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**KHULA MLISA:** His Majesty King Mswati III cutting his 51st birthday cake during the Garden Party at Buhleni Royal Residence in the presence of Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz and former SA president Jacob Zuma last night. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

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# LET'S SHIFT OUR MINDSET TO

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

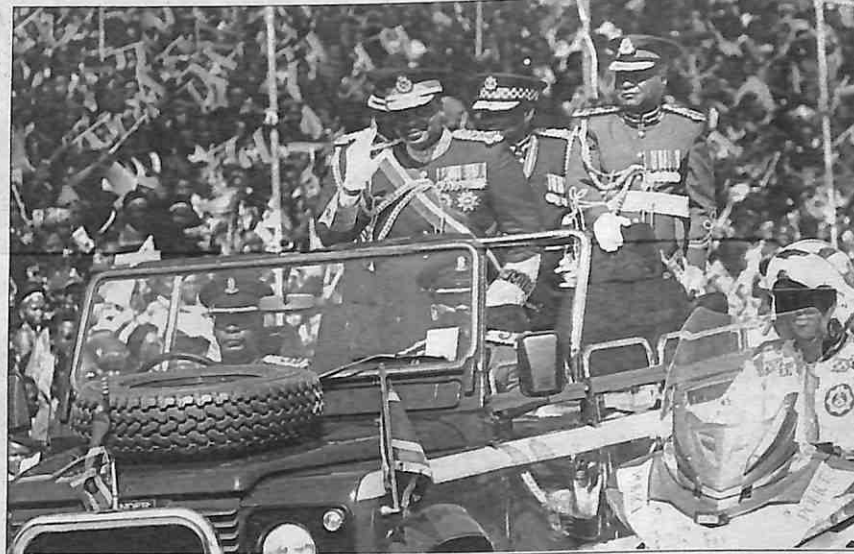
**H**is Majesty King Mswati III has challenged the country, while urging the nation to shift its mindset towards attaining Vision 2022, which is achieving the First World status.

His Majesty the King made this call yesterday at Buhleni Royal Residence during the celebration of his 51st birthday.

He said as a nation united in common purpose, there is a need to look into the future with great hope for a new dawn in the country.

## Ticking

"Our goal for the attainment of First World status will be realised if, as a nation, we commit ourselves to creating an enabling environment for this national objective. We are not far from 2022, so time is not on our side, the clock is ticking. Our mindset should transform from what



**KHULA MLISA:** His Majesty King Mswati III waving to the crowd upon arrival during his 51st birthday celebration at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

government is doing to attain this vision, but to asking ourselves what we are doing in order to realise this national goal.

"This is not the role of government

alone, we all have a role to play," said the King.

Whilst there are still skeptics who look at the country's vision as being too ambitious and unrealistic given

the time left, on the ground, government is proceeding with projects which are aimed at making this dream a reality.

The Republic of China on Taiwan

## Country has potential to host AfCTA Secretariat - King

**H**is Majesty the King has noted that the country has great potential to host the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA) Secretariat.

He said the country has good facilities, such as infrastructure, communication and transport.

## Stability

"We want Africa to experience our rich cultural environment, and see this nation known globally for its peace and stability, and humble citizens.

"We appeal for support from all sectors of our kingdom as the AU team visits us to assess our

readiness to host this organ - Eswatini is the New Promise for Africa," said His Majesty the King at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday.

## Unity

The King further emphasised that despite the great strides made as a country, there is still more to be achieved.

"When we began this year, we made a serious commitment to renewed growth and unity.

"This commitment, we must make it a reality as we collaborate in improving all our sectors and seeing improved growth in our economy."



**GREETINGS:** Her Majesty the Indlovukazi shaking hands with the president of Mauritania's wife upon arrival.



**FOLLOWING:** Emakhosikati following proceedings.

## President intensifies Eswatini, Mauritania relations

By Mbono Mdluli

**T**he relations between the Kingdom of Eswatini and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania will now be strengthened.

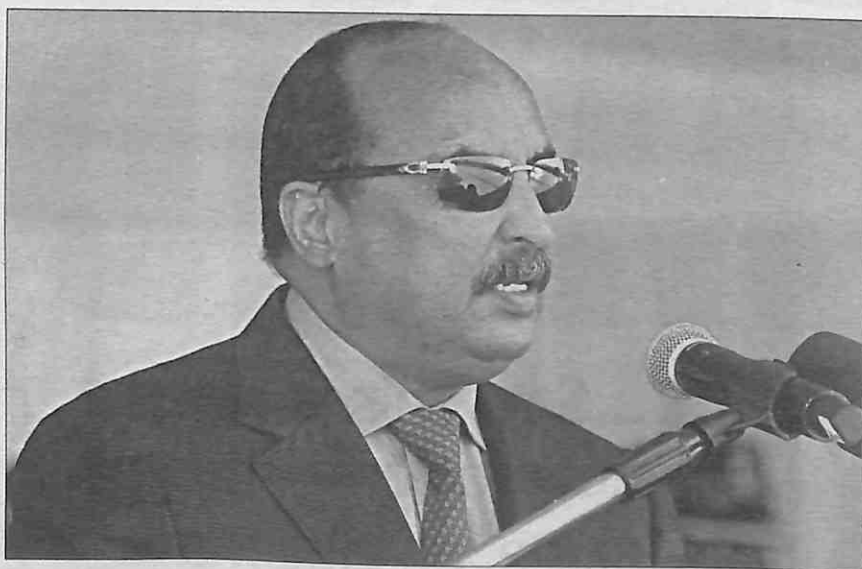
This was a promise made by Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz yesterday during the King's birthday, which was held at Buhleni Royal Residence. In his speech, that took about 10 minutes, the president said he was excited to take part in the King's birthday.

The president said his first visit to the country was going to go a long way in establishing cordial relations between the two countries.

## Relations

He believed that the relations would help the two countries in their quest to develop the lives of people in the two countries, and in developing the continent of Africa.

The president had actually been in the country for a state visit, having arrived through the Matsapha International Airport on Wednesday. The president stated that during his brief stay in the country, he observed that Eswatini was a peaceful



**BEST WISHES:** President of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz delivering his speech.

country and Emaswati were a unified group of people.

He said he further saw this yesterday when throngs of Emaswati crammed the Buhleni Royal Residence arena to take part in the

birthday celebrations of His Majesty King Mswati III. The president, who spoke with the aid of an interpreter, wished the country all the best and wished for peace and prosperity to reign supreme in the country.

## BRIEFLY ABOUT MAURITANIA

- It is a country in North-west Africa.
- It is the 11th largest sovereign state in Africa and is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, Western Sahara to the north and north-west, Algeria to the north-east, Mali to the east and south-east, and Senegal to the south-west.
- The country derives its name from the ancient Berber Kingdom of Mauretania, which existed from the third century BCE into the 7th century CE in the far north of modern-day Morocco and Algeria.
- Approximately 90 per cent of Mauritania's land is within the Sahara desert. Consequently, the population is concentrated in the south, where precipitation (such as rainfall) is slightly higher.
- The capital and largest city is Nouakchott, located on the Atlantic coast, which is home to around one-third of the country's 4.3 million people.
- Arabic is the official and national language of Mauritania. The local spoken variety, known as Hassaniya, contains many Berber words and significantly differs from the Modern Standard Arabic that is used for official communication. Pulaar, Soninke and Wolof also serve as national languages.
- Life expectancy at birth was 61.14 years (2011 estimate). Per capita expenditure on health was US\$43 (PPP) in 2004. Public expenditure was two per cent of the GDP in 2004 and private was 0.9 per cent of the GDP in 2004. In the early 21st century, there were 11 physicians per 100,000 people. Infant mortality is 60.42 deaths/1 000 live births (2011 estimate).
- The obesity rate among Mauritanian women is high, perhaps in part due to the traditional standards of beauty (in some regions in the country), in which obese women are considered beautiful, while thin women are considered sickly.
- Oil was discovered in Mauritania in 2001 in the offshore Chinguetti field.



# ATTAIN VISION 2022 - KING



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III with President of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz and Her Majesty the Indlovukazi following proceedings.

and the local government's funded International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel (ICCFISH) at Ezulwini is close to completion, whilst a revamped Mbabane Government Referral Hospital is on its final stages.

## Projects

A new referral hospital, to be accompanied by a university and research unit, will be built before 2022 at Langeni, along the Manzini-Mbabane Highway, whilst the Royal Science and Technology Park is already in operation, whilst the Biotechnology Park at Nokwane is also taking shape.

Other than just these ongoing projects, the country has also signed a number of

cooperative agreements with strategic countries, with the aim of Eswatini goods and services having easy access to international markets, thereby improving the economy. The recently signed Memorandum of Cooperation with the Republic of Mozambique is expected to open new opportunities for the country, including access to the sea.

Another project which is expected to be a game changer for the country would be the construction and operation of the Strategic Oil Reserve at Phuzamoya, which is also supported by the Republic of China on Taiwan.

## ...King wants country to trade with Mauritania

**H**is Majesty King Mswati III wants the country to trade with Mauritania and ensure that both countries' economies are strengthened.

The King, while addressing Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday, he said he hoped that the President's visit would open doors for prosperity in both countries.

He said since Aziz's arrival for his first state visit in the country, they had an opportunity to strengthen the two countries' economies.

## Unique

"Your Excellency, we do hope this visit has given you and your delegation an opportunity to experience our culture and unique way of celebrating life at this 51st birthday celebrations.

"We take pride in showcasing our distinctive lifestyle that harmoniously blends tradition and modernity in a way that sets us apart from the nations worldwide.

"As we host you for the first time in the Kingdom of Eswatini, we do believe that your visit will strengthen our bilateral relationship and open more opportunities that yield significant development and growth for our countries and people," said the King.

## Enriched

His Majesty said as a member of the African Union (AU), it was an honour to host the visiting president at a venue, where Eswatini lit and paraded the AU peace torch a few years ago.

"As leaders of our great continent, we have a challenge to make sure that the objectives of our organisation are realised as enshrined in the AU 2063 Agenda for the benefit of our peoples on the continent.

"We need to focus our energy and national resources to sustainable economic development programmes, such as food security, fighting poverty and pandemic diseases rather than conflicts which have no economic value," the King said.



**GOOD TO SEE YOU:** The President's Special Envoy from the Republic of China (Taiwan) greeting His Majesty King Mswati III.



**ARRIVAL:** President of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz being welcomed by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini upon arrival.



**YOU WELCOME:** The PM escorts the President's Special Envoy from the Republic of China (Taiwan), Minister Joseph Wu of Foreign Affairs.

## KING APPLAUDS BUMPER HARVEST

**H**is Majesty King Mswati III has applauded the good harvest he witnessed in the northern Hhohho region.

Speaking during the celebration of his 51st birthday at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday, the King said Hhohho has lived up to its plausible image of being a food basket in the country.

His Majesty noted that the Hhohho region will be able to feed the entire nation. In

siSwati, the region is known as *KaMshwala ubunjwa inkunzi*. "Hhohho is known for its good harvests," he reminded the nation.

## Consider

The King also touched on the need to develop the small town of Buhleni. He noted that Buhleni has a huge potential for tourism development.

"Time has come for our investors, both local and foreign, to consider building facilities that can be used by our visitors.

We need hotels, guest houses, malls and essential government services around this place," he said.

The King added that Eswatini has identified tourism as one of the sectors that can contribute to the development of the country.

He noted that this requires innovative ideas, that can decentralise tourism facilities to take the nation away from the familiar, to the untapped potential the country possesses.



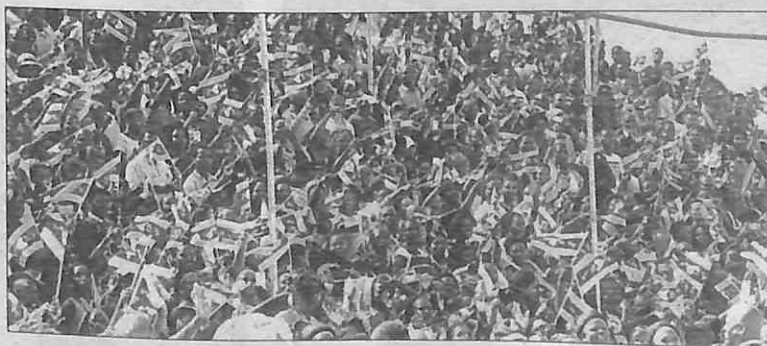
## KING SENSITIVE TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS – PRIME MINISTER



**REMARKS:** Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini making his remarks while introducing His Majesty to address the nation.



**PRESENT:** Cabinet ministers, senior government officials and diplomats at the event.



**WENA WAPHAKATHI:** Emaswati carrying flags came in numbers to celebrate His Majesty's birthday.

**H**is Majesty King Mswati III is sensitive to the needs of the people of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

This was said by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini yesterday during the King's birthday celebrations at Buhleni Royal Residence.

He said during the stewardship of the King, the country had been able to triumph over challenges and adversities and achieved many economic milestones.

The prime minister stated that the country was lucky indeed to have such a King, who was born 51 years ago.

The King was born in a year when the country gained independence from the United Kingdom. Over the 51 years, Dlamini said the country was now counted among the fast developing countries in the continent of Africa.

Dlamini also highlighted that the country had challenges, as it

was facing minimal economic development, but expressed hope that with the King at the helm, the country would be able to overcome the challenges, like it did over the past years.

