before withdrawing his move and resolving to collapse with what was then regarded by many as a sinking ship. That was to lead to a point where he was in the background of

the founding of the joint venture agreement between government and South Africa (SA) Airlink that gave birth to Airlink Swaziland (now Eswatini).

Airlink senior management from the region and in the country, as well staff members on Thursday evening bid farewell to their retiring GM during an event hosted at The George Hotel in Manzini.

This is a person they described as one that had stood the test of time and one they will be consulting now and then as they continue to keep the fires burning within the company. He has been around the region for some time having worked in Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the DRC before taking over as Station Manager while also tasked with combining his duties with those of GM at Airlink Eswatini in 2002. On Thursday, Mavuso took his now former colleagues down memory lane, reminding them of who he was. "My life has been conjoined

with that of Eswatini Airlink for the past 20 years. It has been 20 years of learning from Airlink as the company providing technical support to Eswatini Airlink. Not only have I learned the intricacies of management, but managing situations as well. I have come to accept that people in higher echelons of our society know me as the face of aviation through Eswatini Airlink.

## Remember

"I remember a day when I and a gentleman by the name of David Cooper from Speedwing, a subsidiary of British Airways, went to engage with the SA Airlink Shareholders, Roger and Barrie at Bonaero Park while the offices were in Caravans. It was in June 1999 that the joint venture company at the time known as Airlink Swaziland first operated and I was appointed to the position of station manager."

He told them that in 1978 straight from school he joined the aviation

industry, working for a company called Swazi Air owned by Protea Airways and managed by amongst others John Morison.

He said his first job title there was that of a driver/baggage handler. He said a year later, there was a transition as Swazi Air and Royal Swazi National Airways was formed and he was soon to be promoted to the position of check in agent.

He revealed that after enrolling for the International Air Transport Association (IATA) aviation sales and reservations training, he was not able to penetrate this sector until he took a decision to do more training on ground operations.

"I took my scooter and went to the German Embassy to solicit a scholarship to study aviation overseas."

"Mrs Toepfer, who today remains my mentor, facilitated my training by handing me the application forms to complete to study in Germany."

"To cut a long story short, I was offered a scholarship by Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft and studied the various facets of ground operations and air transport in general in Germany for two years."

"It was after my return that a gentleman by the name of Albert Nxumalo decided I was an asset to the company and recommended my transfer to the commercial department."

"A year after I had proven my skills, I was first assigned to become regional manager for Royal Swazi National Airways in Africa based in Kenya, but covering Uganda and Ethiopia as well. Soon after that, I was appointed regional manager for Zambia, Zimbabwe and DRC, a position I held for five years."

"After my five years in Zambia, I came back to Eswatini. I was to take up the position of regional manager in Mozambique, but this never happened as the financial challenges of Royal Swazi National Airways had started to manifest themselves. I landed myself the position of sales manager," he recalled.

Mavuso also narrated how it was difficult for them to move from the Matsapha International Airport to KMMI International Airport at Sikhuphe given the many challenges they faced.

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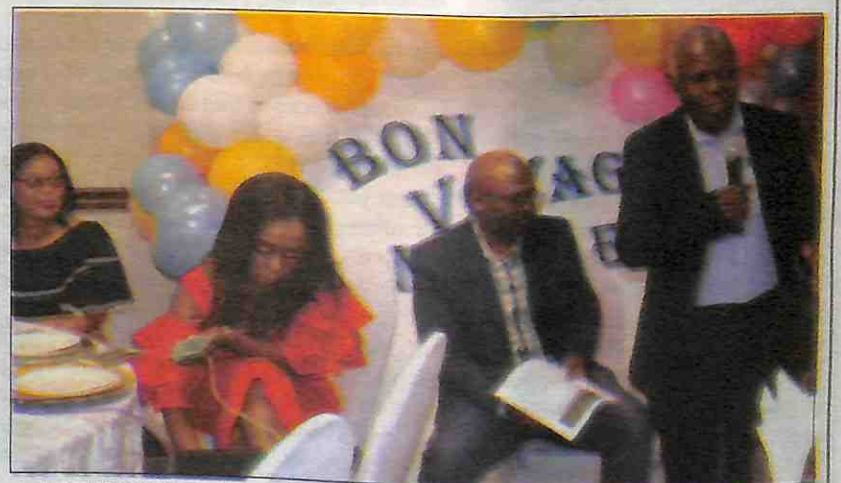
## STAIN IN TEDDY'S JACKET OF HONOUR

**A**dent in the otherwise colourful life of Teddy Mavuso came around 2015 when the union, Swaziland Transport and Allied Workers Union, STAWU, accused him of discussing company matters with his wife.

This was contained in a petition submitted by the union to management. The wife is said to have confronted Patrick Khumalo, one of Teddy's colleagues about matters her husband shared with her.

The wife was perceived to have believed that Khumalo was harassing her husband in work-related matters and so she lost her cool and confronted Khumalo one October day in 2013.

Independent Accountant Siphos Madzinane chaired an internal investigation following the petition, whereby it was recommended that Teddy should face the music. On Thursday, Mavuso recalled the time when he came face to face with the union. "The union



**LAST WORDS:** Mavuso making his remarks while new Acting GM Joseph Dlamini, Marketing and Customer Liaison Officer Sandzi Motsa and Nobuhle Fakudze look on.

presented a case against me that I was the stumbling block since I could not accede to their demands to be awarded hefty salary increases. They then fabricated 17 cases against me. Every

one of them was thoroughly investigated by the company and I was found innocent to a majority of them and cautioned on two procedural circumstantial breaches," he remembered.

## Joseph Dlamini to keep fires burning

**E**swatini Airlink Chief Technical Officer Joseph Dlamini is the company's new acting General Manager.

Airlink Human Resources Manager Kobus Engelbrecht on Thursday announced the changes. He said as a company they had confidence that

Dlamini would drive the company in the right direction. He was also urged to make success of the structures at his disposal within the company.

**TO KEEP FIRES BURNING:** Joseph Dlamini who has been appointed acting GM.







**PROUD:** Outgoing SRA Board Vice Chairman S'thofeni Ginindza expresses his pride at the organisation's new headquarters building at Ezulwini.



**GROWING:** Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini speaks during the farewell function of ex-SRA Board Members while Finance PS Sizakele Dlamini looks on. (Pics Bodwa Mbingo)

# SRA TAX COLLECTION GROWING – PM

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini has applauded the king for establishing an independent revenue collection authority in the country while also noting that tax collection by the entity has grown over the years.

The prime minister said His Majesty's vision is what has sustained government to be able to undertake various programmes using revenues from tax collection.

Speaking at Hilton Garden Hotel in Mbabane during the farewell function of the outgoing Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) Board that he ironically headed, Dlamini noted that it is

vital for the authority to be strong as government is there because of it. He also recalled that the king ushered in a new era from the one where tax collection was performed by the income tax department, a government department.

"There have been many achievements at SRA and we have seen the authority grow over the years with the recruitment of many employees. SRA has attracted many people from different walks of life who have assisted in developing the organisation. We've seen tax collection grow over the years and it continues to grow.

"We've had our challenges, but since the board remained strong we have managed to overcome them. I'm remind-



**GREAT TEAM:** The SRA executive management team that was widely praised by most of the speakers during the event.

ed of a time when a significant figure in society was refusing to pay tax and we had to take unconventional steps

to ensure that person paid and that worked," he added. He also noted that SRA has grown to be an envy of many

companies even in the private sector and has been used for benchmarking purposes. He then wished the new board success. New Chairman David Dlamini thanked the outgoing board for a splendid job and acknowledged that they are inheriting a good team at SRA.

## Outgoing Board:

Ambrose Dlamini (Chairman)  
S'thofeni Ginindza (Vice Chairman)

## Ex Officio Members

- Mhlabuhlangene P Dlamini
- ministry of finance principal secretary
- ministry of commerce principal secretary
- Central Bank Governor
- SRA Commissioner General.



**RECEIVES:** Ginindza receives a gift from the commissioner general and new chairman.

## Outgoing Board proud of new SRA offices

They may be outgoing, given that a new Board headed by David Dlamini is already in place, but the previous SRA Board headed by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini is leaving with its heads high and boasting of numerous achievements.

Outgoing Vice Chairman S'thofeni Ginindza yesterday listed amongst their prided achievement while serving in the board is the construction of the new Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) headquarters in Ezulwini and the fact that construction was completed

within the budget.

He reminded the gathering that it has become a norm that, for instance, projects by government that are initially costed at E1 billion end up accumulating to about E4 billion, something that was not the case at SRA.

"Some of us have been part of this board since the inception of SRA. We were even present during the recruitment of the commissioner general. The incoming chairman was there when it all started and SRA has groomed a lot of people some of which have left to

boost other sectors in the country. We are proud of the new building and are also proud of the entire SRA team," he stated while also expressing pride in that as an outgoing Board they are one of those that have stuck to their quota of meetings and not going beyond.

Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela noted that the construction of their new headquarters was through the efforts of the outgoing board. He said their vigilance and guidance ensured that they stayed within 10 per cent of the escalation of costs.



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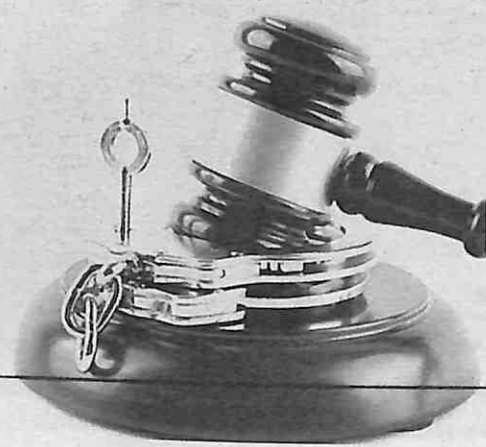
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# HUNTER IN TROUBLE FOR 'EXTRADITING' SUSPECT TO SA

- He is accused of trafficking woman's husband to South Africa without any extradition papers
- Wife wants Hunter, police to bring the body of his husband dead or alive
- Hunter allegedly by passed REPS, single-handedly took and sneaked Phindile Msibi's husband to Badplass, SA

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

It appears it never rains but pours for controversial Private Investigator Hunter Shongwe as he is now in hot soup for allegedly illegally and unlawfully extraditing a suspect to South Africa.

So serious is the situation that the wife to the suspect who was employed in the Republic of South Africa now accuses Shongwe of trafficking her husband to that country.

Phindile Msibi has since filed an application at the High Court, where she is seeking an order directing and compelling Shongwe, the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) and the Principal Secretary in the ministry of home affairs to bring back her husband's body Sotha Clement Dlamini, dead or alive.

The ministry and the REPS have also been cited as respondents in the matter as the police were initially handling the extradition matter, while the applicant's husband was smuggled at the border as his travel document was not endorsed with a stamp of approval by immigration officers.

## Concern

Cited as the second applicant in the matter is former Mkhweni Member of Parliament Machawe Mavuso, who assisted Msibi in seeking legal redress in as far as the matter is concerned.

Msibi is also seeking an order of court directing and compelling Shongwe and the other respondents to dispatch and deliver the copy of an order stating that her husband be extradited and that the respondents pay the costs of

the application.

According to Msibi in her founding affidavit filed before court, on Tuesday February 26 2019, Shongwe arrived at her marital home-stead and introduced himself as a private investigator and claimed that he was allegedly working in collaboration with the local and South African police.

She told the court in her papers that she asked Shongwe if he was indeed in the company of the two police services officers but all he did was to inform her that he was and claimed to have run away from the local police because they would delay the process of taking her husband to South Africa and be tried in court as he was wanted for theft related charges at his workplace.

Msibi informed the court that Shongwe

further told her that he was to record a video clip and interview her husband which he wanted to show his (husband) employers in which video her husband would explain about the alleged theft as the employers would in turn determine his fate on his arrest or release.

After the conversation, Msibi said Shongwe told her to call her husband through the phone and she did and her husband indicated that he was at Mahhala complex in Matsapha and Shongwe proceeded there to record the video.

The applicant (Msibi) submitted that on March 6, Shongwe took her husband and told him that they were leaving for his (husband) employers in Badplass, South Africa claiming that her husband was going to be a State witness as his employers were happy with what he said in the video clip.

## 'Shongwe claimed my husband was serving 200 years'

Making submissions further, the applicant (Msibi) told the Court that a day after Shongwe left with her husband for South Africa, Hunter Shongwe called and told her she should forget about ever meeting her husband as he was convicted and sentenced to 200 years imprisonment in that country.

"I was taken aback by this and asked how it could have happened since he told me that my husband would be back as he was going to be a State witness," she submitted.

She averred that when Shongwe called, he told her that he (Shongwe) had also been arrested by the REPS in connection with her husband at the border gate.

On enquiry from the REPS, Msibi was told that her husband should have been arrested by the REPS and not Shongwe and she queried Shongwe further about the arrest, Shongwe claimed he fought the police at the Ngwenya border gate and proceeded to hand her husband over to the South African Police Service (SAPS) without a stamp of approval at the order gate.

It was then that she decided to report the matter to the Manzini Police, who called Shongwe and she asked for her husband's

whereabouts but Shongwe refused to state where her husband was detained which to her, was a clear indication that her husband had been trafficked to South Africa since the alleged extradition was unlawful, illegal and against the law.

## Order

She averred further that she proceeded to the Oshoek Border Gate to make further enquiries about her husband and that is when she was advised to investigate with the Badplass police in South Africa.

Indeed, she proceeded to the Badplass police and after two weeks, learnt that her husband was in their custody and on enquiry her husband explained that he was arrested for theft and further explained that he was taken from Eswatini to South Africa without any stamping on his passport.

She submitted that she verily believes that there was no extradition order for her husband as it was without any due process of the laws of Eswatini on extradition when he was arrested.

The matter is pending at the High Court and the respondents are yet to file their responding papers as they have already been served.

Representing Msibi in the matter is Mafutseni

base senior attorney Leo Ndvuna Dlamini from SA Nkosi Attorneys.

The nature of the application according to Msibi's lawyer is for habeas corpus and proper investigation on the illegal conduct of the respondents and bring the offenders to a court of law in the jurisdiction of the High Court. It has been stated in the application that it is a fact that the Government of Eswatini was not involved in the extradition process and the illegalities that were committed by Shongwe which remain illegal and unlawful.



## DNA tests must be done at birth

By Sifiso Dlamini

Traditional authorities have urged government to consider making DNA testing compulsory.

This was revealed during the chiefs' workshop conducted by the ministry of home affairs at The George Hotel in Manzini.

Manzini region chiefs said DNA tests needed to be readily available in the country's health facilities just like birth registration.

One of the chiefs said the main challenge

faced was with regard to the paternity of children as some fathers denied their children and to solve the matter, the fathers should be subjected to DNA tests.

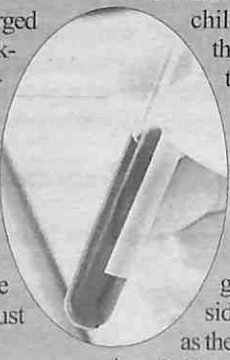
He also mentioned this would give a long way in solving the issue of fathers being given children that were not necessarily their own.

Another traditional leader said government should also consider subsidising the DNA tests as they were expensive and a majority of citizens could not afford them.

National Civil Registrar Nomphumelelo Sibeko promised that the issue of DNA testing at birth would be considered.

She further clarified that children born within wedlock did not need to be subjected to DNA testing. However some traditional leaders mumbled while she was making the sentiment. One was overheard saying how would one know for certain that a child was theirs thus evoking the need for compulsory testing.

(see also page 7)





# SHE CHICKENED OUT AFTER HE PAID LOBOLA FIRST BEFORE WEDDING

...Woman had allegedly promised to marry the man she had fallen in love with only if he paid lobola first, he did so and she allegedly changed tune and ditched him, he now wants his lobola cattle back

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

She had allegedly promised to marry the man she had fallen in love with after he paid her dowry (lobola), however after allegedly changing tune and ditching him, the man ran to court, filed summons demanding his cattle back.

Things have once again taken another turn as the father to the woman has filed an urgent application at the High Court seeking an order interdicting the Manzini Ndabazabantu from deliberating the matter pending a High Court matter which was filed by Patrick

Mamba regarding the lobola cattle.

Alson Makhuphula Sukati father to Thabsile Sukati yesterday filed the urgent application to interdict before Judge Mzwandile Fakudze an application that is expected to be dealt with today.

## Money

Cited as the respondents in the matter is the Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development (Ndabazabantu), Mamba as the second respondent and the attorney general as the third respondent.

According to the applicant (Alson) in his founding affidavit, Mamba instituted action proceedings through

issuing summons against him and the subject matter therein is the dowry which constitutes a head of nine cattle in the sum of E39 000.

The applicant submitted that the proceedings were duly defended and are currently at discovery stage as the matter is pending and is for determination before the High court adding that the court is seized with the claim against him for the dowry paid for his daughter.

## Urgency

He submitted that he was on October 18 served with summons inviting him to attend Ndabazabantu in Manzini for deliberation of the dowry issue between himself and Mamba.

"I was taken aback as I am alive to the fact determination of the issue of dowry is pending at the High Court and cannot be determined elsewhere by virtue of the principle of sub-Judice and further by virtue of the doctrine of right to election by Mamba to sue me, hence to see the matter through at the High Court," the applicant submitted.

He averred that he has a clear right to protect himself, his reputation and his dignity.

He stated that he was expected to appear before Ndabazabantu today at 9am hence the application that was brought through a certificate of urgency.

## She has no intention to marry me - Mamba

In his particulars of claim, Mamba states that Thabsile has no intention to marry him as she terminated their love relationship.

Mamba stated in the particulars of claim that in breach of her promise to marry him, she refused to marry him and has been living with her father at her parental home-stead at Bethany.

He argued that Alson Sukati (applicant) has no right to retain the nine cattle paid as lobola by virtue of the fact that his daughter has clearly demonstrated that she does not want to marry him and that despite lawful demand, both Thabsile and his father have failed, refused or neglected to return the cattle or their monetary value to the amount of E39 000.

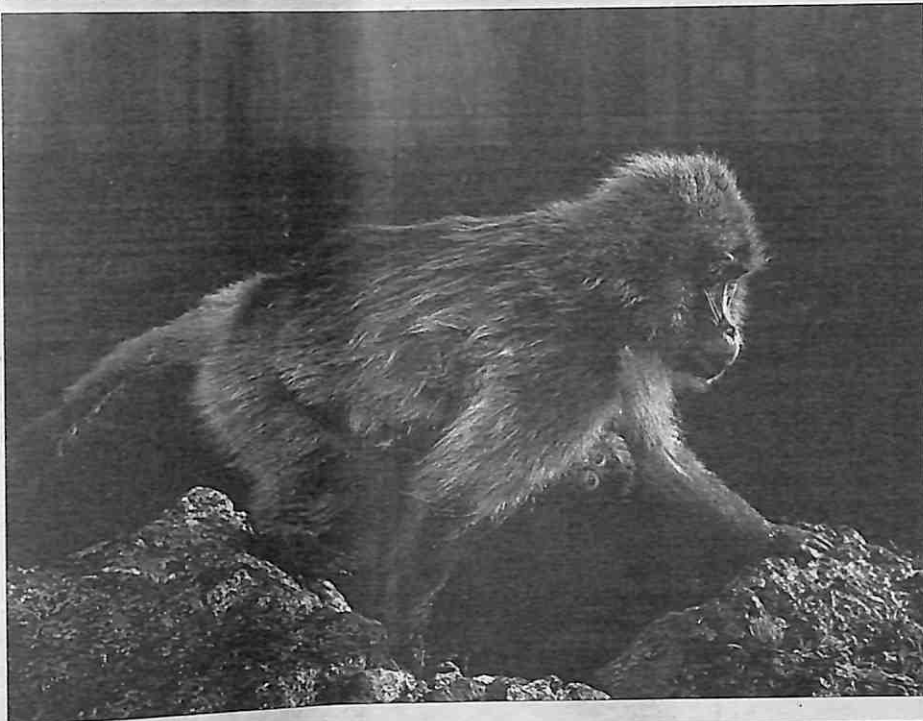
He averred that both Thabsile and his father have been unjustly enriched in the said sum of E39 000 being the value of the cattle.

"It is my humble prayer for an order against both Thabsile and Sukati jointly and severally the one paying the other be absolved for the return of the nine cattle paid as lobola, failing which payment of the sum of E39 000 plus cost of suit," Mamba states in his particulars of claim.

## The description and value of the nine cattle

- Yellowish cow valued at E4 500
- Brownish cow valued at E5 550
- Black ox with white head valued at E6 500
- Black cow valued at E6 500
- Black heifer with white spot on side of belly valued at E4 500
- Red and brown heifer valued at E3 000
- Black cow valued at E4 500
- Red ox valued at E2 000
- Black ox valued at E2 000

## PICTURE OF YEAR



**TAKE ME HOME: Riccardo Marchegiani could not believe his luck when, at first light, this female gelada, with a week-old infant clinging to her belly, climbed over the cliff edge close to where he was perched. He was in Ethiopia's Simien Mountains National Park to watch geladas, a grass-eating primate found only on the Ethiopian Plateau. That day, a couple of hours before sunrise, Marchegiani's guide led them to a cliff edge where geladas were likely to appear, giving him time to get into position before they woke up. After an hour's wait, just before dawn, a group started to emerge not too far along the cliff and was rewarded by this female climbing up almost in front of him. [Riccardo Marchegiani/Wildlife Photographer of the Year]**

# Court orders return of 'Obama' brother passport

By Sandile Nkambule

Brother to incarcerated police officer Lucky 'Obama' Matsenjwa, Vusani Dlamini yesterday successfully applied for the release of his travel document at the High Court.

Dlamini had filed an urgent application for variation of his bail conditions which amongst others was that he should surrender his passport or travel document with the investigating officer in his murder case.

Dlamini is also charged with the murder of police officer Mduduzi 'Scaza' Matsebula, a charge initially faced by his brother 'Obama', after he refused to allegedly lie under oath during the ongoing trial of Matsenjwa at the High Court.

Vusani is currently out on bail following an application he moved last year in November after he was arrested when he had come for his brother's murder case at the High Court.

Represented by Mbabane based lawyer, Noncedo Ndlangamandla of Mabila Attorneys in association with N Ndlangamandla, Dlamini in his affidavit filed before Judge Mzwandile Fakudze, in prayers sought an order directing the investigating officer in his case to release the travel document to him every time he is required to travel to the Republic of South Africa upon production of a letter from his employer.

## Travels

He stated that this is an interlocutory application as he constantly travels to that country due to the nature of his work.

He averred that he is employed as an Area Manager by Lucky's Ark in Manzini and his duties amongst others entails that he delegates his responsibilities when he is required to travel to the Republic of South Africa.

"Since we are approaching the festive season, the need to travel to that South Africa will increase and as such I have reasonable fear that if I cannot effectively do my job then I risk losing my job, my humble submission is that my passport be released to me in the event I am required to travel to that country for business related purposes," Dlamini submitted.

He further averred that the reason he could not approach the above court for his travel document each time he

## Vusani's three prayers

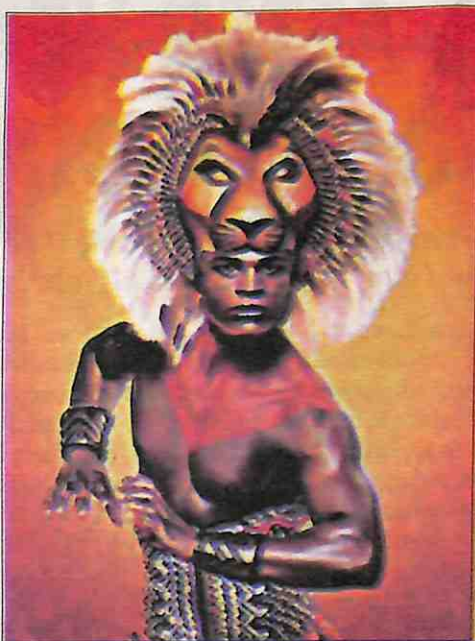
He was seeking an order dispensing with the procedures and manner of service pertaining to the form and time limits prescribed by rules of the High Court and directing the matter be heard as one of urgency.

• He was also seeking an order varying his bail conditions pertaining to the surrender of his travel document to the investigating officer at the Mbabane Police Station and that he should remain in the Kingdom of Eswatini

• The last prayer was that he was seeking an order directing the investigating officer in his matter to release his travel document to him every time he is required to travel document to South Africa. All three prayers were granted by the court.

...this is an interlocutory application as he constantly travels to that country due to the nature of his work





**REST IN PEACE:** The late South African actor Andile Gumbi who suffered a heart attack and died.

## FORMER ISIBAYA ACTOR DIES AFTER SUFFERING HEART ATTACK



**C**APE TOWN - Former *Isibaya* actor Andile Gumbi - known for his role as Zweli Ngubane on the Mzansi Magic series - has died after suffering a heart attack while working on a musical in Israel. Mzansi Magic Publicity & EPG Coordinator confirmed the news in a public statement: "As Mzansi Magic, we are saddened by the passing of our former *Isibaya* actor Andile

Gumbi. Andile was very talented, with lots still to offer to the entertainment industry. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed," said Philly Khubheka, HOD, PR and publicity for local entertainment channels at Mzansi Magic.

### ICU

The 36-year-old fought for his life in ICU at the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Israel, Jerusalem after the heart attack. Andile was working on the production, *Daniel The Musical* in which he took on the role of King Nebuchadnezzar.

In a statement issued to DRUM on behalf of Andile's family, Michelle Harding from the production said that Andile had passed away yesterday morning after receiving the best medical care. "On behalf of Mrs Gumbi and family, it is with profound sad-

ness we share the news that our beloved Andile passed away this morning. Andile received the best medical care possible.

### Grieve

"We request that the family be given space to grieve and that their privacy be respected in this very difficult time," she said.

According to a statement released by the production on its Facebook page, last week Friday, Andile suffered a heart attack. "In the early morning he deteriorated and suffered a cardiac arrest, but the medical personnel at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre managed to successfully resuscitate him," they wrote.

The show was suspended last week so they could focus on Andile's health care while his wife Hlengiwe was making arrangements to get to her husband.

### BIO

**A**ndile Gumbi was a South African actor, dancer, singer and model best known for playing the adult Simba, the disillusioned, self-exiled prince who matures into the King of Pride Rock, in Disney's long-running musical *The Lion King*.

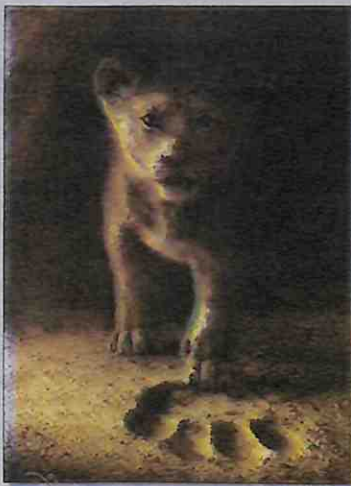
He was best known to television viewers for his starring role as Zweli Ntshangase (Ngubane), Bhlekifa's son from his wife who is armed with a Post-Grad Business Degree that he

gained in London, having suffered the childhood nightmare of his mother's death, in the Mzansi Magic soap opera *isiBaya*.

He also had a starring role in the SABC1 drama series *Makoti*, in 2019.

Andile was hospitalised in Israel (where he was playing the role of King Nebu in *Daniel: The Musical*) following a heart attack on Tuesday.

He died yesterday.



**LION KING:** Gumbi was the voice of the adult Simba in the *Lion King* 2019 animation movie.

### TELEVISION ROLES

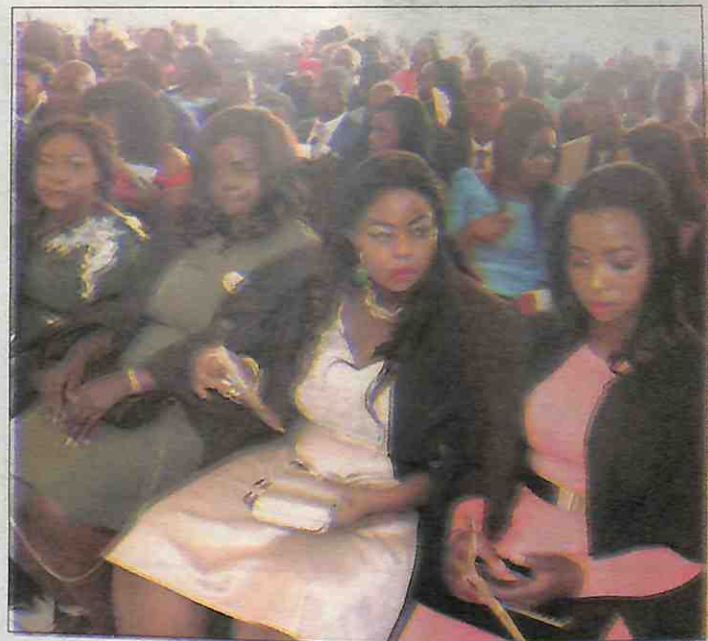
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| Isibaya (Season 2)             | - Zweli Ngubane |
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| Isibaya (Season 4)             | - Zweli Ngubane |
| Isibaya (Season 5)             | - Zweli Ngubane |
| Makoti (Season 1)              | - Siyabonga     |
| The Book of Negroes (Season 1) | - Mamadu        |

Andile Gumbi is a South African native making his Broadway debut as Simba in Disney's *The Lion King*. Gumbi joined *The Lion King* in 2004 and has starred in productions in London, Sydney, Melbourne, Shanghai and South Africa as well as appearing in ads for the musical around the world.

# WILLIAM



**SUPPORTIVE:** Ladies arrive to support their relatives on the big day. This was during the William Pitcher College graduation ceremony held at the college premises yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**ATTENTIVE:** A section of the graduants listen to the speeches during the ceremony.



**GIYA:** Lutsango show off their dancing skills.



# PITCHER GRADUATION *Fashion*



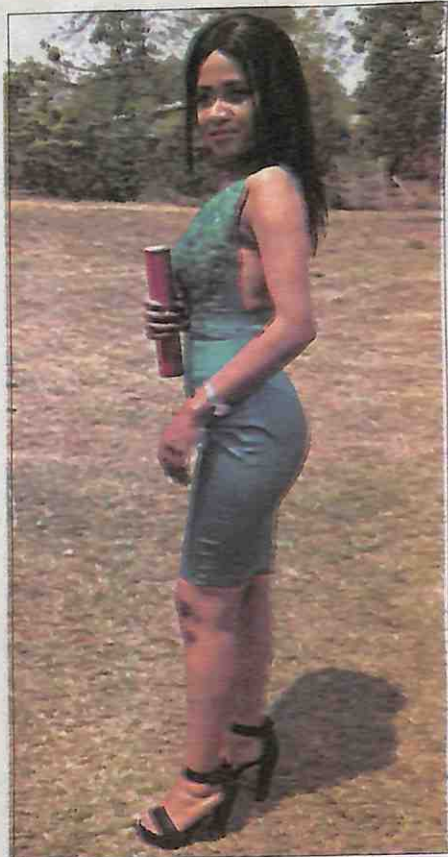
**TUXEDO:** Mamba Ntobeko looks handsome in his tuxedo.



**SWAZI:** Basil Magongo in his traditional attire.



**TOUCH OF GOLD:** Wendy in her black and gold dress.



**TIGHT FIT:** Wenzile Dlamini shows off a bit of skin.



**STUNNING:** Zine Jele looking great in her purple dress.



**SIMPLE:** Mthokozisi Zwane went for a more simple look.

**NICE:** Ayanda Dlamini in his slim fit suit.



**BEAUTY:** Nokuphila Nkambule looks good in her blush silky dress.



**BRIGHT:** Sihle Mhlanga looks stunning in her yellow dress.



**NUMBER NUMBER:** Zandile Shongwe poses in her sweet pink number.



# NOT JUST EKUKHANYENI HIGH UNDER EVIL ATTACK – MUSLIMS

Stories by Zwelihle Sukati

The unexplained suicides by pupils at Ekukhanyeni High School and mysterious deaths of their teachers are a sign that Eswatini is under siege by evil forces.

According to Ezulwini Mosque Imam Hafiz Feroz Ismail, this is just a tip of an iceberg.

Although he said he was not privy to the details of what has been happening at the school, the Imam said the situation was one that needs a diagnosis as he called it a crisis.

"Fair enough you would link this with that, something which will cause more problems. Therefore, we have to be very watchful on how we portray this," said the soft spoken Imam in an interview with the Observer on Saturday.

## Sacred

"Therefore, we cannot comment about the school because many things could be at play there. It could be foul play. It could be some force taking place underground. It could be a major spirit has been awakened because the land could have been a sacred one and there school was built there.

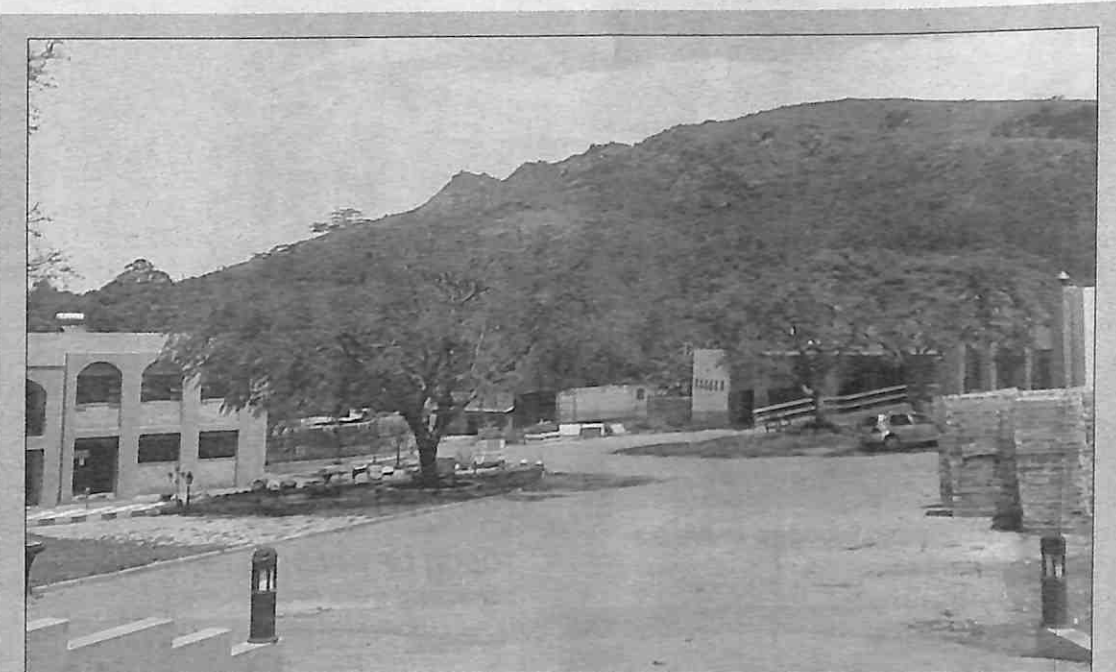
Of course, the authorities must have checked that first. Or, was there a graveyard there or maybe ritual murders once took place there in the past.