He said development was needed because the country needed to create jobs and enable Emaswati to work and develop themselves, as well as the country.

## Fearing

He trusted that the King would rise to the occasion and be able to lead the country towards prosperity because he was sensitive to the needs of Emaswati.

The premier further applauded Their Majesties for being God-fearing leaders.

He said this would even make the country accelerate a bit faster towards development.

"We were celebrating Good Friday last week and Their Majesties were the ones who were delivering the Word of God," Dlamini said.



# KING MSWATI III's 51<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

@ Buhleni Royal Residence



**KHULA MLISA:** His Majesty King Mswati III greeting the crowd upon arrival during his 51st birthday celebrations at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**WELCOME:** President of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz meeting His Majesty.



**GOOD TO SEE YOU:** President's Special Envoy from the Republic of China (Taiwan) greeting His Majesty King Mswati III.



**GUARD OF HONOUR:** His Majesty inspecting the guard of honour.



**GREETINGS:** Her Majesty the Indlovukazi shaking hands with the president of Mauritania's wife upon arrival.



**PREMIER:** Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini making his remarks before requesting His Majesty to address the nation.



**LAUGH A WHILE:** Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe directing the proceedings.



**ATTENTIVE:** ICT Minister Princess Sikhanyiso flanked by president of Mauritania's wife and President's Special Envoy from the Republic of China on Taiwan's wife.



**HALALA:** Emaswati came in numbers to celebrate His Majesty's birthday.



**WRITING IS ON THE WALL:** Happy birthday messages for His Majesty on display.



**FOR OUR KING:** Part of the crowd waving as the King leaves the arena.



# KING MSWATI III's 51<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

@ Buhleni Royal Residence



**ROYAL WAVE:** His Majesty King Mswati III waves as he leaves the arena during his birthday celebrations held at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**IMBUBE:** The King addresses the nation during the celebrations.



**ROYAL KISS:** His Majesty kisses the daughter to the visiting Mauritania president.



**RESPECT:** Visiting Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Azizi meets some of emazinyane while His Majesty looks on.



**STYLISH:** Prince Masitsela dressed for the occasion.



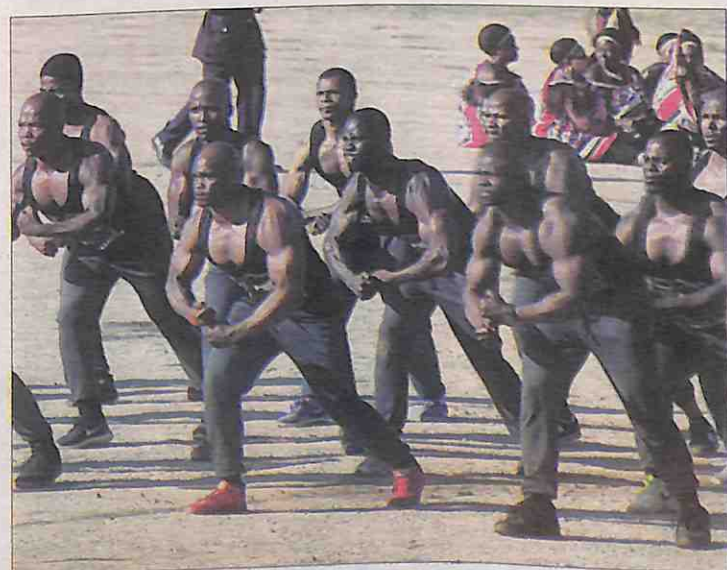
**DIPLOMATS:** Indonesian Consular Kareem Ashraff with some members of the Diplomatic Corps who attended the function.



**CHEERS:** A section of the members of the guard of honour doing the three cheers to His Majesty the King.



**COULD NOT MISS OUT:** Part of the invited guests enjoying every moment of the event.



**STRONG MEN:** UEDF body builders display their powerful physique as they perform.



**PAST MEETS PRESENT:** Former DPM, now Liqoqo Chairman Paul Dlamini chats to DPM Themba Masuku during the ceremony.



**FOLLOWING:** Part of the UEDF members watching the proceedings.



# KING EXCITES EMASWATI AT HIS BIRTHDAY

Stories by Mbono Mdluli

**K**ing's birthday attendants were yesterday treated to an unforgettable and exciting experience as they witnessed different forms of entertainment.

About 30 entertainment activities took place during the event.

The King's birthday took place at Buhleni Royal Residence and was attended by scores of people from within the country and outside the kingdom. The entertainment activities, according to the King's birthday programme, took place from as early as 7am.

People started arriving from as early as 6:30am, showing that they were looking forward to taking part in this occasion. The event took place at a well-prepared arena between Buhleni Royal Residence and Madlangemphisi-Msahweni Main Road.

The arena was enclosed by two grandstands that faced both the Madlangemphisi and Msahweni directions.

Other grandstands that enclosed the arena were the main stands and two mini-grandstands that sandwiched the podium where the King was sitting with his important guests, who included Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Adel Aziz and Taiwan Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu, who represented Taiwan President Tsai Ing-Wen.

All the stands and the King's podium were erected solely for the event.

At about 11:45am, Her Majesty the Queen Mother arrived at the arena, after the arrival of other important people in the country (including Emakhosikati) and those coming from outside the country.

The arrival of Her Majesty was welcomed with joy and excitement, especially from Lutsango, who shouted on top of their voices saying, "Phezukomkhono!!"

At that time, members of the public were still entering the arena and the



**ROYAL SALUTE:** His Majesty King Mswati III salutes during the singing of the national anthem before inspecting the guard of honour.

different security forces in the country had a tough time trying to control the crowd, as they rushed to enter the arena.

They wanted to ensure that they had a close view of Her Majesty and positioned themselves for the arrival of the King.

The security officers decided to order the public to form two straight lines so that their entrance could be managed without any chaos. The lines were so long such that they reached the main road passing through Buhleni.

## Arrival

At about 12:20pm, His Majesty the King arrived at the arena and this time, the excitement was uncontrollable. People blew whistles and shouted, "Bayethe!! Wena waphakathi!!"

They did this while hoisting their small Eswatini flags, which made the scene even more exciting.

The King entered in a Land Rover Defender, painted in the colours of Eswatini flag.

He was standing in the vehicle, which moved slowly in front of each grandstand, enabling the King to greet the

crowds by gently waving at them. As he waved at each stand, sounds of jubilation would be heard erupting from that stand.

After greeting the crowd, the King inspected the guard of honour, which comprised of Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) officers, who stood in the middle of the arena.

The soldiers were wearing silver helmets and greyish-green uniforms. The soldiers stood in the arena despite that the temperature rose up to 28 degrees Celsius.

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## Princess Lindiwe rises to occasion

**M**inister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe rose to the occasion yesterday when she directed the proceedings of the King's birthday. Princess Lindiwe was directing the programme for the first time, as she was doing that in her capacity as home affairs minister. Her ministry is in charge of national celebrations like the King's birthday.

The minister took to the podium after the King had inspected the guard of honour. Princess Lindiwe greeted Their Majesties, important guests and the entire nation.

She started singing praises to Their Majesties. As she sang the praises, she suddenly stopped and laughed, probably because she was overwhelmed by the excitement of seeing herself directing such a big event.

After that, she continued with her task and introduced Pastor Kunene from Mayiwane who was asked to pray. That was at 12:40pm. The pastor finished at around 12:45pm and the guard of honour displayed their excellent parading skills, which drove the audience into a frenzy.

The guard of honour was assisted by a UEDF band, which consisted of soldiers wearing red,

navy-blue and gold uniform.

The parade lasted for about 15 minutes. The minister was back on the podium to introduce Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini. Dlamini's task was to introduce Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Adel Aziz, who spoke for nearly 10 minutes.

After the speech of the president, the prime minister was back to introduce His Majesty the King to deliver his speech, with an aid of his interpreter Sihle Dlamini.

The speech of the King lasted for 30 minutes, as he finished at around 2pm. After that, the people were treated to another series of entertaining activities, which included drum majorettes from different high schools in the Hhohho region.

They were helped by a band from His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS). Sagila SeMnikati and Ligcabho LaMhlekezi could also not be left out as they were called to entertain Their Majesties and the entire nation.

The minister continued overseeing all the entertainment activities until the end of the main event at the arena. Proceedings ended late in the afternoon and many of the attendees joined the garden party, which also took place at the Royal Residence.



**SISTERLY CHAT:** Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe with Hhohho Regional Administrator Princess Tsandzile.

## Emaswati join His Majesty in celebrating his 51th birthday

By Setsabile Nkambule

**I**t was an exciting time in the Kingdom of Eswatini as Emaswati joined His Majesty King Mswati III in celebrating his 51th birthday at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday.

Many who had attended the celebrations had a chance to watch cultural performances from both local and international acts.

Well-polished and choreographed performances from Sagila Semnikati, drum majorettes, Mhlatane High School choral group, Tamasha Korean dance, sibhaca and more were witnessed at the occasion. There were occasionally surprise elements from emazinyane when Prince Lindani and Prince Bandzile led Sagila Semnikati sibhaca team as some point of their performance.

Best performances on the day came



**NGETE NGASALA:** Part of the crowd waving as the King leaves the arena.

from the UEDF body builders who pulled a Toyota Quantum kombi and

when emazinyane gave a splendid showing with the sibhaca team.

The crowds cheered from the get go until the end and thereafter gave the performers a standing ovation after they were done.

## Excited

Also giving a grand presentation was the Korean dance troupe. Their instructor So Yean Lee stated that she was excited to have been part of such an important event in Eswatini's calendar.

She said it had always been her wish to be part of His Majesty King Mswati III's birthday celebrations as she would only hear about it.

"I came to Eswatini from South Korea as a volunteer in February. When given the task to teach Korean dance, I took it with both hands as I always wished to attend the King's birthday celebrations," she stated.

Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini thanked the opportunity afforded to artists to showcase their talents before Their Majesties and the entire Eswatini nation.

## Unity

He said the King's birthday celebrations were a beacon of unity and peace whilst culture serves as a source of their joy and is a powerful glue promoting unity amongst the nation.

"On behalf of the Arts and Culture Council family, we would like to wish His Majesty the King all the best, a blessed day today and throughout his years on earth.

May the Lord Almighty shower him with blessings, wisdom and prosperity through the coming years.

Our King is a symbol of our common heritage shared among the people of Eswatini," he said.



# COMMONWEALTH SG SAD AS CYCLONE KENNETH HIT MOZA

By Alec Lushaba

Fresh from Cyclone Idai early this month, Mozambique has been hit by a devastating storm, known as Cyclone Kenneth.

Cyclone Kenneth has killed at least one person and left a trail of destruction in northern Mozambique, destroying houses, uprooting trees and knocking out power, authorities said yesterday.

The cyclone brought storm surges and wind gusts of up to 280km per hour when it made landfall on Thursday evening, after killing three people in the island nation of Comoros.

The Kingdom of Eswatini, which is still collecting donations for Cyclone Idai, is yet to send its second consignment for hundreds of thousands Mozambicans in the north affected by the storm, now came Cyclone Kenneth, which is said to be the heaviest.

Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland, yesterday in a press statement, expressed her profound sadness at the devastation which hit Mozambique yesterday. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by Cyclone Kenneth in Mozambique, the strongest cyclone yet to have hit the country. Its occurrence so soon after Cyclone Idai last month signals a trou-



bling increase in the frequency of such natural disasters, and the urgent and fundamental need to build resilience at all levels in our communities. She said: "The Commonwealth stands ready to support the government and people of Mozambique in any way it can, as they rebuild their lives and livelihoods."

"I would like to commend all those institutions, both public and private and all the countries within our Commonwealth family and beyond who have rallied to Mozambique's support after Cyclone Idai and urge them to redouble their efforts in the face of the devastation caused by Cyclone Kenneth."

"We must remain vigilant and continue to work together with ever increas-

ing determination and vigour in order to respond to the existential threat which we now face as a result of the rapidly changing climate. We have already started our holistic regenerative programme of work under our Common Earth and Blue Charter banners but we will do more."

Together we must wake up to these developments and mobilise to address the reality of climate change."

Scotland said the Commonwealth will continue to support member countries develop robust policies and help them gain access to funding to address climate-related disasters through the disaster Risk Finance Portal and the Climate Finance Access Hub.

## ENCAC, Spollyhood City sponsor Dasoh's bash

By Njabulo Dlamini

Today's historic double launch and birthday celebration for SA kwaito star Dasoh has received a major boost from two major sponsors; ENCAC and Spollyhood City.

The double launch would be held at Spollyhood City in Siphofaneni and incorporates the birthday bash of Dasoh as well as the launch of his single *Emcimbini* featuring DJ Kayzotic and that of local kwaito ancestor Immortal 7's single launch *Ziph' Ingane*.

Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENCAC) has sponsored with flyers/posters for the event, while owner of Spollyhood Spin City Mncedisi 'Skosh' Mamba provided the venue free of charge to ESWASU, the organisers.

ESWASU is the Eswatini Arts Super Unity stable owned by Immortal 7, real name Banele Sithole from Siphofaneni area.

### Confirmed

An excited Immortal 7 confirmed that these two sponsors have come on board in supporting the event, adding that they felt humbled by this kind gesture.

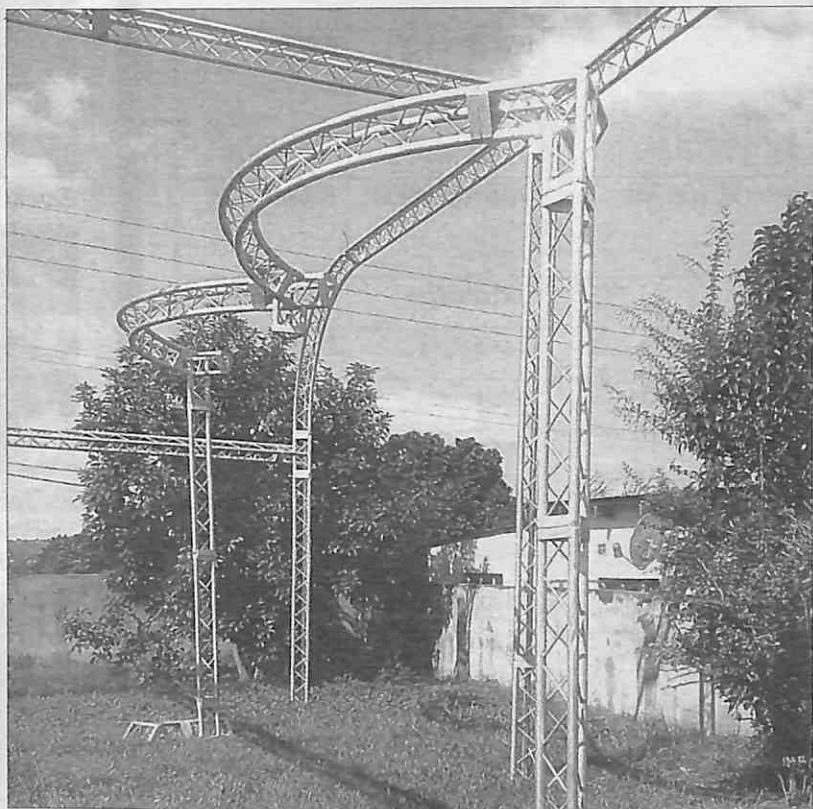
He said everything was now in place for tonight's event.

"The SA artists are expected to arrive tomorrow (today) from noon and we would be hosting media interviews prior to taking them down to Siphofaneni."

"The stage has been set with the sound system already tested and in top-notch," Immortal 7 said.

There will be eight South African artists and four local ones, including popular DJs at the night long function.

"As ESWASU, we would like to invite all kwaito music lovers and music lovers at large to attend the event as everything is now in place. All the South African



**ALL SET:** The stage has already been set at Spollyhood City in Siphofaneni and ready to host the artist. (Courtesy pic)

artists have confirmed their attendance, as one can attest to this were they to visit the various social media platforms where the artists are regularly posting updates regarding the show.

"Artists under my stable have also confirmed their attendance."

"Security will be tight as usual as Siphofaneni patrons could attest to how the venue is always secured whenever events are staged. We have roped in the police on top of the bouncers that would be assisting us with security on the day," Immortal 7 said.

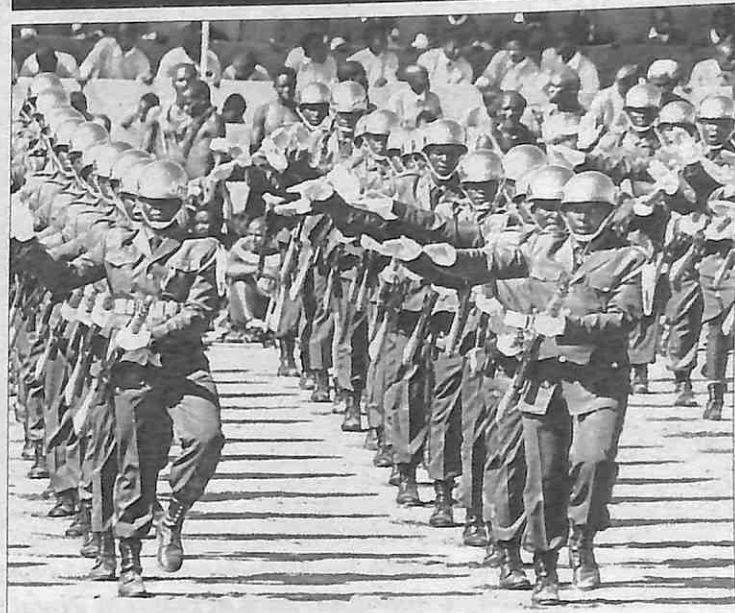
Entrance is E30 per head, with the event

starting at 4pm today until tomorrow at 6am.

Artists on the line-up are Mongols, King Ginger (Isibaya actor), Mdabu, Immortal 7, Olivava, Badelicious, Mfana Webhejisa, DJ Kayzotic, DJ Delela, DJ Maizer, DJ Blue, DJ Snowboy, DJ Deboneng, Coolest Da DJ, DJ Bisto, DJ Q3 and DJ Motoyemali.

Tomorrow, ESWASU and Powershot Music will host the Sunday Vibes featuring Mzansi celebrities at Sim Sim Shisanyama in Big-Bend from 11am till late. Featured as well would be ESWASU artists led by Immortal 7, as well as Dasoh and his team.

## MORE FROM KING'S BIRTHDAY



**RIFLE TRICKS:** The Guard of Honour displaying one of its skills. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**IN NUMBERS:** Emaswati, young and old, came in their numbers to attend the King's birthday celebration at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. The good weather allowed the activities to proceed without any disturbances.



**ESWATINI BOUND:** South Africa based kwaito star Dasoh.

### LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Justice Conference Room on the 20 May 2019 starting at 10.00 am.

Region Manzini  
1. Mbeka Trading PTY Ltd, P. O. Box 1442 Matsapha grant of a Wine and Malt Liquor Licence situated at Ngculwini known as Pixie's Wine and Malt.

Any person who wishes to lodge an objection to the above-mentioned application may do so with the Secretary of the Liquor Licensing Board in writing, sending a copy to the applicant by registered mail to reach him/her at least ten days before the sitting of the Board.

SECRETARY LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD  
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**SAGILA SEMNIKATI: Prince Bandzile leading Sagila Semnikati during the 51st King's birthday celebration held at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Setsabile Nkambule)**

# GROUPS THRILL AT



**(Above) MARCHING: Drum majorettes having their moment.**



**(I) GCABHO LIYAVUTSA: Another group of drum majorettes performs.**



**Energy for the Future**

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## PLANNED POWER OUTAGE NOTIFICATION

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DAY:	DATE:	MANTAINANC E BY (DEPOT):	AFFECTED AREAS:	DESCRIPTION OF WORK:	PERIOD:
Sunday	28 April	Matsapha	MECCA Electrical, Swazi-Merc, Reclamation Group, Cyclone Park, Mboneleli Tyres, Interfreight, Steven Motsa	Transformer Installation	10:00am – 4:00pm
Monday	29 April	Madlangempisi	Nyakatfo	Line Construction	9:00am – 4:30pm
Tuesday	30 April	Sithobela	LoMagengane, Henhood	Reconductoring	9:00am – 5:00pm
		Mhlume	Ntsinini High School, Timambeni, Mantinyane, Zinyane, Mhlangatane, Mhlangatane MTN	Reconductoring	9:00am – 4:00pm
		Madlangempisi	Nyakatfo	Transform Relocation	9:00am – 4:30pm
		Manzini	Nsingweni and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:30am – 4:00pm
		Pigg's Peak	Ncesi, Gangakhulu, Magadzeni, Mnyokane, Mnyokane High Site	Closing Span	9:00am – 4:00pm
		Pigg's Peak	Mvembilli, Mashobeni, Mashobeni North Primary School	Transformer Uprating	9:00am – 4:00pm
		Stonehenge	Mvutjini, Mangozeni, Valley School, Khula, Emfuleni Lifestyle, Somnjalose and surroundings, Ebuka, Egelekececi, Ezulwini Tea Road, Bethel Court, OK Mini Market, MA Offices, Ncaba Flats and Lodge, Valley View Centre Ezulwini	Project	9:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday	2 May	Hluti	Mbebeleni, Rockview, Dzakasini, Jerusalem, KaHhohho	Project Construction	9:00am – 3:30pm
		Sithobela	Lavundlamanti	Underground Cable Installation	9:00am – 5:00pm
		Madlangempisi	Nyakatfo	Dual Line Stringing	9:00am – 4:30pm
		Mhlume	Sihhoye	Reconductoring	9:00am – 4:00pm
		Hluti	Sivule, Mantambe	Project Construction	9:00am – 3:30pm
Friday	3 May	Manzini	Nsingweni and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:30am – 4:00pm
		Madlangempisi	Nyakatfo/Luphikweni	Dual Line Stringing	9:00am – 4:30pm

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**ZULU: A Zulu warrior in full regalia.**



**SIBHACA: Sibhaca group shows-off its dancing skills.**

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**SANELISIWE DLAMINI**

On behalf of Emalangen kaLobamba nebakaMbingo kaPhunga, we would like to extend our profound gratitude and appreciation to Mbabane Jesus Calls, Master of the High Court Staff and everyone who supported us through the funeral of our beloved sister Sanelisiwe Dlamini.

Ningadzinwa wangemuso.

We would like to especially extend our gratitude to Emakhosi for their support during this period.

NKHOSI.



# KING'S BIRTHDAY



UMMISO: Imbali enjoying themselves during their performance.



DANCING: Members of Lutsango enjoying themselves, while dancing for His Majesty's guests and the nation at large.

(R) MAKHOYANE : The audience was blessed with the Eswatini indigenous guitar.



CHORAL MUSIC: Mhlatane High School pupils singing their lungs out during the celebration.



INGADLA: South African combined ingadla group performs. (R) STRENGTH: UEDF Body-builders pulling a Toyota Quantum.



OPENING ACT: Drum majorettes group giving their best as an opening act.



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By Bodwa Mbingo

# ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY IN 2 CEOs CONTROVERSY



PANDEMONIUM: Stephen Zuke.

**E**swatini Environment Authority (EEA) must be one most privileged entity in the country as it is embroiled in a controversy that has found it with two chief executive officers (CEOs) or executive directors at its disposal.

The two are acting CEO, Ishmael Ndwandwe, who was appointed by the board and Stephen Zuke, who was reinstated by the High Court following his bittersweet relationship with the ministry in charge of the parastatal, the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs.

Following his reinstatement after his contract was not renewed, Zuke reported for duty this week but found that there is another CEO in charge of the parastatal. According to our sources, Zuke is expected to start work, but there are unresolved issues by the ministry that date back. The Board is expected to resolve the matter with the ministry.

One issue that is on the table is that the CEO has not been reinstated on the authority's payroll. Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Moses Vilakati told the Observer on Saturday that as far as he knows, Ndwandwe is the current CEO. An application that was filed by government appealing against the decision of the Industrial Court of Appeal, which ruled in favour of Zuke, was early this month struck off the Supreme Court's roll. Early this month, the Supreme Court struck off the matter following the attorney general's (AG) office's failure to put their house in order as some court papers had not been filed. The Supreme Court was supposed to hear the appeal on arguments by both parties, but the matter could not kick-off due to the failure to file the necessary court papers by the AG's office.

Not being satisfied by the decision of the Industrial Court of Appeal in its judgment handed down last year, government noted an appeal as it is of the view that the court a quo (Industrial Court of Appeal) erred in finding and in fact in discharging the then Tourism and

Environmental Affairs Minister Christopher Gamedze's decision for the non-renewal of Zuke's employment contract. Zuke had been sitting at home since August 21, 2016 after the minister unilaterally took a decision not to renew his contract of employment and this resulted in him taking the minister to court.

The current minister said the EEA board is one that will make a decision on the matter and then liaise with his office. "It is Cabinet that then appoints executives like the CEO. That happens after the Board makes its decision. I will hear from the EEA Board on the way forward," explained Minister Vilakati yesterday.

## Office

The minister also hinted that he heard about Zuke returning to office, but said he cannot comment any further on the matter as it is an issue of the board.

Back to the Supreme Court decision, a full bench comprising of Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza, Justice Ticheme Dlamini and Justice John Magagula

found that Zuke's contract was tacitly renewed. The court also discharged the decision of the former Tourism Minister Gamedze with regard to reasons for the non-renewal of Zuke's employment contract. Principal Judge Mabuza stated that it was apparent, undisputed and without any doubt that the findings and conclusions by the minister, that Zuke committed acts of fraud, dishonesty and misled the board regarding his evaluation, were made without affording him the right to be heard.

## Contract

The court a quo stated that it was on the basis of these findings and conclusions that the second respondent (minister) found that the applicant (Zuke) was unfit for the position of director and that he therefore decided on the non-renewal of his contract, much against a recommendation by the board.