It is things of this nature that could have the spirits hanging around and we have seen things like that happening in the past."

He therefore commented on a broader scale on what the entire world was facing and how Eswatini could guard itself on the awakened evil forces during this period in history which he described as the end of days as prophesised in the Holy Bible and Quran.

"But if you ask me about witchcraft, *tokoloshes*, black magic, evil spirits and things like that, I will say yes, Eswatini has major effects of this.

- Muslim Imam says Eswatini has major effects of this
- Says major spirits have been awakened
- Biblical and Quran prophecies about the end of days being fulfilled



MOSQUE: The entrance of Ezulwini Mosque.

Major, because people's minds have been enveloped and actually the mentality of the people is such that they find solace and security in believing in the supernatural too much, giving power to the supernatural.

This is your witchdoctors, your *sangomas*, and your traditional healers who all instil fear in getting people to pay," he pointed out.

## Ferocious

Then he made a parable of a man who went to visit his master but stopped at the entrance by an unwelcome big and ferocious dog at the gate.

"As this man got closer to the gate the dog goes mad as it barks with one intention- to tear you apart once you open the gate. But this man starts to negotiate with the dog through the gate to have his way in,

saying he was a friend and had come to see the master."

Iman Feroz Ismail, narrating his parable, says the dog then says 'its fine, come inside then' but as soon as he opens the gate the dog mauls him to death.

"Yet in actual reality it is so easy. Ring the bell.

The master of the dog will come grab the dog and order it out of the way while he ushers you into his home. End of story, so simple.

"We are at that example.

We try to get to the Almighty for some positivity in our lives but the devil and his evil forces are the dog. It wants to kill us.

It hates us.

We have forgotten God, the Master of the home and are busy negotiating with the dog, instead. Ring the bell of prayer and say 'Master, take

care of your dog.

I need to talk to you'. That is how easy the solution is with is happening in our lives."

Last week, Shiselweni witchdoctor Sipheshula Mtsetfwa said signs and the surrounding circumstances were convincing that some evil spirit was roaming around Ekukhanyeni High School, something which has led to a number of pupils committing suicide without known reason. This was followed by the mysterious death of a teacher and head teacher at the school, also within a short period of time.

The witchdoctor urged men of God in the country to cast out the evil spirits at the school.

Should pastors be unsuccessful, they (witchdoctors) will not fail in exorcising the evil spirits at the school.

'The Evil One is the enemy we have'

Man needs to be reminded that above all this negativity there is a supreme power that is God.

If we forget God we will be left to suffer, you remember Him and He will let you be the Master of His house. People die from spirits because they get caught off guard.

They get deceived by the evil one and then want to negotiate with the 'dog'.

This is one story that will open the minds of many readers and their spirit become enlightened. That is what we all want. Take all these situations to the Master.

We all believe in one God and that is how unity can become so easy if we were to be all enlightened.

That is what faith is. We all have one common enemy and God Himself tells us that that (Satan) is the enemy, not people.

How have we forgotten this? Now, my brother is my enemy, my colleague is my enemy, my friend is my enemy. How?

"A man who worships God worries about God's creation. You seem to be a Christian. Therefore, instil in this article of yours an excuse to live in God's way.

That is your source of protection because He is the supreme power. Why then ask other people to help when you have a Helper in the creator? He is ultimate Alpha. Why go to all these negative forces for assistance when He is the one who controls everything?" he wondered.

**A man who worships God worries about God's creation. You seem to be a Christian. Therefore, instil in this article of yours an excuse to live in God's way**

## It is all Bible, Quran prophecies

The science of studying unknown forces is very important, says Muslim Imam Hafiz Feroz Ismail and the question is how one protects himself or herself from the roaming powers of darkness.

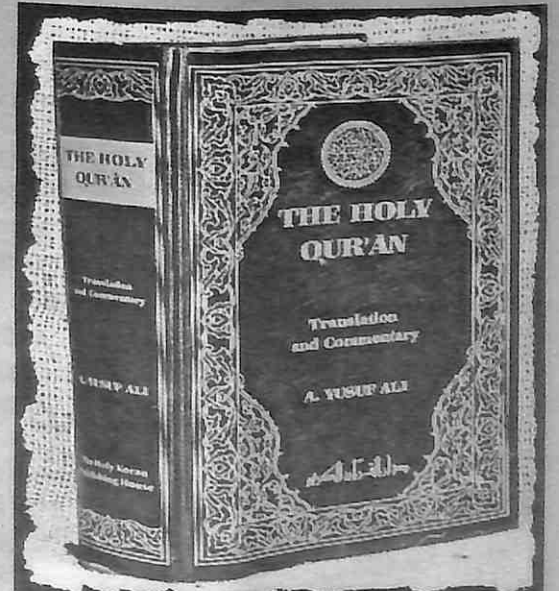
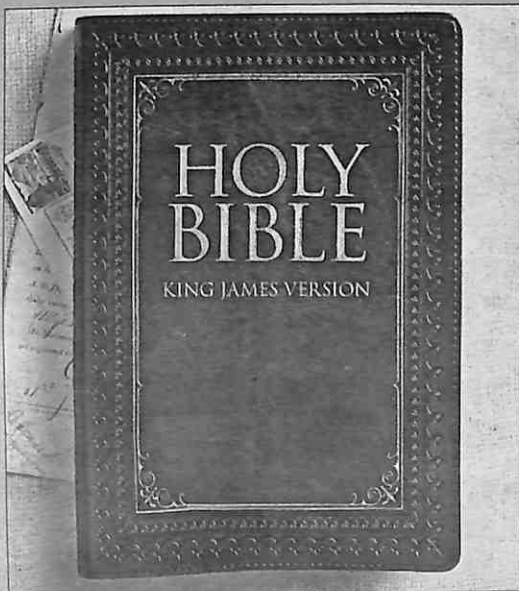
"Believe it or not, we are living in the end of days. If I were to tell in explicit terms what that signifies you will also get worried," said Imam Feroz Ismail.

He said this was something confirmed by the Holy Bible and the Quran. "This is something we cannot expose to the outside world because they are not mature enough to handle it. There are just so many things coming and if I give it out from an Islamic perspective the religion will

be seen as taboo, like it is always portrayed in the media for negative stuff," he said.

"However, if you are a positive entity, someone who brings light amongst people, the dark forces will always be on your opposition. One small flame removes so much darkness. All the darkness will try to combine to put out the light because the darkness is comfortable but the light is destroying it.

Likewise, in the same way, that is how the world works. We believe that the Islamic ethos of life is positivity. It is a positive charge. It is light. It is pure. That is why the world hates it because the majority of the world is in darkness,"





## 'All to blame for taking in evil spirits'

The world has taken a nightmare pill!

This can best portray the picture depicted by Ezulwini Mosque Imam Hafiz Feroz Ismail in describing how a person opens the gateway for an evil spirit to enter and kill.

"These are spiritual beings, people or agents that were banned by the Almighty from our world but have found an easier way to re-emerge. The minds of people all over the earth have come to their lowest levels ever witnessed in the history of creation," he said.

He explained the mind as the window for these forces to enter and trouble one's soul, and even kill that person.

He said our minds have become an open window for spirits because of many things; one that stands out is technology. "It is things like your WhatsApp, your Instagram, Facebook and all that comes with technology. Technology is all good enough but what it does to the human brain is shut it down. Like when you have this expensive car and something happens and you ignore it. The electric box goes into limp mode and it shuts down to protect the engine. You have a little bit power just to move it

slowly for a while.

"The human mind is like that. We only use it but it's not open, it's not active. It shuts down with technology. Many people reading this, can't memorise their bosses phone numbers or girlfriends' phone numbers, and even numbers of their close friends. They have to rely on a gadget to remind them.

"We hardly remember a few things from our heads. Our minds have been shutting down progressively for the last 10 to 15 years. The entire population on this earth has been having their brains shutting down. So, on a mass level, people's minds have been becoming weaker, charges getting very weaker and that has opened a window for mass intrusion."

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## High time Christians, Muslims enlightened the world

Enlightened people, people of strong faith – be it Christians or Muslims – theirs was to give hope and bring light to a world being swallowed by darkness.

"We are living in a stage where only the enlightened minds will be able to guide and give hope. Sometimes these things are too deep for many to understand by the masses.

"Also, remember that the people you hang around with will not understand. It is all confusing to them.

"It is too much at this point for their minds to handle. Nonetheless,

at this point our responsibility is to give them hope," said Imam Feroz Ismail.

"A man who worships God worries about God's creation. You seem to be a Christian.

"Therefore, instil in this article of yours an excuse to live in God's way.

"That becomes your source of protection, because He is the Supreme Power.

"Why ask other people to help when He is the helper. He is ultimate Alpha. Why go to all these negative forces to assist with this when we have He who controls everything."



**GUESTS: Ministry of ICT PS Maxwell Masuku and UNESWA Acting Vice Chancellor Pinky Zwane on arrival at the ICT Fair Exhibition venue.**

## ICT FAIR 2019 FOCUSES ON YOUTH

By Bahle Gama

"Information Communication and Technology is vital for national development and transformation and it must be a national priority to harness the potential offered by ICTs,"

These remarks were made by Minister of ICT Princess Sikhanyiso through the ministry's Principal Secretary, Maxwell Masuku during the official opening of the third ICT Fair Exhibition at UNESWA, Kwaluseni yesterday.

### Articulated

She said the kingdom was working towards integrating ICTs in broader country and sector development strategies, which are well articulated in the National Strategic Roadmap 2019-2023.

"As a country working towards a knowledge-based and inclusive economy, it is imperative to rigorously raise awareness and promote the importance of ICT initiatives being implemented in the country and to create cultural relevance," she said.

She further stated that the ICT Fair was a great platform to promote awareness through public communication.

She said it formed a stage to impart knowledge, promote knowledge fluid-



**ICT: PS in the Ministry of ICT Masuku making his remarks on behalf of the minister during the opening of the 3rd ICT Fair Exhibition at UNESWA, Kwaluseni. (Pics: Bahle Gama)**

ity, to foster collaborations and to form synergies amongst the key players of the ICT sector, because its effectiveness is contingent on how well the key institutions interact and the impactful use of knowledge is applied.

Meanwhile, UNESWA Acting Vice Chancellor, Pinky Zwane said the university wants to strengthen the computer science society, which is currently dominated by students to include pro-

fessionals in the field as members.

"We hope the society will graduate a professional body that will better organise ICT in Eswatini and further professionalise the ICT in the country," she said. She further stated that the aim was to establish an accrediting body of the ICT fraternity.

"The ICT Fair is a good barometer for the country to check its progress in the ICT space," she added.



**IN NUMBERS: Pupils from different schools came in their numbers for the fair.**



# WILLIAM PITCHER COLLEGE GRADUATION CEREMONY



**GUEST:** Minister of Education Lady Howard-Mabuza making her remarks during the William Pitcher Teachers' Training College graduation ceremony held at the college premises yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**SUPPORT:** Azon Dlamini, Sikhumbuzo Kunene, Mzwakhe 'Tjovitjo' Khumalo and James Machel were also there to support their relatives.



**ACHIEVED:** Some of the graduating friends took time to pose with the diploma certificates after the ceremony.



**FAMILY:** Zandile Shongwe poses with her mother and friends.



**INTRODUCTION:** PS Bertram Stewart introduces the minister of education to the audience.



**IMBALI:** William Pitcher Ummiso entertains the guests.



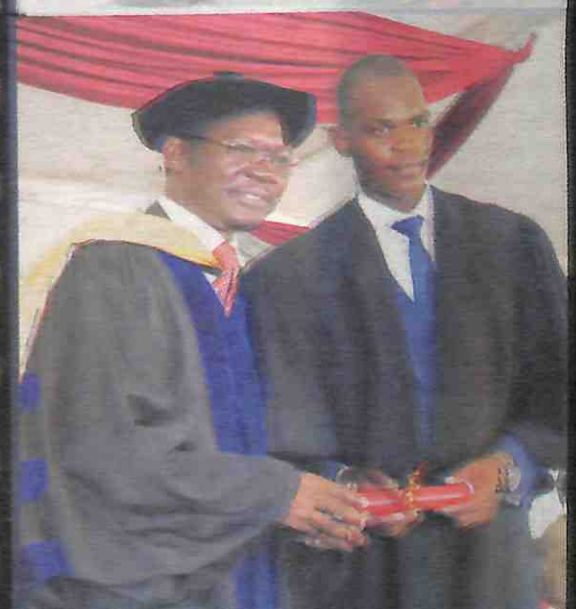
**IN NUMBERS:** Part of the graduands following proceedings.



**IN LINE:** The graduands on their way to receive academic certificates.



**GENIUS:** Hlob'sile Khumalo poses after receiving her diploma for a Pass with Distinction in English and Siswati.



**SMART:** Thabo Masuku got a Distinction in English and Siswati.

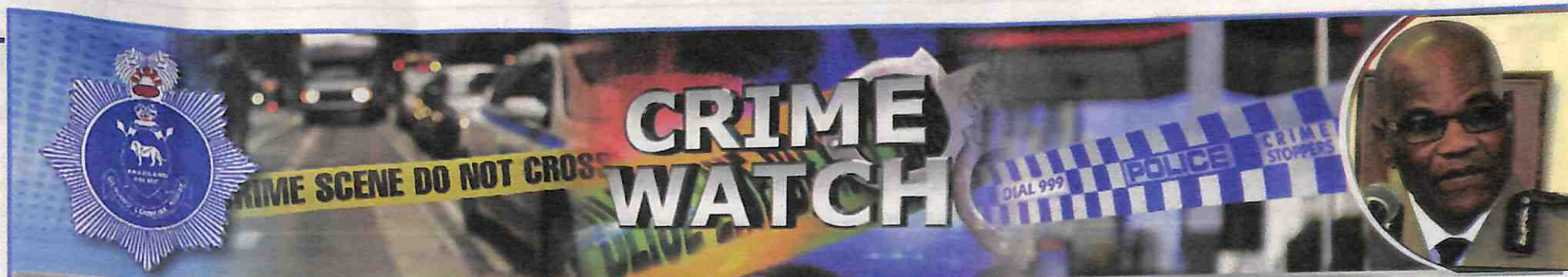


**HIGH:** Gezile Mngometulu also got a Distinction in Languages English and Siswati.



**BEST:** Penelope Mavuso receives her award from Head of Department BS Tsabedze.





**POSE:** The course participants in a group picture with Assistant National Commissioner of Police Mxolisi Dlamini and other senior officers.

## REPS DEVOTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

The Police Service should devote itself and take bold steps in the fight against the scourge of crime through the implementation of vibrant and radical strategies.

Assistant National Commissioner of Police Mxolisi Dlamini stated that lawlessness in the country can only be eradicated through the active participation of all stakeholders and support by community policing forums. He was speaking during the closing event of the Crime Prevention course held at Matsapha Police Academy, where he was representing the National Commissioner of Police. Dlamini noted that crime syndicates and organised illicit groups have been able to thrive because they are able to operate with ease across the borders, while law enforcement agents could not. The Crime Prevention course was attended by 43 police officers that had been drawn from stations from all over the country.

### Formulate

The National Commissioner's representative stated that the course was instrumental in the efforts by the service to implement the roadmap on new contingent approaches in order to eliminate all criminal activities. He said having such training endeavours is important as they contribute to the organisation's plans to formulate practical strategies towards customer oriented performance. Dlamini said the success of the strategy of crime prevention in the Police Service relied on partnering with communities as that is where crime manifested. He said modern day crimes have emerged with advanced and diverse elements and such has created the need for policing to come up with competitive edge to tackle criminal activities. He said one of the key strategies in handling modern day crime is to send vibrant messages to the perpetrators through proactive policing which includes crime prevention interventions.

Dlamini further highlighted that as the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) there is a need to strengthen the effort of closing loopholes that stretch information sharing in the fight against crime especially the scourge of gender based violence. He encouraged the police officers to work with commitment and humility despite the many challenges they face such as outdated technolo-



**WELL DONE:** Constable Colani Dlamini receiving a certificate from Assistant National Commissioner of Police Mxolisi Dlamini.



**ATTENTIVE:** National Commissioner of Police's representative Mxolisi Dlamini with other senior officers.



**IN THEIR NUMBERS:** Some of the police officers who were participants in the crime prevention course.

gies and limited resources. The course participants were also advised that they need to maintain the values of being a reliable and decisive police service.

Dlamini said corrupt and immoral officers will not be tolerated, especially maladministration and exploitation of crime victims. He said police officers who were found to be abusing the powers entrusted on them will not be tolerated in the organisation as they were tarnishing the good image of the service.

Dlamini expressed the organisation's appreciation to the stakeholders who facilitated in some of the classes such as Eswatini Telecom, Eswatini Electricity Company and the DPM's office.

Course participants' representative Constable Mbongiseni Mkhalihi said they were grateful for the learning opportunity as policing in an evolving vocation requires an officer to be equipped with up to date information. He said during the course they were introduced to informative subjects such as criminology, intellectual property, partnership policing, causes and remedies of crime. He said with the new information they have acquired, they promise to do better in their policing at the different formations and will share with their colleagues so they move together towards professional policing.

As part of the course the participants had an educational trip to Phongola Police Station in

South Africa to learn more about proactive policing approaches used by the South African Police Service. During this trip the group had the opportunity to engage with Phongola Station Commander – Colonel Mbongwa who revealed that being a police officer requires passion and being righteous since combating crime is like fighting the devil. She briefly outlined that SAPS operations are guided by a three pronged approach involving visible policing, support and detectives. She revealed that visible policing which the main strategy is implemented by the Community Service Centre, Courts, Crime Prevention Unit, Firearms, Liquor and Secondhand Goods as well as Social Crime Prevention.



# TACKLING THE CANCER CURSE BY ITS

Stories by Sicelo Maziya

Cancer has become a major public health concern and a cause of morbidity and mortality in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

According to the Eswatini National Cancer Registry (ENCR) annual report 2017, the number of those diagnosed with cancers is on the rise for both males and females.

Cancer threat is not only an issue in the Kingdom of Eswatini, but is now a global phenomenon. As a result, the World Health Organisation has declared it a global public health problem in lower and middle income countries.

In 2018, out of the around 18 million people diagnosed with cancer globally, 9.6 million died from it. These numbers are projected to almost double by 2035 unless countries implement strong prevention and management programmes.

## Pleaded

During a wide ranging interview with the Deputy Director of Health Services, Dr Velelephi Okello and Ministry of Health Epidemiologist Dr Xolisile Dlamini, they both pleaded with the nation to visit health facilities for screening.

Dr Okello said the country invested heavily on training medical practitioners to tackle the now global phenomenon. Eswatini is currently leading in Africa among nations with the highest number of deaths due to cervical cancer.

Dlamini shared the work of the ministry and their challenges stating that

...Routine screening for risk populations enables the early detection of precancerous lesions allowing for early and effective curative treatment

GURU: Dr Velelephi Okello.



in the past thirty years have been difficult for the ministry and the nation at large, who have either been affected by the worst HIV epidemic in the world or struggling to provide health services for all people living with HIV.

Dlamini further said whilst those challenges were not in isolation, she said this was coupled with high rates of tuberculosis and emerging drug resistant tuberculosis.

"Over the two decades we have overcome these challenges and we are now proud to say that we are winning the fight against HIV and TB. However,

a new threat has emerged, which is the non-communicable diseases or NCDs, which include diseases like hypertension, diabetes, chronic lung disease and cancer," said Dlamini.

Dr Okello on the other hand said the ministry was working in collaboration with different partners and non-governmental organisations in the establishment of a comprehensive cancer treatment centre; strengthening cancer surveillance systems; building capacity of the health workforce to screen, diagnose and treat cancers; and the setting up inter-sectoral and

multi-sectoral coordination committees.

"While we do recognise that cancer cannot be eradicated, we are aware that its impact can be significantly reduced if effective measures are put in place to control risk factors, detect cases early and offer comprehensive and quality care to those with the disease. In this regard, the ministry appreciates all the agencies that, despite the lack of a national cancer plan, have gone ahead to assist us implement cancer control interventions in the country."

## Demand

Dlamini, the epidemiologist, also shared that data on the cancer situation in Eswatini revealed that more than 60 per cent of external referrals between 2016 and 2018 were for cancer diagnosis and treatment. "Millions of Emalangenis have been spent on treating cancers.

However, clinical outcomes have been poor as a result of a number of factors, including lack of adequate expertise and lack of equipment and medicines to provide these services locally. Historically, there has been no comprehensive cancer service in the country and yet the demand for the services has continued to increase over the years."

Dr Okello and Dlamini both stated that between 30 to 40 per cent of all cancers could be prevented through primary and secondary prevention methods.

Dlamini said other preventative methods were vaccinating infants and chil-

dren against hepatitis and young girls against human papilloma virus which reduce the incidence of liver cancer and cervical cancer respectively.

"Global unavailability of HPV vaccine is delaying plans for its introduction and future reduction in cases of cervical cancer," shared Dlamini.

She also said the other primary prevention interventions included avoidance of ingestion or inhalation of carcinogens like nicotine, nitrosamines, and ionising radiation like too much sunlight.

## Achievements

Routine screening for at risk populations enables the early detection of precancerous lesions allowing for early and effective curative treatment.

The ministry of health has seen some achievements in their drive for cancer control, as an activity for the ministry to better manage cancer there was a countrywide cancer surveillance or registration.

The exercise for the cancer registry was able to continue to abstract cancer data from the sentinel sites weekly and produced a report for 2016-2018.

The ministry reports that a total of 3,170 cancer cases were recorded in the database since the date of inception of the registry in 2015.

Eight hundred and ninety four cases in 2016 were recorded with 1,002 cases in 2017 that were recorded and in 2018 there were 928 cases recorded.

The ministry also said by the end of the second quarter of 2019, there were

## CANCER MANAGEMENT/TREATMENT

The ministry has made some progress in ensuring that treatment or management of cancer in the country is achieved.

According to the ministry's report, there has been a recruitment exercise of a medical officer to the Oncology Unit at Mbabane Government Hospital.

The ministry has formulated clinical data capture tools, to be used by the unit, there is also a creation of an inter-disciplinary local tumour board at the government hospital.

The ministry further shared that they had developed guidelines for management of the top

five common cancers: cervical, prostate, breast, Kaposi sarcoma and colorectal cancers.

Other guidelines were those of screening of the three reproductive health cancers being cervical, prostate and breast. The other guideline is for referral of cancer cases locally and to Republic of South Africa.

The ministry through bilateral relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan), have received support for pathology laboratory at MGH by a histology technician.

The ministry further reports that they have initiated an annual

chemotherapy quantification exercise with Central Medical Stores to minimise stock outs of the medication for cancer treatment. There is also a technical support by an oncologist to regional hospitals through giving talks on cancer management in their weekly meetings.

The oncology team has started doing daily ward rounds in the medical, surgical, gynaecology and ophthalmology wards. The team every Tuesday does the grand rounds armed with an oncologist, medical officer, patient navigator, palliative care nurses and a psychologist.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2019

In October, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) marked breast cancer awareness month with a series of videos, tweets, and infographics focusing on the global burden of breast cancer.

In 2018, there were an estimated 2.1 million new cases of breast cancer and 627 000 deaths from breast cancer worldwide.

A new study on pulmonary carcinoids, a rare, understudied type of lung cancer that so far does not seem to be related to smoking, has been published in the journal Nature Communications. Led by scientists from IARC and part-

ners, the study identified an aggressive new subtype of pulmonary carcinoids, called supra-carcinoids.

"Supra-carcinoids were identified using innovative sequencing technologies that provide information on the molecular characteristics of tumors," says Dr Lynnette Fernandez-Cuesta, a scientist in the Genetic Cancer Susceptibility Group at IARC and a co-author of the study.

"Patients with supra-carcinoids have worse overall survival (33 per cent at 10 years) compared with patients with other pulmonary carcinoids (76 per cent at 10 years)."

## So far smooth sailing assures successful exams

Stories by Sicelo Maziya

It's all system set for this year's external examinations following that government has declared that planning was done early in the year with the sole purpose of ensuring the readiness of pupils sitting for exams.

The current exams came amid challenges that have affected the education sector for almost a year, where teachers have been fighting government to award them the cost of living adjustment (CoLa).

The exams that started at the begin-

ning of the month of October are reportedly running smoothly without any challenges, according to government Communications Officer under the ministry of education Gugu Masuku.

Masuku further shared that teachers had been preparing learners from the beginning of the year and nothing had changed except, that it was only in the third term that disturbances were witnessed in terms of strike actions. Masuku said teachers were professionals who had been preparing pupils since the beginning of the year and even during their strike actions they never aban-

doned them.

CoLa has not been awarded to the civil servants for the past three years where government has continued to refer to fiscal challenges.

The exams last year were conducted under tight security as teachers were in and out of courts where government was trying to avert a proposed strike action.

This year teachers together with other Public Service Association (PSA) petitioned, demonstrated and withheld their services in solidarity to force government to succumb to their demands.



A former teacher who spoke on condition of anonymity said the PSA strikes had touched the educational sector and exposed it to negative effects in the near

future. "As an educator myself I know that government employees strikes which include the teaching profession have various negative effects as they decreased



# STING

357 cases recorded by the ENCR. The health administrators further shared that cancers were diagnosed from younger ages to adults and reproductive cancers that being cervical, prostate and breast cancers remained the leading cancers.

Dlamini further shared that while cancers occurred at all ages, there were two peaks indicating higher rates of cancer among ages 35 to 44 years and 60 to 69 years accordingly to their analyses of the data collected.

## Sensitisation

"The ministry has seen the need to have more robust screening services earlier for specific cancers that occur at these ages in the country."

Dr Okello said the ministry was working hard to ensure cancer prevention programmes are utilised in the country emphasising that the screening is the first step that can assist in the fight against cancer. She said the ministry conducted sensitisation meetings for education and awareness.

"We are aware of what is happening globally, as a ministry we have completed planning for introduction of HPV vaccine for the prevention of cervical cancer and resource mobilisation and discussions on sourcing of vaccine supplies is on-going with the manufacturing company," said Dr Okello.

She further shared that on their planning they were looking forward to the results of the HPV vaccine.

"The impact may not be now but hopefully once the rollout has been started in five to six years the results will show improvement as the vaccine will be given to young people and results will start to show later on," said Dr Okello.



**EXPERT:** Ministry of Health Epidemiologist Xolisile Dlamini.



**TALENTED:** His Majesty's Correctional Services' Choral Choir.

## HMCS' gala dinner to set new horizons

By Observer Reporter

While it has always been said that Emaswati are endowed with talent in numerous recreational disciplines, His Majesty's Correctional Services' Choral Choir wants to endorse this assertion by taking choral music in the country to greater heights.

Formed in 1993, HMCS Choir, like an infant has crawled, tumbled and eventually climbed the ladder of success to claim victory in the music industry.

Today, they are the reigning champions of the Old Mutual National Choir Festival and Standard Choral Competition. Though they walk with their heads held up high, this is not something they carry in their heads. Instead, on a daily basis, the Correctional Services Choir ponders on how best they can improve choral music in the kingdom and beyond borders. Owing to this positive vision, the choir will today host a gala dinner at the Correctional Services Staff College.

Speaking during an interview with this publication, the Choir Manager Harry Gumedze said they were pleased to have been afforded the opportunity by the Commissioner General to host this gala dinner which will present a platform for the local choir and other groups to express themselves through music. Gumedze said the dinner which is set to commence at 1830 hours will present an opportunity for the correctional services choir to perform a series of songs before their fans and other choirs.

### Performed

He said often times during competitions, they have been required to perform two songs but during the dinner, the choir will render songs from as far as 2014. Some of these songs have been performed by the choir before while many that will be performed on the day are songs that the choir has composed and have not yet hit the airwaves. He said this has been in response to the public outcry where thousands of choral music lovers have cried foul over the limited time that they usually get to listen to the choir during competitions.

Gumedze further explained that as a choir they have invited a number of groups that will also render entertainment during the dinner. These include the department's Afro Jazz Band, Toti, Christian University Orchestra, Opera by Thando Zwane who recently flew the country's flag high in France and many others.

He added that tickets for the dinner were available from all choristers from His Majesty's Correctional Services for only E150.00 and this will cater for all activities of the day, including the delicious meals. He further explained that some companies had indicated their interest in booking tables (10) which were also available for E1 500.00. The dress code for the day is smart casual to formal. Contacts: 7604 2712 (Manager) / 7634 5383 (Secretary.)

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the quality of education because the syllabuses are not completed properly," said the retired teacher.

Furthermore she said it was important for the people involved in different sectors to find a way of solving their differences. She said government had resolved to use unfair tactics which further infuriate the Public Sector Associations in negotiating not in good faith. She added that government could not continue to ignore the calls for CoLa by always using the courts to solve her challenges.

The Examinations Council of Eswatini (ECESWA) is a quasi-government organisation with the mandate to administer examinations and issue certificates to

primary, junior secondary and senior secondary school graduates in Eswatini. Dr Edmond Mazibuko, its CEO said they might not preempt on any outcome now that they had not yet started marking.

Dr Mazibuko said he believed teachers had done their job in preparing pupils for the exams. He said teachers always dedicated their time in doing their job and they knew the importance of education as professional educators.

"At the moment we cannot comment on the exams, we have not yet experienced any challenges, therefore we cannot jump the ship to analyse the results if they are good or bad before they have even been marked."

## Hurray as girls always shine over boys

While exams are currently on going the question that continues to linger on is the female dominance in the external exams. There has been a constant dominance on the top pupils being females for almost three years in a row.

The female dominance over boys in the Junior Certificate (JC) results has been noted.

This has been the case according to results released by the Examinations

Council for pupils who sat for the exams in 2018.

Females outperformed their male counterparts in all the four regions of the country.

This was the same treat for the girls even in the 2016 JC examinations. Out of the 14 079 candidates who sat and passed the 2017 Junior Certificate examination, 7 313 were girls while the remaining 6 766 were boys.

This reflects that the pass rate for females was 50.53 per cent compared to the 49.47 per cent scored by the

boys.

A total of 369 females obtained merits while only 288 males attained same.

At least 921 females attained first class passes compared to 870 males who obtained same. A whopping 5 078 girls managed to obtain second class passes while 4 724 boys got the same grade.

However, more girls attained third class passes than boys as only 884 boys attained this grade compared to the 945 girls.





**EXCELLENCE:** Commissioner General Lamakhosini Dlamini poses with Minister of Public Works and Transport Chief Ndaluhlaza Ndwandwe and Public Relations Officer Senior Superintendent Gugulethu Dlamini during the Eswatini Customer Service Awards dinner last Friday. (R) Dlamini being congratulated by other businesswomen for the department's outstanding performance in customer service.

## COMGEN APPLAUDS OFFICERS' UNIFIED EFFORTS

“Success is not a one-time event that occurs on a single day. It is a series of experiences that sculpt the course of one's life, an all-in consistent approach founded on winning habits and traditions.”

His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Lamakhosini Phindile Dlamini has expressed gratitude to all correctional officers for showing incredible commitment and dedication in the course of their work, which has been evidenced by yet another trophy awarded to the department. On Friday last week, the department was awarded for being best in service delivery and customer care under the Government Departments category. In this category, the department competed against three giant ministries, namely; Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture.

This was during the Eswatini Customer Service Excellence Awards competition, which was organised by the Chartered Institute of Customer

...As HMCS scoops Customer Service Excellence award for the second time

Management (CICM). This competition is championed by the Institute of Research Management and Development (IRDM) and is held annually. The Service Excellence Award seeks to reward and recognise organisations and individuals who excel in serving clients, whether in private organisations (Customer Services) or public organisations (Public Service). This year a total of 140 companies and organisations, including the Correctional Services were nominated for the awards.

### Marketing

Speaking during an interview with the commissioner general, she said such commitment by officers has played a fundamental role in marketing the department across a wide spectrum of the Eswatini society and beyond, hence winning the award for the second time in a row was a great motivation to all officers to continue working hard so as not to disappoint anyone who has shown faith in the quality of the ser-

vice delivery offered by the department.

Dlamini said having been tasked with such a gigantic role to lead an institution that is held with high esteem, she was proud to have a team of committed officers who continue to demonstrate an insatiable appetite for success, no matter the size of the task bestowed upon them.

She said this kind of attitude was more recommendable because it kept the department going strong even during a period when the country is facing serious financial challenges.

Dlamini further observed that it was this quality and positive attitude which has attracted the eyes of the public on the services offered by the department. As a department tasked with the responsibility to promote public safety by ensuring safe custody of offenders, she said it was imperative to have officers who are always vigilant and conscientious when carrying out their secu-

city details. He implored the officers to continue working hard so as to help the country achieve vision 2022 as envisioned by His Majesty King Mswati III and the nation at large.

### Collaboration

The Commissioner General also expressed gratitude to the hosts of this prestigious event, CICM and the IRDM. She said this had created a very important platform for business entities to evaluate their work in collaboration with customers and other key role players in the business space.

Dlamini thanked officers across all ranks, emphasising that if they did not work as a team, the department would not have received the award.

She implored them to keep working hard as the nature of their job entails working with members of the public. She further thanked members of the public for their support and in ensuring that the department, like many business establishments, was nominated

for this year's Eswatini Customer Service Excellence Awards.

On the other hand, Country Representative and Eswatini Customer Service Week 2019 Chief Organiser Dr. Oliver Musera extended his congratulations to all winners in the different categories. He disclosed that the nominees were determined by members of the public through physical and online surveys.