The court said it was its view that Zuke had a right and was entitled to be heard before a decision affecting his employment status was taken. The Observer

on Saturday reported prior to this that the unworkable conditions at the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs prompted Members of Parliament (MPs) to demand explanations from then Minister, Christopher Gamedze. A motion moved by Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala read; "to move that the minister for tourism explains to this august House as to why 'things fall apart' in the tourism ministry, and why he, as the centre, is failing to hold in that: he, the minister is constantly under capture, having been captured by his very own principal secretary. "The minister has allowed the PS to harass senior staff willy-nilly in the ministry, particularly the directors in various departments, the chief financial officer inclusive and the minister's personal assistant; and the minister is turning a 'blind eye on the 'appointment' of the Ps 'blue-eyed' lady to a post created for her. Of late this lady/'officer' has usurped the duties of more than 10 departments; and that the minister's inept attitude is bringing the tourism sector to its 'knees'." The motion was seconded by Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe. Thwala confirmed that he even saw the doctor's report of the personal assistant, Iris Mamba, after she was dragged by a driver out of a government vehicle ferrying civil servants on instructions allegedly from the Principal Secretary Emmanuel Dlamini. She was allegedly pulled to the side and suffered a rise in blood pressure. He said there was just too much rot at the ministry but details would be discussed by Parliament. At the centre of the controversies at the ministry was the standoff between the minister and the disbanded board of directors following the principal secretary's refusal to renew the contract of the Executive Director Stephen Zuke. The beef between

Zuke and Dlamini is the latter's manoeuvres to establish a climate change authority as an independent jurisdiction while Zuke argues that this would be a duplication of the mandate of the Eswatini Environment Authority. After the dismissal of the board by Minister Gamedze, the board reacted strongly disclosing the controversies that could have culminated in the minister's irregular decision.

In a letter, dated 21 June 2017 and titled 'without prejudice' the board accused the minister of having declined to hear them despite several requests, electing to only take the advice of the principal secretary. The board claimed that through a letter of June 2017, it requested audience with the minister to discuss and advise him on a number of issues. The board resolved that the chairman should request monthly meetings with the minister in an effort to work closely with him and promptly address any issues that may arise. The board reminded the minister that the chairperson of the board had on several occasions engaged his office as per the resolution of the board and at no point did he inform the chairperson that he was not satisfied with its performance. The court ruled that Zuke should return to work but it is alleged the PS would not hear of it. They said on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, they each received letters revoking their appointment into the board but say as much as the minister holds the right to dismiss them, such a right should not be exercised in a capricious and arbitrary manner. Before communicating with the board, the principal secretary had already written letters to the executive management telling them the board had been dismissed. Reasons for dismissing the board were: leaking of confidential information including the court case information to the press; not coming to offer condolences to the minister for the ongoing court case; and not providing any board minutes to him ever since he was appointed in 2016. When Zuke was reached, he politely asked not to comment on the issue and asked this publication to contact the minister instead.

## HEADS TO ROLL AT EEC

By Alec Lushaba

**T**he much awaited forensic investigation into operations of Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) is now complete and will soon be submitted to the board.

It is alleged that some findings of the report point to some criminal activity which will be reported to law enforcing agencies with regards to some implicated ex-employees whilst others may be subjected to internal disciplinary processes.

EEC Board Chairman Sthofeni Ginindza, before appointing the forensic investigators, indicated that the Category A public enterprise was losing millions of Emlangeni hence the need to appoint a company with experience to investigate the allegations.

EEC Managing Director Meshack Kunene, when called on the matter, confirmed that the report has already been submitted to his office and was ready to be tabled before the board of directors. "It is not my report, so I am not at liberty to share its findings until the board has discussed and resolved on it. The board should be meeting soon and a decision will be known thereafter on the next steps," Kunene said. He said the forensic investigation was not targeting any specific individual, but looked throughout the organisation if they complied with company procedures in doing their

work.

"I was not exempted in this exercise, so all our conduct is now subject to the board based on the findings of the investigators," he said. EEC engaged a South African company, Prodigy SA (PTY) Limited to do the forensic investigation, something which has not gone down well with some interested parties, including Parliament. However, Kunene said the engagement of the South African company was done lawfully and he has explained how they were engaged and they have the necessary documents to prove that there was nothing illegal about their work.

## Investigations

EEC is familiar with forensic investigations as then MD Pius Gumbi in 2011 also engaged KPMG to investigate alleged irregular transactions relating to the procurement of goods and services.

The objectives of the investigation were to investigate conflict of interest, procurement, dereliction of duty and provide ongoing and criminal litigation support services in respect of any action instituted by the managing director. The employees petitioned the chairman, who happened to be the current Chairman Sthofeni Ginindza then expressing their unhappiness with the way the forensic report findings were done, which included the dismissal of four managers, yet according to them the report had implicated many.

## Tender out for elderly grants vendor

Stories by Mbono Mdluli

**T**he deputy prime minister's office (DPMO) is now in the process of issuing a tender for a company that will disburse elderly grants.

This follows the contract that the DPMO has with Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) expected to come to an end on May 30. This was said by DPMO Principal Secretary Khangeziwe Mabuza on Wednesday when her office appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). The new vendor (company) is expected to be known in June and will start working by September. The issue of the tender had been discussed in the DPMO for two months now, according to the PS. What the office is supposed to do now is to get approval from the ministry of finance, the DPMO will then engage the Eswatini Public Procurement and Regulatory Agency

(ESPRA). ESPRA will then help the DPMO in getting a suitable company that will do the job and minimise the problems that were prevalent in the payment of elderly grants. The new vendor, according to the PS, would be known by the end of June and by September or October, the vendor would be in a position to start working.

## Extention

She further said EPTC could be engaged on a contract extension so that the company could be able to effect the payment of elderly grants that would take place in June. She also stated that EPTC could be given a new contract if the corporation proved to be the best vendor among those that would show interest. Mabuza said they had started issuing the tender in an effort to get a new company that would minimise the problems that were currently seen during the payment of elderly grants. The DPMO PS urged interested organisations to come forward with

their proposals so that they could see if those would come with solutions to the problems for her office to get rid of them. The PS told the PAC that some companies had already submitted proposals to the DPMO and some of the proposals were world class as they were the same as the ones used in developed countries. However, the PS said they had to be careful on their interactions with the companies because her office could be seen as giving preferential treatment to some organisations over others. One of the problems that were prevalent in elderly grants disbursement was the payment of people that had passed away. In some cases, people would commit fraud and produce identity cards that would prove a person to have reached 60 years yet in actual fact that individual would be way below the age of 60. Such problems have caused the DPMO to lose up to E21 million and the office has now embarked on an exercise to audit those deemed beneficiaries of the elderly grants. The process is ongoing and a report is expected to be out soon.

## DPMO owes Nedbank about E312 000

**T**he deputy prime minister's office (DPMO) is said to owe Nedbank about E312 000 in respect of bank charges.

The bank charges are said to have been incurred by the DPMO when paying elderly grants through Nedbank. This was contained in the 2018 report of Auditor General (AG) Timothy Matsebula. PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi did not understand how this debt was incurred. The charges are said to have been incurred during the 2017/18 financial year.

According to Buthelezi, the bank charges were budgeted for when the disbursement of elderly grants were done by the office of the DPM. He called on DPMO Principal Secretary (PS) Khangeziwe Mabuza to state what happened here. Mabuza said they also did not understand how the bank charges were incurred. They wrote to Nedbank asking the bank authorities to explain how the charges could have been incurred. However, they did not receive any response regarding their request. Buthelezi was not con-

vinced that the DPMO had alerted Nedbank about this in time. He believed that Nedbank would have responded by Wednesday this week when the matter was deliberated in Parliament. Buthelezi said Nedbank was one of the reputable financial institutions in the country and would not just ignore such a serious query because such ignorance could drag the name of the bank through the mud. The chairperson gave the DPMO until Monday next week to continue working on the matter. He said he needed an update on the matter when the PAC meets next week to continue with its sessions.





**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III and Islamic Republic of Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz sharing a light moment at Mandvulo Grand Hall on Wednesday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

# ESWATINI, MAURITANIA STRENGTHEN RELATIONS

Stories by Sabelo Majola

The Kingdom of Eswatini and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania have strengthened their bilateral relations, that will see the two countries work together in development initiatives.

Mauritania is a country in North-west Africa. It is the 11th largest sovereign state in Africa, and is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, Western Sahara to the north and north-west, Algeria to the north-east, Mali to the east and southeast, and Senegal to the southwest.

President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Aziz landed in the country on Wednesday at the Matsapha International Airport, where he was welcomed by the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Senator Thuli Dladla and other ministers and government officials, before meeting His Majesty King Mswati III at the Mandvulo Grand Hall.

## Memories

His Majesty the King welcomed the president and told him that the country still has vivid memories of the president's country during their participation at the AU Summit last year in July, where Heads of State and government shared valuable ideas that would elevate the African continent to greater heights.

His Majesty the King stated that one of the major milestones during the meeting was the launch of the Zero Malaria Begins with Me campaign.

The King said the president's visit to the country would enable them to deliberate on issues of mutual interest which would benefit the development of the two countries and the well-

being of their people.

"Our common interests and ideas are also augmented by the fact that our countries are members of the African Union, where we wish to see continued growth economically, socially and politically. Indeed exchange of visits of this nature between two friends is part of our African heritage, and it further promotes the spirit of brotherhood. History tells us that the continent had no borders and those who wanted to exert their authority on us created the current boundaries. There was free movement of people and goods within the different tribes and nations of Africa," he said.

His Majesty the King said the continent is faced with multiple challenges, that include instability and conflicts, which have caused untold suffering to many who have been forced to leave their homes and live a nomadic life.

## Impasse

The King stated that there is a need to put an African mechanism that would intervene whenever there is an impasse in any of the countries than to depend on the support that comes from outside the continent.

"Hunger, poverty, unemployment and pandemic diseases also threaten the well-being of our communities. Ebola, cholera outbreaks and malaria have claimed numerous lives, while adversely affecting those of many others. It is painful to see many of our people migrating to other parts of the world seeking a better life for themselves, even though we are a continent rich in mineral and human resources," he said.

His Majesty the King said there is a need to invest more of the continent's efforts on the objectives of its continental vision 2063 if the continent was to realise an enabling and secure

environment for its people.

He said due to climate change, Mozambique recently experienced Cyclone Idai, which claimed hundreds of lives and left a trail of destruction in that country and its neighbours, something he said should not happen again.

The King said Africans we have the capacity to turn this tide, but only if we used the knowledge and resources at our disposal, more effectively towards a common goal and a safer place for the people.

The King said the country's national objective is to work towards an inclusive development through various initiatives.

He stated that concerted efforts are being made to fight poverty and provide clean water, quality education and health services, plus a strong social welfare system to take care of those in need.

"These are some of our national objectives, which we believe will make us realise the aspirations of our national Vision 2022, taking our kingdom to a First World status, while we also commit to attaining the global sustainable development goals 2030 and the African Union 2063 agenda," he said.

The King said the country is counting on the support of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for support as the kingdom is bidding to host the African Continental Free Trade Area secretariat.

"We have excellent infrastructure, high quality telecommunications facilities among other essentials. We are also an ideal destination for tourism with beautiful landscapes, flora and fauna and our rich cultural and traditional identity adds to the many attributes to make us the ideal host," he said.

## Mauritania president assures King of strong relations

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz has assured the King that the two countries will have strong relations.

Aziz said he is certain that his inaugural visit to the country would allow the two nations to build formidable relations.

He also forwarded his appreciation to His Majesty King Mswati III for his presence at the 31st African Union Summit, which was hosted by Mauritania in July 2018, and stated that the King's attendance made a positive impact to the hearts of Mauritians.

"Your Majesty, we appreciate that you pay great attention to the livelihood of people and countries and you maintain peace and stability.

"You assist in development of your country and its vision and you preserve its rich culture and keeping its identity. The strong relations and ties between our two nations will enable us to better the lives of our people," he said.

The president put emphasis on the two countries bilateral relations, particularly in the agriculture industry, which guarantees food security and also diversifying resources of clean and renewable energy, evading drought and its negative impact on the environment.

The president then gladly declared that he would be attending the King's 51st Birthday Celebration, which was held at Buhleni royal residence yesterday.

Before the two heads of state made their address at Mandvulo Grand Hall on Wednesday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Thuli Dladla and her Mauritania counterpart His Excellency Ismail Ould Cheikah Ahmed signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which was binding the two countries in development initiatives.

## Aziz tours King Sobhuza II Memorial

The President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz was let in on the history of King Sobhuza II when he toured the King Sobhuza Memorial Park on Thursday.

Taking him through the tour, Clement Maziya showed the president pictures of the King, while he was growing up under the watchful eye of Inkhosikati Labotsibeni, who groomed him for the Kingship.

Maziya explained every picture on the wall and showed the president old model cars that were used to chauffeur the King in his 60-year rule.

Leading the tour was Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati, who was with Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane.

The president then proceeded to Sidvokodvo Milk Farm, where he was welcomed by SNPF CEO Prince Lonkhokhela and Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza.

He was shown through the milk production process at the farm, and he was also presented with traditional attire and uncwembe as a gift.

The president then proceeded to Nkonyeni Lodge and Golf Estate, where his tour ended before he had lunch.



**TOUCH DOWN:** Islamic Republic of Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz and the First Lady upon arrival at the Matsapha International Airport.



**EXCHANGE:** Minister of Foreign Affairs Thuli Dladla and her counterpart from the Islamic Republic of Mauritania exchanging the communiqué after signing the MoU between the two countries.



# SPECIAL ENVOY FROM TAIWAN MEETS HIS MAJESTY



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III pictured with the Special Envoy for the Republic of China (Taiwan) President, Minister Joseph Wu and his entourage. This was when the special envoy paid a courtesy call to the King at Ludzidzini Royal Residence on Thursday afternoon. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**WELCOME:** His Majesty shakes hands with Minister Joseph Wu.



**ALSO THIS ONE:** Taiwan Ambassador to Eswatini Jeremy Liang being introduced to His Majesty King Mswati III. (R) **IMPRESSED:** His Majesty seems to be impressed during the discussions.



## PRESS STATEMENT

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We experienced technical challenges which led to our DSTV Channel being Off Air from Saturday 20 April 2019 until the morning of Tuesday 23 April 2019.

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We extend our gratitude for your patience while resolving the technical setback. We trust that you will continue watching your favourite television broadcaster: ESWATINI TV-SIBUKO SEMASWATI.

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Manzini residents, the Honourable Mayor, Councillors, management and employees of the Municipal Council of Manzini take this opportunity to wish you a happy and refreshing 51<sup>st</sup> birthday.

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**SIGNING:** Special Envoy of the ROC on Taiwan, Foreign Affairs Minister Joseph Wu together with Eswatini's Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Thuli Dladla signing the Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation on Women's Economic Empowerment at Royal Villas on Thursday evening. (Pics: Alec Lushaba)



**1. CHEERS:** Minister Wu toasting with Health Minister Lizzy Nkosi.



**2. APPRECIATE:** Ministers Wu and Dladla exchanging gifts.



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### Network Reinforcement and Access Project

Project ID no: P166170

The Government of Eswatini has requested financing from the international Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) for the proposed Network Reinforcement and Access Project (P166170) hereinafter referred to as "the Project". The proposed development objective of the Project is to "Improve the quality and reliability of electricity supply and increase access in the Shiselweni region of Eswatini". The scope of the proposed project includes: (i) Construction of a 87km 132Kv Nhlanguano -Lavumisa overhead transmission line; (ii) construction of three new 132/11Kv SUBSTATIONS; (iii) upgrading of existing Nhlanguano II 132/66/11Kv substation; and (v) distribution network reinforcement and electricity access to households. As part of the project preparation, the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) has prepared a preliminary report on the Environmental and Social Impact Assess (ESIA), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and Labour Management Procedures (LMP). Members of the public are invited to review the drafts of these documents, which are available at: [www.sec.co.sz](http://www.sec.co.sz), and send comments or points of clarification to:

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## World Vision

### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR MTSAMBAMA MNeCHN DOCUMENTATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

#### 1. Background

The Mtsambama Area Program is among the APs implementing MNeCHN TP. The goal for the Maternal Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition Technical Program (MNeCHN) is to improve health and nutritional status of 10072 and 5201 mothers in Mtsambama by 2020, through improving access to quality and equitable maternal newborn and child health services. The TP focuses on promoting behavior change at household level through household level counselling of mother child pairs and their families, strengthening community based health systems (RHMs and CHCs) and building the capacity of local communities to advocate for good quality health and nutrition services. The programme engaged in the roll out of the ttC model to reach pregnant and lactating women and children under 2 years. Timed and targeted counselling (ttC) refers to a MNeCHN model whereby demand and creation for health services, counselling for behavior change and general sensitization is done. It operationalizes the 7-11 strategy of World Vision's Global Health and Nutrition. In Eswatini the ttC model is delivered in partnership with Rural Health Motivators who are equipped with knowledge and skills for household engagement with pregnant and lactating mothers for behavior change and increased utilization of health services. Effectiveness of interventions becomes evident in the number of women delivering in hospitals, number of women who have birth plans, enrolling in family planning for birth spacing, immunization for age, number of children under five years weighed, referred for malnutrition, exclusive breastfeeding as well as male involvement in MNeCHN. Overall a decline in maternal, neonatal and infant deaths should be evident in communities where these interventions are implemented.

#### 2. Objectives

The goal of this activity is to describe the status of key MNeCHN behaviours and selected indicators and to document the contribution made in the community through the delivering MNeCHN interventions in this AP. The specific objectives will be as follows:

- To describe change in MNeCHN outcomes and behaviours and identify the specific factors of successful implementation of ttC
- To describe the impact of interventions on the lives of those targeted
- To identify the root causes, drivers and hindrances of some of the MNeCHN outcomes and behaviours that are difficult to change
- To capture pictorial evidence showing implementation of MNeCHN in the different chiefdoms in Mtsambama
- To Capture and document stories that have evolved at the ground level during the project implementation cycle with relevant photographs showcasing changes and impacts brought out by the project.
- Document lessons learnt in the implementation of MNeCHN in Mtsambama
- To use it as a case study for successful MNeCHN implementation in the other APs

#### 3. Scope of work

- Develop an inception report detailing the most suitable methodology for the assignment, and indicating roles and responsibilities as well as timelines. Data collection tools and an analysis plan should be part of the attachments.
- Engage and train data collectors as well as pilot test the data collection tools
- Conduct data collection in the different locations within the study area as per the approved inception report
- Conduct appropriate scientific analysis of the collected data as per the approved analysis plan
- Compile a high quality Assessment report with recommendations and pictorial
- Disseminate the report

#### 4. Deliverables

The following deliverables are expected from this assignment, noting that the intellectual property generated will belong to WorldVision Eswatini:

- **Inception Report or Assessment Design / Protocol:** The design document will be used to guide the analysis, reporting and dissemination of the assessment. This involves the review of the draft TORs to refine the methodology, sampling, develop analysis and dissemination plan
- **Data collection tools:** Develop appropriate collection tools to ensure that they address all the relevant objectives to report on. Ensure that data collection tools are developed in a way that is very easy to administer, understand and analyze.
- **Data Collectors Training:** Train data collectors on data collection tools. Ensure that all data collectors are adequately capacitated and that data collected is of quality standards.
- **Clean / coded data sets:** As per the approved methodology: - The consultant is responsible for the cleaning / coding of that data to ensure that data used for the analysis is a clean / coded data set
- **Analyze Data:** Analyze the collected data as per the approved analysis plan and submit all analysis steps including they syntax or code-book.
- **Draft and Final Reports:** Develop draft and final reports. Final reports to incorporate all the necessary analysis as well as address comments from all stakeholders.
- **Evaluation Findings Presentation:** Develop and present the findings to the relevant stakeholders.

#### 5. Duration and administration

This assignment will be carried out for a period of 25 days including consultation, field visit and preparation and submission of final report. The consultant will work closely with the Health, HIV and Nutrition Technical Program Manager. Payment will be as follows:

- First Installment: 20% upon completion and submission of the inception report detailing the methodology, timeframe and budget
- Second installment: 40% of amount shall be paid upon submission of draft report
- Third/Final Installment: 40% of the contract amount shall be paid upon completion and submission and acceptance of final report/ final pictures of implementation sites and beneficiaries

#### 6. Qualification and experience

A consultant with a degree in a health field and familiarity with MNCH. Knowledge of the application of ttC will be an added advantage. Knowledge and experience in conducting monitoring and evaluation exercises is a requirement.

#### 7. Application procedure

Interested candidates should apply by presenting the following documents:

- A Technical proposal detailing the proposed methodology and Analysis plan,
- CVs of assessment team indicating experience and expertise
- Financial proposal detailing the proposed budget indicating the consulting fees and other associated costs for undertaking the assessment.
- An example / evidence of previous work of similar scope

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# RURAL WOMEN'S LIVES WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

Stories by Alec Lushaba  
Editor

*...thanks to Her Majesty the Indlovukazi and Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen*

Lives of Eswatini women, in particular rural women and those in the informal sector, will never be the same.

This has been made possible through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation on Women's Economic Empowerment initiative by Her Majesty the Indlovukazi and the Republic of China on Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen on Thursday at the Royal Villas.

The memorandum was signed by President Tsai's Special Envoy Jaushieh Joseph Wu, the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan together with Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Senator Thuli Dladla.

The cooperation on women's economic empowerment is inspired by Her Majesty the Indlovukazi's vision and foresight to empower women in the informal sector without access to collateral and, therefore, unable to access credit finance.

Witnessing this milestone signing ceremony were four other Cabinet ministers, Dr. Tambo Gina (Economic Planning and Development), Lizzy Nkosi (Health), Moses Vilakati (Tourism and Environmental Affairs), Peter Bhembe (Natural Resources and Energy) and Ambassador Thami Dlamini.

## Envoy

Others were Special Envoy Wu's wife Ru-Yuh Su, Ming-Yen Tsai (Deputy Secretary General, National Security Council), Bang-Zyh Liu (Director General Department of West Asian and African Affairs), Ya-Ping Lee (Assistant Director General for West Asian and African Affairs), Jeremy Lang (Ambassador of the ROC on Taiwan in the Kingdom of Eswatini) and senior government officials and Chairperson of Senate Portfolio Committee for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Senator Leckinah Magagula.

The signing of this MoU solidifies the initial Lutsango's Swaziland Economic Empowerment Trust (SWEET) Fund, another initiative by Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Dladla said the MoU is important, not only because it recognises and seeks to actualise the vision of Her Majesty the Queen Mother to empower women in rural and informal sectors without access to credit finance or



**LIVES CHANGING:** Special Envoy of the Republic of China on Taiwan, Foreign Affairs Minister Joseph Wu joined by Eswatini's Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Thuli Dladla after signing the Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation on Women's Economic Empowerment. (Pics: Alec Lushaba)

collateral assets, but also because it signifies commonality of purpose and alignment of values between our two countries.

The empowerment of financially disenfranchised women is not only a moral good in itself, but a key component in the economic development narrative of any country," she said.

Senator Dladla said it is the appreciation of this broader impact on economic growth and development that propelled His Majesty King Mswati III to include rural women, in particular, in the economic recovery efforts of the country.

"It is, therefore, opportune that the Government of the Republic of China on Taiwan, who are our long standing diplomatic and cooperation partners and who furthermore, has historic expertise with micro-finance administration, as well as development experience relevant to gender equality and women's empowerment; when approached to help revive Her Majesty's noble initiative, promptly and generously accepted.

"Honourable minister, I am particularly humbled by the political will, generosity and leadership of Her Excellency, President Tsai, who instantly recognised and identified with Her Majesty the Indlovukazi's vision for a more equal, inclusive and prosperous society, and immediately set in motion the assistance to Eswatini in this respect.

"I wish to acknowledge with unreserved gratitude the lived commitment of Taiwan to the principle of people centred, development responsive, priority driven interventions, such as this one and implore the continued engagement by our two countries in other far reaching and mutually reinforcing areas of cooperation," Dladla said.

In response, the Special Envoy Wu said both countries share a common belief in the importance of women's economic empowerment.

He said the Taiwanese government would provide resources to administrative support of the microfinance institution (MFI) and the technical and relevant consultancy to enhance

women's access to financial services.

Minister Wu said last year when President Tsai visited the country she held fruitful discussions with Her Majesty the Queen Mother, the president announced that she will work with Philani Mswati Charity Organisation to promote more jobs and training for women in rural communities and one year later they are pleased to see this initiative, the green house project has come to fruition.

"As we know the issue of women empowerment is very close to the heart of Her Majesty the Queen Mother and also very close to the heart of our president and we also believe that this is an area where Taiwan has the capacity to make more contributions.

"We are pleased to play a role in Her Majesty's endeavour to care for disadvantaged women and sign an MoU today. We believe with this MoU will not only assist women in rural areas but also further expand the scope of our partnership enforce our cordial relations," he said.

The Special Envoy Wu said as history has shown when more women have access to economic resources, families become more stable, communities more prosperous and countries stronger more united and he trusts that their cooperation would lay a solid foundation for a better tomorrow.

## Dedicated

He said Eswatini is always very closed to their hearts, not only to the heart of their President Tsai but to him and his office and there is a dedicated wall dedicated to Eswatini and this is how much they care for the relationship with each other.

"As long as I am the minister of foreign affairs and as long as we have the Taiwanese government, we will continue to work with the Kingdom of Eswatini for future benefit. I would also like to thank the Government of Eswatini for continuing to support their international participation, as they say again and again that their international participation has been made difficult by one adversary to our neighbour. But the Kingdom of Eswatini has been our staunch supporter of international participation and we appreciate that very much so we will continue to work together with you to advance the course of mankind," Minister Wu said. He wished the very best of health and happiness to His Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty the Queen Mother and to the continued prosperity of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

## NO VISAS TO REPUBLIC OF CHINA FROM JUNE

The cordial relations that exist between the Kingdom of Eswatini and the Republic of China (Taiwan) will see travelling between the two countries becoming even more easier with the removal of VISAS.

This was revealed by the country's Ambassador to the Republic of China (Taiwan) Thami Dlamini and confirmed by the Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Thuli Dladla on Thursday.

Dlamini said this follows the coming into effect of the Economic Cooperation Agreement in December 2018 which will see more people visiting the two countries and see Eswatini goods entering Taiwan duty free.

Senator Dladla described President Tsai Ing-wen's visit last year during the King's 50th birthday celebration and the country's 50th anniversary as marking a significant turning point in the partnership between the two countries and spewed a series of new cooperation and development initiatives that have progressed incrementally and with great promise.

"We hope you will get an opportunity whilst here to receive progress reports on all ongoing projects under the rubric of our cooperation. Most noteworthy of course was the entry into force of the Economic Cooperation Agreement in December 2018 and the anticipation of the first shipment of local products to Taiwan imminently," she said.



**NO VISAS:** Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Thuli Dladla, Eswatini's Ambassador to the Republic of China (Taiwan) Thami Dlamini and Chief Officer at the King's Office Mgwagwa Gamedze.



# SUSPECT SERIAL KILLER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO KILLING 10 WOMEN

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

In one murder suspect who can be termed as Eswatini's third serial killer, the man who allegedly killed 10 women whom he first raped and further raped others, made his first High Court appearance after being committed for trial.