Dr. Musera elaborated that the grading of the overall winner was based on numerous factors, which include an organisation's approach to clients such as respect, efficiency, attentiveness and most importantly rapid response to a client's concerns.

In respect to His Majesty Correctional Services award victory Dr. Musera said the manner in which the administrative and front desk of the department served its clients together with the conduct observed during the Eswatini International Trade Fair contributed to the department being the overall winners in their category. Explaining the criteria for the survey, Dr. Musera mentioned that they conducted impromptu visits, whereby officials from the awards committee visited the various organisations to assess their customer service in disguise.

The department earlier this year participated in the trade fair, where they were also got the best overall exhibitor award and coming out first in all government departments, courtesy of public voting.



**WELCOME:** Sergeant Tholakele Shongwe receiving a document from a guest at the Correctional Headquarters in Mbabane.



**AT YOUR SERVICE:** Tholakele Shongwe attending to incoming calls from members of the public at HMCS Headquarters reception.

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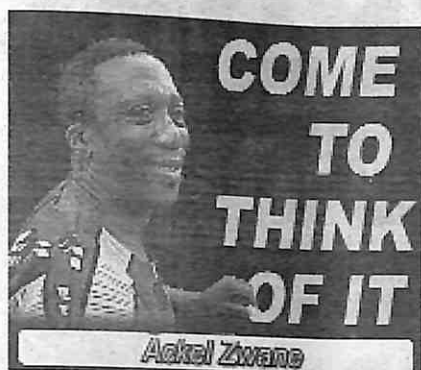
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# INSERTING A CONDOM IN DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL BAG

**T**o some minds it may be a noble thing to do, waking up every morning to make sure that apart from the regular lunch box your daughter has a sachet or a couple in her schoolbag in order for her to stay safe from unwanted pregnancy.

Deputy Speaker in the House of Assembly Phila Buthelezi would feel it is much and much more safer to provide the contraceptives to school going children at the or the school because it has become an undisputed fact that they do engage in sexual activity whether for the pleasure or under duress. Now the most rational thing to do is to assist the process of sexual activity by providing the condoms because the end benefit is that unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections might be avoided. Buthelezi, an accomplished educationist, has a very disturbing past, while a teacher at Tikhuba High School he saw at least 15 or so girls graduating in early pregnancy. That has traumatised him so much that the only intervention available is the distribution of condoms and other contraceptives in school, maybe in the classroom, at assembly, toilets or at the staff room. He further validates his argument by saying a mechanism to manage age for eligibility to getting a condom should be put in place to prevent minors from exposure to the contraceptives.

## Debate

Condoms have always been available in public places ever since the end of the eighties but to this day people are still particular about picking condoms in full view of the public in these designated areas, putting to the test the effectiveness of this method of contraceptive distribution. It is often well after the third or fourth cold one that people summon the courage to pick a condom from the dispenser on the counter.

As early as 2016, pupils in the Lubombo region wanted to march into the First World in 2022 without HIV, courtesy of condoms. This was during one of several National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) organised dialogues around the coun- try. In their submissions, the children observed that while it was ideal for them to abstain or remain virgins the reality was that they were already in active relationships "thus the urge to experiment in sex was too much to resist." NERCHA, on the other hand, did not want to commit at the time arguing that several other players were needed on board if the debate on whether or not to introduce distribution of contraceptives in schools would be taken further.

In May, Lady Howard-Mabuza, the Minister of Education, came out guns blazing say-



Deputy Speaker in the House of Assembly Phila Buthelezi.



Mkhweni Member of Parliament Michael Masuku.

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ing there was no way her ministry would sanction condom distribution in schools. She even took a unilateral proclamation that people of this country would not take kindly to condom distribution in schools.

## Conductors

"Condoms must be distributed at homesteads because sex happens in homes not in schools."

It is an open truth that teachers have accounted for a greater majority, followed by bus/kombi conductors and drivers, of the culprits responsible for impregnating their own pupils at the teachers' quarters. Conductors do it just about anywhere, the bushes by the riverbank, against the wall behind the bar or in the many single room houses that are home to

many of them in the high density suburbs.

The other glaring truth is that just about every sexual encounter by the girls who subsequently fall pregnant takes place without the use of any contraceptive even though the very teachers are custodians of safe sex education. They simply go leather. It could be for this reason that teachers would rather not want condom distribution in schools because the ultimate aim is also to get the girls pregnant. Sex education is very exciting and erotic, the demonstration of the fitting of the condom around the john should be encouraging male teachers to know better than going leather all the way.

## Programmes

But the other argument is that condom distribution presupposes a free-for-all sex binge in the learning environment, the minister says it would not be easy to lay charge on a child who has sex with another when you the educator distributes the condoms to them.

In the US, the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine supports the following positions:

\* Condoms should be available to pupils free of cost at secondary schools.

\* Condoms should be available in unobtrusive locations, such as school health clinics, nurses' offices, or bathrooms.

\* It is recommended that condom availability programmes be accompanied by education and skills training; however, inability to provide education should not preclude making condoms available. Health care providers should advocate for the availability of condoms

in schools and support local districts and administrators in developing condom availability policies and practices.

Apart from distributing condoms in schools, the other destination for this argument would be churches, Sunday School to be precise.

The goings on at night vigils and spiritual revivals can never be discounted of sexual activity, especially with the proliferation of young pastors and school going girls mesmerised by the charming upcoming preachers. But the church has always not taken kindly to this argument, saying churches are for advancing the message of Christ while at the same time the courts are processing piles upon piles of divorce cases associated with infidelity on the part of men of the cloth.

Politicians of late are coming up with very novel ways of dealing with social problems such as teenage pregnancy. Mkhweni Member of Parliament Michael Masuku invited himself a barrage of criticism when he was quoted as having suggested that underage schoolgirls who fall pregnant must be arrested and prosecuted.

He was asked to state his case regarding similar sanction on the part of the male school child who impregnates peers or teachers while still underage. Certainly policy issues require multisectoral tackling and any one single player cannot produce the necessary interventions on the problem because of the time limit, until when should the problem persist before it is stemmed.





Dealing with Diabetes

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People with diabetes are often tasked not just with the burden of managing their diabetes but also educating the people around them about the condition.

That can take an emotional toll. So can the sense of shame that comes from others' misconceptions, or a person's own feelings of guilt.

Negative perceptions can be perpetuated in the public by the media or individuals. They can come from biased news reporting, inaccurate information, and hurtful jokes—"I ate so much dessert that I have diabetes now."

Even truths about type 2 diabetes—including the fact that excess weight, unhealthy food choices, and inactivity are contributing risk factors—can be overblown, shifting blame onto people with the disease. Many of the risk factors are things that people are unable to change, including age, race, and family genetics. "Healthy lifestyle is certainly one component, but it's not the only component. And lifestyle changes are not always enough to manage the condition."

Does diabetes come with social stigma? Social stigma is described as a set of negative beliefs or a mark of disapproval that society has for a certain group or disease. Diabetes UK affirmed what many people touched by diabetes have said for years: Stigma is real, and it affects the majority of people living with diabetes.

#### WHEN DIABETES BECOMES A LABEL

Some people with diabetes feel like diabetes is a label. They feel that they are judged and treated differently, even unfairly, compared to people who do not have diabetes.

#### RESEARCH SUGGESTS THAT PEOPLE WITH DIABETES CAN FEEL:

- Blamed by others for 'bringing diabetes on themselves'
- Unfairly treated in the workplace because of their diabetes
- Limited in their travel opportunities
- Judged negatively in social situations because of their food choices and medication self-care needs (including self-monitoring of blood glucose and taking insulin).

Some of these experiences are more common for people with type 1 diabetes, while others are more common for people with type 2 diabetes.

#### CONSEQUENCES OF STIGMA

Feeling stigmatised can trigger a chain reaction. It can influence how you feel about yourself and how you behave. Importantly, it can impact on your diabetes self-care and eventually your physical health.

#### PSYCHOLOGICAL WHAT CAN I DO?

The way you cope, or how you respond, when you feel labelled and treated unfairly can make a difference to your emotional and physical well-being. Here are some coping 'dos and don'ts':

#### DOS DON'Ts

- Seek support
- Talk about your feelings to supportive family members, friends and/or other people with diabetes. You'll probably find that lots of other people with diabetes feel the same way you do. Think that you have to deal with unpleasant feelings on your own.
- 'Stewing' on things will only make you feel worse.
- You are not responsible for how others behave
- Remember that labelling and unfair treatment is caused by misunderstandings and confusion about what diabetes is, including its causes and

treatment. Take responsibility by blaming yourself, or thinking that you deserve unfair treatment.

#### EDUCATE OTHERS

- Speak up! Give friends, family and colleagues the facts about diabetes.
- Correct any misconceptions that they might have. Stay quiet and miss an opportunity to change people's negative and incorrect beliefs about diabetes.

#### TALK OPENLY

- Discuss your diabetes with your family, friends and colleagues. By explaining such things as diabetes self-care, dietary choices and symptoms and care of low blood glucose, they will be better able to understand and support you.
- Hide your diabetes. The longer you hide your diabetes, the more alone you will feel. In the end, people will go on believing that diabetes is something that we shouldn't talk about.
- Remember, you cannot control what other people think and do, but you can have an influence by the way you behave. Taking part in activities to improve community education, develop peer support groups, and lobbying and advocacy campaigns are just some ways that you can influence people's beliefs about diabetes. These activities may also leave you feeling good about yourself.
- People with diabetes often experience stigma in association with the disease. However, this is an under-researched area compared with stigma associated with other conditions.

#### CAUSES OF STIGMA

Often, stigma arises in association with the belief that diabetes has been caused by the person's behavior. It also arises from negative stereotyping, status loss and discrimination by others.

The main causes of self-stigma identified in the review were:

- Feelings of blame, sometimes reinforced by health promotion activities
- Fear associated with needle use and loss of control due to hypoglycemia

glycemia

Self-stigmatisation may also be driven by pressure to meet social norms regarding behavior.

In general, people who do not have diabetes tend to perceive diabetes as a non-stigmatised condition.

Nevertheless, stigma is also caused by other people's attitudes and behavior. Worryingly, one systematic review reported that health professionals sometimes have stigmatizing attitudes towards obese and overweight patients. People with diabetes may experience stigma that is com-

pounded by stigma against other conditions, particularly obesity.

Clearly this is a highly personal issue but this review goes a long way to identifying the types of stigma sometimes experienced by people with diabetes.

#### EXPERIENCES OF STIGMA

People with diabetes sometimes experience stigma in a range of different ways, many of which are culturally dependent. The specific experiences cited in the review are:

- embarrassment or fear in association with injecting insulin
- self-stigma, such as feelings of failure or guilt in type 2 diabetes on insulin
- stigma around meals due to dietary needs
- fear of discrimination at work
- fear of hypoglycemia.

#### CONSEQUENCES OF STIGMA

As well as its psychological impact, stigma can be a substantial barrier to self-care. People experiencing health-related stigma report:

- anxiety
- depression
- attempts to conceal the condition, and subsequent compromise of self-care
- isolation from family and social groups
- A "culture of surveillance" in which your behaviour is constantly being judged.



#### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

1. Earlier detection and better treatment of diabetes
2. Education aimed at external sources of stigma
3. Counselling and support activities to reduce self-stigma

#### 1. EMBRACE ALL DIFFERENCES

"Every single person is different, and no single person is perfect. Everyone has something about themselves which is a challenge, whether it's a physical challenge that we can see or a hidden one that we can't. When we, as adults, accept this and teach this to our children, and they to their children, we stop viewing people as 'different' – because everyone is."

#### 2. STOP LABELING TYPE 2 DIABETES AS THE BAD GUY

"I think the majority of the stigma attached to diabetes finds its roots in widespread misunderstanding about type 2 diabetes, and a tendency to blame people who have type 2 because it's considered a 'lifestyle disease.' Blaming and shaming people with type 2 hurts everyone with diabetes. I believe the way to address this is for people with all types to be open and willing to talk about their diabetes and to be publicly adamant that no one with diabetes is to blame for their condition."

#### 3. SHOW US YOUR PUMP

"Our social media networks are a great opportunity for parents of children with diabetes (and all people with diabetes) to help normalise the condition. Sharing photos and descriptions of our children and our families' lives is a concrete way to show those we are connected to that living life with diabetes is really no different and just as filled with happy moments. Sharing about the condition is also a way to invite an open and positive dialogue with our friends and family."

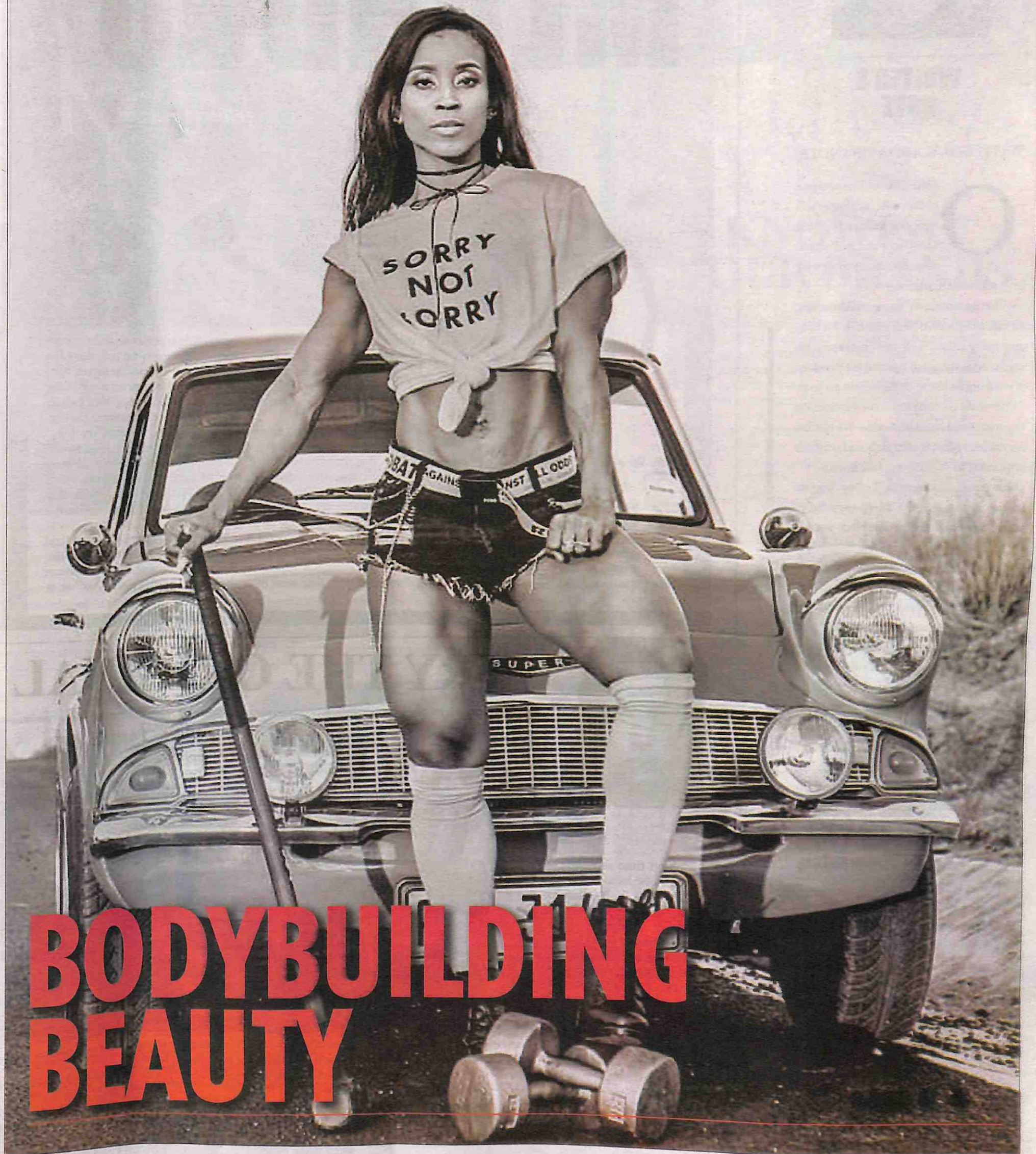
#### 4. JUST DO ONE THING

"A celebrity or a star sharing the unfortunate news of themselves or their child being diagnosed with diabetes will not instantly better the understanding of diabetes in the world around us. As great as they all are to lend their name and talents to this cause, it will take much more. If all the people in this world who have diabetes or a loved one with diabetes did just one thing a month or even a year to educate the world about diabetes, we would advance the cause greatly."

#### 5. CHECK IN PUBLIC

"Most of the time, a stigma originates from misunderstanding. I find that the best way to prevent (or eliminate) a stigma is through information and education. Tell those around you about diabetes. Teach them what it is and show them what you do to manage it. And do so with pride! It takes a special person to succeed in life while tending to a 24/7 chronic condition like diabetes."





# BODYBUILDING BEAUTY





## WRITER'S NOTE

WITH NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

OHHH Lala! This was one of the most exciting issue I have ever had to write. This week our main goal was to empower, and we hope we have achieved just that.

Well let's get into it, on Young and Upcoming, we talk to Mlandvo Ntshalintshali. He is an upcoming artist who is passionate about his work. Ntshalintshali has had the privilege of working on some of the biggest projects.

This week we have interesting articles on Try the Trend and LNE Guide. We discuss the different kinds of brands and why it is important to stop buying fake brands.

Our trend this week is 'Trying original labels', it is one of the things we need to adapt as people. Every day, black-market shoppers tap into an invisible network to illegally funnel luxury designer goods into the country right under the noses of customs and border protection agents.

On LNE Guide we discuss the confusing difference between Polo and Ralph Lauren and yes, it's a pleasure. The two are often mistaken for the other and we give you the exact details on how to tear the two apart. I hope you read and enjoy these pages and I hope you are inspired to keep it original.

Then on page 4-5 we speak to a phenomenal, bodybuilding, mother, wife and fitness coach Zama Potgieter. She is the owner and coach at Studio-Z Ladies Only Gym. Zama is passionate about eating healthy, exercising and pretty much all things fitness.

Zama's mission is to help people reach their fitness goals and impact their whole self worth in a positive manner as she knows fitness is way more than just the physical. "If I can change a client's mindset from a negative one to a positive then I feel that is my greatest reward."

Read through and get inspired to not be in shape but to stay in shape.

I hope you read and enjoy this issue and most importantly I hope you are inspired.

Remember to follow our social media pages @observer\_1\_e on Instagram and on Facebook.

## YOUNG & UPCOMING

# MLANDVO

Art is not a thing; it is a way.  
**Elbert Hubbard**



By Setsabile Nkambule

Fine art is which that the hand, the head, and the heart of a man goes together. The term fine artist refers, in the broad sense, to an artist who creates likenesses of subjects using tools such as pencil, charcoal and pastels.

The term is sometimes employed to refer to artists who work for the criminal justice system.

In today's upcoming read we talk about artist Mlandvo Ntshalintshali who pride himself in his fine art.

The 18-year-old states that according to his mother, his love of art began at a very young age as he would draw as early as he could hold a pencil. He says during extra time he would get a pencil and try to sketch anything and everything.

Ntshalintshali says as time went by

he was able to perfect his skills in drawing. "Drawing is the only thing I've found in which I can lose myself completely. I love it. It started as something that relaxed me, but now it's a struggle because I'm pushing myself. The day-to-day sketching is fraught," he said.

The artist has had the privilege to work on some of the biggest projects like being part of those who painted the wall at Manzini Nazarene Hospital where they painted a picture of on the big five animals.

"To me art is powered by passion and strong feeling from within. I don't like producing a painting that is already out there, and I always put a lot of 'me' in



It is about time someone addressed the issue of wearing fake labels. We have seen them, the 'Guccis', 'Louis Vuitton's', 'Burberry' and even the 'Converse'.

While there is nothing wrong with wearing fake labels, the problem is really when you pay a lot of money for a mark off.

I honestly don't have any problem with it, other than people buying and reselling fakes.

Every day, black-market shoppers tap into an invisible network to illegally funnel luxury designer goods into the country right under the noses of customs and border protection agents.

All of the wares Gucci belts, Saint Laurent wallets, Chanel bags are

undeniably, shamelessly fake. Does that stop the buyers? Not a chance. I get that owning a pair of good sneakers is the in thing but why buy fake Yeezys at a price you could get original converse sneakers now that does not make any sense.

It is also very strange to me that

people could buy a fake Saint Laurent bag and have the audacity to post on social media and tag the YSL official page.

These are just some of the reasons people should not be de-motivated by the life people show on their social media pages.

This proves that some people are

living a lie especially on social media.

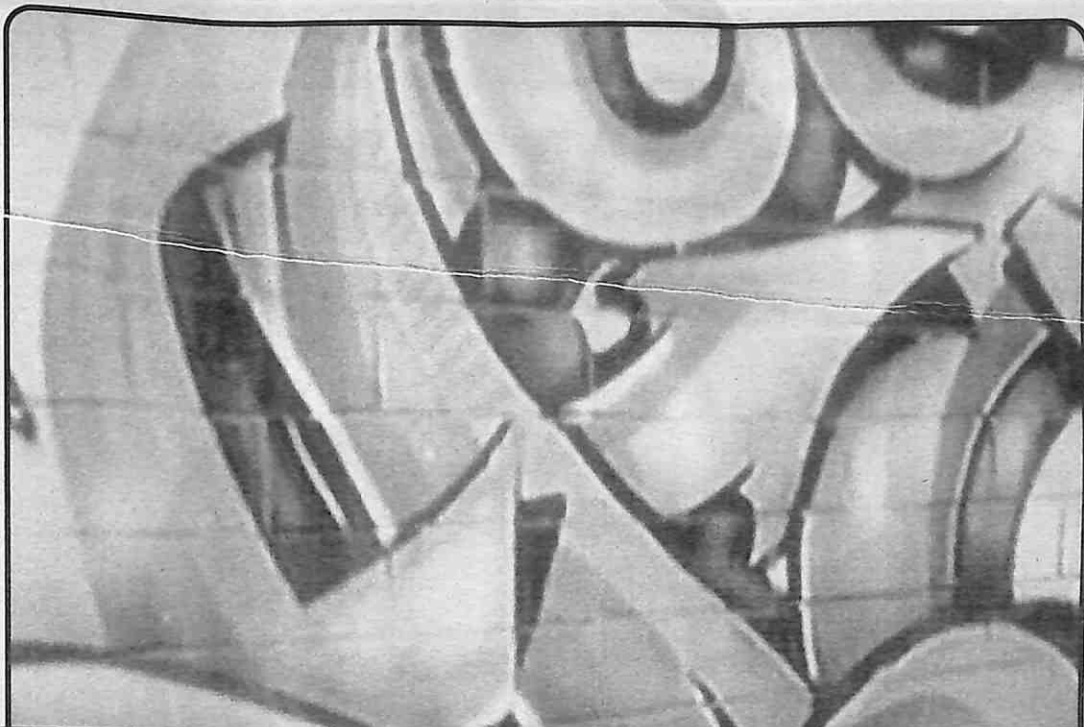
Yes, some people own the real thing but think about it the cheapest Gucci belt cost E9,516, the honest truth is not everyone can afford that belt.

Let me not even get into the Burberry material, THAT IS NOT BURBER-

## TRY THE ORIGINAL







all that I paint. I am look forward to further upgrade my skills even more and to also be a tool for other young artists who are sitting back at home not knowing which door to knock to," he said.

He then expressed his feelings regards to pleading with Eswatini to support art as there were a lot of talented people

but because of the kind of work they do is not seen as important, people tend to rather sit down and do nothing.

"With the help of relevant people who are in charge of the art sector, we will be able to bring our dreams to reality. I am a brand that promotes anything that has to do with expression of art and

we would love to be able to make being an artist as huge as going to college for a degree," they said. The future looks bright for Ntshalintshali as he plans on taking his talent beyond borders. He says for the future he hopes that he gets opportunities that would allow him to travel the world.



RY, it might be the same pattern but it is not. I get why people would want the pattern, I mean if done right it looks great but let us not call it Burberry. But at the end of the day everyone is allowed to wear whatever they want, but can we be mindful of the bigger picture. Can we not pretend that we own the

original designs because other people look at these things and feel the pressure to buy these goods and some end up in debt.

So let us think about it and try to do things different. Instead of wasting a lot of money on fake brands let us buy affordable original brands.

There are a number of them, Converse,

DH, Addidas, Nike and a whole lot of other brands.

When going shopping think about these brands.

They are not only affordable but they are quality as well.

So you will be getting great, stylist and affordable wear instead of fake clothes that will not last you even a month.

# BRAND

## Lifestyle Guide

### KNOWING YOUR BRANDS

**P**olo and Ralph Lauren, which is which, I know I have been confused and I bet you have been too.

The difference between these two labels is immense but if you do not pay attention to detail you might just think the two are the same thing. I know I am guilty of that and so I decided to let you guys in on the difference.

Yes they both have similar logos but US Polo Assn is a subsidiary of the United States Polo Association (USPA); the brand was founded in 1981 while Ralph Lauren Corporation produces brands such as Polo Ralph Lauren, Double RL, Ralph Lauren Collection, and Club Monaco.

The current President and CEO of Polo is David Cummings; when asked about the company being a sports identity or a fashion statement, he answered with their ad campaign, "Before fashion, polo was a sport". Ralph Lauren, an American fashion designer, founded the corporation in 1967.

That is just proof that these labels are very different. It is important to know these brands because it shows that you pay attention to detail and care about what you wear.

There are a many other labels that are a bit different even though they are owned by the same peo-

ple or person but they too are important to know about.

For instance, Nike Sports and Nike Wear, and also Adidas Sports and Addidas Wear; These brands take pride in their brand identification and it gink taking note of the difference is also important.

Here are some of the differences that tear Ralph Lauren and Polo apart:

#### 2. Logo for Polo Vs. Ralph Lauren

Polo's logo features two polo players on their horses. The first rider wears a darker shirt with his mallet above his head while the succeeding rider wears a lighter shirt and his mallet is positioned lower.

On the other hand, that of Ralph Lauren's is less complex which shows only one polo player on his horse with his mallet raised high.

#### 4. CEO/ Founder of Polo and Ralph Lauren

The current CEO of U.S. Polo Assn. is David Cummings. The executive chairman and CCO of Ralph Lauren Corporation is the founder himself, Ralph Lauren, the vice chairman is David Lauren, and the president and CEO is Patrice Louvet.

#### 5. Price

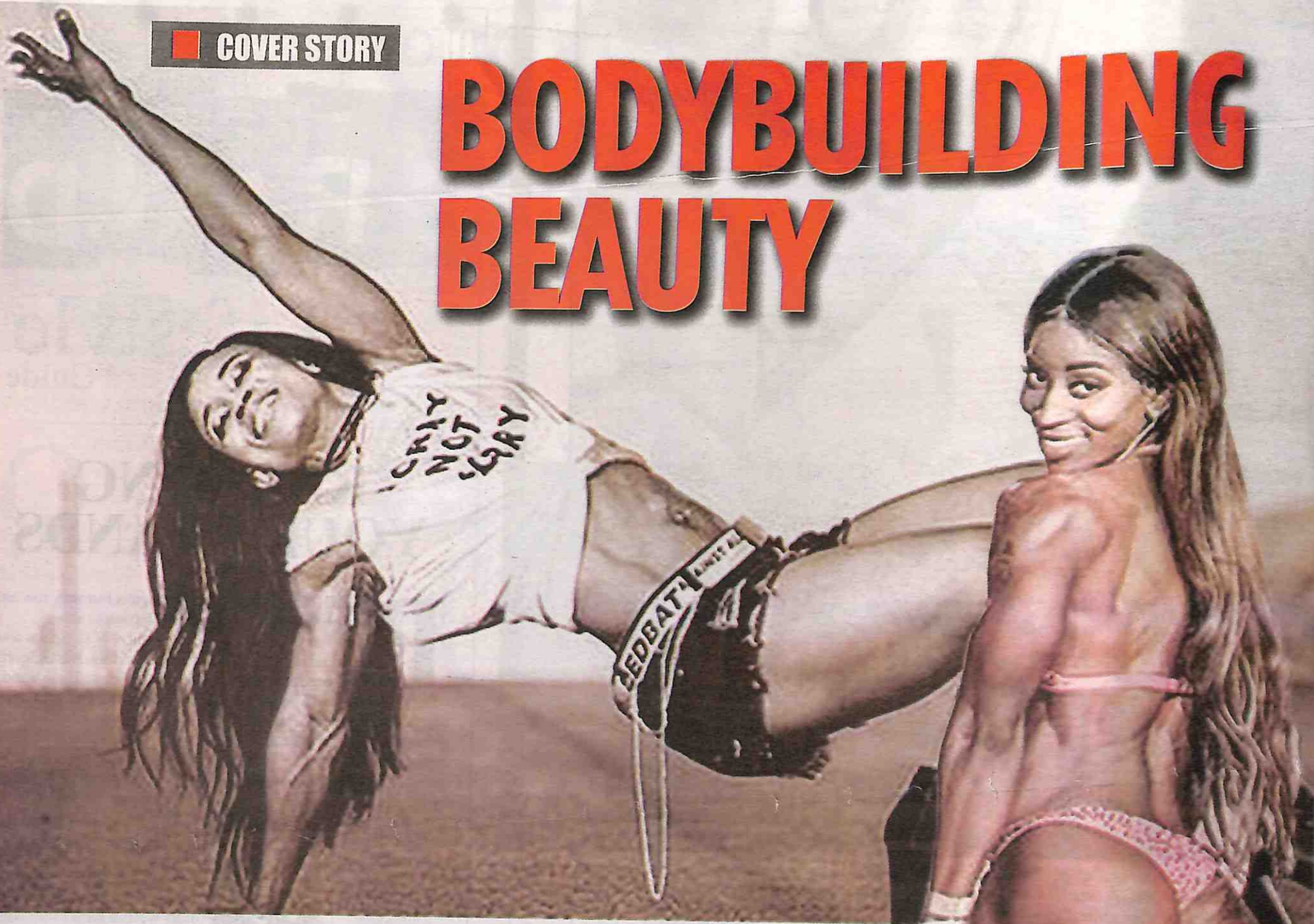
Generally, Ralph Lauren products are more expensive as compared to those of Polo since the former is more considered as a highly fashionable luxury designer brand.

(Difference Between)





## COVER STORY

BODYBUILDING  
BEAUTY

By Nokwanda Sibandze

**Z**ama Potgieter, a 34-year-old married woman with two beautiful children. She is the owner and coach at Studio-Z Ladies Only Gym. Zama is passionate about eating healthy, exercising and pretty much all things fitness.

She admits to always being an avid sports woman from her school days. This fitness goddess has the body to die for and does everything to ensure she keeps her body in shape. She is also one of the few bodybuilding women in Eswatini.

"I was always active; I was in athletics, hockey, swimming to name a few, so fitness was a part of my life. I started the 'gymlife' following my mom to aerobics sessions and admired the strength the guys possessed from weights training. I started by cross training but I only felt I could do bodybuilding once my mind was ready."

Her very first bodybuilding experience was this year at the Icandy Classic Show held at Heartfelt Arena in Pretoria, South Africa.

Bodybuilding is the use of progressive resistance exercise to control and develop one's musculature

for aesthetic purposes. An individual who engages in this activity is referred to as a bodybuilder.

She competed under the IFBB Pro League where she came in first place in the Wellness Bikini Category.

In a short period of time, Zama is already collecting the accolades of being a bodybuilder.

Since she started this sport, she says it has changed her perspective of life. It has shown her a different side of herself, a side she never thought she had.

"Bodybuilding has changed my life and mindset. It takes a lot of discipline, sacrifices and consistent hard work. I have learnt that I can achieve anything I put my mind on. I have also learned that I am stronger than any negativity that comes my way,"

Bodybuilding has not just taught her about herself but has also learned a lot about other people. She says during her time in the industry, she also learned that not everyone is your friend.

"Through this journey I have met incredible people who were so secure in themselves and highly supportive and those are the people I keep within my circle."

Although she works hard to achieve her goals, Zama still faces a number of obstacles in this very industry. As much as she may look tough, some of these challenges have hit hard on her but she still raises up to conquer them.

"The fitness industry is not easy especially in our country as the numbers are smaller and I find we are only now becoming more open minded when it comes to the fitness lifestyle and variety in our training methods. I definitely believe that fitness is my calling."

Zama's mission is to help people reach their fitness goals and impact their whole self worth in a positive manner as she knows fitness is way more than just the physical. "If I can change a client's mindset from a negative one to a positive then I feel that is my greatest reward."

## ABOVE ALL I AM A MOTHER, WIFE

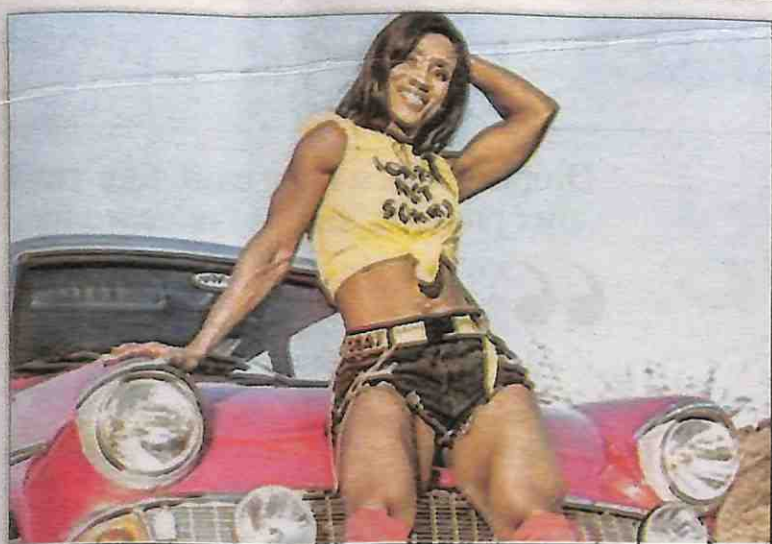
Zama does not only pride herself in fitness and looking toned at all times, she is also a proud mother and a wife.

With that she makes sure her family is well taken care of before getting on with her daily duties and activities.