The young Mpendulo Msibi, who was arrested at the age of 21 in 2014, on Wednesday appeared before Judge Mzwandile Fakudze for trial, where he pleaded not guilty to all 21 charges he is facing.

The Crown is represented by Principal Crown Counsel Lomvula Hlophe in the matter, while Msibi is represented by Manzini based senior attorney Ben J. Simelane.

The suspect has become Eswatini's alleged third serial killer following the arrest and conviction of David Simelane, who killed about 35 women, dumping their lifeless bodies between areas such as Malkerns and Macetjeni. David was sentenced to death by the High Court.

The other is Vusi Dlamini, who stands accused of killing about eight women between Elangeni, Lobamba and LaMgabhi. He, too, also allegedly raped them and his trial is nearing finality at the High Court.

According to the indictment, the suspect serial killer is facing charges of murder and rape in that he is guilty of the said crimes, which he wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent committed.

When he appeared on Wednesday, witnesses, relatives and investigating

- He is facing a total of 21 charges, which include raping some of the women he preyed on
- The young Mpendulo Msibi committed the offences between 2012, 2014 within Shiselweni, Manzini, Hhohho regions
- Most of the women he allegedly targeted were teen girls killed between Nhlanguano, Manzini, Mbabane



CASE HEARD HERE: The High Court of Eswatini.

officers had packed the court with most having thought they would be paraded by the Crown. However, the suspect only pleaded to the charges.

The Crown, which had initially planned to have a month allocated for the trial could, however, not come up with trial dates as the court indicated that there are a number of pending cases, which

date back to as far as 2013 that need the Court's attention.

Hlophe then requested that the matter be at least allocated a week to have witnesses being paraded one after the other.

The matter is expected back in court on Monday, where both counsels are to have the dates set before Judge Fakudze.



## How the suspect was arrested

According to the indictment, Mpendulo Mlungu Msibi of Nkwene was arrested by the Manzini Serious Crimes Unit, also known as Lukhozi, in partnership with Matsapha police.

Msibi, who is currently on remand at the Zakhele Correctional facility, confessed to have raped and killed all the women who were found dead by police in different locations after being reported missing by their relatives.

The suspect made this confession when he was being interrogated by the police, and further made a confession before a magistrate.

According to the background of the matter the suspect allegedly murdered

the women by strangulation since it was discovered that none of the bodies of the women linked to the alleged serial killer had stab wounds or cuts, suggesting other methods of death other than strangulation.

Although the matter was handled by the Manzini Serious Crimes Unit (Lukhozi), the alleged serial killer is connected to a number of murders that were committed in places such as Nhlanguano, Manzini as well as Mbabane.

The suspect was first arrested in connection with the murder of a 20-year-old female who was found dead on June 1, 2014 near Ludzeludze. She was last seen alive while buying bottled juice in the area.

## CLOSE TO 100 WITNESSES EXPECTED TO GIVE EVIDENCE

According to the indictment, the Crown is expected to parade close to 100 witnesses in the trial that is expected to be a marathon one.

Amongst these witnesses are investigating officers, relatives and friends to the deceased, doctors and pathologists.

The Crown had initially requested from the court that the trial be allocated

a least a month for the witnesses to give evidence in the matter.

However, the trial dates were not confirmed as the court's hands are tight, with other pending old matters dating way back as far as 2012 and 2013. On Monday, both counsel are expected to set dates for the trial, which is expected to resume next week as the suspect serial killer has already pleaded to the charges.

## How some of the deceased women were found

When looking at the ages of the deceased women in the indictment, the alleged serial killer seemed to have had an affinity for killing teenagers.

Most of the victims he confessed to have killed were aged between 14 to 18 years. Only two of the 10 women were aged 20 years and above.

Samukelisiwe Phiri (16) of Murray Camp and Nompumelelo Temabhele (12) of Sihhohweni were reported missing in March 2012.

They were later found dead at Sikhunyane Township in Fairview. They were found dead on April 10, 2012.

Another girl aged 16 years, attending school at Hlatikhulu Central, was discovered dead near Hlatikhulu Government Hospital on May 1, 2012.

A teenage girl, aged 16, of Makhobeni was reported missing in April 2012 and was found dead some few days later.

In another case, a woman aged 21 years old was found murdered and buried in a farm located at Sidvokodvo. She was

found on January 22, 2012.

Another girl was found murdered next to the road at Checkers in Mbabane.

Another unknown woman was found killed and buried under sand in a shallow grave at KaPhunga.

A woman aged 18 years of age was found killed at KaShali area on July 26, 2012. Another 14-year-old girl was found dead at Mobeni, Matsapha on February 27, 2014. This was after her family had reported her missing on February 23, 2014.

## Zim-born RFM nurse demanding E600 000 for breach of contract

By Sandile Nkambule

Ten minutes was enough for a doctor to lose his job as he was informed by his employers to leave hospital car keys and vacate office within 10 minutes, as his services were terminated.

This is the story of Zimbabwean-born Eswatini Nazarene Health Institutions (Raleigh Fitkin Memorial) senior nurse Thamsanqa Ncube, who is now demanding E600 000 for unfair labour practice from the RFM institution.

Ncube has filed an application at the Industrial Court of Eswatini, a matter that is before Judge Abande Dlamini.

Represented by Mbabane-based attorney Velaphi Magagula, Ncube is actually demanding a total sum of E615 554 10 from the health institution. In his papers filed before court, Ncube when giving a background of the matter, submitted that he is a foreigner of Zimbabwean origin, who obtained a work permit covering his stay in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

He submitted that he was initially

- Senior management at RFM allegedly verbally informed him his services were terminated on grounds that he is a foreigner
- He was allegedly given 10 minutes to vacate offices, leave hospital car keys
- Matter is now pending before Industrial Court of Eswatini

employed by Acts 11 Clinic as a clinic nurse manager on a two-year contract, and his employment commenced on or about January 3, 2017, adding that the clinic was, however, taken over by the RFM institution.

He told the court that keys to the clinic were given to him as manager by senior management of the health institution, which were still in his possession and in February 2017, he was given an office at the health institution, with general members of staff under his supervision.

He went on to state that he maintained his managerial position for two months between February and March 2017 and earned the same salary as that of Acts 11 Clinic. The matter is pending at the

Industrial Court, as the both the applicant and the respondents are to argue the matter on a point of law raised by the respondent, while Judge Dlamini referred the matter back to the registrar for allocation of a date for arguments.

### TERMINATION

Relating further, Ncube submitted that on March 31, 2017, he received a call from senior management, informing him of a meeting that was held on the same day, where he was verbally informed that his services were terminated.

"The hospital administrator, community matron and human resources officer met me and in the same meeting the administrator asked me to hand over all office keys,

including car keys and senior management informed me that my services were terminated on grounds that I am of foreign origin (Zimbabwe)," Ncube submitted.

He argued that the respondent (RFM) failed to pay him 23-months salary, which forms part of the contract, leave pay of 24 days multiplied over two years, which is 48 days, 25 per cent gratuity as per the employment contract nor was he paid notice.

Following such developments, Ncube stated that he then engaged his former employer, Acts 11 Clinic, and the attempt was unsuccessful and in August 2018, a board member from Acts Clinic advised him to report a dispute at the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission

### THE CLAIM'S BREAKDOWN

- Salary for 23 months at E19 879 per month = E457 217
- Leave days 24 per annum for two years at E917.35 = E44 032.80
- Gratuity at 25 per cent of gross salary totalling E114 304.25
- TOTAL – E615 554.10**

(CMAC) and that he also wrote a letter to the RFM institution, advising them to address his concerns, failing which legal action would be taken against them, but they failed to respond.

A dispute was then reported to CMAC by the applicant for a breach of contract, and the commission attempted to conciliate the matter but failed as both parties could not reach an amicable agreement, with a certificate of unresolved dispute issued.

The applicant avers that he was substantively unfairly and verbally dismissed by the respondent, as there were no charges preferred against him but was only given 10 minutes to vacate the RFM premises being a foreigner, which he claims was not a valid reason to terminate his services.



# MAURITANIA PRESIDENT TOURS MEMORIAL PARK, SIDVOKODVO



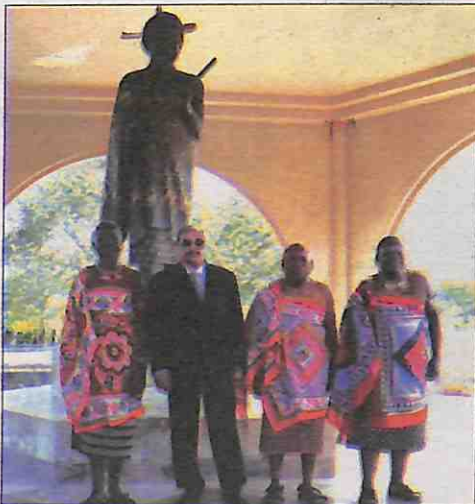
**FOLLOW ME:** The Islamic Republic of Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz being led to lay the wreath at King Sobhuza II Memorial Park during his tour on Thursday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**ON TOURS:** Clement Maziya taking the president and his entourage on a tour of the park.



**YOURS:** Minister Moses Vilakati presenting a gift to the president while Curator Rosemary Andrade looks on.



**UNITED:** The president joined by Minister Prince Simelane, Minister Moses Vilakati and tour guide Clement Maziya.



**WELCOME:** Nkonyeni Golf Estate Marketing Manager Dudley Venner welcoming the president on arrival.



**MY HONOUR:** SNPF CEO Prince Lonkhokhela presenting a gift to the president during his visit to the Sidvokodvo Milk Farm.



**TOURING:** ENTC Education Officer Clement Maziya taking the president on a tour of King Sobhuza II's museum.

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"Zero Malaria Starts With Me"

World malaria Day is an international observance commemorated every year by all member states of the World Health Organization (WHO). This day recognizes global efforts to control and end malaria. It provides an opportunity to raise awareness to the global population about this deadly disease which is preventable and curable.

### World Malaria Day Theme

World Malaria Day highlights the need for sustained investment and political commitment for malaria prevention, control and elimination. This year's theme is "Zero malaria starts with me." On this World Malaria Day 2019, WHO joins the Roll Back Malaria Partnership to End Malaria, the African Union Commission and other partner organizations in promoting the campaign that aims to keep malaria high on the political agenda, mobilize additional resources, and empower communities to take ownership of malaria prevention and care.

The campaign emphasizes country ownership and community empowerment of malaria prevention and control. It aims to engage all members of society: political leaders who control government policy decisions and budgets; private sector companies that will benefit from a malaria-free workforce; healthcare providers working towards controlling and eliminating malaria and most importantly communities affected by malaria, whose buy-in and ownership of malaria control interventions is critical to success.

### Malaria in Eswatini

Eswatini continues to endeavour to ensure that there are zero locally transmitted cases by 2020. This goal is in line with this year's theme.

The National Malaria Programme (NMP) conducts Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) of households in malarious areas, one of the main key interventions to reduce mosquito density and interrupt malaria transmission. The insecticide used for IRS kills the mosquitos as they rest on the wall, prior to biting people. The public is therefore encouraged to allow NMP officers to spray their houses.

On another note, the programme continues to strengthen community engagement to ensure communities are empowered to support and take ownership of efforts to end malaria in the country. In an effort to reduce malaria in community the programme conducts screening and follow up of malaria cases in communities.

The public is urged to seek health care services within 24 hours upon onset of the following malaria symptoms:

- Headache
- Fever
- Chills
- Nausea
- Diarrhoea

### Malaria prevention measures

- Closing windows and doors early in the evenings
- Draining stagnant pools of water
- Keeping home surroundings free from containers and overgrown vegetation
- Use of mosquito repellents
- Allowing houses to be sprayed
- Use of malaria prevention tablets when travelling to known malarious countries





**POSE:** The group of investigators in a group photo with ANCP Mxolisi Dlamini and other senior officers.

## REPS RE-AFFIRMS COMMITMENT IN FIGHTING CRIME IN ESWATINI

The Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) remains resolute and uncompromising in their determination to root out criminal activity in the country.

Assistant National Commissioner of Police Mxolisi Dlamini, who was representing the Acting National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini, said the officers must be assertive and send a clear message to offenders and would-be offenders that crime does not pay as the law shall take its course. The closing ceremony was held last Thursday at Matsapha Police Academy. The CID course which ran for nine weeks, was attended by 44 investigators that were drawn from all stations in the country. Among the subjects that were taught during the nine week course were crime scene management, psychological motivated crimes, asset forfeiture, docket management, human rights policing, presentation of evidence in court, cyber-crime and other insightful modules. Dlamini urged the participants to implement all the knowledge that they have learnt during the duration of the course. He said with the training that the officers got, he was confident that they would work effectively and efficiently as they join hands with Emaswati to fight against crime.

He appealed to the course participants and all officers within the employ of the REPS to up the virtue of honesty and integrity so that the organisation can continue to maintain a good image. Dlamini said it was the duty of every police officer to work in such a manner



**BE ASSERTIVE:** Assistant National Commissioner of Police Mxolisi Dlamini addressing the officers during the event.

such that the public regains confidence in the police service. He urged the officers to cultivate personal discipline which comes with humility, passion and professional practices.

### Corruption

The assistant national commissioner advised the course participants to abstain from criminal activities and corruption as there is no space for corrupt and ill-mannered individuals. He said the service would discipline and uproot corrupt individuals in the organisation as it tarnishes its image. He implored the officers to generate holistic approach-



**REMARKS:** Course participants' representative Constable Nokuthula Vilane speaking during the closing ceremony.

es for the positive transformation of the police service.

"As a law enforcement agency our mandate is to uphold the rule of law consistently and fairly at all times, and refrain from getting involved in any activities that will bring disservice to the organisation."

Dlamini further urged officers to desist from anti-social practices such as violent and aggressive behaviour in their own homes and the communities that they served. He appreciated the stakeholders such as the ministry of justice, Eswatini Environment Authority and



**YOURS:** The assistant national commissioner of police handing over a certificate to one of the course participants.



**FOCUSED:** Officers listening attentively during the ceremony.

the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) who contributed to the success of the course. Talking on behalf of the course participants was Constable Nokuthula Vilane. Vilane expressed her gratitude to the office of the national commissioner of police for the opportunity to attend the course. She said it was a great

honour to have attended the CID course as they acquired a lot of knowledge that would certainly assist them in their line of work. She pledged their commitment to the fight against crime in the country, saying they would be professional at all times as they go about their duties.



# WLSA REBUKES MP FOR SODV AMENDMENT CALL

By Sicelo Maziya

Nkhamba Member of Parliament (MP) Zakhele Magongo's call for the amendment of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 outside Parliament has invited criticism from all sectors of society.

The Nkhamba MP in an event at his constituency promised his people that the new law would be amended without giving any reasons for doing so.

When the Observer on Saturday tracked down the MP to appreciate his reasons for the call, Magongo admitted to have not yet raised the issue in Parliament but only at a private event at his constituency.

The MP claimed to be on the road so he could not share his grounds for the call for the amendment and asked to be called after an hour.

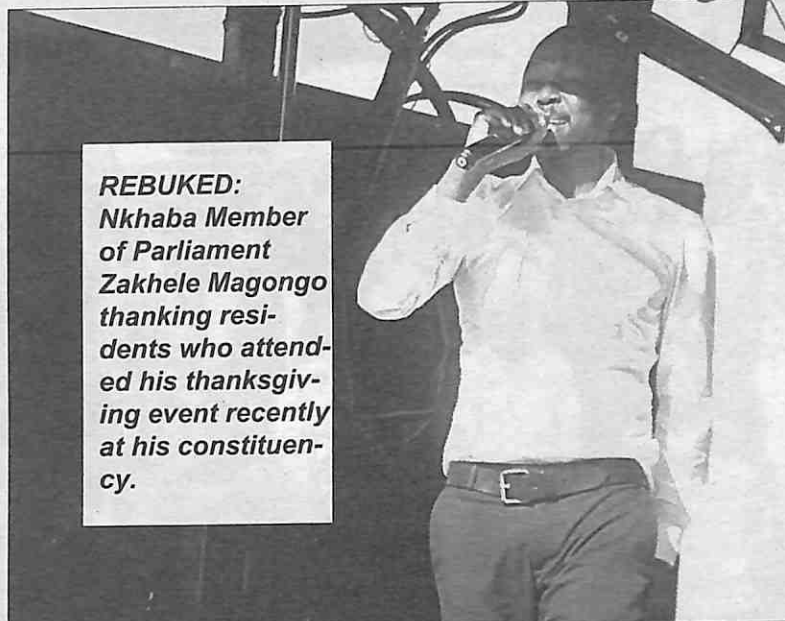
However, Magongo did not take any calls from this newspaper after that hour had elapsed.

The call for amendment by the Nkhamba MP has not gone down well with the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) sector.

The Observer on Saturday visited the Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) Eswatini concerning the criticism and calls for the amendment of the SODV Act.

The publication wanted to know if as an organisation they have seen grounds for amendments of the SODV Act of 2018.

Zanele Tsabedze shared with the Observer on Saturday that as an organ-



**REBUKED:** Nkhamba Member of Parliament Zakhele Magongo thanking residents who attended his thanksgiving event recently at his constituency.

isation they do not think the legislation needs any amendment as it is a new law and has not even stood the test of time to see if its implementation has played a role in changing the country's society for the best or the worst.

## Privy

Tsabedze said if the call was not based on facts, they view it as just popular politicking by people who are not well versed on the law.

"The legislator may have his concrete reasons for calling for an amendment but we are not privy of such reasons or grounds for amendment. We look forward to hearing of these grounds through our local media as a linkage between legislators and us the community," she said.

She also invited the public, saying as an organisation they are open to engaging with the public through various platforms, be it social media pages, or via their website [www.wlsaswaziland.co.sz](http://www.wlsaswaziland.co.sz) and physical contact in communities where they have an extension of the office through their paralegal representatives.

The Observer on Saturday wanted to know if anything is being done to educate the public on the law.

Tsabedze pleaded with the nation: "We would like to implore all citizens to re-read the Act and invite us to explain where ever they may be wanting in understanding the legislation before they make any decisions on it".

Tsabedze further said it was also important to look at the landscape and

the rate of domestic and sexual violence in Eswatini before making any judgment on the Act.

She said as WLSA they fully support all initiatives to educate the public on this legislation and they endorse the implementation of it by the national government.

Tsabedze further invited citizens to contribute on all bills to be abreast of laws that have been passed.

"We would like to invite citizens to keep their eyes open for any legislation that might be advertised for public submissions so they are able to submit their views on a Bill before it is enacted into law. It has taken more than a decade to enact the SODV Act and all processes, including public consultations, were done by government in order to incorporate the views of the people".

## Concerns

She said currently, Parliament is receiving submissions on the Finance Bill and public submissions are open.

"These are advertised through local media and government website. Unfortunately, no communication can reach ALL people in the land but group gatherings are encouraged for people to make submissions and concerns they have about any legislation," Tsabedze said.

She said this process was also followed when SODV Bill was still being piloted and many times it failed through different Parliaments over a period of more than 10 years.

When the law was passed, there was relief in the country as a number of NGOs voiced their happiness.

Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) Communications Officer Slindelo Nxumalo said they were overwhelmed, excited and relieved that justice had finally come for all survivors of abuse.

Nxumalo shared at the time that Emaswati would be protected from

these escalating heinous crimes destroying the nation.

She also said although lifelong trauma had already been endured by survivors of abuse in some cases due to the lack of proper laws, they appreciated and acknowledged legislators for making the Bill one of their priorities.

"We acknowledge the bilateral meetings we continuously had with both parliamentarians and senators to make sure that this Bill saw the light of day. This was proof of the commitment in ensuring that cases of gender based violence were curbed in the country," said Nxumalo at the time.

Kwakha Indvodza and partners also shared their challenges about the MP through an open letter stating that like all laws, the SODV Act is gender-blind and, as such, was not put in place to target any group of people or curtail any existing freedoms enjoyed by the people of Eswatini under the Constitution.

They further said it was not written to contradict Eswatini law and custom, and in fact it was revised several times in the drafting process to ensure that this was not the case.

They view this Act as meant to protect all humans from those who will harm, abuse and oppress the God-given, constitutionally enshrined rights of others, be they men, women, boys or girls.

**We would like to implore all citizens to re-read the Act and invite us to explain where ever they may be wanting in understanding the legislation before they make any decisions on it**

# Taiwan's advances in digital healthcare

By Sicelo Maziya

Taiwan marked their 24th anniversary this year of the implementation of universal health coverage.

Taiwan's National Health Insurance (NHI) covers the full spectrum of essential and high-quality health services, from prevention and treatment to rehabilitation and palliative care.

In the 1960s, Taiwan's progressive health sector began the process of incorporating labourers, farmers, and government employees into the health insurance system. It is now widely regarded as one of the best in the world. The NHI ranked 14th in the 2017 Global Access to Healthcare Index of The Economist, and fifth in the 2018 Health Care Efficiency Index of Bloomberg Finance.

The success of Taiwan's NHI can be attributed to several key factors. First, it adopted a single-payer model with contributions from individuals, employers, and the government. A supplementary premium is also charged based on payers' income levels. Second, to control medical expenses, a budget payment system was adopted to set caps on healthcare costs paid by the government. Under these caps, Taiwan's medical expenses accounted for only 6.4 per cent of GDP in 2017, lower



**ADVANCES:** Taiwan's Health and Welfare Minister Chen Shin-chung.

than the OECD average. In the same year, the NHI's administrative costs were kept under one per cent of its total budget, and the public satisfaction rate was 86 per cent.

## Improvement

Third, the NHI's integrated preventive health care services and pay for performance programmes have ensured a high quality of healthcare and encouraged continued improvement of health standards. Fourth, to reduce health inequalities, premium subsidies are provided to disadvantaged groups such

as low-income households and the unemployed.

The provision of preventive and primary healthcare is the most cost-efficient approach to achieving universal health coverage. Taiwan's ministry of health and welfare has developed tools utilising artificial intelligence and cloud computing to access the massive databases it has built over the past 24 years. For instance, the MediCloud system was launched to enable healthcare providers to query patients' medical records within the NHI system, while

the PharmaCloud system provides prescription drug information to physicians and pharmacists. Currently, through digital cloud tools, community-based primary care providers in Taiwan can retrieve test reports—including CT scans, MRIs, ultrasounds, gastroscopies, colonoscopies and X-rays—from secondary and tertiary institutions and receive prescription information.

These digital health technologies have enhanced care services in many ways. They have improved the quality of care and reduced costs, in terms of both time and money, by properly matching health services with the locations where these services are provided.

## Concept

They have also lowered the potential risks arising from repeated examinations. Related systems are patient-centred and designed to be organised around the needs and expectations of patients and communities, helping to realise the concept of good doctors in the neighbourhood.

Taiwan has learned how to utilise its competitive advantages in information technology and medicine to deliver better care and enhance the health of the overall population. In response to the goals set by the Health Workforce 2030 of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Taiwan has also provided scholarships for in-service programmes

and higher education to thousands of people, both Taiwanese and foreign nationals, in fields such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, healthcare administration and public health.

At a time when achieving universal health coverage has never been more urgent and important, Taiwan has actively sought to share its first-rate experience in healthcare reform. Regrettably, political obstruction has deprived Taiwan of the right to participate in and contribute to the World Health Assembly—WHO's decision-making body. In the past two years, WHO has denied Taiwanese delegates, who represent the 23 million citizens of a democratic and peaceful country, access to the assembly. Nevertheless, Taiwan remains committed to enhancing regional and global health cooperation, sharing its experience and capacity in healthcare reform with countries in need, and making universal health coverage a reality by 2030. Against this backdrop, we urge WHO to respond favourably to the widespread calls for Taiwan's inclusion in the World Health Assembly and related technical meetings, mechanisms and activities.

WHO should abide by its own principles of inclusiveness and universal participation. Taiwan is a worthy and reliable partner that can help countries around the world achieve the meaningful goal of universal health coverage by 2030.



# MZUTHINI LEAVES LEGACY AT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

By Sicelo Maziya

A paradigm shift is defined as 'an important change that happens when the usual way of thinking about or doing something is replaced by a new and different way.'

Eswatini culture is one that is hard to transform, as the language plays a key role in educating, as well as ensuring that bad behaviour is not only condemned, but is given derogatory names to ensure it is always put in bad light and anyone doing it is ashamed to be associated with that name.

The Observer on Saturday has written extensively about the former His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini Isiaiah Ntshangase, both in his personal capacity, as well as the work he was appointed to oversee.

While in his capacity, he was confronted with exclusive investigative articles that exposed him on some challenges he came across as he executed his duties.

This publication, well aware of his crucial role as Commissioner General, decided to look into the journey Ntshangase travelled as a civil servant given responsibility to lead the department of correctional services.



**LEGACY:** Former His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini Isiaiah Ntshangase.

Ntshangase is one person who will forever be remembered for changing the nation's perception on one of the challenges of societal stereotype regarding inmates. He managed to brand and pleaded with the nation to be lenient with offenders once they are rehabilitated to be reintegrated back to society. He renamed, not only the inmates from prisoners 'Ivakashize Ngwenyama' but the entire institution from prison to correctional services.

Whilst numbers may be otherwise on the rehabilitation strategies and reintegration into community as law abiding citizens, ultimately contributing to public safety, he failed to influence other structures of the government in supporting the work of the department once offenders are freed.

This has forced offenders to return to prison immediately they are freed, because they are immediately faced with the hardships outside because of realities of unemployment and unsupportive policies to the youth or enterprise.

## Support

The support structures like employment opportunities and funding mechanisms for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) that can support young people to earn a decent living through enterprises continue to be a challenge in the country, which has led to a high number of young people in the country's correctional services. The Observer on Saturday understands that His Majesty's Correctional Services has a crucial role in the criminal justice system of the country since it was established to provide safe custody for offenders, to escort them to courts for trial, to rehabilitate them and ensure their successful reintegration into society as law abiding citizens, ultimately contributing to public safety.

Today, the Observer on Saturday looks back to the many things Ntshangase initiated and oversaw during his time since he was first appointed in 2008.

Ntshangase is said to have undertaken a robust action plan aimed at aligning the department's practices with international standards with regard to the treatment of offenders and management of the entire correctional system.

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Ntshangase, with his executive powers, is said to have plotted their mandate with the crafting of a Five-Year Strategic plan 2009-14, which acted as a roadmap for the department's future development for the next five years as they transform the department.

According to information confirmed by the department's communications department, the strategic plan introduced new approaches aimed at enhancing the administrative and operational obligations of the department.