"I am a mother and wife before anything else so I make sure they are loved and catered for from homeworks, pickups and meals and everything in between. I also run my business studio-Z so from 5am, I have three group sessions, I have exclusive personal training house call sessions and one on one sessions at the Studio, so my day is high activity all the time which is why passion must lead the way as you will not cope if you don't love what you do,"

**...bodybuilding has changed my life and mindset. It takes a lot of discipline, sacrifices and consistent hard work. I have learnt that I can achieve anything I put my mind on. I have also learned that I am stronger than any negativity that comes my way**





**Bodybuilding is much like any other sport. To be successful, you must dedicate yourself 100 per cent to your training, diet and mental approach.**  
*Arnold Schwarzenegger*

Her family is also supportive of everything she does even though she feels that other people fail to understand that this is not just a hobby, to her but a career.

"People do not understand that this is my career not a hobby nothing is for free. You want my services be prepared to pay. I am not a miracle worker if you are not prepared to put in the work and effort you will remain the same, you can't lose 10kg in a month training some days and eating what you want. You have to be realistic with your goals,"

Zama is very strict with her clients because she believes to get positive results they need to put in the work. She also believes that her clients can achieve anything they put their minds to just as she.

She has worked with a number of people. Before starting her own gym studio, she worked with a running team and Palaistra morning sessions and realised that her workouts need to be challenging yet fun and as a trainer be willing to switch things up according to your groups needs.



Her studio is an only female studio because more than anything Zama loves working with women.

"I love working with women because I can relate to their daily struggles and challenges but my first advice is that starting the fitness journey is understanding that you are doing it for yourself! It is on you to make that commitment, never to compare your journey to someone else's because we are all unique. It will all be worth it as there is no greater feeling than loving the woman staring back at you and being completely comfortable in your own skin."

Her passions are centered around entertainment and she wants to branch out into television. She says she enjoys dance, singing.

"If I can combine fitness and entertainment then that's where I am seeing myself,"

In the world of bodybuilding, women and men don't often enjoy equal representation. Considering the significant benefits that women may gain from hardcore weight lifting, it makes to make this activity part of your lifestyle.

Zama is one of the few women who strive to ensure that women are represented in the industry.

"Fitness to me is strength; it is where I draw my will power to tackle any life situation. I am certain of who I am as everyday I am investing, time knowledge and power to myself and that is why I am to give my clients and loved ones the best of me. All of this is a blessing from God, I would not cope if he didn't instil this dream within me,"

Bodybuilding is no small commitment, but it is one that's well worth exploring. No matter how strong you are, the road from beginning weight lifter to intermediate bodybuilder is sure to be a long and sweaty one. Fortunately, it's been well-trod by others. Plenty of beginning bodybuilding guidelines have been thoroughly tested, and they often apply across both genders.

Just like Zama, you can also achieve your fitness goals, if you work hard at it. Women are no strangers to stereotypes. When it comes to fitness, those stereotypes often dictate that women should focus on cardio and trim down rather than pursue the bulked-up aesthetic of a bodybuilder; but that does not mean you cannot do it.

Bodybuilding is also not just a show-off but it also has a number of benefits that may interest you and find yourself getting into it.

Increased bone density is just one of the benefits of bodybuilding. According to research, the pulling motion encouraged by resistance training stimulates bone growth, helping offset the loss in bone density experienced by post-menopausal women, as well as to increase bone mineral density overall.

Faster metabolism, including a higher resting metabolic rate, which means your body just burns more calories, even while at rest. Stronger

knees, because women naturally have a wider pelvis than men, the femur meets the tibia at a wider angle, which increases the chance for anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries.

All those are just some of the many benefits you can get from bodybuilding.



# Lifestyle Celebville

## 1 LERATO, FRIENDS REMEMBER HHP

**H**HP's widow Lerato Sengadi has joined the nation in remembering the musician, a year after he took his own life at his home in Johannesburg.

The musician's suicide sent shockwaves across the country last year and tributes to the star again flooded social media on Thursday as fans reflected on the year without their hero.

Lerato took to Twitter late on Wednesday night to recount the last conversations she had with her bae.

"A year ago at this time we spoke for the very last time. The next day my life would change drastically forever. An irreplaceable piece of me would be gone forever," she wrote.

She also shared a picture of them together, alongside lyrics from the song You and Me by Musiq Soulchild, speaking about taking on the world together.

HHP's close friend Llection also shared

a touching message on Instagram, reflecting on waking up to "a very sad sad call".

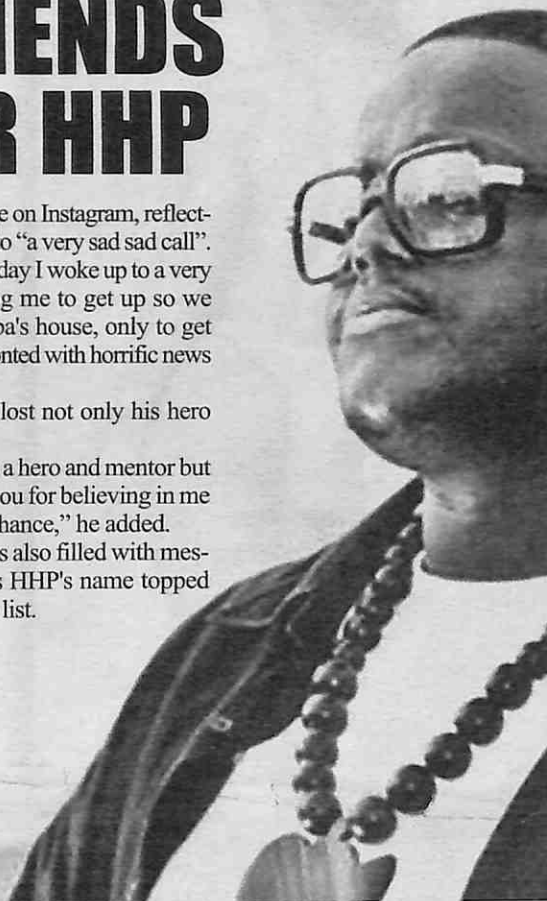
"365 days ago today I woke up to a very sad sad call urging me to get up so we (could) go to Jabba's house, only to get there and be confronted with horrific news of his passing."

Llection said he lost not only his hero but a brother.

"I didn't just lose a hero and mentor but a brother. Thank you for believing in me and giving me a chance," he added.

Social media was also filled with messages of tribute as HHP's name topped the Twitter trends list.

*Sowetan*



## 02 Droplets stars still not paid, four years after producer Kabomo released film

**"Pay us our money, Kabomo!"** That's the tune that the star-studded cast

of local film Droplets currently airing on Showmax is singing, demanding that director and producer Kabomo Vilakazi pay them for their contribution.

The cast that includes actors Rami Chuene, Nokuthula Ledwaba, Fulu Mugovhani, Zola Nombona, Nolo Phiri, Zikhona Sodlaka, Salamina Mosese have accused Vilakazi of taking them for a ride. They said Vilakazi has been ducking and dodging them for four years.

Contacted for comment, Vilakazi referred us to the statement he released on Twitter. "Droplets is not a funded film. I did not get a cent from anyone to make it. I did not get a sponsor or get commissioned by anyone to make it," Vilakazi wrote.

"There was no budget from the beginning. It cost me and my wife over R800k to make it and every single cent of that film was paid by us.

"We sold our cars. We downgraded our home to live in the city, where eventually we got kicked out because we couldn't afford the rent," Vilakazi wrote.

Mostly his industry peers, the cast told Sowetan that they teamed up with Vilakazi on the independent film because they wanted to see his labour of love project come to life.

According to some of the cast members, although Vilakazi alerted them that he was struggling to finance the project, he promised to pay them.

"If he had said there is no money at all, I guess we will understand, but it was a case of I don't have money and I can pay you guys per call," Ledwaba said.

"I personally believed in his dream as a producer, especially for a black person to enter that space. We all agreed because we really believed in him and his story," Ledwaba was paid for two of her four calls. What triggered the stars to speak out was after Vilakazi scored a deal with Showmax recently that saw the film debut to a local audience.

"Just the decency to say I got a deal with Showmax, it not a lot of money, but here is R3,000 at least for sweets..." Ledwaba said. "For months after we shot, I will keep reminding him and most of the time he will just blue tick me."

*Sowetan*

## KB ON LEBO MATHOSA BIOPIC BACKLASH

**A**ctress Keabetswe "KB" Motsilanyane is unfazed by all the hate around the decision to cast her as Lebo Mathosa in an upcoming biopic, telling TshisaLIVE that she is more focused on "telling" Lebo Mathosa's story than trying to "be" her.

In commemoration of the 13th anniversary of Lebo's death, Dream: The Lebo Mathosa Story was launched on Wednesday night at Kramerville in Sandton.

Earlier this year South Africans went into a frenzy when auditions for the biopic were announced. It led to fans disagreeing as to who'd pull off the best version of Lebo with all the tal-

ent in Mzansi.

City Press reported last month that Bahumi and singer Kelly Khumalo were set to star on the project but producers announced last week that KB would play the older version of Lebo along with Bahumi, who would be the younger Lebo.

The news didn't sit well with many people who threw shade at KB and said she lacked the "energy" and "extraordinary personality" Lebo had.

In a sit-down interview with TshisaLIVE, KB explained that she was asked a couple of months ago if they could put her name down on the list of potentials who could play the role of the late icon.

"I then said, 'Do you think my name should be there?' and they said yeah, yeah, yeah. I then said, 'okay, great,

put my name down'. But already I started to think, what is it that you are going to bring to this role? Because it is massive."

KB said when she found out that at first she wasn't selected, she told her agent that whoever plays the role of Lebo must "kick a\*\*".

"When I was later approached to play the role, I realised I was given a responsibility with something so precious and something that belongs to everybody and being entrusted with it. So, I'm honoured to play this role, I do it with the utmost respect. For me it's not just Lebo, she was a human being, she belongs to many people I haven't met in my life and they are going to watch this."

*Sowetan Live*

## 04 Lady Zamar on her relationship with Sjava: We don't talk

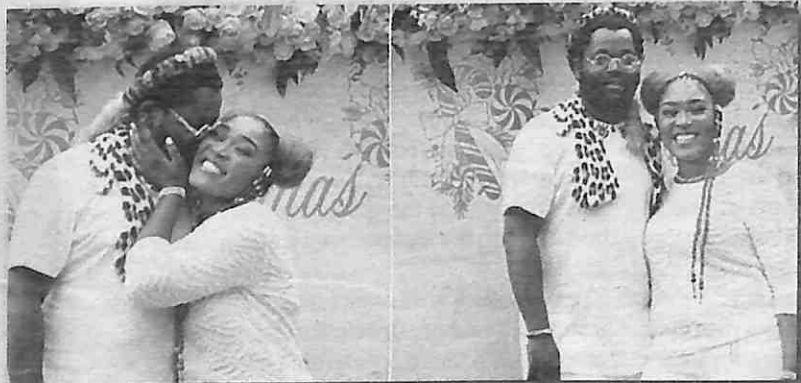
**L**ady Zamar has cleared the air on her relationship with musician Sjava, telling fans the pair don't talk.

After several denials, Sjava and Lady Zamar surprised many in April when they confirmed their relationship, but said they split the month before.

Sjava gave up the game when he posted a picture of the pair on Twitter. The Collide star then told fans that their two-year relationship had ended the month before.

Lady Zamar was asked in a Twitter Q&A this week how she had managed to keep her relationship secret. She brought the spice by saying she was "lied to".

She was also asked about the cur-



rent state of her relationship with Sjava. She said they weren't talking. Sis has moved on to someone new and told fans she is all about her boo.

Lady Zamar took shots at Sjava in August, when he tweeted that "our generation" needs to unite and take action to tackle issues that cripple SA, otherwise the country will "rot".

In a tweet that has been deleted, Lady Zamar said men were the problem.

"No. The reason our country will go to waste is because most men aren't willing to stand for anything or do what's right. Instead they do stuff that makes our society rotten and create broken women all around them."

*Times Live*

## Billie Eilish's Stolen Ring from ACL Found by Fan and Returned

**B**illie Eilish is one major step closer to being reunited with the ring she believed was at Austin City Limits because a concertgoer says she's turned it over to event staff.

Here's the deal Billie was performing at ACL earlier this month when she came down off the stage and started hugging and singing with fans.

But, at the end of the song she ran back onstage and told the crowd, "Somebody stole my f\*\*king ring!" Now, a video circulating on social media shows a woman asking security to pick up the ring off the ground and hand it over to her which he did.

This is the lady that stole @billieeilish ring at ACL. My sister caught her on camera. RT so

Billie can see!!! #billieeilish #billie #acl #ACLFest pic.twitter.com/30Qp9gvmnv

We spoke to the woman in the video, and she acknowledges the footage looks shady as if she did pocket the teen singer's ring but she claims she simply took a picture with it and then turned it over to an ACL staffer. She says she hoped it would be returned to Eilish.

As it turns out, Billie's missing ring isn't super expensive bling it's actually costume jewelry from Adina, and costs less than \$100. Probably why she wasn't all that busted up about it onstage.

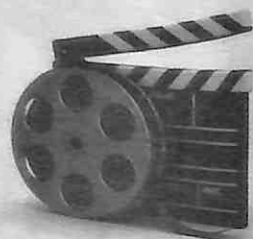
We've reached out to ACL and Billie's reps to confirm the ring was returned, but no word back, so far.

*TMZ*





## Movie watch



### BLACK AND BLUE (2019)

R | 1h 48min | Action, Crime, Drama | 25 October 2019 (USA)  
A rookie police officer in New Orleans has to balance her identity as a black woman with her role as a police officer when she witnesses other police officers committing murder.  
Director: Deon Taylor  
Writer: Peter A. Dowling  
Stars: Naomie Harris, Mike Colter, Frank Grillo



### CHARLIE'S ANGELS (2019)

PG-13 | 1h 59min | Action, Adventure, Comedy | 15 November 2019 (USA)  
When a young systems engineer blows the whistle on a dangerous technology, Charlie's Angels are called into action, putting their lives on the line to protect us all.  
Director: Elizabeth Banks  
Writers: Elizabeth Banks (screenplay), Evan Spiliotopoulos (story by) | 8 more credits »  
Stars: Naomi Scott, Sam Claflin, Kristen Stewart



### GEMINI MAN

PG13 | 2h 12min | Action, Drama, Sci-Fi  
An over-the-hill hitman faces off against a younger clone of himself.  
Director: Ang Lee  
Writer: David Benioff (screenplay), Billy Ray (screenplay)  
Stars: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Will Smith, Clive Owen

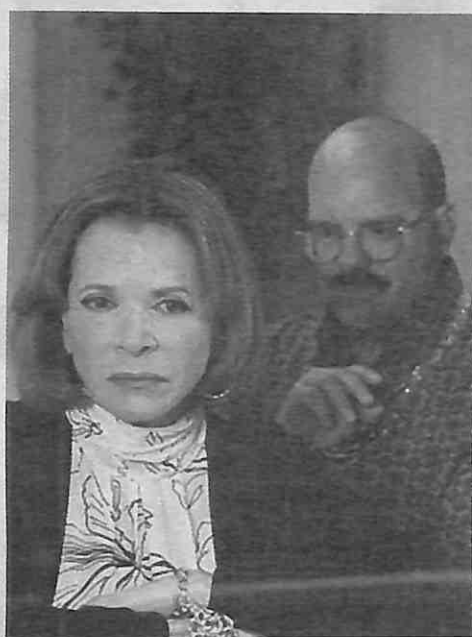
## TV Shows (Series)



### CHILLING ADVENTURES OF SABRINA

2 seasons, 21 episodes

Kiernan Shipka stars in this witchy revival of a sitcom classic. This Sabrina Spellman is darker than what millennials are used to. As a half-mortal, half-witch, Spellman is an outcast with the magical community and the first season explores the cult-like fervor of magic users, their worship of Satan, and why Sabrina is being pressured to sign her name over to the Dark Lord. The show also tackles issues of romance, friendship, and sexism in clever, crafty ways and with season two newly released, expect things to get even more nightmarish for the Spellman clan.



### ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

5 seasons, 84 episodes

The series lost some of the mystique it had gained after its cancellation because Netflix's season four wasn't to everyone's satisfaction — though it flowers with repeat viewings, especially with the recut version of it. Arrested Development still stands as one of the funniest, most inventive, and most influential sitcoms of the generation.

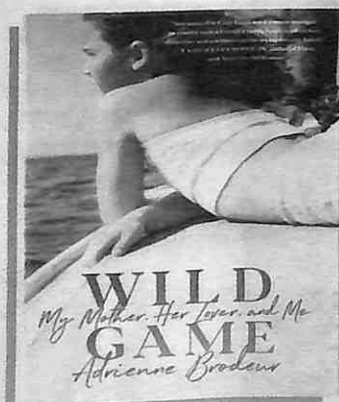


### ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK

7 seasons, 91 episodes

One of the best original shows on Netflix, this prison dramedy is a deeply human, funny, moving, realistic, progressive show about life and the bad decisions we're all destined to make. OITNB humanizes the dehumanised, transforms labels — felons, thieves, murderers, embezzlers — into real human beings and reminds us that, even in prison, life isn't put on hold. Life is being led. It's a remarkably excellent series, and addictive as hell.

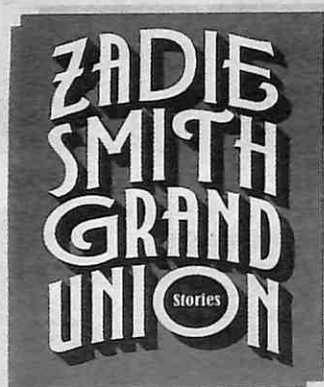
## Book Review



### WILD GAME

By Adrienne Brodeur

When Brodeur was fourteen, her capricious, magnetic mother Malabar enlisted her help in covering up an extramarital affair she had with a close family friend. "Nothing," Brodeur writes in her lush memoir, "made me feel more loved than making my mother happy, and any means justified that end." Devastating and delectable (and just a bit detestable), this debut chronicling the affair and its aftermath is a captivating hymn to the costs and comforts of daughterhood.



### GRAND UNION

By Zadie Smith

Nineteen years ago, White Teeth announced the arrival of Zadie Smith as a turn-of-the-century wunderkind. She has since released four more highly praised novels and two books of essays, establishing herself as an intellectual writer in the best sense: burrowing into complexity, seeking it out, raising suspicion about situations where it appears absent. Now her first-ever story collection offers yet another kaleidoscopic display of her singular sophistication. Smith's compositions—rife with ambivalence, in love with ideas, witty and mordant—echo in the head long after the last word.



### SHE SAID

By Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey

For any who believe that reporters are cynical about the business of journalism, Kantor and Twohey, The New York Times writers who brought down seemingly untouchable mogul Harvey Weinstein, stand as proof of its integrity. Of the many important revelations to emerge in their groundbreaking and unputdownable She Said, the most compelling is that, above all, the Weinstein story was the result of a brave collaboration between Weinstein's victims and the journalists, activists, and good citizens who came forward, despite threats to their livelihoods and reputations.

## SONG OF THE WEEK

### Lewis Capaldi- Someone You Loved

[Verse 1]

I'm going under, and this time, I fear there's no  
one to save me  
This all or nothing really got a way of driving me  
crazy  
I need somebody to heal, somebody to know  
Somebody to have, somebody to hold  
It's easy to say, but it's never the same  
I guess I kinda liked the way you numbed all the  
pain

[Chorus]

Now the day bleeds into nightfall  
And you're not here to get me through it all  
I let my guard down and then you pulled the rug  
I was getting kinda used to being someone you  
loved

[Verse 2]

I'm going under, and this time, I fear there's no  
one to turn to  
This all or nothing way of loving got me sleeping  
without you  
Now, I need somebody to know, somebody to  
hear  
Somebody to have, just to know how it feels  
It's easy to say, but it's never the same  
I guess I kinda like the way you help me escape

[Chorus]

Now the day bleeds into nightfall  
And you're not here to get me through it all  
I let my guard down and then you pulled the rug  
I was getting kinda used to being someone you  
loved

[Bridge]

And I tend to close my eyes when it hurts some-  
times  
I fall into your arms  
I'll be safe in your sound till I come back around

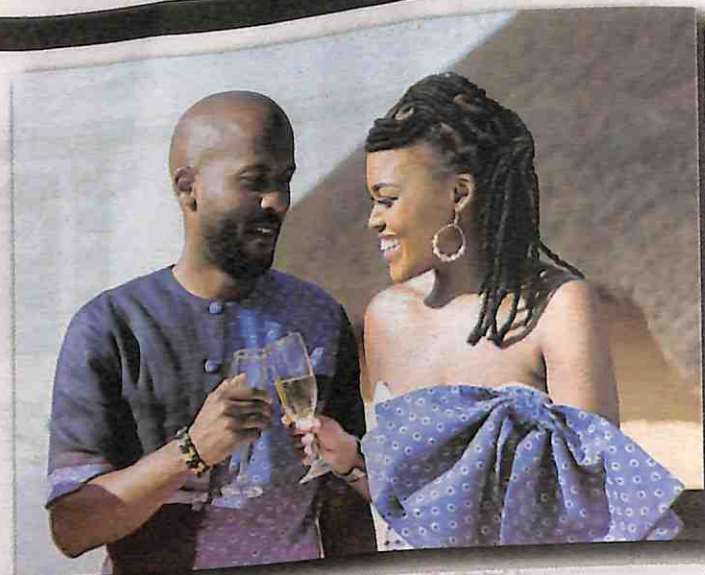
[Chorus]

For now, the day bleeds into nightfall  
And you're not here to get me through it all  
I let my guard down and then you pulled the rug  
I was getting kinda used to being someone you  
loved  
But now the day bleeds into nightfall  
And you're not here to get me through it all  
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# LOVE IS THE MASTER KEY THAT OPENS THE GATES OF HAPPINESS

*Sandile Simelane and Lindelwa Mthethwa's classy traditional wedding which was held at Sibebe Resort. (Courtesy pics)*





## Columns &amp; Opinion



By Zoé Eisenstein and Patrick Smith

**I**t was great timing: China was awash with dollars, Angola needed to rebuild. China delivered almost \$50bn in oil-backed infrastructure loans.

General Kopelipa was at the heart of it.

Although Manuel Vicente at the helm of state oil company Sonangol had neither a combat record during the war nor a longstanding membership of the ruling MPLA, he had strong contacts with some of the top military and intelligence officers.

His ties to Dos Santos' top security adviser are a case in point.

Common business interests and a taste for the finer things in life helped build friendships.

"Vicente and his friend General Kopelipa would take a plane to France to pick up cases of wine from the Pétrus chateau in the Bordeaux region," said a business colleague. At more than \$2 500 a bottle, it is an expensive wine.

### Efforts

The two also shared interests in China-Angola business, the main driver of the post-war reconstruction effort.

As head of the Gabinete de Reconstrução Nacional, General Manuel Helder Vieira Dias Júnior, known as 'Kopelipa', controlled that rebuilding programme, and as Dos Santos' closest adviser, he was also the regime's security capo di tutti capi.

Although the second-most powerful man in the country, Kopelipa was rarely in the public arena. To his irritation, he made news in Portugal when he bought two port wine estates in the Douro Valley without visiting them first.

A dapper man with a taste for well-cut Italian suits, he would glide into high-level negotiations and whisper into the ear of the most senior official before gliding out.

A top diplomat who used to go swimming with Kopelipa said he seemed to have no interest in Marxism. "We would sit on the beach and he would say: 'Look at us, we're just like you guys, we want to do business and fix the economy.'"

But Kopelipa blamed rebel leader Savimbi's war for most of Angola's problems.

As Angola became the leading supplier of crude oil to the roaring Chinese economy in the early 2000s, and by turns Beijing's biggest trading partner in Africa, it set up a barter model.

The China-Africa Research Initiative reports that China delivered loans to Angola worth \$42.8bn between 2000 and 2017. That meant resource-backed loans from Beijing to finance roads and power stations to be built by Chinese companies.

The common point in resource-backed loans was opacity and off-budget spending. Billions went unaccounted for on what the IMF calls "quasi-fiscal operations".

An official told us: "that means revenue that Sonangol received but which never made it to the Banco Nacional de Angola," with its imposing colonial-era headquarters overlooking the ocean.

### Budgets

Professor Alves da Rocha of the Catholic University in Luanda points to findings by its Centre for Studies and Scientific Research that some \$28bn from state budgets between 2002 and 2015 went unaccounted for.

Initially, there was a sense of organised chaos in the meetings with Chinese officials. "So we arrive in China and for the next week we had stretch limousines and police motorcycle outriders," recalled a banker on one of the early trips. Interpreters were at a premium: "Crazy [...] [in] meeting after meeting [...] a lot would get lost in translation."

Suddenly everything scaled up, he said. One

# WHERE DID ALL THE MONEY GO?



bank had been doing small deals with small hedge funds in the US, then it was walking away with \$180m of business. After two years, it had done \$2bn worth of deals with China.

There was a synchronicity between China and Angola, the banker said. "The reality was that China found itself in a moment when they were awash with dollars [...] so they had money to spend and they had the right skills and all these people they could send overseas." And Angola's oil was the essential feedstock for those ties.

The projects became more and more grandiose, like the \$3.5bn spent on the Kilamba Kiaxi city about 30km outside Luanda, and the sprawling Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone with 76 factories, most of which are dormant for lack of inputs and local skills.

This year, Lourenço's government has announced plans to sell off parts of the zone to private companies.

### Investigations

Looking back, the senior government official said: "There is plenty of blame to go around. There is the inefficiency of our decision-making system, the patronage in the bureaucracy. [...] There's also a little bit of responsibility [for] our partners, including the Chinese, who were involved in the infrastructure work."

Eventually it comes back to Angola, he concluded: "In the end, we were the loan takers and decision takers, so oversight needed to have taken place."

Although Kopelipa may find it difficult to adjust to the new era, his name is yet to surface publicly in the spate of financial investigations announced by Lourenço.

Angola's state oil company Sonangol became central to economic life, and to the articulation of state power.

Greying elegantly, with an earnest, moustachioed smile and hand outstretched to greet a head of state or multinational corporation boss, Manuel Vicente looks every inch the chief executive.

In fact, it has been seven years since he stepped down from the top job at Sonangol to become Angola's economy minister and then vice-president. Vicente's imprint on Sonangol is clear.

He presided over the company's fastest expansion in its four-decade history.

In those years, Sonangol was the country's best-functioning entity, generating most of the

funds for the war against UNITA rebels, which ended with the death of their leader Jonas Savimbi in 2002. Then Sonangol went on to underwrite the government's nationalist approach to post-war reconstruction.

Neither a fighter in the liberation war nor a long-standing member of the ruling MPLA, Vicente was an oddball technocrat in Luanda's elite and distrusted by some because of it.

It was Vicente's technical knowledge, engineering degrees and MBAs, as well as his administrative skills that won him backing from President José Eduardo dos Santos. Here were also family ties. For a time, Vicente, who came from humble beginnings, was brought up by Dos Santos' elder sister.

It went as far as Dos Santos appointing Vicente as Vice President, prompting speculation that he was being lined up for the succession. That made the high-flying and increasingly wealthy technocrat some enemies inside the system, and outside.

Raphael Marques de Moraes, a determined campaigner against corruption and repression has locked horns several times with Vicente. He included Vicente on a list of beneficiaries of an oil venture between Sonangol, a local company called Nazaki and the US-based Cobalt International Energy in 2011.

The deal came under investigation twice by the US Department of Justice but the authorities declined to prosecute. Eventually, Cobalt sold its stake to Sonangol, then went bankrupt last year.

A trickier case was the trial of Orlando Figueira, a Portuguese prosecutor was arrested in 2016 on charges of receiving a \$850 000 bribe to suspend an inquiry into Vicente's business affairs, including the purchase of a grand apartment in Lisbon. An indictment was issued against Vicente and the case rumbled on.

Sonangol's role is key to understanding what derailed the post-war economic plan – a programme to rebuild using oil and diamond revenue to fix war-damaged roads and bridges, but also to modernise and diversify the economy.

Most of the big development projects have run out of funding, yet Luanda's Centre for Studies and Scientific Research reckons that \$189bn was invested overseas between 2002-2015 by Angolan companies and individuals.

For Ricardo Soares de Oliveira\*, a professor

at Oxford University, Sonangol became a parallel state during the war, all under the control of the presidency. When funds ran low, it was Sonangol executives who were trusted to negotiate complex oil-backed loans or set up opaque vehicles to service these financial commitments. As veteran correspondent Nick Shaxson wrote at the time: "If Futungo [the Presidency] was the brain of the system ... then Sonangol was its heart."

And when the ruling elite swapped its Marxist proclivities for crony capitalism, "Sonangol was an island of competence thriving in tandem with the implosion of most other Angolan state institutions," Soares says.

This meant building the technical and managerial expertise, often with Western oil and consulting firms, to win investor interest in exploring for oil in Angola's deep and ultra-deep waters. Over \$20 billion poured into oil exploration from 2003-2008 alone, fuelling GDP growth to over 30 per cent a year, the world's fastest at the time.

A senior official working on post-war reconstruction told us: "Sonangol was the cash cow, called upon to ensure there were resources, but there was no plan, no structures."

Amid the geopolitical and financial chaos of the early 2000s, there was little international interest in rebuilding Angola. "There was this overwhelming need to provide goods and services to the population that is finally at peace [...]. It's the tyranny of the urgent," the official said. "Sonangol was a real-estate developer, they were a bank owner, they ran an aviation company. [...] They had more people devoted to things that were non-core business than were core business," the official added.

At the centre of this vast operation employing thousands of people on four continents and controlling a parallel budget of offshore accounts and billions of dollars of physical and financial assets was Vicente.

"He is like an octopus," one of Vicente's ex-colleagues told The Africa Report. "Everybody does what he says. He has a lot of people around him that control everything. [...] He's a gentleman." It was his savoir-faire, discretion and loyalty that won Vicente backing from President Dos Santos. Outwardly amiable, Vicente is a tough negotiator, as foreign oil companies have found. His relations with long-time colonial power Portugal are ambivalent.

When Sonangol took a stake in Portugal's Galp Energia, Vicente announced: "We are the bosses, we will dictate the rules of the game." A test for the Lisbon-Luanda axis came with the trial of Orlando Figueira, a Portuguese prosecutor, arrested in 2016 on charges of receiving a \$850 000 bribe to suspend an inquiry into Vicente's business affairs. An indictment was issued against Vicente. After acceding to the presidency in 2017, Lourenço called Portugal's case against Vicente an infringement of sovereignty. Last May, a Portuguese court ruled that the Vicente case should be transferred to Luanda. Welcoming this, Marcelo Rebelo de Souza, Portugal's President, said the decision had "removed an irritant" in bilateral relations.

For Angolans, it showed Vicente's influence: enough for the president to defend him against their country's closest European ally.

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## ECONOMICS TODAY

WITH: George Choongwa

**T**here is no business which is perfect. Every one of it is faces several challenges now and again. Therefore, a good and prudent business person will always have the spirit of negotiation when things seem to have gone slow or wrong. As a business person, learn and accept that any would go wrong in the business any time, and negotiation comes as an instrument for managing the damage if we can put it that way.

The question comes to light regarding how the negotiation should be done? Therefore, this article gives a clearer approach to the relevance of doing the right negotiations for the business.

Always aim for a win-win situation

Though it is not common for one to focus on promoting a win-win situation during negotiation because of the question as to who gets the lion's share? Trust me, it is a good practice to strike a balanced deal of equal wining, we call it ethics in business.

Contrary to what some believe, it is important to understand that negotiation skills are not about beating the opposition out of the other party. In fact, the best negotiators are ones who are able to create win-win situations, in which everyone walks out thinking that the deal is a good one. While the ability to aggressively get what one wants might seem like a victory in the moment, the reality is that the lack of goodwill generated by this can cause problems down the road.

There is no question that finding a deal which makes everyone happy is difficult, but this is exactly why it is so highly valued.

### Mark the Bottom Line

Secondly, consider your limits or bottom line in negotiating process. Remember that one of the goals of negotiation in business is to get the best deal possible for you and your organization. In doing so, you are by definition improving your bottom line. For example, if you are able to reduce your overhead costs by 10% due to an effective negotiation, which money goes straight to your profit margin is it not so? Therefore, it is relevant to be specific about to what extent you can go in reducing the price. The most important aspect here is to know the levels of discounting or cost limits.

### Be Confident during negotiation

Confidence is an important part of any negotiation. Therefore, it is relevant for one to walking into an important negotiation arena with the fundamental knowledge that you know what you are doing means you can focus on the deal itself instead of worrying about whether you are being outmaneuvered by the other party. In addition, the ability to confidently make a presentation, as well as provide offers or counteroffers, has been proven to result in better deals. Remember that some wars were won simply because of confidence. So, be bold and demonstrate that you know what you are talking about.

### Build Respect

Respect is an essential part of business in any culture and condition. Make sure to use this instrument in negotiation, always show the other person that you had all the respect for them. Remember the saying that you need to be as humble as a dove, but clear as a snake during negotiation. There is so much psychology that goes in this one.

The impression you leave after a negotiation can have a lasting impression, which can impact everything from future negotiations to

# AS HUMBLE AS A DOVE AND CLEAR AS A SNAKE IN BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS



your reputation in your industry.

### Never be passive

The degree of energy that you put in the negotiation process can either destroy or build the business. This fact underlines an important point: it is far better to be a somewhat intimidating character due to your negotiating skills than it is to be looked at as a pushover at the negotiating table. Far from being a roadblock in future deals, the ability to negotiate will make people want to work with you.

You have to know when to walk away

Some battles are not worth fighting for no matter good they may appear. This is called wisdom! When business decisions hang in the balance, it's imperative to be willing to and know when to walk away. They might call you names, but believe you me; you would have done our best part. In the military language, this is called "strategic retreat"; meaning, at times, you just have to go back to your basics because the negotiation was not worth it. Actually, during negotiation process, it is relevant to read between line and if someone is transparently trying to get their way with no concessions to you, it's best to exit the negotiation.

### Confidence takes it all

Don't be intimidated; bullies know how to

get their way during negotiation process. The business world has its fair share of tyrants, as some people intimidate their way to success. Feeling intimidated during the negotiation battle means you're already on your way to defeat. Remember that this is a "game of throws" People can sense when you're emotionally not up for the fight, and they take advantage of it. So remain confident and bold and you will soon win the negotiation battle.

### Sell value

One of the areas of emphasis during the negotiation process is 'value' always focus on what the other person will benefit and not the price. This is called value. As soon as the client sees value, he or she would want to give in the negotiating battle.

Always Have a Backup Plan

The greatest leverage you have at the negotiation table is your ability to walk away. But by doing so, it weakens your position if you decide to return. If you return, you'll send the message: "I need this deal to go through -- somehow. So I have no choice but to continue talking to you." You'll instantly lose leverage.

So before the negotiation begins, have a plan B. It wouldn't be a bad idea to have a plan C, either. Are there other buyers or can you hang onto the business longer? Have a backup plan;

otherwise, you may end up empty-handed and feeling foolish.

### Be Quiet and Listen

When you're talking, you don't have to talk over others to be in charge of a conversation. In fact, the best negotiators know that their most powerful weapon is to listen.

Silence can be awkward. People hate silence, so they'll often talk to fill it. When they do, listen carefully to what they're saying and you'll identify their real, core objectives. You can use this to craft a deal that meets everyone's goals.

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LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE,  
EAT WISELY

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**M**ango is a low-calorie fruit that is high in fibre and a great source of Vitamin A and C.

It contains Folate, Vitamin B6, Iron, a little Calcium and Zinc. Mangoes are also a good source of antioxidants. Mangoes can be eaten ripe or used green for pickles or chutneys. They are generally sweet, although the taste and texture of the flesh varies across cultivars, with some having a soft pulp texture similar to an overripe plum while others are firm.

### Nutritional break down of mango

The mango fruit is one of the most popular, nutritionally rich fruits with a unique flavour, fragrance, taste and health promoting qualities, making it numero-uno among new functional foods often labeled as "super fruits". Mango is one of the delicious seasonal fruit cultivated in many regions.

- A mango serving size is equivalent to 1 cup of sliced mangos and is just 100 calories.
- There are 200 calories in one whole mango.
- Each serving of mango is fat free, sodium free and cholesterol free.
- Mangoes contain over 200 different vitamins and minerals, helping to make them a super food.
- One cup of mango provides 35 per cent of vitamin A, 100 per cent of your daily vitamin C, AND 10 per cent of Vitamin B6.
- A mango a day contains 12 per cent fibre.
- One cup of mango is also an excellent source of folate, making up 20 per cent of your daily requirement and copper, making up 10 per cent of your daily needs.
- There are 255g of carbohydrates in mango, making up eight per cent of your daily value so give your brain an extra boost of energy with mango.

### Health Benefits of Mango

- **High in Antioxidants**  
Antioxidants are important as they protect your cells against free radical damage. Free radicals are highly reactive compounds that can bind to and damage your cells.
- **Boost Immunity**  
Mango is a good source of immune-boosting nutrients. Vitamin A is essential for a healthy immune system as it helps fight infections. Meanwhile, not getting enough vitamin A is linked to a greater risk of infections. Vitamin C also helps your body to fight diseases.
- **Contains High Iron Content**  
The high iron content in mango is a natural remedy for anaemic people. Women should also eat mangoes to increase iron levels and calcium content in their bodies.
- **Improves**

Concentration  
and Memory

If you find it difficult to concentrate and have low memory, then gorge on mangoes. They will improve and boost your concentration.

# AMAZING MANGOES



### • Use It as a Body Scrub

Apart from eating, applying mango scrub on your body gives you a smoother and a tender skin. You can make a paste by mashing mangoes and adding honey and milk to it. Gently massage and leave on for 10-15 minutes and then wash it off to get a great skin.

### • Prevent Heat Stroke

Mango helps in preventing heat stroke. Eating it cools you down instantly and refreshes you. Eat this fruit in summer and stay cool during the hot weather.

### • Aids Good Digestion

The enzymes in mangoes help in breaking down protein content in the body. Enriched with

fibre, mangoes aid good digestion and prevent many stomach related diseases.

### • For Healthy Eyes

Mangoes are loaded with Vitamin A, making it a perfect fruit to improve eyesight. It also prevents night blindness and dry eyes.

### • A way to lose weight

As mango contains a lot of vitamins and essential nutrients, eating one mango makes you feel fuller. As it is loaded with fibrous content, it boosts the digestive function and burns unwanted calories from the body.

### • Helps in Maintaining Cholesterol Level

Mangoes contain high level of vitamin C, fibre and pectin making it a perfect fruit that help in controlling high cholesterol level.

### How to select and store mango

- To select a ripe mango, lightly press its surface to check if it is not too hard.
- If you buy raw mango or unripe mango, keep them in a paper bag in a warm place, they will ripen within two days. If you keep the unripe mangoes at room temperature, it may take them up to one week for full ripening.

### Storing

You can store ripe mangoes in the refrigerator for about two weeks or they can be dried, frozen, pureed or cooked in the form of syrup. In the commercial market, you can buy them canned, fresh or dried. If you buy dried mangoes, be sure to rehydrate them in warm water for about four hours before adding them to your recipe

### Freezing

If you want to freeze uncooked mangoes, just sprinkle sugar over the seeded peeled and sliced fruit. Stir lightly with a wooden spoon until the sugar melts in the juice of the mango itself. Make sure the pieces are well sugar coated. Seal them in an air tight container and freeze.

### RECIPES

#### Mango and Chicken Salad Ingredients

- 30ml (2 tablespoons) olive oil
  - 30ml (2 tablespoons) balsamic vinegar
  - 1 red chili, deseeded and chopped
  - 500ml (2 cups) sliced roasted chicken, skin removed
  - 2 mangoes, peeled and sliced
  - 250g mixed lettuce leaves
- Method**
- Combine olive oil, balsamic vinegar and chili in a small bowl.
  - Lay lettuce leaves on a platter. Top with chicken and mango.
  - Drizzle over chili dressing.
  - Toss lightly to combine chili before serving.

#### Mango Banana Smoothie Ingredients

- 2 medium mangoes, peeled and diced.
  - 1/2 small pawpaw, peeled and diced
  - 2 medium bananas, sliced
  - 250ml (1 cup) orange juice
  - 250 (1 cup) crushed ice
  - 5ml (1 teaspoon) vanilla essence
  - 2ml (1/4 teaspoon) ground cinnamon
  - 2ml (1/4 teaspoon) ground nutmeg
- Method**
- In a blender, combine mango, pawpaw, banana, orange juice, crushed ice, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover and blend until smooth.
  - Decorate with mint and serve chilled.
- TIP:** If you prefer a thinner smoothie add more orange juice.

#### Mango Jam Ingredients

- 4 Cups chopped mango
  - 3 cups white sugar
  - 1/2 cup lemon or lime juice
- Method**
- Peel, seed and dice mangoes into 1/2 inch cubes.
  - Place the chopped mangoes into a saucepan along with the sugar and the lemon juice. Be sure that they only come 1/3rd of the way up the pot to prevent overflows when the mango jam is cooking.
  - Bring the ingredients to boil over medium-high heat, stirring frequently to prevent scorching or overflows.
  - Boil for about 20 minutes until the jam begins to gel. Test for gelling on a plate that's been chilled in the freezer, or use an instant-read thermometer to check for gel temperature (220 degrees F).
  - Pour the jam into prepared canning jars leaving 1/4 inch head space. Process in a water bath canner for 10 minutes or simply store in the refrigerator for immediate use. Canned jam should last 1 year in the pantry, and refrigerator jam should last two to three weeks.



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**C**ancer is an uncontrolled growth of cells on or in the body. It may be localised or it may invade adjacent tissues and spread throughout the body. It can occur in any location or body system from skin to bowels, kidney to blood, and brain to bones. Cancers are divided into two broad categories: carcinomas (of epithelial – meaning inside lining – origin, found in breast, colon, pancreas, etc.); and sarcomas (cancer of supportive tissue found in bone, cartilage, fat, muscle, blood vessels and soft tissue). Malignant is the term used for a cancerous growth or tumour, while benign means the growth or tumour is harmless.

## Signs of cancer in dogs and cats

Because most cancer symptoms are common to other illness, further tests such as biopsy are required to diagnose cancer. A dog or cat showing one or more of these symptoms should be checked by a veterinarian:

- Pain – limping or other evidence of pain can be a sign of cancer, especially of the bone.
- Changes in toilet habits – difficulty or frequency in evacuation or presence of blood in urine or stool.
- Lethargy or depression – if the pet is sleeping more, less playful, less willing to walk or exercise.
- Coughing or difficulty breathing
- Change in appetite – dogs and cats do not stop eating without a cause.
- Weight loss.
- Non-healing wounds.
- Abnormal discharges – blood, pus, vomiting, diarrhoea or any other abnormal discharge from any part of your pet's body needs to be checked. Bloating could be a sign of internal discharge.
- Abnormal odours – from any part of your pet's body should be checked.
- Lumps and bumps. There are many causes of skin growths, but all lumps should be

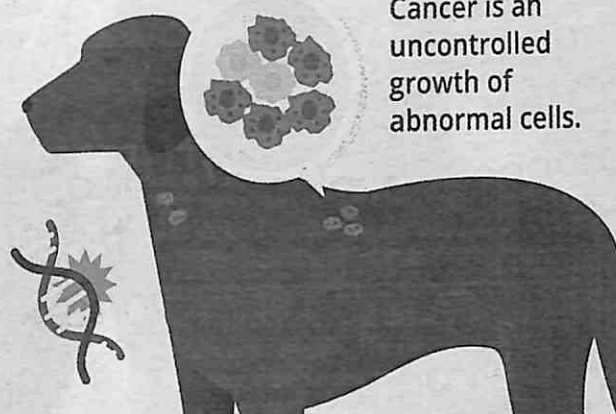
## PETS ALSO GET CANCER

## CANCER IN DOGS

## What Is Cancer?

Malignant tumors can spread to other parts of the body and replace normal tissue.

Cancer cells develop because of damaged DNA.



Cancer is an uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells.

evaluated.

## Causes of cancer

No single cause of cancer is known, but there are many known risk factors called carcinogens. Some are genetic which makes certain breeds more susceptible to certain cancers than mixed breed animals. Carcinogenic chemicals

which may be found in the pet's environment or diet can cause the cells' genetic code to mutate. Physical agents such as radiation, asbestos, etc. can cause cancer through chronic irritation and inflammation. Certain viruses cause cancer in animals. Any factor or disease that causes immunosuppression increases

the risk of tumours. Hormones that cause cell proliferation can cause cancer.

## Common cancers in pets

Skin cancer is the most easily detected of dog cancers. Pets suffer from abdominal cancers involving the spleen, liver, kidneys and intestines. Bladder cancer is more common in pets that live with smokers. Bone cancer is most common in large and giant dogs. Other cancers common in dogs are mouth cancers, canine lymphoma and prostate cancer in male dogs. Breast cancer is most common in unspayed female dogs and testicular cancer in unneutered males (sterilising is best!). Feline leukemia is a contagious virus that can lead to cancer in cats.

## Treatment

Treatment is based on the type of cancer and location. For most tumours surgery is the best hope for cure. Chemotherapy – where targeted drugs are used to slow down tumour growth or stop it altogether – is used where surgery is not feasible. Radiation therapy and cold therapy are other techniques used against certain cancers in pets.

## What you can do

Your pet will remain happy if it has good food, a loving home and the pleasure of your company. Nutritional support is very important for all cancer patients. Flavourful, highly digestible and energy-dense diets can reverse some signs of cancer. The best diets for pets with cancer are rich in fat and protein and low in carbohydrates. Early detection and treatment mean a good chance of recovery or extended life.



## Eswatini Standards Authority

**M**any, if not all governments worldwide, are now developing and implementing strategies to a) deliver e-Government services to citizens and businesses, and b) to support the modernisation of government.

For the public services, the real opportunity is to use information technology to help create fundamental improvement in the efficiency, convenience and quality of service. The plan is not only to offer more convenient access to services but also to transform how governments organise mainstream delivery.

When people interact with government, in either their role as a citizen or a member of a business, they want to do so on their own terms. They want high quality services which are accessible, convenient and secure. People should not need to understand how government is organised, or to know which department or agency does what, or whether a function is exer-

## Standards and e-Governance

cised by central, regional or local government. New ways of doing business will change the relationship between individuals and government. At the same time, it will be vital to make sure that people can trust the systems being used, by ensuring that their personal data is protected and that systems are secure.

The Eswatini Standards Authority's vision is to be the recognised centre of excellence and the preferred supplier for services relating to the use of standards in Eswatini and beyond. In supporting this initiative, SWASA also sits in the committee and our role in this programme is to identify all areas that will need to be standardized so as to provide quality services to the Swazi economy. The overall aim of incorporating standards is to achieve more interoperability, scalability, reusability, platform independence and thus to reduce costs and risks by use of these applications.

The ICT Department is responsible for the architecture, policy and standard setting, these calls for the setting of policies and standards for service level contractors entered into by the Government of Eswatini with third parties, security policies and standards and procedures and ensuring compliance and quality policies and standards.

e-Government leverages information and communication technology to strengthen and

improve the quality and efficiency of public administration. The word e-Government translates literally as 'electronic government'. This is a strategy within and between national institutions as well as between the government and citizens or businesses. There are the three stakeholders groups in Eswatini that make up the e-government component namely; government to citizens (G2C), government to business (G2B) and government to government (G2G). It is believed that governments have been practicing e-Government for more than 50 years, the challenge is that we just didn't give it that name 50 years ago!

e-Government is based on 3 elements namely: information which is the process whereby information is made available online, for example, on the website of a public authority. Secondly communication, which is the ability to interactively access and exchange information and lastly transaction; the actual carrying out of services, including the signation of application forms and electronic delivery of official documents and notifications.

The first standard that is of relevance to the initiative that SWASA has developed is SZNS ISO/IEC 27001 Information technology – Security techniques – Information security management systems – Requirements. This standard formally specifies a management system

that is intended to bring information security under explicit management control. Being a formal specification means that it mandates specific requirements.

SZNS ISO 19119 geographic information – Services has also been developed. This standard identifies and defines the architecture patterns for service interfaces used for geographic information. It also prescribes how to create a platform-neutral service specification, how to derive conformant platform-specific service specifications, and provides guidelines for the selection and specification of geographic services from both platform-neutral and platform-specific perspectives. SWASA continues to develop standards to support this e-Government strategy.



**The overall aim of incorporating standards is to achieve more interoperability, scalability, reusability, platform independence and thus to reduce costs and risks by use of these applications.**



## Columns &amp; Opinion



## Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini

**L**ove has this funny habit of matching unlikely characters in many ways possible.

The woman or man you are dating or married to is deemed by many to be a direct opposite to you. People who see you for the first time may allude to physical appearance as unmatching, say, an extremely beautiful wife for *lijaha lelingakakhiwa kahle impela nje*. They would whisper about this and others may even blurt it out, “*Akakufaneli lomfuti Mjojo, muhle kakhulu.*”

Those are very embarrassing moments for couples when they have to bear public comparison and spite thereof. The balance is that beauty comes in many forms and will attract another beauty form in the other.

## Differences

Often times than not the difference would be in character disposition wherein one is, say, an introvert near a hermit for a man whilst the other is an extrovert, almost a hag for a woman. It can cut both ways, for the man or woman. Taking one aspect of all differences there can be between couples, Scales wonders how exciting it can be, for a man, to date or be married to a woman who screams- a lot. Uyamemeta nje lo make, uyevakala nje where she is present. Does this come as an embarrassment to the woman or it doesn't bother the man at all? This is a woman who even when greeting friends is truly a jolly lass. She is kind of like that everywhere, every time and with everyone. The husband follows behind naively- a quiet soul!

Societal Scales is in the know of a teacher lady who loved football and supported the school team in all games they played. She would be at the sports field, especially when they would be playing another school, shouting, screaming, and cheering from the first whistle to the last minute of the game. She knew all the boys *ngetibongelelo tabo*. For a woman way back then, she could read the game like a man and screamed at the boys collectively and individually when they messed up.

## Instructions

Here is an area of interest in the analogue, the coach for the school team was her teacher husband Mr. Thwala; an extremely quiet guy for the job. He would not be heard shouting or anything, his instructions got to the team as quietly as he could afford. It was a strong team which won their games almost always. Spectators never knew whether it was the husband's expertise or his wife's screaming charm or a combined effort borne out of romantic individualistic differences. She was a pretty screaming woman married to a cool guy who never once looked worried about his wife's vibrancy. Someone has that girlfriend who would announce her presence by cheerfulness above normal yet cause nobody no harm but instead bring everyone together. In a certain bonfire, this woman who greeted and made everyone a cup of coffee deluded some young men who thought she was game for anyone. Nay, she was in the company of her fiancé George, very much known to many in the composition. They were in love and Boy George would only let her be - scream all she wanted joyfully - she was just that!

## screams

But then that is not the only screaming a woman can make which her man would have to put up with. What if your first lady screams your eardrums out each time you make love to her? Another guy, let's call him Floyd would tell his pals he would love her scream-



## HOW EXCITING OR FRUSTRATING WOULD IT BE TO DATE A SCREAMING WOMAN?



**Love has this funny habit of matching unlikely characters in many ways possible. The woman or man you are dating or married to is deemed by many to be a direct opposite to you. People who see you for the first time may allude to physical appearance as unmatching, say, an extremely beautiful wife for *lijaha lelingakakhiwa kahle impela nje*.**

ing for that gives him power and encouragement he is doing the right thing. That's a woman who would scream neighbours would come knocking to the door *batsi niyabulala nakantsi niyabulalana tiwane temandla tise-mandleni!* She would call all the angels from the disgraced Lucifer to the dutiful Gabriel, her God and finally your name like she would be exploding from an atomic bomb! A newlywed couple was visiting the young husband's family for the first time in the farm house where a family function was going on. Allocated a room in the main house like everyone else, the young couple got at it notwithstanding that they knew everyone was next door. The woman was a screamer-really.

Rumour has it that everyone got out their beds, packed a few blankets and converged in the living room. The noise was disturbing to some, others were embarrassed, a few suffered nostalgia because their partners were not with them and one guy, the groom's youngest brother, wondered what was it in sex that would make a woman scream so much. In all this, not a sound was heard from the guy, *kucuma lomake nje bese uyagwabuka ampongoloze njengensimbi yelisontfo leZion*. After the blaze, it was all quiet in the room that they could hear voices down in the living room and decided to join.

The guy was embarrassed to find everyone on the sofas, cup of coffee at hand, and some couldn't even look him in the face. The woman was unfazed.

She confessed to a few later on that she loved sex loud. Societal Scales is enjoying social media, especially with the litany of jokes in there. Imagine a guy who is frustrated by a screaming woman whilst they are making love, he would keep on, “*shshshshhs, aman-gele losisi kutsi ungikhutulela eLibrary yini*, because in the event she is muzzled she would be like, : *mmhmmhmmh*.” Men must build big houses, removed bedrooms in case you have a screaming wife *nakudliwa sidlo sakusihlwa namake* Or this day in particular *utawuske amemete make waMtopiya, kwetfuke bantfwana*. Those in the know of intimate matters *batsi vele kufute kubompongoloza lomake* for it to be effective *umshudvo waphansi*.

*Kubhonsa lesengwako, hhayi lolosengako!*

But then there is yet another kind of screaming that is unpalatable to the point it embarrasses the husband. The woman is a hag who confronts and attacks everyone, including the husband, even in public space. A man in his matured thirties forgot his phone in the car as he dashed to his office. His beautiful wife, a doctor in a government hospital, spotted it the moment she was parking the car. She got into the husband's account and found he had been chatting with a neighbour's wife. She didn't furnish herself with the details of the conversation but quickly went to attack the other woman first in her workplace, *wawungatsi kushaye sangcofo*, she left everyone perplexed. When she got into the man's place, she was a trail blazer and even the Director's personal secretary could stop her. She berated the man with all depletives she could utter. He kept his cool, held her by the shoulder and drove her home.

There had been nothing sinister in the conversation, *bomakhelwane bebacwayisana nje* on hooliganism on the rise. Holding all other factors constant, Scales will assume all men could like a woman who screams when she is being made love to-supposedly! She could indicate to you that *uyashaya khona impela eLondon!* And there is nothing really wrong about that. Not at all, *kudvumisa kwamake ngaloluhlobo kuyamkhutsata babe* even when at the beginning of the joyride *bekute litsemba!*





## Diabetes screening available at New Start & Litsemba letfu clinic

Diabetes screening is now available at New Start and Litsemba letfu Clinic at Mahhala or New Start mobile clinics around the country. You can screen for diabetes whenever you visit New Start for HIV testing or treatment services.

### What is diabetes?

Diabetes mellitus, sometimes called sugar diabetes, is a serious, lifelong condition that occurs when the body cannot use glucose (a type of sugar) normally. Glucose is the main source of energy for the body. There are different types of diabetes but let's focus on Type 2 diabetes.

### Type 2 diabetes

Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes which results from the body's inability to respond properly to the action of insulin produced by the pancreas. It occurs most frequently in adults but is being noted increasingly in younger people and children.



### Do you know the risk factors for diabetes?

Chances of developing type 2 diabetes depend on a combination of risk factors. You are at risk of diabetes if you are:

1. Over 35 years of age
2. Overweight
3. Hypertensive (have high blood pressure)
4. Suffering from heart disease
5. Smoking tobacco
6. Eating processed foods
7. Not getting sufficient exercise

### How do I know if I may be suffering from diabetes?

Here are 7 signs and symptoms of diabetes:

1. Thirst which does not go away despite drinking continuously
2. Frequent urination
3. Hunger even after eating a meal
4. Unexplained weight loss
5. Itchiness in private parts and skin
6. Continuously feeling tired
7. Tingling or numbness in your hands or feet



**If you have more than one of these signs and symptoms, visit New Start & Litsemba Letfu Clinic or call our toll-free line 1212.**



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### Special Feature

## Corrupt KZN licensing clerk sentenced

**HOWICK** – A corrupt uMngeni Municipality employee will not be able to leave her house for four years nor drink alcohol for that duration after she was sentenced for fraudulently issuing drivers' licences.

Thandazile Judith Shelembe, who was a principal administrative clerk at the Howick licensing centre, appeared at the Durban Commercial Crimes Court on Monday.

She was fined R9 000 or 12 months imprisonment and also handed a four-year sentence suspended for five years on condition that she is not found guilty of fraud or theft during that period.

Other conditions are that she be placed under house arrest for the full duration of the sentence and may not leave the magisterial area in which she lives without the permission of the commissioner of Correctional Services.

She has to perform free community service for 16 hours per month for the first 24 months of the sentence and must complete programmes in life orientation or any other programme that the commissioner may deem necessary at her own

expense.

According to the Road Traffic Management Corporation's (RTMC) Simon Zwane, Shelembe has also been banned from drinking alcohol or using drugs for the duration of the sentence, other than for medical reasons.

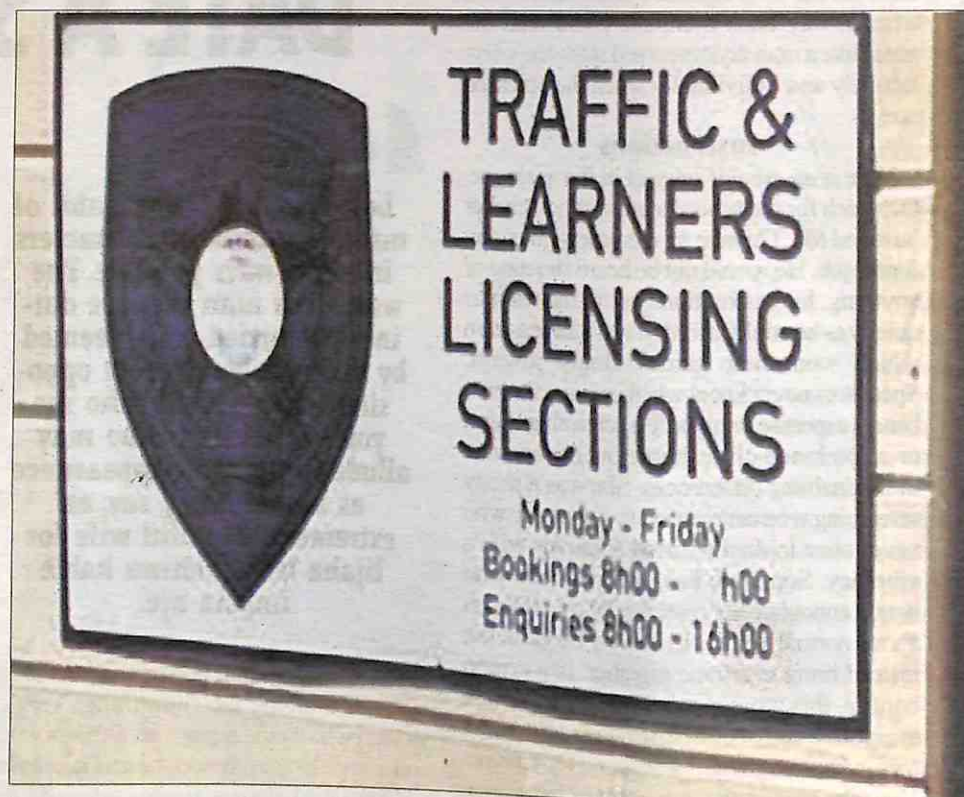
She has also been ordered to report to the Correctional official at his designated office before midday on October 22.

Shelembe was charged with nine counts of fraud for capturing the information of applicants onto the eNaTi's systems, without the applicants actually completing the application and in the absence of the applicants.

"Ms Shelembe also captured false eye test results for the nine applicants while

their eyes were never tested as prescribed," Zwane said.

"She also captured the payment for the Learners Licence tests and secured the test dates in the absence of the applicants contrary to legislation. She pleaded guilty to all counts on September 6, 2019 and was convicted," Zwane said Shelembe also faced disciplinary action by



her employer and resigned with immediate effect last month.

He said Shelembe was arrested by the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit of the RTMC together with the Hawks on 5 June.

Her arrest, he said, followed one of six officials and nine learner licence applicants who were charged with fraud in March last year.

"The magistrate said Shelembe's actions must

not be taken lightly as this type of crime has been going on for a long time.

"The RTMC welcomed the sentence and hoped that it sends a message to others that crime does not pay but has devastating consequences," Zwane said. Last week, a man was arrested at the Marianhill Licensing Centre on suspicion he wrote learner driver tests for at least 25 applicants, charging them R3 500 each.



# Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News



## MAIMANE AN ETHICALLY UPRIGHT MAN - EFF

**J**OHANNESBURG - The red berets say the DA is a 'white political party in which whites and their interests as whites must always dominate and come first'.

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) has released a statement on the resignation of former Democratic Alliance (DA) leader Mmusi Maimane as party leader, as a member of the party, and as its leader in parliament. The party expressed 'disappointment' at Maimane stepping down despite, in their view, being neither corrupt nor incompetent. "Many leaders have had to step down because of corruption, incompetence, or outright criminality. Many more occupy positions of leadership in government without even a single ounce of competence, they are corrupt and ethically disreputable. Yet a capable non-

...forced to leave DA because of 'white people'

corrupt and absolutely ethically upright man has to leave his role because white people, based on their whiteness, no longer approve of him," the statement says.

"The resignation of Maimane must go down in history as a fundamental failure of non-racialism and democratic tolerance in the Democratic Alliance."

The party praised Maimane for working with them following the 2016 municipal elections. "As the EFF we worked with him to unseat the irreparably corrupt ANC following the outcome of the 2016 local government elections.

"As leader of a white-dominated DA, we could hold his hand in protests that required all of us to put the country above ideological differences.

This is also because of his tenacity

and absolute willingness to hear and work out different perspectives.

"Maimane almost always faced an impossible task in leading the DA to transcend its white-dominated nature. The idea that one day, it could be reflective of the South African demographics, in that blacks could be a majority, seems to have died or [is] impossible in its DNA." The EFF believes the departure of Maimane exposes the DA as being a "white" political party.

"It is a white political party in which whites and their interests as whites must always dominate and come first. In essence, it is a white-first political party! "We wish Maimane well and congratulate him for not hiding the racial contradiction."

*Citizen*

## 'Those who hacked our system won't get a cent from us'

**J**OHANNESBURG - The City of Joburg says people who hacked their system and then demanded a ransom won't get a cent.

Speaking to The Star yesterday morning, the City's Happy Zondi said hackers accessed their system illegally which means that they are unable to assist customers due to the security breach.

As a precautionary measure, the City shut down several customer facing systems including the city's website, e-services and the billing system.

While Zondi could not say when the hackers hit, she confirmed that they tried to extort money from them after illegally accessing the system. "I don't have details yet as to how much they demanded but they won't get a cent. Our engineers are busy figuring out what the problem is. Our network has been affected," she said. She said as a result of the hacking, they won't be able to assist people who want to query their bills or query their water and electricity consumption.

"I don't think it would be useful for our

customers to come to us for help today and we apologise for that," she said. This latest incident comes three months after many Joburgers were left freezing in the cold and not able to buy electricity on the City Power website after it was hit by a virus. The ransomware virus encrypted all their database, applications and network. Ransomware as a type of malware from cryptovirology that threatens to publish the victim's data or perpetually block access to it unless a ransom is paid. *The Star*

## Deputy PP candidates shortlisted

**J**OHANNESBURG - The parliamentary committee on justice and correctional services on Thursday shortlisted eight candidates to be interviewed for the position of deputy public protector.

The ANC nominated five candidates: Sonwabile Mancotywa, Kholeka Gcaleka, Puleng Matshelo, Buang Jones and Lwazi Pumelela Kubukeli.

The DA nominated Shadrack Nkuna and Noxolo Mbangeni, while the EFF nominated Moshoeshoe Jeffrey Toba.

The committee received 29 nominations, with three candidates subsequently withdrawing, while six did not meet the criteria set.

During the meeting, the EFF's Mbuyiseli Ndlozi pushed for the removal of Gcaleka, who had served as an adviser to former minister Malusi Gigaba, and also served in the National Prosecuting Authority, from the shortlist.

"There is a name I feel strongly should not be shortlisted," Ndlozi said. The

DA's Glynis Breytenbach said there were other names she would have liked to nominate.

"I think we should have an opportunity to nominate other names and we should probe some of them to whittle the number down to eight," Breytenbach said. But the ANC's Qubudile Dyantyi said he did not think it was time to exploit weaknesses in candidates.

Committee chairperson Bulelani Magwanishe said if they had more than eight names, they would have had a discussion and eliminated some until they reached eight.

"So far eight people have been nominated, unless there is a view to add other people," Magwanishe said.

"Having eight people is not a train smash, because we need one," he added.

Ndlozi insisted that Gcaleka not be interviewed as issues raised in her history in the various departments at an advisory level were substantial.

*Political Bureau*



OBJECTS: EFF's Mbuyiseli Ndlozi.

## Another pole stuck in middle of new road

**J**OHANNESBURG - A newly-tarred R10.5m road has an electricity pole stuck right in the middle of it.

Sowetan reported that the tarring of the road in Lebogakomo, Limpopo, started in May and was scheduled to be completed and operating by October 22. There was no clear explanation why the pole wasn't removed before tar was laid around it, the newspaper reported.

Lepelle-Nkumpi municipal spokesperson Khali Maphoso told Sowetan the situation was 'not that bad, because the road is not officially opened'. "We have written to Eskom applying for

the electric pole to be removed and the process is under way. The completed road will be open in the next two months," he said. This is the second incident of its kind to make the news recently, after the Mpumalanga municipality had to remove an Eskom pole that was rooted in the middle of a paved road. The irregular construction occurred in Acomhoek, Bushbuckridge.

TimesLIVE quoted Bushbuckridge municipality spokesperson Aubrey Mnisi as saying this was as a result of home stands being allocated to residents without following proper processes. "There are no infrastructure plans for that." *Times Live*

## DA to elect interim leader, chair on November 17

**C**APE TOWN - The DA's Federal Council (FedCo) will meet on November 17 to elect an interim leader and interim chairperson of the party, FedCo chair Helen Zille tweeted yesterday morning. She also claims that they have 'stead-

ied the ship'. The past week saw the DA become leaderless, after Mmusi Maimane resigned as party leader, followed by Athol Trollip. Maimane also ceased being the party's parliamentary leader once he resigned as federal leader, resulting in John Steenhuisen stepping

down as chief whip, because his term is tied to that of the parliamentary leader who appointed him. "On 17 November, we have a special Federal Council to elect an interim leader and an interim chair," Zille tweeted. "Full Congress in April 2020. In the meantime, all

structures are functional and stable. Parliamentary caucus elects a new leader within a week, who will appoint a new Chief Whip." In the meantime, Annelie Lotriet, who was elected caucus chairperson, is the interim parliamentary leader, and Jacques Julius, who was

elected deputy chief whip, is the interim chief whip. The caucus will elect its new parliamentary leader on either Tuesday or Thursday, and this person will then have the prerogative to appoint a chief whip. Nominations for the parliamentary leader close at 20:00 on Friday. News24 understands that Steenhuisen's nomination is already submitted. *News24*



# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News

### MOKGWEETSI MASISI'S BDP WINS GENERAL ELECTION

**G**ABORONE - Voters in Botswana voted on Wednesday in crucial general elections in one of Africa's most stable democracies.

Over 900 000 registered voters were expected to cast their ballots across the country to elect members of the national assembly and by extension the president of the southern African nation.

The government declared October 23 - 25 as public holidays to allow for full participation of citizens in the democratic

process. The vote caps a busy election year for the southern Africa region which has witnessed elections in South Africa, Malawi, DR Congo and earlier this month in Mozambique. Masisi's party wins the ruling Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) has won the general election after securing 29 national assembly seats, representing 51 per cent of the vote, the chief justice announced on Friday.

Botswana voted on Wednesday to elect 57 national assembly and 490 local government representatives, with the candidate of the winning party set to become president. "Although vote counting is still ongoing, the numbers of Parliament seats attained so far by the BDP obliges me to declare Mokgweetsi Masisi as the elected president of Botswana," said Chief Justice Terrence Rannowane.

The main opposition, the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), secured 13 seats while the Botswana Patriotic Front won three and the Alliance for Progressive only one, with 73 per cent of the voting districts counted so far.

Percentage of votes counted: 29 per cent  
Total number of votes: 263 730  
Total registered voters: 924 709

BDP = 16 constituencies = 124 786 votes  
UDC = 5 = 90 692  
BPF = 2 = 21 757  
AP = 1 = 16 812

Results collation by private media outlet Privately-owned outlet, The Voice, has been collating results from the October 23 vote. As widely expected, the ruling Botswana Democratic Party, BDP, have taken a big lead with about a third of votes counted. As at midnight of Thursday (October 24), four parties had secured seats in Parliament. BDP, Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) coalition, Botswana Patriotic Front (BPF) and the Alliance for Progressives (AP). According to the Independent Electoral Commission, IEC, the winner is declared once a party attains 29 parliamentary seats - the minimum requirement to form a government. The government's Twitter handle has also been posting updates on the constituency results as they trickle in.

Reuters



**PROMISING: Mokgweetsi Masisi.**

### Who is being targeted?

**H**ARARE - Yesterday is a public holiday in Zimbabwe to mark a day of protest against sanctions which the government blames for the country's economic problems.

Southern African countries joined calls from the Zimbabwe government for the sanctions to be lifted, saying they're damaging the region's economy. So why are sanctions in place and what impact are they having? The United States and the European Union (EU) have both maintained sanctions, citing a lack of progress in democratic and human rights reforms as well as restrictions on press freedoms.

They target both specific individuals and companies. United States financial and travel restrictions currently apply to 85 individuals, including President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

There are also 56 companies or organisations facing restrictions.

"We have sanctions against certain individuals and certain corporations... not against the country of Zimbabwe. There is nothing to stop US businesses from investing in Zimbabwe, from going to Zimbabwe," says US Assistant Secretary of State on African Affairs Tibor Nagy.

Washington says the economic

impact is mostly on farms and companies owned by these designated individuals. The US also imposed a ban on arms exports to Zimbabwe.

EU sanctions also target specific individuals both within the Zimbabwean government and associated with it. Travel restrictions and a freeze on assets have been imposed, along with the sale of military hardware and equipment which might be used for internal repression. Originally imposed during the era of former President Robert Mugabe, these sanctions were reviewed earlier this year and have been extended until February 2020.

The EU says these restrictions have no impact on the economy of the country. Zimbabwe's economy has faced deep economic crises over the past few years with periods of hyperinflation rendering the local currency worthless.

Once again this year Zimbabwe has been reeling from high levels of inflation as well as severe shortages of fuel, power and water. Recent economic data suggests Zimbabwe's economy has recently been shrinking as measured by gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, the average economic output per person.

BBC

### 29 killed, thousands displaced in Kenya floods

**N**AIROBI - Twenty-nine people have died in Kenya due to flooding, authorities said, as the country's meteorological department warned that more heavy rains are expected.

The East African country is experiencing the second of its two annual rainy seasons, but the rainfall in October has been above average in most parts of Kenya, James Muhindi of the meteorological department told dpa.

He said that one area near the border with Ethiopia recorded more rain in the first 10 days of the month than it would usually see over the

entire rainy season, which typically takes place between October and December.

Almost 12 000 people have been displaced due to flooding, which has particularly affected the north and east of Kenya, government spokesman Cyrus Ogunu said in televised remarks.

The floods have also dealt a blow to key sectors of the country's economy, such as agriculture. Ogunu said that 10 000 livestock animals have died in the flooding.

The rains are expected to peak in November, according to the meteorological department. dpa

### First local polio case found in Zambia since 1995 - UN

**L**ONDON - The World Health Organisation says Zambia has reported its first local case of polio since 1995, in a two-year-old boy paralysed by a virus derived from the vaccine.

In a report this week, WHO said the case was detected on the border with Congo, which has reported 37 cases of polio traced to the vaccine this year.

The UN health agency said there is no established link between the Zambia case and the ongoing Congo outbreak but said increased surveillance and vaccination efforts are needed, warning that "there is a potential for international spread."

In rare cases, the live virus in oral polio vaccine can mutate into a form capable of sparking new outbreaks. Nine African countries are currently battling polio epidemics linked to the vaccine as WHO and partners struggle to keep their efforts to eradicate polio on track.

Elsewhere, cases have been reported in China, Myanmar and the Philippines. On Thursday, WHO and partners are expected to announce they have rid the

world of type 3 polio virus. There are three types of polio viruses. Type 2 was eliminated years ago. That now leaves only type 1. But that refers only to polio viruses in the wild. Type 2 viruses continue to cause problems since they are still contained in the oral polio vaccine and occasionally evolve into new strains responsible for some vaccine-derived outbreaks. The global effort to eradicate polio was launched in 1988 and originally aimed to wipe out the potentially fatal disease by 2000.

AP

#### BRIEFS

##### Baby elephants export cause outrage

**HARARE** - Animal protection experts at Humane Society International/Africa and Zimbabwe animal groups on Thursday expressed their outrage and heartbreak at the news that more than 30 wild-caught baby elephants held captive for nearly a year in Hwange National Park, have been flown out of the country via Victoria Falls Airport. The news comes on the same day Zimbabwe National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ZNSPCA), supported by HSI/Africa, Advocates4Earth, and Sibanye Animal & Welfare Conservancy Trust, filed urgent court papers at Harare High Court in an attempt to stop the shipment to Chinese zoos. News24

##### Medical workers released after abduction

**CAIRO** - Six medical workers were released in Libya after being abducted and held hostage for nearly two weeks by unknown armed men, a leading human rights group said. Human Rights Watch's statement said the four physicians, a nurse and an anesthetic technician were released the previous day. Their nationalities were not immediately made available. Months of fighting between rival Libyan governments for control of the capital, Tripoli, took a further toll on medical workers on Thursday. Two field hospitals near the front lines were hit in separate attacks, killing an ambulance worker and wounding another medical worker in the eye, said Wedad Ben Niran, spokeswoman for the Health Ministry in Tripoli. AP

##### ACSA confirms flights suspended

**JOHANNESBURG** - Airports Company South Africa suspended Air Zimbabwe from using its airports with effect from Tuesday over unpaid debt, it confirmed in a statement. The amount due by Air Zimbabwe was, however, not disclosed to maintain client confidentiality. "As a cash client, Air Zimbabwe is required to settle on each Monday the amounts owing for landing fees, parking fees and the passenger service charge for its weekly flights, as well as an amount towards settling arrears on its account," ACSA said. "Air Zimbabwe has not adhered to the cash basis terms for using airports owned by ACSA." Fin24

##### Rights groups demand release of journalists

**BURUNDI** - Reporters Without Borders (RSF) on Thursday called for the release of four journalists and their driver who were arrested while covering a deadly clash between Burundi security forces and rebels from neighbouring DR Congo. Burundi police said 14 members of the group RED-Tabara were killed on Tuesday. The organisation, based in the east of Democratic Republic of Congo, is headed by one of Burundi's most outspoken opponents, Alexis Sinduhij, the government and diplomats believe. RSF said the journalists with the Iwacu newspaper "were arrested (Tuesday) at midday while trying to get witness statements from residents fleeing the fighting". AFP



# Focus on World News

Global News



## GUNS AND SMILES

**S**OCHI - Russia is showing off its next generation Kalashnikov assault rifles, helicopters and facial recognition systems as Russian President Vladimir Putin hosts dozens of African leaders for a major summit in Sochi.

The Wednesday and Thursday event at the Black Sea Resort has brought together delegates to discuss everything from nuclear technology to mineral extraction - but on the sidelines, stands for arms companies dominate.

Russia has been a major supplier of weapons and military equipment to African nations and the country's arms exporter hopes the first Russia-Africa summit will help further boost business on the continent.

"We would like to expand our presence there, of course," Rosoboronexport director Alexander Mikheev told AFP.

He said that African countries now

### ● Russia flaunts firepower at Africa Summit

accounted for 40 per cent of the exporter's current orders. All 54 African states were represented at the event and Rosoboronexport said it planned to conduct meetings with the top leadership of 15 countries on the sidelines of the gathering.

Russian and African attendees were offered an array of exhibits at which they could hold guns, pose for pictures or leaf through a catalogue of infantry weapons translated into French and Portuguese. "We adapt to the needs of our clients," said an official at one of the stands. "South Africa uses older models, if you want to keep the same ammunition they will be compatible with these new arms," he told one delegate, letting him hold a Kalashnikov. "It's so light," exclaimed the man who identified himself as a South African doc-

tor with a 'personal interest' in weapons. Behind him, a Rosoboronexport representative sang the praises of facial recognition systems which she said were "the most precise in the world" and could help secure borders, protect infrastructure and fight illegal trafficking.

"Twenty (African) countries are currently working with Russia," said Rosoboronexport's Mikheev, estimating the value of current arms contracts with the continent at US\$12bn.

This year alone, nine countries including Rwanda, Mozambique and Angola are set to receive Russian arms. Mikheev said that combat jets, gunships, Buk missile systems and S-300 surface-to-air missile systems accounted for 80 per cent of Africa's purchases.

AFP

## Death-trap container crossed Channel twice in a week

**L**ONDON - A 'metal coffin' lorry container carrying Chinese migrants had crossed the Channel twice in the week before it arrived in Britain with 39 frozen bodies inside, it was revealed today.

GPS tracking on the -25C sound-proofed container shows that it stopped in the refugee hotspots of Dunkirk and Calais in France in three trips to Belgium before heading to Zeebrugge for the fateful trip to Purfleet on Tuesday night. The new data will increase suspicions that the unit,

rented for £250-a-week, may have been repeatedly used by people smugglers before the 31 men and eight women were found dead in Thurrock, Essex on Wednesday morning. The 39 Chinese migrants were found dead in the back of a lorry and could have been locked in the freezing trailer for days. It is believed that the migrants were frozen, or had died of suffocation while being trapped in the metal container, but post-mortem examinations being held in Chelmsford will confirm this over the weekend. It is believed the victims

came from Fujian, a poor coastal province of south-east China controlled by traffickers known as snakeheads, who charge £20 000 to smuggle people to the UK via Serbia, Hungary, Austria, France before a boat to Britain from Belgium or Holland. The 54 men and four women found dead in the back of a tomato lorry which arrived in Dover on June 18, 2000 and the 23 who drowned in the 2004 Morecambe Bay cockling disaster originated were all trafficked from the same area of Fujian.

Daily Mail

## German defence minister sets out Syria plan to NATO

**B**RUSSELS - Germany's defence minister presented to NATO her proposal for a security zone in northern Syria on Thursday, receiving support from Turkey and the United States but also a warning from the alliance's chief that it may need to involve the United Nations.

Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer told allies that an internationally controlled zone would also need Russia, now the dominant power in Syria, if it was to protect displaced civilians and ensure the fight continues against Islamic State militants, diplomats said. But she insisted at the meeting of NATO defence ministers in Brussels that the task of patrolling the Turkish-Syrian border could not fall to Russia and Turkey alone, telling reporters: "The status quo is not a satisfactory solution." The idea, the first time Berlin has proposed a military mission in the Middle East, has at least served to steady an alliance that is

badly shaken by US President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw troops from Syria and Turkey's ensuing military operation launched on October 9, diplomats said. Europe were incensed by Turkey's cross-border offensive against Kurdish forces, which once fought along side the United States against Islamic State, while European Union governments have frozen arms sales in protest at Turkey's actions. US Defense Secretary Mark Esper, in Brussels on Thursday, said the Turkish incursion was 'unwarranted'.

Under Tuesday's deal between Russia and Turkey in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Ankara has agreed to restrict its military operations in northern Syria to the border region. But European allies are still anxious about Turkish plans to remove Kurdish YPG fighters and their weapons from the border. Ankara views the YPG as terrorists linked to Kurdish insurgents in southeast Turkey. AP

## Boris Johnson vows to go on strike

**L**ONDON - Boris Johnson tonight threw down the gauntlet to Jeremy Corbyn as he challenged the Labour leader to back his bid for a general election on December 12 and vowed to hold a vote every day if they refuse.

Johnson will hold a vote in the House of Commons on Monday on triggering a snap poll after telling Corbyn the Brexit 'nightmare' cannot be allowed to continue.

But as Corbyn refused to commit, Downing Street threatened to stage daily Commons votes on a snap election until he concedes, saying it would not let him 'hold the country hostage'. A No 10 source said the Government would effectively go on strike by pulling all legislation, including the Withdrawal Agreement Bill, and instead 'campaign at every stage and at every opportunity for a General Election'.

The EU will make a decision tomorrow on how long to postpone Brexit for and the bloc is expected to push back the UK's departure date to January



**THROWS A CHALLENGE:**  
Boris Johnson.

31. Johnson believes such an extension is unacceptable and as a result he has told MPs that if they back an election he will make time available for them to scrutinise and vote on his Brexit deal. But to succeed he needs the backing of two-thirds of MPs. Daily Mail

### BRIEFS

#### We're building a wall - Trump

**WASHINGTON** - US President Donald Trump has made building a barrier to stop migrants on the US-Mexico border a central plank of his presidency, but on Wednesday, he came up with a puzzling new twist to the initiative: A wall in Colorado. The problem? Colorado lies well within the US, though its large southern neighbour New Mexico does border Mexico. "You know why we are going to win New Mexico? Because they want safety on their border," Trump said during a speech in Pittsburgh. "And we are building a wall on the border of New Mexico, and we are building a wall in Colorado," he continued. AFP

#### 6 palace officials sacked for 'evil actions'

**THAILAND** - Thailand's king has fired six senior palace officials for their 'evil actions', the palace announced on Wednesday, days after the monarch stripped his consort of all her titles for 'disloyalty'. In a week of palace intrigue which has gripped Thailand, King Maha Vajiralongkorn on Monday stripped his 34-year-old consort and former royal bodyguard Sineenat Wongvajirapakdi of her noble title and military ranks. On Wednesday six high-ranking palace officials were fired, including 'a nurse at the bedroom guard service' and a veterinarian, according to two separate announcements released by the official Royal Gazette. Aljazeera

#### Multiple dead in rival groups' shootout

**MEXICO** - Nine people have been killed in southern Mexico in a shootout between two groups using high-powered weapons, authorities said. Several organised crime groups dedicated to trafficking drugs operate in the area and often clash over control of supply routes. The confrontation occurred on Wednesday on a highway in a rural area in the state of Guerrero, the local attorney's office said in a statement. "The deceased are close to Zenen Nava Sanchez, leader of the criminal group Los Rojos," it said, adding an investigation had been launched into the incident. AFP

#### Troops were attacked by Turkish-led forces

**BEIRUT** - Turkish forces and their allies attacked Syrian government troops in northeastern Syria on Thursday, killing some of them, and they also clashed with Kurdish-led fighters, the state news agency in Damascus and a war monitoring group said. The fighting underscored the risks of violence as multiple and often opposing armed forces jostle for new positions in the tight quarters of the northeastern border zone. Most worrisome has been the prospect of a collision between forces of the Syrian government and those backed by Turkey, which include Syrian rebel fighters and Islamic extremists opposed to President Bashar Assad. AP





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Phumzile Patience Dlamini



Funeral: 26/10/2019  
Vigil: 25/10/2019

Kwatswa tihlobo, nebangani nebekhabonina kaMasuku eHlalukane kutsi phumzile Patience Dlamini, akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeMgibelo ekuseni 26 October 2019 emva kwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu. Kwatswa libandla lakhe i-Evangelical Church Osabeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Absalom M. Dlamini egameni lemndeni.

Tryphina, Funani Mlotshwa, uNkhosi



Funeral: 26/10/2019  
Vigil: kute  
Place: Madonsa

Relatives of Tryphina, Funani Mlotshwa, uNkhosi are notified of her demise. Funeral will be on Saturday 26 October 2019 Madonsa, no night vigil. Announcement by her brother Elijah Majaha Ngwane Dlamini.

Nonhlanhla Beatrice Shongwe nee Dlamini



Funeral: 26/10/2019  
Vigil: 25/10/2019  
Place: Pigg's Peak

Friends and relatives of Nonhlanhla Beatrice Shongwe nee Dlamini are notified of her sudden demise. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 26th October 2019 in Pigg's Peak. There will be a night vigil at her home in Ngwenya. A memorial service in her honour will be at All Saints Cathedral, starting at 2pm on the 25th October 2019. Announcement by her children on behalf of the family.

Gcinile Myeni



Funeral: 26/10/2019  
Vigil: 25/10/2019  
Place: Nhlambeni

Relatives and friends of Gcinile Myeni are notified of her demise. The memorial service will be on Friday 12pm Nhlambeni Pentecostal Church. Night vigil 25th October 2019 in Gundwini Homestead. She will be laid to rest on 26th October 2019 in Nhlambeni. Announcement by Daniel Myeni father.

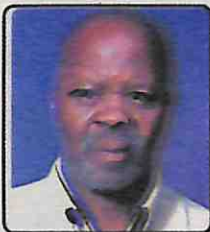
Tanele Ntombizodwa Mkhantshwa



Funeral: 26/10/2019  
Vigil: 25/10/2019  
Place: eTimbutini

Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani baTanele Ntombizodwa Mkhantshwa kutsi usishiyile emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo eTimbutini. Kwatswa bakubo eMacetjeni nebaseLwandle, nebasekhabonina kuMakhwekhwetini libandla lakhe lase Nkhosini Church in Zion under Bishop J. Mkhantshwa kutsi lite lithuba umsebenzi. Umlindzelo umhlaka 25th October 2019 ngaleSihlanu, ufihlwa 26th October 2019 ngeMgibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe.

Mandla Moses (Mgavuzi)



Funeral: 27/10/2019  
Vigil: 26/10/2019  
Place: Velezizweni

Kwatswa bakaVilakati, bakaNkhosi, nebakaNhlabatsi ekhakhakhe, Lisontfo lakhe i-African Apostolic Faith Mission, tihlobo nebangani, kutsi Mandla Moses (Mgavuzi) umnikati waboMgavuzi Record Bar kutsi soshiyile emhlabeni. Inkonzo yakhe yetikhumbuto, memorial service, itawuba ngeMgibelo mhlaka 26 October 2019. Icala nga 12pm emini kaVelezizweni eKukhulumeni ekhaya kaVilakati. Inkonzo yemngcwabo itawuba ngeliSontfo mhlaka 27 October 2019, kulandzele umlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumnakabo, Amos Mathalaza Vilakati, egameni lemndeni.

Nonhlanhla, Fortunate Mbhamali



Funeral: 27/10/2019  
Vigil: 26/10/2019  
Place: ePhonjwane

Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani baNonhlanhla, Fortunate Mbhamali lobekendze kaNgwenya ePhonjwane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe ePhonjwane ngeliSontfo 27th October 2019, emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMkhula wakhe Obed Ngwenya egameni lemndeni.

Nomaqiniso Thabile Ndlangamandla



Funeral: 26/10/2019  
Vigil: 25/10/2019  
Place: Mpatheni

Friends and relatives of Nomaqiniso Thabile Ndlangamandla are notified for her demise. She will be laid to rest at her parental home at Mpatheni, eManyandzeni on 26th October 2019 after a night vigil. Announcement by Jellinah Tholakele Ndlangamandla her mother.

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# 'THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN MY LIFE'

**MEXICO** - Lewis Hamilton made the intriguing admission on the eve of driving for his sixth world championship title that there is 'a lot going on in my life'.

The greatest British racer has always worn his off-track fragility on his sleeve and he did so again in Mexico City while defending his controversial call to save the planet.

The press conference ahead of tomorrow's grand prix was the first time Hamilton had spoken in person since the long, heartfelt lament he issued on social media last week. 'Honestly, I feel like giving up on

everything,' he wrote at the time. What did all this soul-bearing mean? How tortured is he? And what is eating away at him?

Thankfully he exhibited no warning signs that his mind was seriously awry on Thursday. He chatted happily enough with his fellow drivers on the top table.

Sometimes, though, he was lost in a distracted reverie as he dwelt on the furore he had created by his comments, which among other green entreaties argued a case for following a vegan diet.

A leading critic was Fernando Alonso, his former McLaren teammate and double world champi-

on. The Spaniard said: 'I would keep my eating habits to myself. I would never release a message like that.'

'We all know Lewis's lifestyle. F1 drivers take 200 flights a year. You can't then say, "don't eat meat."'

Hamilton said: 'I am only human. Like everyone, I have up and down days, and that is what I have been trying to convey.'

It is very difficult for people who are watching on social media to relate to certain individuals who live in a celebrity world. We all have feelings. Some people care about that, some people care less.

It was not the best feeling at that moment. I have great people around me and a lot of support from my family and friends.

'There is a lot going on in my life at the moment. I was just... anyways, coming into this weekend, I feel very positive going back to what I love doing.'

'There is a lot that goes on in our lives. It is important to be open and not hold things in. I am always very transparent with my feelings whether people like it or not.'

He declined to elaborate on what particularly was 'going on in my life'.

*Daily Mail*

## Faf demands clarity from Cricket SA

**JOHANNESBURG** - Faf du Plessis demanded clarity from Cricket South Africa over long-term plans for the national team, stressing that the appointment of the Director of Cricket had to be done urgently.

Du Plessis and the Proteas returned yesterday after a dismal tour to India where they were thrashed 3-0 in the Test series by Virat Kohli's men, barely providing a challenge and certainly not looking anywhere close to winning a match.

However the Proteas also operated against a backdrop of uncertainty because of Cricket SA, especially pertaining to some key decision making positions that were created as part of a brand new structure after the World Cup.

The most important of those positions is that of Director of Cricket, an all powerful role that will impact South African cricket on a very broad scale; from junior level all the way up to the Proteas mens and womens teams.

Du Plessis and current interim Director of Cricket, Corrie van Zyl, both acknowledged on Friday that the many conversations they had in India about the future of the national side could all be tossed out when the new Director of Cricket is appointed, sometime next month. The closing date for applications for that job, is October 31.

*IOL Sport*

## Zozo Championship finish pushed back to Monday

**CHIBA** - The Zozo Championship will finish on Monday, 24 hours later than scheduled, after torrential rain washed out yesterday's play without a shot being struck, tournament officials announced.

Organisers also said today's rescheduled second round will be played without any spectators in attendance at the Narashino Country Club due to concerns about spectator safety. The news will be a massive disappointment to the sellout crowd.

Tiger Woods posted his best score in more than a year with a six-under-par 64 in Thursday's opening round for a share of the lead with fellow American Gary Woodland, one shot in front of home favourite Hideki Matsuyama.

Players had initially been notified that the second round today would start at 0630 local time (Friday 2130 GMT) but it was then pushed back by three hours after it became clear the course would not be playable at such an early hour.

'Due to safety concerns ... the course will unfortunately be closed to all spectators and ticket holders on Saturday as the well-being of our fans is paramount,' the tournament said in a statement.

'Per regulations, PGA Tour officials have determined the event will conclude on Monday, October 28, in order to complete 72 holes. *Reuters*

## 'Man U should 'break the bank' for Mbappe

**MANCHESTER** - Manchester United need to 'break the bank' and sign Kylian Mbappe to revive their flagging attack, says former Old Trafford favourite Louis Saha.

United have struggled so far this season, particularly in attack and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side have rarely looked a threat in front of goal.

Saha thinks that elite strikers are a dying breed so the club should try and recruit PSG's lethal front-man. He told Compare.Bet: 'If you ask me, I would break the bank for Mbappe, but now it's too late. 'But, when you look at strikers, it's a dying breed. Lewandowski is a rare example of someone who is left, and I don't see many players that can easily fit up front.'

'There is a need for somebody up front who is strong enough to hold the ball and to give time and space to the players like Paul Pogba and McTominay to create something in midfield to put passes together. 'You're asking a lot from young players because passing the ball around and having nice touches, it just looks too nice and it doesn't work.' *Daily Mail*

## TYSON FURY ROOTS FOR ANTHONY JOSHUA IN REMATCH

**LONDON** - Tyson Fury has admitted he is rooting for Anthony Joshua in his upcoming crunch rematch with Andy Ruiz Jr, in order for a showcase fight with himself to be put back on the cards.

Joshua is set to go up against the Mexican heavyweight champion once again on December 7, when the duo meet in Saudi

Arabia. Fury, who also happens to be preparing for his first venture into WWE next week, insists he wants Joshua to get his career back on track with victory... but will happily dispatch of Ruiz himself if not. Designed by Claudio Lugli, the suit was comprised of a series of images of famous boxers throughout the different eras. 'I hope he gets his belts back because it makes a massive fight between me and him. But if he doesn't then I will just have

to go and beat up Andy Ruiz Jr,' said Fury during the chat.

**Loses**

'If Deontay loses in November against Luis Ortiz, I would take the winner of AJ vs Ruiz Jr in February or March,' added Fury. It has been noted how much weight Joshua has shed in the build-up to the event, in order to increase his mobility and prevent early fatigue of the muscles. Fury, however, thinks this will make

things all the more interesting.

'They have both lost quite a bit of weight and I think it will be a fantastic fight, the first one was although it did not go the way everyone was expecting.'

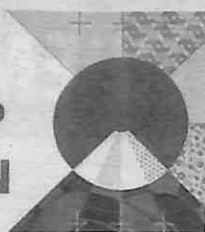
'These big upset-rematches are always great to watch.' Fury will wrestle Braun Strowman in WWE in Saudi Arabia on October 31, while he waits for Deontay Wilder to defend his WBC crown against Luis Ortiz on November 23. *Daily Mail*







## RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019™ JAPAN



### Crunch time for Rassie's Springboks

**T**OKYO - The Springboks are already big in Japan and Rassie Erasmus and his team are primed to go from big to colossal with a win against Wales in tomorrow's World Cup semi-final.

Japan has been gripped by World Cup fever for the past six weeks and South Africa's green and gold are among the most popular colours on show.

The stage is set for a brilliant rugby occasion tomorrow and the Boks have every reason to be hugely confident of dousing the flame of the Welsh.

The super Siya Kolisi will lead a rejuvenated Springbok side against a Welsh team that has beaten the Boks four times in succession and five out of the last six Tests.

But most global critics are dismissing Wales's recent history against the South Africans, with an acknowledgement that the Boks of 2019 are the real deal.

The Boks have been huge since arriving in Japan a fortnight before the World Cup.

They have been among the most popular teams and Kolisi, as captain, has been a great ambassador of the sport and South Africa.

The World



Cup-winning Springboks in 2007 were the best team at the tournament and also the most popular in France.

Kolisi's new-age pioneers have had a presence even more imposing. The Springboks are on the cusp of creating World Cup history because no team has lost in the group stages and won the tournament. The All Blacks beat the Springboks in South Africa's first World Cup match, but since then the Boks have conceded just one try and hammered every team they have played.

The Springboks are also the only team not to have lost a ball on their own line-out throw.

Springbok coach Rassie Erasmus has been complimentary about Wales and the influence of head coach Warren Gatland, who retires after the World Cup.

"Warren is an absolute legend of the game. You very seldom see him in a mouth fight and mud-slinging before Test matches," said Erasmus.

"He doesn't bite at you to create unnecessary nonsense before a Test match, so I've got a lot of respect for him as a person. His results on the field speak for themselves, with the Welsh team and the British and Irish Lions."

*Daily Mail*



## ALL BLACKS, SPRINGBOKS TO TAKE THE HONOURS

**C**APE TOWN - Rugby writer Wynona Louw shares her predictions for the weekend's Rugby World Cup semifinals:

### New Zealand vs England

No amount of mind games or "there's no pressure on us, mate" will win this one for England.

Sure, Eddie Jones' team might be the All Blacks' toughest opponents yet at the World Cup, but the Kiwis should be able to just do more when these two teams meet tomorrow.

While England dismantled Australia in the quarter-finals, the Wallabies did themselves absolutely no favours and anybody who reads any more than a paragraph into that performance should reconsider. The All Blacks have tactical nous. They have almost instinctive support play. Their pack needs no description and they have Aaron Smith behind them.

That scrumhalf can cut any team down to size with his play around the fringes, and it's going to be a big feature this weekend.

Among the other backs, well, let me just say this - having either Beauden Barrett or Richie Mo'unga among your backs makes you automatically stinking rich when it comes to rugby wealth, having both of them - as will again be the case tomorrow - is almost unfair. Besides all that skill and balling ability, the All Blacks have that killer instinct. And that, combined with their ability to just keep going, will give them the edge.

**All Blacks to win by 13 points**

### Springboks vs Wales

The Springboks were far from their best in the opening half against Japan in their quarter-final last week, but Wales were far from their best right throughout their match against France. Simply put, they didn't deserve to win that game. They shouldn't have won.

But those results won't mean much tomorrow.

Yes, Wales are a team that plays within their structures. They have a strong aerial game and they know how to force the opposition into making mistakes before capitalising on those fumbles,

but the Boks will pose great challenges for the Welsh as well.

Their lineout has been huge while in Japan - they have won 57/57, and there have been a few steals as well. Their scrum has been a thing of beauty at times, and in the second half against the Brave Blossoms, the Bok forwards again showed why they are considered such a force. There is also that tight five on the bench, one that any country would be lucky to consider first-choice.

But it doesn't end with the big boys - I reckon the backs will have a lot of say in how tomorrow's fixture goes. Looking at the likes of Makazole Mapimpi, S'bu Nkosi, Damian de Allende and Lukhanyo Am - a quartet that brings speed, power, X-factor, top game-reading ability and gainline prowess - the Boks have more than enough ammo to pounce.

That just might be what it comes down to once the work has been done up front. Oh, and don't forget about Herschel Jantjies and what he can do once he leaves the bench.

**Boks to win by 14**  
*Cape Times*

## THIS IS HOW ENGLAND, NEW ZEALAND WILL PLAY

**T**OKYO - Expected tactics of England and New Zealand ahead of today's Rugby World Cup semi-final at Yokohama International Stadium:

### ENGLAND

England's tactics have evolved continually under Eddie Jones but radically so since the return to the team of Manu Tuilagi.

The centre spent most of the first three years of Jones's tenure unavailable through injury but when he finally got a sustained run in the side in the Six Nations, the Australian realised he had a weapon to build a team around. Jones has moved him to outside cen-

tre after opting to return to the George Ford/Owen Farrell 10-12 combination. He will be charging on to their popped passes or draw in defenders as a dummy, opening the way for the delayed, pull-back passes for another runner to come on to late and fly through the hole, that Farrell, in particular, loves.

With a high-paced and classy back three of Jonny May, Anthony Watson and Elliot Daly, it is as an exciting backline as England have boasted for years and with Henry Slade on the bench, Jones is likely to switch Farrell to flyhalf and beef up the midfield during the second half.

Up front, the presence of Vunipola brothers Mako and Billy is huge. Billy's ball-carrying from number eight is very difficult to stop, and because of it, Jones feels able to field twin opensides Tom Curry and Sam Underhill,

both athletic and powerful breakdown specialists who were defensive animals against Australia.

England's traditional set-piece strength looks as good as ever, though were roasted in the lineout by the All Blacks a year ago - losing five of their own throws - something they cannot afford to repeat today.

### NEW ZEALAND

Coach Steve Hansen has continually tweaked how his side have played in the eight years he has been in charge but none more so in the two since the British and Irish Lions defensive line forced them to rethink how they approach their attack-

ing game.

With defenders pressing up and in on the midfield, the All Blacks found it hard to get the ball wide quickly and put their outside players into space.

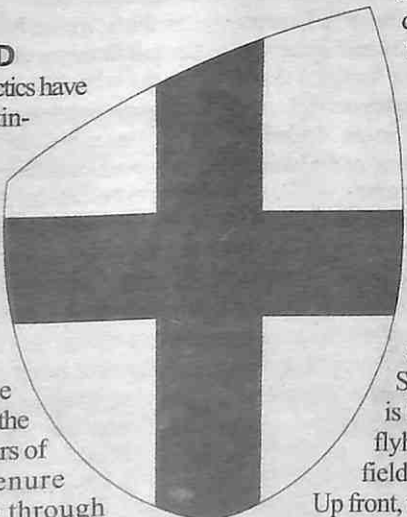
The introduction of dual playmakers over the last 18 months has started to find its feet at the World Cup with

whether that is Mo'unga or Barrett, with the game plan allowing either to step in depending on what they are seeing at the time.

This can create confusion and hesitation in opposition defences, while with Barrett revelling in the extra space at fullback and willing to launch a counter-attack it also puts them in two minds as to when, and whether, to kick deep. Mo'unga, however, also has no qualms about bringing in wingers Sevu Reece and George Bridge on the counter, with the duo often popping up all over the field. Bridge runs superb lines to get outside the midfield defenders. As they showed against Ireland New Zealand's often overlooked forwards also have the physicality to dominate opposition packs.

The decision to abandon the twin openside flankers Ardie Savea and Sam Cane and select lock Scott Barrett at blindside will also put pressure on England's lineout and add more bulk to the collision zones.

*Reuters*







## Man City look to Spurs to slow Liverpool charge

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester City have the chance to exert some short-term pressure on runaway Premier League leaders Liverpool this weekend as Manchester United look to end their away day blues.

Jurgen Klopp's side saw their long winning streak ended by a hungry United in a draw at Old Trafford last week but still have a comfortable six-point lead over second-placed City.

Guardiola's defending champions can cut that gap to just three points, at least temporarily, if they beat Aston Villa at home today, while Liverpool have a trickier-looking tie against Spurs the following day.

Frank Lampard's young Chelsea side travel to Burnley on the back of a six-match winning run in all competitions, while third-placed Leicester visited Southampton yesterday.

Manchester United will be desperate

to put more distance between themselves and the relegation zone but travel to Norwich without an away win in the Premier League since February.

### Unbeaten

AFP Sport picks out some of the talking points ahead of the weekend's matches.

Liverpool go into their home match against Tottenham after falling one game short of matching Manchester

City's record 18-match winning run in the Premier League.

The European champions, on a 44-match unbeaten run at home in the league, have forgotten how to lose at Anfield but will be facing a Spurs team buoyed by a 5-0 victory at home to Red Star Belgrade in midweek.

### Appearance

Erik Lamela, who scored against Red Star on his 200th appearance for Spurs, said the size of the victory had given the struggling team an injection of confidence.

"Our confidence is better after winning the game 5-0," said the Argentine. "We need to take this game, keep going, try to get better and better and now focus on Liverpool."

Spurs are seeking revenge for defeat in last season's Champions League final, but the odds are stacked against them.

Tottenham have won just once in 15 matches against Liverpool and have not won away in the Premier League since January.

*Sport24*

## SOLSKJAER PRAISES MAN OF THE MATCH WILLIAMS

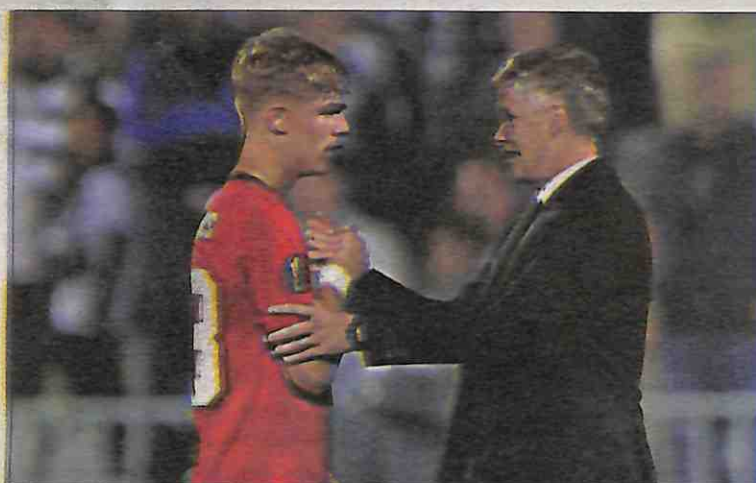
**M**ANCHESTER - Ole Gunnar Solskjaer praised the display of man-of-the-match Brandon Williams after the teenager starred in Manchester United's victory over Partizan Belgrade.

United tasted victory away from home for the first time since March's remarkable Champions League triumph at Paris Saint-Germain by digging deep on a difficult night in Serbia.

Partizan pushed to the death, backed by a raucous home support, but Anthony Martial's first-half spot-kick proved enough as United came through Thursday's Europa League clash with a hard-fought 1-0 win.

Martial scored the match-winning goal but it was Williams who got the lion's share of the praise, with the 19-year-old bursting into the box and drawing the game-defining penalty.

It was an impressive performance by the left-back, while full debutant James Garner, 18, came through his baptism of fire impressively, and Solskjaer was delighted with his young duo and the way they handled to atmosphere.



**CONGRATULATIONS: Brandon Williams and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.**

"They did excellent," Solskjaer said of the teenagers. "I thought Jimmy just grew and grew in the game, became better and better."

"And, for me, Brandon was man of the match. He's been fantastic the few games he's played. The boy has no fear, he is as brave as a lion and he got us the win."

It was a much-needed victory hav-

ing gone 33 weeks without winning away from Old Trafford, with United holding tight in Belgrade as Partizan laid siege on their goal.

Solskjaer praised the character shown by his side as they held on for the win and is now hoping the Reds can take heart from the win and kick on to better things.

*TeamTalk Media*



## ALISSON AWARE OF HARD WORK EXPECTED OF HIM

**L**IVERPOOL - Alisson Becker says the Liverpool players are determined to claim more silverware after winning the Champions League last season.

The Reds won the trophy for a sixth time in June after beating Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 at the Metropolitan.

An early penalty from Mo Salah got Liverpool underway and it was a tight affair until Divock Origi sealed the win with a few minutes remaining. Liverpool were also one point away from Manchester City in the Premier League title race with them achieving the unprecedented and unwanted feat of earning 97 points yet failing to win the title.

They have made a good start to

the 2019/20 season though as they remain unbeaten after nine Premier League games, despite dropping points against Manchester United in last Sunday's 1-1 draw.

While the Reds have been near flawless so far, Pep Guardiola's City has been below par, and losses to Norwich and Wolves mean they trail their rivals by five points.

Liverpool also recovered well from their disappointing group-stage loss to Napoli by beating Red Bull Salzburg 4-3 and Genk 4-1 on Wednesday night.

There has been a school of thought that Liverpool may look to prioritise the Premier League over the Champions League, given they have not won a top-flight title since 1990.

*TeamTalk Media*

## 'I DON'T THINK EMERY REALLY CONNECTS WITH HIS PLAYERS'

**L**ONDON - Robin van Persie has criticised Unai Emery for failing to build a rapport with his players, adding that their battles at set pieces is the team's Achilles heel.

Arsenal made it three wins out of three in the Europa League group stages courtesy of a 3-2 win over Vitoria on Thursday, but the Portuguese outfit were the better side for much of the game.

The visitors led twice before half-time to make it 2-1 before substitute Nicolas Pepe netted a brace of free kicks inside the final 13 minutes to earn the Gunners all three points.

Speaking on BT Sport after the match, former Arsenal striker Van Persie suggested things hadn't changed since he left the club in 2012.

"I don't think that Emery really connects with his players," the Dutchman said. "I think they are still weak on set pieces, which was a problem at my

time, to be honest.

"But everyone should feel responsible. Arsenal lose 12 to 15 points per season by set pieces. That should stop. If you want to play for the first couple of places you have to sort it out, you have to find a way."

"As a player you want to have that feeling, you have to sprint back, now I see a couple of players jogging back, and there's danger there. I don't feel that in the team."

"If you have a very strong coach, and you are in midfield and you see danger somewhere, you sprint for your life, because you know if you don't do it you get punished."

*Sport24*

## Sheffield boss warns players against complacency

**S**HEFFIELD - Sheffield United manager Chris Wilder wants his players to keep their feet on the ground after beating Arsenal on Monday

night. The Blades have made an impressive start to life back in the Premier League but enjoyed a particular high point earlier this week when they got the better of the Gunners. Lys Mousset's first-half strike was enough to secure a famous 1-0 win over the north London outfit, a result which lifted the South Yorkshire side into the top half of the table.

### Praise

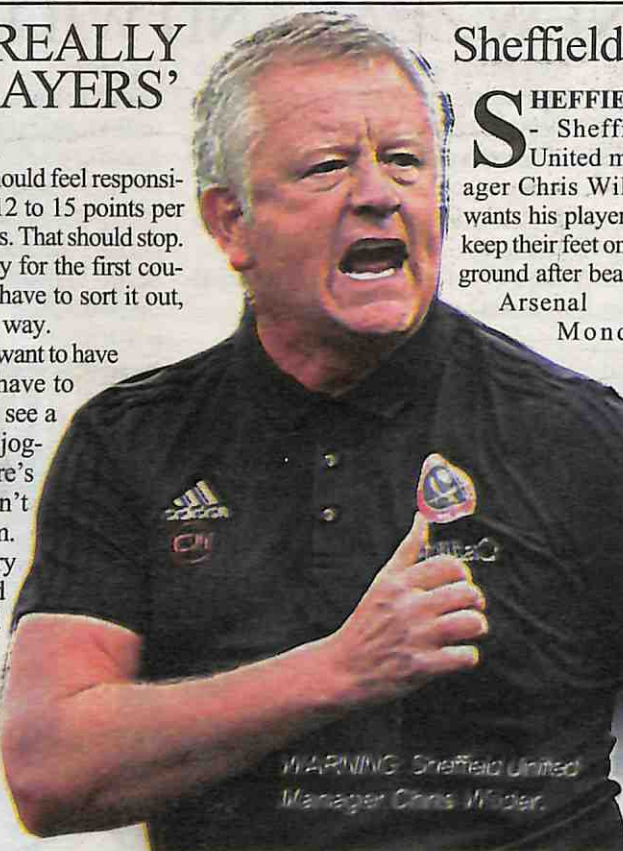
Wilder was full of praise for his players following the win, insisting they aren't afraid of anyone in the topflight, but has moved to make sure the squad keep their feet firmly on the ground with another 29 matches still to play.

The ex-Oxford United and Northampton boss is keen to move on from Monday's triumph and focus

on Saturday's encounter with West Ham, believing they have to "strive for more" when it comes to Premier League success.

"I think we've had to be at it for the last three years - we haven't got this far without being on the top of our game every week," Wilder said. The Blades boss says a trip to West Ham poses a different kind of challenge to the one faced when up against Arsenal, tipping the Hammers to mount a push for the top six this season. Sheffield United will go to the London Stadium unbeaten on their travels so far this season though, picking up a point at Chelsea and a win over Everton on the road thus far. Wilder has warned his players they'll need to be at the top of their game to get a result while dismissing suggestions the fixture will have an added edge to it in the first meeting between the clubs since the controversial Carlos Tevez saga of 2007.

*TeamTalk Media*



WARNING: Sheffield United Manager Chris Wilder.



## South African SOCCER

### Ex-Chiefs target signs for Baroka

**C**APE TOWN - Ajax Cape Town striker Prince Nxumalo has signed for Baroka FC.

The striker joined Bagaga for his first training session this week hoping to feature in the side's game against AmaZulu at the Peter Mokaba Stadium.

Nxumalo was linked with big PSL sides previously but being ruled out from playing sometimes due to suffering from epileptic seizures saw teams losing interest.

The striker went to play in the GladAfrica Championship league with the Urban Warriors in their first season in the second tier before securing a move away from the Mother City club for ABSA Premiership action.

Reports suggested that Ajax didn't want to sell the striker to interested clubs with Chiefs having tabled an offer for the striker.

Nxumalo left the club as a free agent to join Baroka. A Phakaaathi source confirmed that the striker was training with Wedson Nyirenda's side.

"He is not only training with the club but they have already signed him. He is now a Baroka player," said a source.

"PSL clubs have always been interested in him but Ajax didn't want to sell him. But now Baroka has signed him after he left Ajax."

Citizen

### Pirates open to selling Lorch

**J**OHANNESBURG - Thembinkosi Lorch is said to have been promised that if an offer came in January, Orlando Pirates would seriously consider it, Phakaaathi Plus has learned.

Lorch was the subject of transfer speculation before the start of the season with offers from clubs in France and Belgium said to have been turned down.

When the season started, his form was not at its best which fuelled speculation that he wasn't happy with the declined offers.

"There have been talks and he understands why they were not entertained," said a source.

Citizen



## 'KOKOTA' NURKOVIC READY TO GIVE DOWNS 'AMAPIANO' LESSONS

**J**OHANNESBURG - Samir "Kokota Piano" Nurkovic returned to action just in time to face Mamelodi Sundowns in a much-awaited PSL crunch match on Sunday at the Loftus Stadium in Pretoria.

There is already a lot of tension ahead of the match between the two table-toppers and the return of the Serbian born forward will boost Amakhosi's attacking options.

After returning from injury this past weekend, he scored a crucial late equaliser for Chiefs in their penalty shootout victory over Cape Town City in a Telkom Knockout Last 16 clash.

According to a post on the Amakhosi website, Nurkovic had suffered a head injury when Amakhosi defeated AmaZulu in late September.

He watched the Baroka FC and Golden Arrows from the bench - and also missed out on two friendlies Chiefs played.

"It was a wonderful feeling to come back and score," Nurkovic told Chiefs website. "I was out for three weeks



HHAY KOKOTA: Samir 'Kokota Piano' Nurkovic.

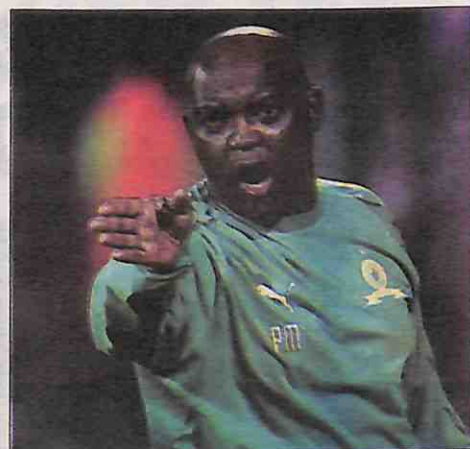
and it was a challenging time for me. I just could not wait to get back onto the pitch and help the team as much as possible. I am happy to have contributed with a goal against City."

He added: "It was frustrating because it was a head injury. You feel good because you can run and do everything except play because I could not head the ball. I am

happy now because that is behind me. I am back now, which is what is important."

Nurkovic who has scored two goals in seven games in all competitions this season, is now ready to turn his attention to Chiefs upcoming Absa Premiership clash against Mamelodi Sundowns who are currently in second place with two points behind Chiefs.

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NO WAYS: Pitso Mosimane.

### I will not shut up - Mosimane

**J**OHANNESBURG - Pitso Mosimane says he will never keep quiet and shy away from voicing his feelings about the performances of referees.

The Mamelodi Sundowns coach has been vocal about referees' decisions recently and claims one of the local teams have been benefiting more than the rest.

"They are under pressure. We are watching them. We are talking. We will complain. We will never keep quiet and say you are feeling jealous because they are winning. No, we say it the way it is," Mosimane said.

"Benni (McCarthy) says it. I say it. Okay, other coaches don't want to say it because they are modest, they don't feel like it. We want to win the championship. It's a championship game, we talk.

"(Jurgen) Klopp was complaining when Liverpool played against Manchester City. When Klopp complains it's okay. When I complain why do people say I am talking (too much). No, I complain the same way."

## Sundowns created Kaizer Chiefs' 'monster'

**J**OHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane has identified 'monster' Khama Billiat as the player with the capabilities to hurt his team in the eagerly-anticipated ABSA Premiership clash against Kaizer Chiefs at Loftus tomorrow.

Billiat spent six highly successful seasons at Chloorkop where he won the Caf Champions League, Super Cup and league titles, and Mosimane says the Zimbabwean forward knows Sundowns' secrets.

"The player who poses a serious threat to us is Khama," Mosimane said as the Brazilians prepared to welcome Amakhosi in what promis-

es to be a thrilling match in the capital.

"He knows our secrets and we have created a monster in him. We taught him all the runs.

"This situation reminds me of when Pep Guardiola took Bayern Munich to play against FC Barcelona in the Champions League after his sabbatical. They gave him six goals at the Camp Nou and the menace was Lionel Messi, the guy who he worked with all the time."

Mosimane, who was rumoured to be interested in bringing Billiat back to Sundowns in the off-season, said that the Brazilians played a large role improving the quality

of the immensely talented Zimbabwean international.

"Besides what we gave him here at Sundowns, Khama is a talented football player. You can't manage him but we have to do what we have to do to minimize his threats because you can't stop him," Downs' coach said.

"He poses a big threat to us - more than anybody to be honest, because he is scoring lots of goals and that's why we like him." Asked if he will do a man-marking job on Billiat, Mosimane said Sundowns will stick to their tried and tested formula.

"I have not done that before because if you do man-marking, it means

you follow me wherever I go and you only react after I have reacted. If I stop you stop, you also stop and you will get tired from doing that."

The threat from current log leaders Chiefs will not only be limited to Billiat as coach Ernst Middendorp has other dangerous attacking players like Leonardo Castro, Dumisani Zuma, Bernard Parker, Samir Nurkovic and Kearyn Baccus.

Victory for Sundowns will see them move to the top of the log standings with one point lead and the possibility of winning the second Q-Innovation.

Times Live

## We'll make things tougher for Orlando Pirates - Steve Barker

**J**OHANNESBURG - Stellenbosch FC coach Steve Barker's team were not disgraced in their 1-0 Telkom Knockout last-16 loss to Orlando Pirates at the weekend, and he is confident they can do better when they meet the Buccaneers in a league game at Cape Town Stadium on Saturday.

Thembinkosi Lorch's 85th-minute scorcher gave Bucs their ticket to the quarter-finals of the TKO, but Barker was happy with his team's zeal and resistance in what was their first taste of a big cup game since their promotion to the PSL

at the beginning of the current campaign.

"There are some things we need to work on," Barker said.

"We need to improve in certain areas. We can't be foolish to think that (today) we can play in a similar way and defend for 90 minutes.

"It was a good exercise and we learnt a lot from it."

The coach has asked his players in the week between their two meetings against Pirates to raise their game to stand a good chance of being considered for Saturday's

rematch.

"I've requested and demanded that the players give me a headache in terms of selection," he said. "I said to them they must put their hands up and give me selection posers and that's what it should be.

"It should be a tough environment where everybody wants to start, (Langeveldt, the goalkeeper) put his hand up (in the TKO game) with a man-of-the-match performance.

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TOUGHER: Stellenbosch FC coach Steve Barker.



# SCHOLES BELIEVES SIGNING OZIL WOULD IMPROVE MAN U

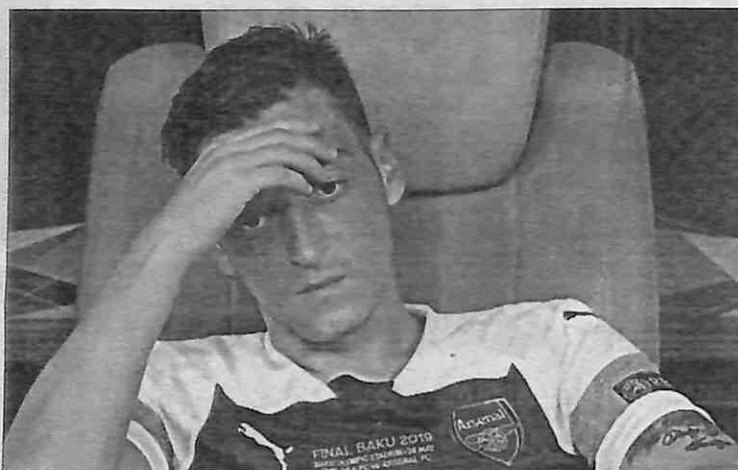
**M**ANCHESTER - Paul Scholes has identified Mesut Ozil as the man to solve Manchester United's lack of creativity conundrum after Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side flattered to deceive in their 1-0 away win to Partizan.

An Anthony Martial penalty was enough to separate the two sides on a night where United failed to register a single shot on target in open play for the second success Europa League fixture.

And Scholes, who for years was master-in-chief of pulling the strings and dictating United's attacking play, feels his former club should rescue Ozil from his Arsenal nightmare to give him the number 10 shirt at Old Trafford.

Speaking on BT Sport after the game, Scholes said: "I can't understand that (Ozil's situation at Arsenal). I think he's a player that can link a team together."

"I think he's got great quality, he's shown that in his career, he could be an answer short term, I don't know. I think that would be up to him."



**TARGET:** Arsenal's Mesut Ozil.

"I can't see it happening but I think he is a player that United could do with right now."

Scholes had launched a scathing attack on United's lack of creativity at the end of the game, suggesting the players looked like 'strangers' on the pitch.

The 44-year-old said that United's limited options going forward are hindering them.

"There's no link between the mid-field players and the strikers," he said. "The weight of pass at times was so bad."

"You want to be encouraged you want to see some bits of good play now and again, a one-two here and there, the number ten receiving the ball on the half turn, but there's a lack of encouragement."

*Daily Mail*

## LIVERPOOL WIN HIGH COURT BATTLE WITH NEW BALANCE

**L**IVERPOOL - Liverpool have won their High Court battle against New Balance, over a £30 million-a-year, five-year kit sponsorship deal from next season.

Following a three-day trial, the judgment went in favour of the Champions League winners on the grounds that New Balance's marketing offer was 'less favourable'.

Nike had made a rival bid for the sponsorship which offered marketing initiatives with three non-football global, superstar athletes 'of the calibre of LeBron James, Serena Williams, Drake etc'. In his judgment, Justice Teare wrote: "In my judgement the calibre of the named athletes or influencers can be measured."

"I have therefore concluded that the New Balance offer on marketing was less favourable to Liverpool FC than the Nike offer because Liverpool FC cannot require New Balance, on the terms of its offer, to use global superstar athletes of the calibre of LeBron James, Serena Williams, Drake etc."

"It must follow that Liverpool FC is not obliged to enter into a new agreement with New Balance upon

the terms of the latter's offer."

New Balance, which entered into a sponsorship deal with Liverpool in 2011, immediately applied for permission to appeal but this was dismissed by the judge. They must now apply to the Court of Appeal if they still wish to do so.

Pending any potential appeal, Liverpool are free to take up Nike's offer of £30m-a-year from 2020 to 2025, plus an additional 20 per cent of royalties and marketing campaigns. It was

noted in the courtroom that the cost of not going with Nike could be worth 'hundreds of millions' to the club.

New Balance have also been ordered to pay 20 per cent of Liverpool's costs, which were £555,126 in total. The sportswear brand's owed amount there-

fore equates to £111,025.

Liverpool's case, as presented by Guy Moppuss QC, had focused on two main arguments - that New Balance's offer was not made in 'good faith', as it did not 'genuinely believe' it could match Nike's distribution terms of stocking kit in 6,000 global retail outlets, and that it had not matched Nike's marketing offer.

*Daily Mail*



## Africa receives Club World Cup boost

**J**OHANNESBURG - Africa has received two extra spots for the new extended 2021 FIFA Club World Cup that will be hosted in China.

The World Football Governing Body has confirmed the extended version of the club competition will feature 24 teams from across the globe in a new exciting format.

Qatar 2020 that is set to take place in December, will be the last seven-team tournament, while the other major changes are the dates of the spectacle.

FIFA revealed the new competition, as of next year, will be every four years, instead of annually, and it will take place in June during the European off-season.

### HOW DOES THE QUALIFICATION WORK?

The qualification process for African clubs will be dependant on the 2021 CAF Champions League, where the finalists of the tournament and the winner of a playoff between the semi-finalists qualify for the 2021 Club World Cup. For European clubs, both the winners and runners-up of the UEFA Champions League finals between 2018-2021 will amount to eight representatives.

South America will have six representatives, Asia, North, and Central America will get three each while Oceania has been granted one spot.

*Kick Off*

## 'IT'S LIKE MESSI IS IN THE MATRIX'

**B**ARCELONA - FC Barcelona talisman Lionel Messi is un-coachable, according to Spain head coach Robert Moreno.

Moreno, 42, worked alongside the Barcelona club-record scorer between 2014 and 2017 when he served as an assistant coach to Luis Enrique.

And in an interview with BBC Football, he described the five-time Ballon d'Or winner as the God who you try and adapt towards, rather than restricting him within a specific tactical plan.

"He's the best player in history. It was incredible to see him in training every day," Moreno told BBC Football. "What you can see in matches on TV we would see every day. Leo plays another game to every-



body else. You can't train him, you are with him - he is football."

He added: "You help the other players to adapt to him, his movements and decisions. With Leo, it's like The Matrix. He can see the movement of the legs of the opponent,

and he sees the movement of the goalkeeper and has the ability to react."

*AFP*

## 'Tau earns seven times more than us'

**J**OHANNESBURG - Percy Tau has been lauded for his simplicity and humility outside the field of play by former Union Saint Gilloise teammate Thibault Peyre.

After winning the ABSA Premiership Player of the Season award in 2018, Tau earned a lucrative switch to Premier League side Brighton and Hove Albion - where he signed a four-year contract worth a reported £30,000-a-week (R560,000).

But after failing to acquire a work-permit to represent the club in the English top-flight, the South African forward has embarked on two separate loan spells in Belgium - where he's developed into a star performer.

Having reached the heights of

the UEFA Champions League with Club Brugge this season, Peyre, who spent seven months with him at RSUG in the second-tier revealed how down to earth the former Mamelodi Sundowns star was.

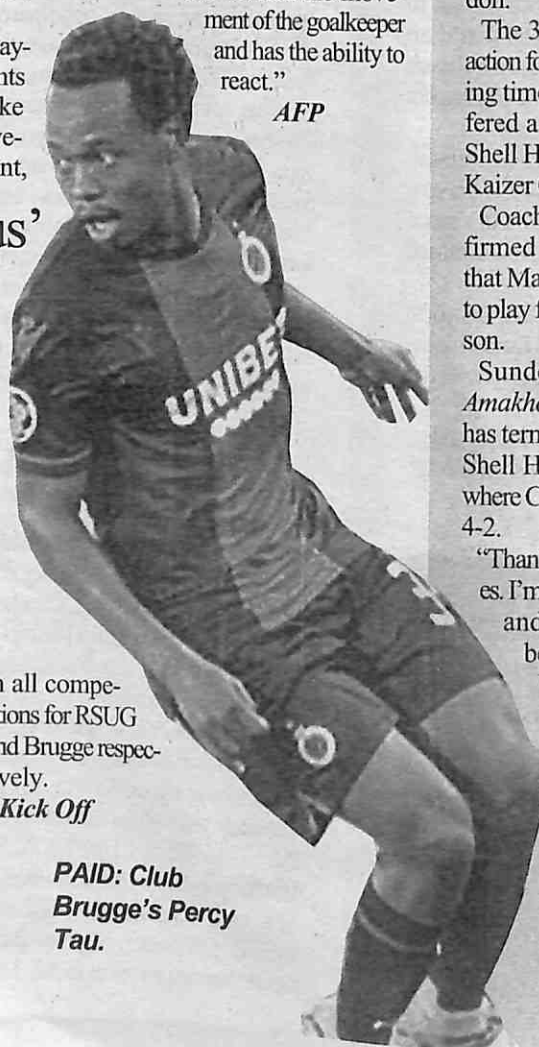
"Percy is a simple person", Peyre told SoFoot. "His rhythm is - football, home, football, eat, sleep."

### Discreet

"He was very discreet and lived alone, but we discovered a great teammate in him. A guy of rare humility."

"He was paid six or seven times our salary, but he came into the dressing room as one of us."

Since leaving Masandawana, Tau has scored 16 goals and registered 18 assists in 49 games



in all competitions for RSUG and Brugge respectively.

*Kick Off*

**PAID:** Club Brugge's Percy Tau.

## MANYISA RECOVERING WELL AFTER SURGERY

**P**RETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder Oupa Manyisa has undergone surgery to correct an injury.

Manyisa revealed that he is at home recovering from the surgery to fix his Achilles tendon.

The 31-year-old returned to action for Sundowns after spending time on the bench but suffered a long-term injury in a Shell Helix Ultra Cup against Kaizer Chiefs two weeks ago.

Coach Pitso Mosimane confirmed in a recent interview that Manyisa is only expected to play for Sundowns next season.

Sundowns will againface Amakhosi in what Mosimane has termed as a rematch to the Shell Helix Ultra Cup match where Chiefs beat the Brazilians 4-2.

"Thanks for all the well wishes. I'm doing well after surgery and looking forward to being back on my feet."

We must keep our faith even in the tough times so that we can grow stronger," read a tweet from the Sundowns midfielder.

*Citizen*



## FIXTURES

## ABSA PREMIERSHIP

|                |    |                 |       |
|----------------|----|-----------------|-------|
| Today          |    |                 |       |
| Stellenbosch   | vs | Orlando Pirates | 15:30 |
| Golden Arrows  | vs | Polokwane City  | 15:30 |
| Highlands Park | vs | Chippa United   | 20:15 |

## Tomorrow

|                   |    |               |       |
|-------------------|----|---------------|-------|
| Mamelodi Sundowns | vs | Kaizer Chiefs | 15:30 |
| Baroka FC         | vs | Amazulu       | 15:30 |

## ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

|                        |    |                  |       |
|------------------------|----|------------------|-------|
| Today                  |    |                  |       |
| Manchester City        | vs | Aston Villa      | 13:30 |
| West Ham United        | vs | Sheffield United | 16:00 |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | vs | Everton          | 16:00 |
| Watford                | vs | AFC Bournemouth  | 16:00 |
| Burnley                | vs | Chelsea          | 18:30 |

## Tomorrow

|                  |    |                   |       |
|------------------|----|-------------------|-------|
| Newcastle United | vs | Wolverhampton     | 16:00 |
| Liverpool        | vs | Tottenham Hotspur | 18:30 |
| Norwich City     | vs | Manchester United | 18:30 |
| Arsenal          | vs | Crystal Palace    | 18:30 |

## SPANISH LALIGA

|                 |    |               |       |
|-----------------|----|---------------|-------|
| Today           |    |               |       |
| Leganes         | vs | Mallorca      | 16:00 |
| Real Valladolid | vs | Eibar         | 18:30 |
| Atletico Madrid | vs | Athletic Club | 21:00 |

## Tomorrow

|               |    |               |       |
|---------------|----|---------------|-------|
| Celta de Vigo | vs | Real Sociedad | 13:00 |
| Granada       | vs | Real Betis    | 15:00 |
| Levante       | vs | Espanyol      | 17:00 |
| Sevilla       | vs | Getafe        | 19:30 |
| Osasuna       | vs | Valencia      | 22:00 |

## ITALY SERIE A

|                |    |          |       |
|----------------|----|----------|-------|
| Today          |    |          |       |
| Lecco          | vs | Juventus | 15:00 |
| Internazionale | vs | Parma    | 18:00 |
| Genoa          | vs | Brescia  | 20:45 |

## Tomorrow

|            |    |           |       |
|------------|----|-----------|-------|
| Bologna    | vs | Sampdoria | 13:30 |
| Torino     | vs | Cagliari  | 16:00 |
| SPAL       | vs | Napoli    | 16:00 |
| Atalanta   | vs | Udinese   | 16:00 |
| Roma       | vs | Milan     | 19:00 |
| Fiorentina | vs | Lazio     | 21:45 |

## GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

|                  |    |                    |       |
|------------------|----|--------------------|-------|
| Today            |    |                    |       |
| Bayern München   | vs | Union Berlin       | 15:30 |
| Paderborn        | vs | Fortuna Düsseldorf | 15:30 |
| Schalke 04       | vs | Borussia Dortmund  | 15:30 |
| Freiburg         | vs | RB Leipzig         | 15:30 |
| Hertha BSC       | vs | Hoffenheim         | 15:30 |
| Bayer Leverkusen | vs | Werder Bremen      | 18:30 |

## Tomorrow

|                     |    |                     |       |
|---------------------|----|---------------------|-------|
| Wolfsburg           | vs | Augsburg            | 16:30 |
| Borussia M'gladbach | vs | Eintracht Frankfurt | 19:00 |

## FRENCH LIGUE 1

|                    |    |            |       |
|--------------------|----|------------|-------|
| Today              |    |            |       |
| Lille              | vs | Bordeaux   | 17:30 |
| Reims              | vs | Nîmes      | 20:00 |
| Brest              | vs | Dijon      | 20:00 |
| Olympique Lyonnais | vs | Metz       | 20:00 |
| Montpellier        | vs | Angers SCO | 20:00 |
| Strasbourg         | vs | Nice       | 20:00 |

## Tomorrow

|               |    |                     |       |
|---------------|----|---------------------|-------|
| Rennes        | vs | Toulouse            | 16:00 |
| Saint-Étienne | vs | Amiens SC           | 18:00 |
| PSG           | vs | Olympique Marseille | 22:00 |

# JUVENTUS, INTER RETURN FRAY AFTER EUROPEAN SUCCESSES

**J**OHANNESBURG - Juventus are just one point ahead of Inter Milan in the Italian league after eight games.

Maurizio Sarri's side head to promoted Lecce, while Antonio Conte's Inter are at home against Parma.

Juve extended their unbeaten run in all competitions with Paulo Dybala's quick-fire double earning a 2-1 over Lokomotiv Moscow in Turin on Tuesday in Europe.

Inter Milan beat Dortmund 2-0 in the San Siro the following night to boost their last 16 hopes, with Napoli also coming through with a thrilling 3-2 win in Salzburg.

"We're very much alive," said Conte. "Unfortunately, we can't enjoy this result too much. We now have less than three days to recuperate ahead of our match against Parma, who are on an excellent run."

Third-placed Atalanta return to the comforts of home against Udinese licking their wounds after a bruising 5-1 defeat to Manchester City.

Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli, one point behind the Bergamo side in fourth



**FRAY:** Juventus players celebrate after scoring a goal during a recent match.

and six adrift of Juventus, need a result at relegation-threatened SPAL to keep pace with the leaders.

In a match between fallen giants, sixth-placed Roma host an AC Milan side who are struggling in 12th and desperate for a first win under new coach Stefano Pioli.

The injury-hit Romans were bitter after being held 1-1 by Borussia Monchengladbach's last-gasp penalty in Europa League action on Thursday.

## Spell

"It's not a great spell for us," said Roma forward Edin Dzeko, wear-

ing a mask to protect a broken cheekbone.

"This was our fourth draw in a row and a win would have been a morale boost.

"There's no point looking back though, only forward. We have a match against AC Milan and we must do everything possible to win it." City rivals Lazio are also in need of a boost as they travel to Fiorentina, after falling 2-1 to Celtic in their Europa League clash.

New Genoa coach Thiago Motta's first game in charge of the club where his playing career took off a decade ago will be against Brescia.

"In 2008, Genoa changed my situation. Now I really want to coach the squad and change our fortunes," said Motta. Former Italy international Motta's only previous coaching experience is with PSG's U19 team, which he managed until July.

The 37-year-old former PSG, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid player takes over a Genoa side that has won just one game out of eight this season. **Citizen**

## Mbappe back as PSG get ready for grudge match

**P**ARIS - An impatient Kylian Mbappe is set to make his first start for Paris Saint-Germain in two months this weekend after a blistering return to form off the bench in the Champions League.

The French champions host Marseille at the Parc des Princes tomorrow night in what is no longer much of a rivalry on the field but remains one of the great grudge matches in European football.

How Marseille would love to claim a first win over their bitter foes in almost a decade, but they will not look forward to the prospect of facing a fit-again Mbappe.

The 20-year-old World Cup winner came on as a substitute and scored a rapid blistering hat-trick in PSG's 5-0 demolition of Club

Brugge in Belgium on Tuesday.

He doubled his goals tally for the season in the process and showed why he felt he deserved to start for the first time since pulling up with a hamstring injury in a game against Toulouse in late August.

## Accept

"I wanted to start. The coach made his decision and you have to accept it," Mbappe said.

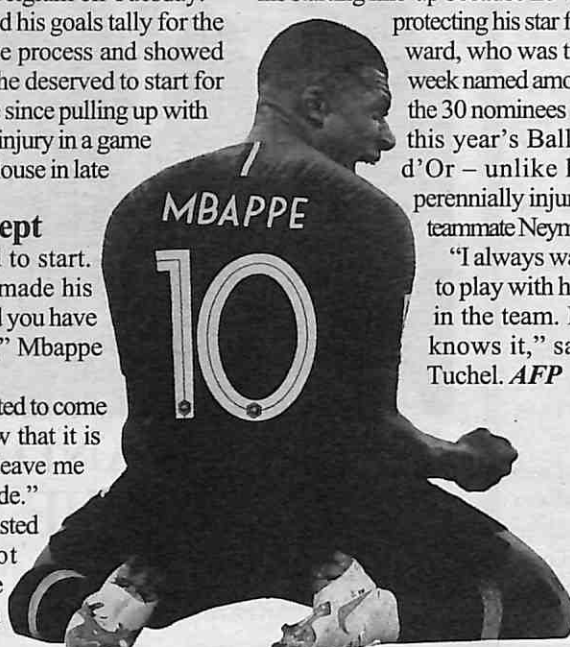
"I just wanted to come on and show that it is difficult to leave me out of the side."

Tuchel insisted he did not choose Mbappe in

his starting line-up because he was

protecting his star forward, who was this week named among the 30 nominees for this year's Ballon d'Or - unlike his perennially injured teammate Neymar.

"I always want to play with him in the team. He knows it," said Tuchel. **AFP**



## Tall ask for struggling AmaZulu as they visit Baroka FC

**J**OHANNESBURG - AmaZulu's topsy-turvy season will face another test when they travel to Baroka FC in the ABSA Premiership tomorrow, hoping to quickly banish the memory of their 5-0 defeat at the hands of Mamelodi Sundowns last weekend.

That loss means Usuthu are out of the Telkom Knockout and put all their focus on the league as they seek to move away from the relegation zone under coach Jozef Vukusic.

AmaZulu's only win in their last 12 matches in all competitions was a 2-1 home success over Cape Town City, while they have not won away since a shock 2-0 victory at Mamelodi Sundowns in January.

"We now have to focus on the



**TALL TASK:** Mario Booysen.

league, make sure that we get maximum points in the next game and focus on how to move from where we are in the league," veteran defender Mario Booysen said after netting an own goal on debut against Sundowns.

History does not suggest Usuthu

will get anything from this fixture either, they have lost all three of their previous visits to Baroka with even managing a goal.

That included a 1-0 defeat in April when Tshediso Patjie scored a winner for Baroka five minutes from time. **Mzansi Football**

## Arrows eye another win over Polokwane

**J**OHANNESBURG - Lamontville Golden Arrows will lock horns with Polokwane City in an ABSA Premiership match at the Sugar Ray Xulu Stadium today.

Kick-off is at 3:30 pm CAT. Arrows are hoping to secure another victory over Polokwane having emerged 1-0 winners in their Telkom Knockout Cup round of 16 clash last weekend. Despite their victory in the cup, *Abafana Bes'ithende* are winless in their last five league matches, having lost 2-0 to Kaizer Chiefs in their previous game in the competition. They are placed seventh on the league standings - three points behind fourth-placed Polokwane.

## Urged

Arrows head coach Steve Komphela has urged his charges to forget about their recent win over Polokwane as it is in the past.

"We will go there having learned. We will regard this as a defeat as we did not play our best football," Komphela said. "Forget this (win against Polokwane) and we cannot live in the past. We have to move on." Meanwhile, Polokwane have also been struggling in the league, having recorded two successive defeats against Highlands Park and Stellenbosch FC. As a result, Rise and Shine are placed fourth on the league standings - two points behind third-placed Bidvest Wits. Polokwane head coach Zlatko Krmpotic says his troops will give their best after being eliminated from the cup competition. **Backpage TXT**

## United wary of Norwich threat - Solskjaer

**M**ANCHESTER - Norwich City are a courageous side who play a brand of football that can trouble stronger opponents and Manchester United could have a tough time getting a result at Carrow Road tomorrow, the Old Trafford club's manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has said.

Promoted Norwich City sit 19th in the standings but Daniel Farke's side have already earned notable scalps on their top flight return, including a win over defending champions Manchester City at home last month. "I hope we are going to stop them because it's always going to be difficult down at Carrow Road," Solskjaer, whose side claimed their first away win of the season at Partizan Belgrade in the Europa League on Thursday, told reporters. "When I watched their first (Premier League) game against Liverpool I saw a team with lots of courage. They were brave, they played their own way and kept going."

"That has given them some great results. They beat Newcastle, they beat Manchester City... They're a team with a clear philosophy." **AFP**





# MTN Premier League 2019/20

PREVIEWS

## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE RESUMES WITH EXCITING FIXTURES

BY Melusi Mlotso

**S**OCCER – After the recent FIFA break, 10 teams battle it out today in the MTN Premier League.

The first round is coming to an end in a few weeks' time and the league is becoming more interesting.

Surely, today football lovers are going to watch entertaining football from the teams that will be playing from the different stadiums around the country.

### Will Inyoka Eluhlazana poison Sea Birds?

*Manzini Sea Birds vs Green Mamba (3pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)*

Correctional Services Green Mamba will visit Manzini Sea Birds this



afternoon in a tricky encounter. Sitting in position five with 12 points, the defending champions are seemingly struggling in the 2019/20 season.

The Caleb Ngwenya charges are also still licking their wounds after the 0-1 defeat they suffered at the hands of Moneni Pirates a week ago.

Surely, the Correctional Services

side will be hoping to redeem themselves against Sea Birds.

Top striker, Phinda 'Phidrix' Dlamini will be carrying the hopes of the team after he scored a goal in national colours against Zambia during the past weekend.

A win for Green Mamba today will see them dislodging Moneni Pirates and Mbabane Highlanders, respectively.

However, Inyoka Eluhlazana will be meeting an unpredictable side in Manzini Sea Birds.

The Anthony Mdluli men always rise to the occasion whenever playing against the so called big guns.

The team will be pinning its hopes on experienced players such as Daren Christie and Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze to do the damage.

### Manzini Sea Birds

**Coach:** Anthony Mdluli

**Captain:** Sibusiso Dlamini

**Key Players:** Ndumiso Shongwe, Colani Sibandze, Wandile Nhleko

**Match Winner:** Darren Christie

**Green Mamba**

**Coach:** Caleb Ngwenya

**Captain:** Banele Dlamini

**Key Players:** Njabulo Thwala, Solomon Oladele, Linda Nkambule

**Match Winner:** Mcolisi Mkhontfo

### Tambuti aiming to stop Ingwemabalabala

*Tambuti vs Royal Leopard (3pm, Mayaluka Stadium)*

**S**ugar belt side, Tambuti will be hoping to stop Royal Leopard, climbing the MTN log standings when the two sides meet at Mayaluka Stadium.

The Lubombo based outfit is on ninth position and will be aiming to get maximum points so that they finish the first round in a more respectable position.

A win on the other hand will see, Royal Leopard dislodging capital city giants Mbabane at the summit of the log standings. After, holding Young Buffaloes to a goal less draw during the mid-week game played at Somhlolo National Stadium, the police side will be all out for a win as they are chasing for the first round carrot.

### Tambuti

**Coach:** Terisayi Changara

**Captain:** Muntu Mamba

**Key Players:** Machawe Khumalo, Ishmael Zwane, Ugochukwu Ohakwe

**Match winner:** Mcebo 'Kitaza' Mdluli

**Royal Leopard**

**Coach:** Edwin Matsebula

**Captain:** Machawe Dlamini

**Key Players:** Mcolisi Lukhele, Fanelo Tsabedze, Mzwandile Mabelesa

**Match Winner:** Sifiso Matse



**STRONGMAN: Ugochukwu Ohakwe.**

### A battle of newcomers

*Milling Hotspurs vs Pigg's Peak Black Swallows (2pm, Mavuso Sports Centre)*

**I**t will be battle of new comers in the Premier League when Milling Hotspurs and Pigg's Peak Black Swallows meet at Mavuso Sports Centre.

The two teams last met in the national first division whereby Milling Hotspurs won 2-1 in a match that was played at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The Manzini based outfit will enter this match oozing with confidence after holding log leaders Mbabane Swallows before the FIFA break. The Clement 'King Clay' boys are showing signs of improvement.

They will be looking to get their first win of the season when they take on the Northern Hhohho based outfit. However, the Manzini based outfit will have difficulties overcoming Pigg's Peak Black Swallows, who are boasting with confidence after beating Bogandaganda during their previous outing. On form striker Allen Mabuza will be the one to watch in this encounter. The free scoring striker, will be hoping to help his team win this match and of course to increase his tally in the top goal scorers charts.

### Milling Hotspurs

**Coach:** Clement 'King Clay' Mdluli

**Captain:** Linda Mbuli

**Key Players:** Futhi Gama, Sandile Mhlanga, Lungelo Nyoni

### Match Winner

Lwazi Bhembe  
Pigg's Peak Black Swallows

**Coach:** Mandla Dlamini

**Key Players:** Mbuso Mabuza, Luaba Mbikayi, Jonathan Bafoe

**Match Winner:** Allen Mabuza



**Allen Mabuza.**



### WILL BOGANDAGANDA CRANK AGAINST THE 'SEA ROBBERS'?

*Moneni Pirates vs Mhlume Peacemakers (4:05 pm, Mavuso Sports Centre)*

**'**Bogandaganda' as the Mhlume based outfit is affectionately known among its supporters will be hoping to redeem themselves against Moneni Pirates.

After a good

2018/19 season, Takesure Chiyangwi charges are struggling to find their mojo. This is a match the Mhlume based outfit have to win at all cost in order to move out of the bottom of the log standings.

The Lubombo based outfit have to dig deep in their results in order to grind results against the revamped 'Sea Robbers' who are on fire in the current season where they are sitting in the top four bracket in the log standings.

The Gcina 'Magiyane'

Dlamini charges are geared for this match and will be all out for a win.

Youngster, Lizwe Zwane has what it takes to demolish the opposition with his God given talent alongside Xolani

Ngwenya and Nhlanhla Nkosi.

### Moneni Pirates

**Coach:** Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini

**Captain:** Menzi Simelane

### Key Players

Lwazi 'Shumi' Mamba, Fabrice Mopina, Xolani Ngwenya

**Match Winner:** Lizwe Zwane

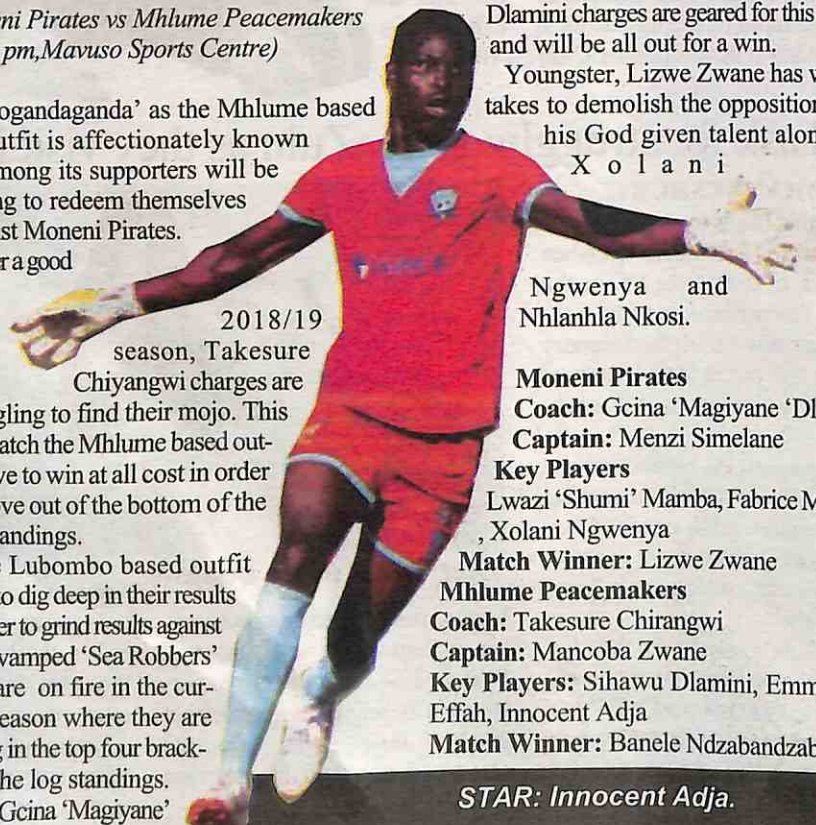
### Mhlume Peacemakers

**Coach:** Takesure Chirangwi

**Captain:** Mancoba Zwane

**Key Players:** Sihawu Dlamini, Emmanuel Effah, Innocent Adja

**Match Winner:** Banele Ndzabandzaba



**STAR: Innocent Adja.**

### MTN Premier League log:

| Team                | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD  | PTS |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Mbabane Swallows    | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 2  | 15  | 20  |
| Young Buffaloes     | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 2  | 15  | 19  |
| Royal Leopard       | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 4  | 8   | 19  |
| Moneni Pirates      | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8  | 5   | 14  |
| Mbabane Highlanders | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7  | 6  | 1   | 12  |
| Green Mamba         | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 5  | 5   | 11  |
| Manzini Wanderers   | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 13 | -2  | 11  |
| Black Swallows      | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 15 | -4  | 10  |
| Tambuti             | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 9  | 16 | -7  | 10  |
| Sea Birds           | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6  | 10 | -4  | 8   |
| Mhlume Peacemakers  | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9  | 13 | -4  | 7   |
| Denver Sundowns     | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8  | 16 | -8  | 5   |
| Milling Hotspurs    | 8 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 3  | 13 | -10 | 3   |
| Malanti Chiefs      | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3  | 14 | -11 | 3   |



# CYCLING UPDATES



By Mbusi Motsa  
(Guest writer)

## CONGRATS TO AMASHOVA LOCAL PARTICIPANTS

Well done to all the local clubs who travelled to Pietermaritzburg last weekend to participate in the legendary Amashova race which finished in Durban. It is always a carnival experience with over 15 000 cyclists.

One of my friends Fortune Nxumalo whom I travelled with to do his first Amashova race said 'this was the

easiest race I've ever done in SA.' I was not surprised to hear this from him owing to the fact he was fresh from conquering the Inyatsi Swazi

Frontier a week prior. **Lost**

It was very unfortunate that a life was lost after a cyclist suffered a car-

diac arrest and about 400 cyclists were stopped and whisked off to the finish line by seven buses around Botha's hill when temperatures rose

to unsafe levels around mid-day. The comforting one being that none of the locals was reported to have not made it to the end.

### Siteki road classic around the corner

Coming back home, we are one race away from completion of the cycling season.

That is the Siteki race on the 8th of December. Now looking at the period between the end of current season and resumption of next season it is clear that it's a long time. Cyclists will lose race miles and most will be sedentary.

### GET READY FOR CRITERIUMS

We have since realised that we can have a series of criteriums to keep the cyclists in shape and ready for the next season. The target is a minimum of four races spread around suitable venues around the country. It would be nice if we can manage to secure funding to make this wish a possibility.

Currently suitable sites are in Mbabane, Lobamba, Matsapha, Manzini and Siteki.

### ELECTRONIC TIMING

On the technical side I chose to write about two electronic training devices namely heart rate monitor and a power metre.

These scientific devices are for measuring intensity of a cyclist's workout. It is very useful to the cyclist who is serious about competing.

Most professional cyclists use one or both.

The heart rate monitor is a light weight computer with two parts.

There is a wireless transmitter that is attached to a band that wraps around the chest. The transmitter rests over your sternum and it listens to your heartbeat and sends it remotely to the receiver, a watchlike device worn on either wrist or

mounted on the handle bars. Most should be able to give you heart rate zone alarms, minimum/maximum/average heart rate per session, total training time.

The let down of this device is that it is affected by internal factors like illness, fatigue, soreness, stress, excitement, anxiety etc.

Power metres on the other hand are measuring devices mounted on the bike mainly on the cranks and hubs. The purpose is to measure the amount of wattage produced by the cyclist while pedaling the bicycle. To break it down it means the amount of work done on the bicycle. The data is transmitted to a unit that looks like a speedometer which records every few seconds while the cyclist is riding. This is a more accurate measuring device because it only deals with the force applied to the



**EASY:** Inyatsi cycling club also took part in the Amashova race.



**ACTION:** Local riders in action.

pedals. It is not affected by internal and external factors. It is used extensively by professionals. In a nutshell both devices assist the cyclist to monitor improvement of their performance hence their importance. It is a fact that as the cyclist gets fitter the heart rate drops at a relative effort, an indication that it is stronger.



# MONTESSORI STIFLES SIFUNDZANI'S TITLE HOPES

By Jongile Kuba

**CRICKET** - Sifundzani Primary school surrendered the Cricket U13 league title race in a nail-biting encounter against Montessori Life Primary on Wednesday.

Sifundzani's Banele Mngoma and Liya Dlamini did all the hard work to restrict Montessori to a competitive total of 112 runs, however, the hard work did not pay dividends as Tristan Roques and

Timo Teopfer orchestrated the orange army to a marginal win of 11 runs.

Banele picked the most precious wicket of Tristan, who scored 17 runs which subsequently brought about a stellar cameo for Sifundzani as they rode on that wave picking wickets regularly and saw Montessori languishing at 72/6 after 12 overs. Kaleb Louw then came on and had a cameo of his own. He steadied the Montessori ship and took his side to a respectable 112 runs, which

was something the bowlers could then work around.

Timo Teopfer bagged a hat-trick which inflicted fear to the Sifundzani batting line up and evidently, the leading runs scorer of the tournament, Joshua Quaynor, fell to Selu Mbatha after striking the ball too early hence getting caught at short-cover.

It was then time for match management as Tristan held his end picking wickets, bowling dot-balls, pushing Sifundzani against the wall

and in the unfolding, they succumbed. This result now leaves only Montessori for the title chase as they take on Msunduzi next week Wednesday.

Usutu will be out looking to wrap things up with a win over Enjabulweni on the same day and clinch the title knowing that a loss could jeopardise their chances of completing the feat.

On Tuesday, Enjabulweni and Msunduzi shared points after the rain washed out the match.



**CYCLING: Sihle Dlamini and Gcina Banda.**

## We need to improve on speed — Gcina Banda

By Sibusiso Masilela

**CYCLING** — ESWATINI national team rider Gcina Banda believes local riders need to improve on their speed in order to compete effectively during international competitions.

The Dig Deep Racing club star said this soon after competing in the Killarney weekly social criterium on Thursday, which is part of their ongoing international training camp in Cape Town.

Banda and his teammate Sihle Dlamini are currently in 30 days international camp which started from 15 October to November 15 courtesy of the world cycling governing mother body Union Cycling international (UCI). "We need to work on speed, especially on flats and hills which have been our downfall during international assignments. I am confident that we can do well at the big stage if we can be able to work on precision."

"I am positive that we will be able to improve on that aspect after finishing this training camp which is helping us to grow as cyclists."

We would like to thank both the Eswatini Cycling Association and our club Dig Deep for bringing us to this important training camp," he said. Meanwhile, Banda teammate Sihle Dlamini said he was adapting well and teaching lot from the camp.

The two cyclists competed in the 'Durbie Dash' last weekend where they both secured a top 10 finish.

## All set for ninth PMC golf tourney

By Jongile Kuba

**G**olf - Golfers have been urged to make their way to the ninth edition of the Project Managers of Choice (PMC) Golf Tournament that will be played at Manzini Golf Club today.

Manzini Golf Club's Wakie Lawrence said a lot of golfers had already registered for the competition and said interested parties can join them.

"We have about 36 golfers that have already registered for competition. They are itching to play on our renovated course and urge those looking to join us to come down," he said.

Lawrence said there are a lot of good prizes that will be up for grabs on the day.

We have a lot of great prizes with first place prize a golf bag worth about E2 500. Other prizes include golf balls, caps and many more," he said.



The PMC Golf Tournament is sponsored by Project Managers Of Choice Company. It is a monthly competition played at Manzini Golf Club.

The winners of the on-going competitions will play in a champ of champion's tournament at the end of the year. Last month's instalment of the competition was won by Manzini Club Vice Captain Jetro Masuku.

## International player for Milling Hotspurs

By Melusi Mlotso

**S**OCCER — New kids on the block, Milling Hotspurs are set to sign former Ally Tigers and ABSA Premiership side Free State striker Khulekani Khoza.

Information gathered from a source close to the matter revealed that negotiations between the Manzini-based outfit and the player are almost complete.

The source mentioned that the player will sign on the dotted lines in no time after he impressed the technical bench led by Clement 'King Clay' Mdluli.

"It's almost a done deal between the two parties. Khulekani is a good striker, who has an eye for goal," said the source.

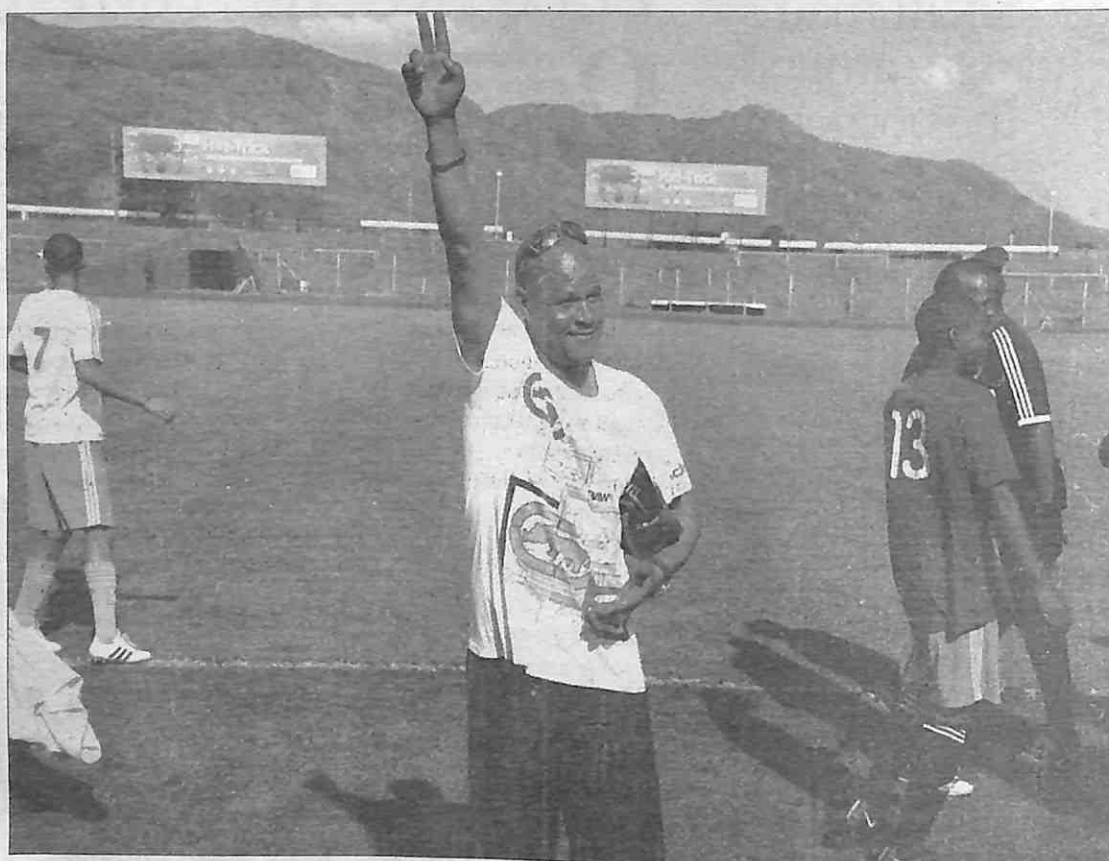
### Confirmed

Milling Hotspurs Chairman Ivan Munroe confirmed the news when contacted yesterday. He said they are finalising paperwork with the striker.

"It's true that we have an international player in our camp. We are finalising some paperwork with him. "He will be available in the second round," he said.

Khoza will be the second foreign player in the team after Ghanaian international David Agudze.

Meanwhile, Munroe said his team was ready for today's encounter



**CONFIRMED: Milling Hotspurs Chairman Ivan Munroe.**

against Pigg's Peak Black Swallows though they have injuries.

He said Bheki Vilane, Lungelo Macome and David Agudze are on the treatment table.

Youngsters Gcinumuzi Ndzimandze and Mlamuli Hlophe will also not be available due to school com-

mitments. Top striker Lungelo Nyoni will also be missing due to work commitments.

Meanwhile, the team's head coach 'King Clay' Mdluli said his team was ready despite the injuries. He said they have enough players who will fill the void.

## ERU host Eswatini 15s festival

By Melusi Mlotso

**R**UGBY — Eswatini Rugby Union will today host Eswatini 15s Rugby Festival at Enjabulweni Sports Ground.

The festival will pit the country's big guns in the likes of Malkerns Vondos, UNESWA Titans and Mbabane Cheetahs, who will be battling out from 10am -3pm.

The champions of the one day tournament will walk away with a trophy whilst runners-up will be awarded with medals.

### Search

Mbabane Cheetahs are still in search for a piece of silverware and still fresh from playing against South African based outfit New Castle, a side that beat Highlanders whereby they lost 57-7 in a match played some few weeks ago at Arbor Sports ground.

The Mbabane-based outfit will be looking to use their experience in this tournament.

ERU Secretary Bonginkosi Dlamini said they will looking forward to today's festival when contacted yesterday.

"The festival is hosted at a time when the Rugby World Cup fever has gripped the world and we are confident that the teams will do their best to showcase their talents."

"We are also pleased with the level of commitment which has been displayed by local teams during domestic competitions," he said.

The Manzini-based outfit is boasting with confidence after they brought capital city giants to a grinding halt a week ago.

The draw saw them accumulating three points and climbing one step from the bottom of the log standings.



# MANZINI WANDERERS LIFT MTHOBISI SUSPENSION

By Melusi Mlotso

**S**OCCER - Hub giants Manzini Wanderers have reportedly lifted the suspension of midfielder Mthobisi Mazibuko ahead of the Y'ello Sunday clash against Mbabane Highlanders at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The player had been put on ice for a fortnight ago by the team coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe following a fight with his teammate Johnson Mensah during training at St Theresas High School Sports Ground. The former Green Mamba devel-

opment player missed the team's titanic clash against Royal Leopard, whereby his team won by a solitary goal. Information gathered is that the two players have since smoked the peace pipe following an intervention from the Management Committee.

The player is now back at training preparing for the crucial assignment against the capital city giants.

"It's true that Mthobisi started training with the team on Thursday after the general manager resolved the issue.

"The player will be available for selection tomorrow against Highlanders," said the source.

Manzini Wanderers Chief Executive Officer Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini said he would check the latest news. He said the player was not fired but suspended by the club. The maroon and white outfit will be seeking revenge against Highlanders tomorrow after they lost 1-3 to them in the EPTC final held in August.



## Nyanga cautious of Highlanders ahead of Y'ello Sunday clash

Stories by Jongile Xuba

**S**OCCER - Manzini Wanderers coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe is cautious about Mbabane Highlanders ahead of their MTN Premier League Y'ello Sunday clash tomorrow at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The coach made the comments during the pre-match press conference at Sigwaca House yesterday, where he said they knew they were up against a familiar opponent.

"Highlanders coach obviously knows the team really well and we have to be extra cautious heading into the fixture.

"We need to overcome any emotions we may have and focus on getting a good result. I am concerned that the occasion may get the best of some of us," he said.

He further called for fans to accept whatever result as violence was ruining the game.

"I also urge fans to stop this violence against coaches after they lose. This is hurting the development of football in the country, and we could lose a whole lot more than just matches in the end," he said.

Meanwhile Highlanders coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati said he was treating the match like any other

## ...Buffs not worried about record against Birds

**S**OCCER - Young Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene say they are not concerned with the fact that they have not been able to beat Mbabane Swallows in their past matches.

The coach said despite being unable to beat Swallows in the past nine games, they would not dwell much on that and would focus on getting results on the pitch. "Swallows are a good side and have given us problems in the past. But this is a new game which we have prepared well for. We are looking forward to getting a positive result from the match given our growing confidence in each match," he said.

He added, the players were highly motivated for the match, which made it easier for them as the technical bench to prepare with the players wanting it more.

In the opposite dugout, Mbabane Swallows coach Honour Janza said they were mindful of Buffaloes strength but they would be ready



**HAND SHAKE: Young Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene and Mbabane Swallows coach Honour Janza shake hands after the MTN Y'ello Sunday Pre-match press conference at Sigwaca House yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)**

for them. "Every team in the league is a good side and we know how good our opponents are. We are approaching this match with a must-win mentality and I am confident the players will be able to

carry the day," he said.

Buffaloes face the log leaders in the first match of MTN Y'ello Sunday double header scheduled for the country's only football Mecca Somhlolo Stadium.

will treat this match as any other and have no grudges going into the game and will be playing for the win," he said.

Vilakati echoed Hlophe's words in asking for a violence free-match, asking fans to enjoy the game and not ruin it with senseless violence.

## Top golfer Nobuhle for VOG Tournament

By Jongile Xuba

**G**OLF - Eswatini's top golfer Nobuhle Dlamini will take part in the Vodacom Origins of Golf (VOG) Tournament that will be played in Knysna, South Africa.

The competition will start on Tuesday until Wednesday and will be played at Simola Golf and Country Estate. This is the next competition on the Sunshine Ladies Tour after the previous VOG tournament held at Selbourne Park Golf Club last week.

Dlamini had a good showing during the competition, winning the two-day tournament with an impressive score of 143. She managed to see off tough competition from Lauren Taylor and Jane Turner to scoop top honours.

Heading into the competition, Dlamini said she had about three more competitions before the end of the year. She encouraged more young girls to take up the sport and for the business sector to help out.

"Golf is a good long term investment for any corporates looking for a sport sponsor. I also would like to see more of our young girls playing in tournaments so they can eventually reach the PRO AM level," she said.

This is the last event in the Vodacom origins of golf women's series.

It was designed by renowned golf legend Jack Nicklaus and is a favourite among the players. Dlamini is also expected to compete in the European women Tour in Spain early next month before ending her year with another tournament in Nairobi in December.

## 'Sitofu' joins Black Swallows

By Jongile Xuba

**S**OCCER - FORMER Young Buffaloes head coach Mandla 'Sitofu' Dlamini has since found a new home at rookies Pigg's Peak Black Swallows.

The former National Under-20 coach has joined the Northern Hhohho outfit on interim basis after the club parted ways with Alou Badara three weeks ago.

Dlamini first assignment will be this afternoon when Black Swallows visit fellow newcomers Milling Hotspurs at the Mavuso Sports Centre in the MTN Premier League. Black Swallows Chairman Charles Matsebula welcomed Dlamini in the team when reached for comment yesterday.

"We are very happy to have a coach of Dlamini's calibre whom we strongly believe that he will make meaningful contribution to the team.

"We would like to thank the Army Commanded Jeffrey Tshabalala and Young Buffaloes officials for allowing Dlamini to join us and we are grateful to their level of professionalism that they displayed during the negotiations," he said.

## EBIS reviewing programmes

By Sports Reporter

**S**OCCER - THE Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services is currently working on a process of restructuring its programmes.

These include the popular Sports Show whereby local team PROs were temporarily stopped from attending the popular show, while

the station was still trying to implement ways of presenting its programmes to the nation.

The station Director, Martin Dlamini said the move was aimed at bringing better services to the nation when interviewed this week.

"We haven't banned anyone from attending the shows, but we are still looking at ways on how we can improve our products, which is something that we started a long

time ago. We will announce the new changes once we have concluded the entire exercise," he said.

The new process has seen only four team PROs from Mbabane Highlanders, Manzini Wanderers, Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes appearing in the show yesterday morning.

This follows their absence during Monday's programme.



**REVIEWING: EBIS Director Martin Dlamini.**



## RESULTS

**ABSA PREMIERSHIP**  
Cape Town City FC 0-1 Maritzburg United  
SuperSport United 2-2 Black Leopards

## FIXTURES

### ABSA PREMIERSHIP

#### TODAY

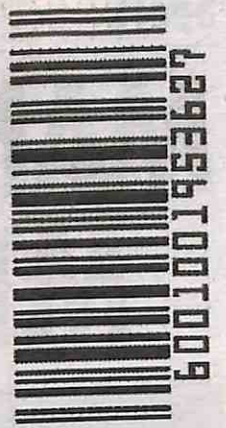
Stellenbosch vs Orlando Pirates 15:30  
Golden Arrows vs Polokwane City 15:30  
Highlands Park vs Chippa United 20:15

### ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

Manchester City vs Aston Villa 13:30  
West Ham United vs Sheffield United 16:00  
Brighton vs Everton 16:00  
Watford vs AFC Bournemouth 16:00  
Burnley vs Chelsea 18:30

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## SUNDOWNS THUMP WINLESS MALANTI

By Melusi Mlotso

Denver Sundowns ..(1)1  
Malanti Chiefs ..(0)0

**S**occer - Denver Sundowns recorded their second win of the season after beating struggling side Malanti Chiefs 1-0 in the MTN Premier League played last night at Mavuso Sports Centre.

The win saw Ennin Christopher's boys climbing to 11<sup>th</sup> position on the log standings, whilst Malanti Chiefs remain rooted at the



bottom of the log standings.

Denver Sundowns were the better side in the opening stages of the match. Mcolisi Bhembe's shot was easily saved by Malanti Chiefs

goal-keeper Colani Mngometulu four minutes into action. The striker also wasted another chance in 13 minutes after

receiving a pass from Enzo Motsa. Linda Maphalala shot wide in 26 minutes with acres of space before him.

Sundowns finally found the back of the net in 36 minutes through Mxolisi Bhembe, who rattled the roof of the net at the edge of the box.

The first half ended 1-0 in favour of the home side.

Malanti Chiefs came out a strong side in the second and piled more pressure to their opponents.

Youngster Thokozani Dlamini's well-taken shot was flicked to a fruitless corner kick by Denver Sundowns goalkeeper Felizwe Vilakati three minutes into the restart.

The visiting side continued attacking in search for a goal that never was until the referee blew his last whistle to end the match.

Malanti Chiefs Director Dumsani Gumede, who was in the company of Abel 'Chaklas' Shongwe left the stadium dejected.

### The teams

**Malanti**  
Colani, Siyabonga, Innocent, Sithembiso, Bongani, Charles, Lindokuhle, Sandile, Thembumenzi, Thokozani, Sifiso  
**Sundowns**  
Felizwe, Sibonelo, Samkelo, Kingsley, Makhosi, Phinda, Siyabonga, Enzo, Mthokozisi, Mcolisi, Linda.

## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:

| Team                | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GDPTS |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-------|
| Mbabane Swallows    | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 2  | 15 20 |
| Young Buffaloes     | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 2  | 15 19 |
| Royal Leopard       | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 4  | 8 19  |
| Moneni Pirates      | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8  | 5 14  |
| Mbabane Highlanders | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7  | 6  | 12    |
| Green Mamba         | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 5  | 5 11  |
| Manzini Wanderers   | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 13 | -2 11 |
| Black Swallows      | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 15 | -4 10 |
| Tambuti             | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 9  | 16 | -7 10 |
| Sea Birds           | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6  | 10 | -4 8  |
| Denver Sundowns     | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9  | 16 | -7 8  |
| Mhlume Peacemakers  | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9  | 13 | -4 7  |
| Milling Hotspurs    | 8 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 3  | 13 | -10 3 |
| Malanti Chiefs      | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3  | 15 | -12 3 |