These approaches were entailed to improve service delivery through innovative work processes. The correctional services report highlighted the introduction of phone calls, introduction of human rights officers, hiring of professionals, rapid response unit, intelligence unit, dog unit, horse unit and introduction of integrated security system.

The department introduced the CCTV cameras, biometric access control, case management system, remote remand system and the digital radio communication. Whilst at the helm the commissioner general and his executive, for good causes, introduced what they termed cost saving projects in light of dwindling budget estimates that were forwarded to the department. These projects were said to enable the department to function within the shallow budget they were receiving.

## Allocations

This year's Parliament portfolio committee questioned the current budgetary allocations the projects being the following: broilers, layers, dairy, printing press, tailoring, bakery and milling.

The Correctional Services report further shows that the commissioner general has seen the expansion of the Correctional Services through the acquisition of land in the Lubombo region for what will be called KaLanga, Correctional Centre.

HMCS Public Relations Officer (PRO) Gugulethu Dlamini shared that the land in question in KaLanga measuring 380 hectares, was obtained through permission of the traditional leaders.

Dlamini said the KaLanga Centre will house the medium, maximum centre

and further provide school for inmates and the community. She said the centre will also be used for agricultural purposes by the department.

Dlamini further said the commissioner general was not only influential in the acquisition of land in the Lubombo region for the purposes of improving the correctional services, but also obtained over 380 hectares of land from government for what will be known as Hluthi Correctional Centre in the Shiselweni region. She said the centre will ease congestion in the Nhlanguano Correctional Centre, and will house remands, convicts as well as the Criminal Health Care Centre.

Dlamini further shared that the commissioner general also saw the Mawelawela Women's Correctional Centre obtain land for expansion purposes from traditional authorities under the leadership of Chief Lembelele.

She also said the commissioner general also worked with his team on the Mankayane Correctional Centre in getting land for expansion purposes from government, stating that the land has already been fenced in a bid to decongest the Matsapha Correctional Centre. Dlamini said in Mbabane, land was also acquired for agricultural purposes under his leadership.

## Rehabilitation

Dlamini further shared that the former commissioner general will be remembered that under his leadership there was rehabilitation of Bhalekane and Big Bend Correctional Centres into modern correctional facilities with the unit management, pivot irrigation system, artisan workshops, introduction of flood lights, as well as tarred road from the guardhouse to the gate lodge in Big Bend.

While the Observer on Saturday has written extensively about Vulasango School, the school is also listed as one school built for inmates, but today is a mixed school with a primary and high school. The school has qualified teachers, both at primary and high school using the national curriculum of education. The schools being semi classified as a special school, have career guidance teachers, psychologists, social workers and chaplains. Dlamini shared that Vulasango is a fully-fledged

## Mzuthini's ongoing projects:

- To build Correctional Centre at Sihlute which will accommodate those with mental disabilities and cater for women.
- To build another Correctional Centre at KaLanga to cater for all inmates.
- He had a dream for Vulasango School to rollout to all the regions
- To build main hospital in Matsapha for the inmates specifically to get quick assistance of remedies when they are sick.
- He desired to expand workshops at Mawelawela to enhance the projects of tailoring, knitting and shoe making for inmates' handwork projects, while they are still serving their sentences.
- He hopefully dreamt to extend the current prison, henceforth the portion he was offered to construct the centre was already fenced to start the project as soon as possible.
- He visualised to build staff home at the Correctional College, hence the railway houses are so much expensive.
- Since utility bills are costly, he planned to improvise with solar panels, water pumps, reservoirs and so forth.
- He commanded the inmates to stop smoking within the prison premises, for the reason being that it spreads at lot of lung diseases such as TB, thus helped alleviate the spread of the disease and consequently it also helped the inmates to change poor lifestyles into healthy living, hence they saved on drugs and switched to fruit for good health.
- He bought Marquee to boost officers' funds
- He authorised that the prison should have control measures for government's property (cars authority and allocated mileage)

school with a computer laboratory, science laboratory and teachers are encouraged to use a friendly uniform to ensure a conducive environment is instilled on the pupils. She also said the school further provides arts and vocational subjects. The Correctional Services say they forever remember Ntshangase for contributing to better access to healthcare services for community members and inmates who had access to be treated freely.

They further said he adhered to national and United Nations (UN) standards that discouraged travelling long distances to healthcare centres.

The former commissioner general permitted surrounding communities to be offered counselling services, as well as being able to see medical doctor during scheduled visits at the centres.

He is said to have contributed to the skill training for community members, as well as admitting people for training in the various market-oriented trades free of charge in a bid to negate poverty and unemployment. They said the artisans were able to undergo grade testing and received professional certificates.

# Eswatini waits with bated breath ahead of massive rhino horn case

By Bodwa Mbingo

South African private, state and provincial rhino owners and managers in favour of legalising the trade in rhino horn will likely be 'furious' about the arrest of two men allegedly involved in one of the biggest rhino horn trafficking cases yet recorded in the country says NGO Save the Rhino.

Petrus Stephanus Steyn, 61, and Clive John Melville, 57, both residents of Port Elizabeth, appeared briefly in the Brits Magistrate's Court this week after they were nabbed near Hartebeespoort Dam in possession of at least 167 rhino horns in a police operation last weekend.

According to the Saturday Star, police initially said that the rhino horns were

destined for illicit South East Asian markets.

The duo had a permit to transport the horns from one location in Gauteng to another location in Gauteng, but this did not allow the transport of the horns to or through any other province.

They have been charged with violating the terms of the permit to transport the horns.

"Anything that throws doubt on the ability to police the legal domestic trade in rhino horn surely jeopardises the chance of continued domestic trade in rhino horn within the country, as well as efforts to legalise the international trade in rhino horn," Save the Rhino said this week.

"Eswatini, which submitted an international trade proposal to the Convention

on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites) for consideration at CoP18 in May, must be holding its breath to see what the fallout from this case is."

No other charges had yet been laid, said Hawks Spokesperson Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi.

## Compliance

"Since there was a permit to transport the horns, they must come from one or more registered stockpiles, rather than being the products of a series of poaching incidents," said Save the Rhino.

Pelham Jones, Chairperson of the Private Rhino Owners Association, said: "The horns were 100 per cent legally sold in full compliance of National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act and Threatened or Protected Species

regulations and the buyer had all required permits issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs.

"The horns did not come from poached animals. All that subsequently happened is they were taken out of Gauteng without an export or import permit to the North West. This is a minor permit violation and the two individuals involved have only been charged with this."

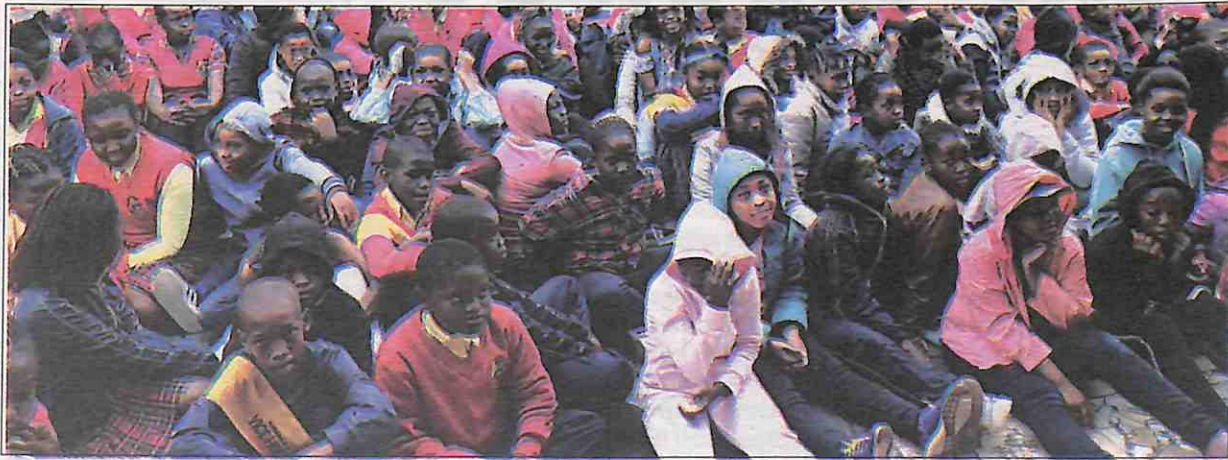
The buyer would have received police clearance as part of the process, he said. "This was not a deal done on the back of a bakkie somewhere. The entire deal was scrutinized by authorities," he said, adding his association discouraged "rogue trade".

Spokesperson for the department Albi Modise could not comment further as "the matter is sub judice".

Rhino owners, said Save the Rhino, may choose to de-horn their rhinos for several reasons, primarily, as a security measure, or to prevent an overly aggressive rhino from injuring other animals, or to harvest and sell the horn, whether now or in the future.

"At present, domestic trade within South Africa is legal, but all international trade is banned by Cites. There are very strict regulations regarding the de-horning, storing, transporting and documenting of rhinos in South Africa." A bail hearing for the pair will be held on April 26. "We expect that this will reveal the source(s) of the horns and the intended destination. Whether or not further charges will be brought, in addition to the one concerning the permit violation remains to be seen," it said.





**LISTENING:** Annadale pupils appreciating motivational speeches by Vulamasango pupils.

# VULAMASANGO SENSITISES ANNADALE PUPILS ON CRIME, DRUG ABUSE

His Majesty's Correctional Services, through the rehabilitation and reintegration office, has continued to raise awareness on the fight against crime and drug abuse among the youth in schools with the aim of reaching to thousands of pupils in all the four regions of Eswatini.

Annadale Primary also benefited from the programme as Correctional Services officers, Vulamasango teachers and pupils paid a visit to the school aimed at raising awareness on the effects and consequences of crime as well as drug abuse to the young person's inquisitive minds. However, such a programme is aimed at discouraging young people from engaging in unlawful acts so they play a significant role in the prevention of crime and substance abuse while they (youth) are expected to assist in the continuation to mount tough action against criminals.

Speaking on behalf of the commissioner general's office was Senior Assistant Commissioner Sanele Mngometulu, who was accompanied by other senior Correctional officials from the head office, who labelled their invitation by the school an honour which she said was a very important educational event

since the pupils were still at their primary school level.

It is worth noting that this very important assembly was an attempt to strengthen the support system of education through crime prevention while making emphasis on zero tolerance to drug abuse. Mngometulu stated that combining education and crime prevention, by working with schools and amongst young people in correctional centres such programmes aim at bringing the light of hope to help break the darkness that feeds the ranks of criminals.

## Values

She also said this would strengthen efforts to change the culture of violence that pervades society and in particular too many of the schools and homes where young people learn values guiding them.

While on the other hand, Mngometulu advised society to consider not letting the modern criminal justice system be a way of solving family disputes but a last resort but said in a case whereby children have fallen trap to crime which ultimately landed them to custody, parents should play a mammoth role of acceptance after being released back to society.

Her other advise was mainly based on teachers who she termed parents; saying it is of utmost importance not to abdicate their responsibilities to schools, churches, the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) and His Majesty's Correctional Services but exploit all the structures at community level, which is the assistance from immediate or extended families and royal kraal (the *umphakatsi*).

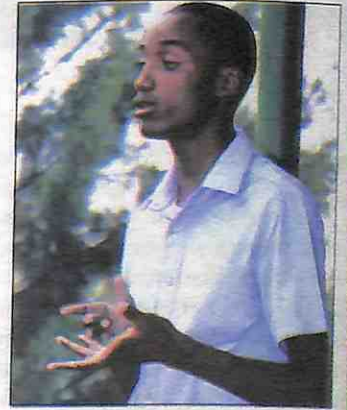
Four pupils from the school of excellence, Vulamasango, made heartfelt testimonies concerning their past life experiences and their wicked decisions that led them to being enrolled at the school. At the same time, the pupils commended the school for its support towards changing their lives around.

Thanking the department for honouring the invite was the school's Director Iris said Correctional Services through Vulamasango School has been a major player in bringing hope to the hundreds of teachers and parents of the kingdom who at some point were faced with a quandary as their children were involved in bad habits and ended up making bad decisions in life which finally landed them in custody.

Despite such choices, the director was



**REMARKS:** HMCS' Nontokozo Mkhathshwa making her remarks.



**LEADERS OF TOMORROW:** Msimisi Stewart delivering his speech.



**THE AIM:** Senior Assistant Commissioner Sanele Mngometulu interacting with the audience.



**THANKFUL:** Director Iris gestures as she appreciates the visit by Correctional Services to the school.



**STRESSING A POINT:** Namhla Africa making her remarks.

optimistic that such knowledge and artifact by the Vulamasango pupils to the school will help not only their pupils but the youth to abstain from drugs, and other bad habits. She

also encouraged the children to seize the opportunities that such programmes bring to take their place as tomorrow's leaders in rebuilding the society.

**POSE:** Correctional Services representatives with Vulamasango pupils and Annadale staff in a group photo.





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'MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION'



# PM MUST ADDRESS GOVERNANCE

...our efforts to revive the economy, end corruption and achieve First World status will mean nothing if we don't address governance issues, in fact, good governance to be specific

Each and every day that passes by, I think it is becoming clear and more clearer to the Prime Minister, Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, that more than the hyped fight against corruption, we need to address, as a matter of urgency, governance.

It goes without saying that where governance systems are weak, the propensity for corruption is high, thus resulting in the poor economy and lack of investors (foreign or local).

The issues raised by the Auditor General, which are currently being discussed by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the Matsapha Town Council shenanigans and the recent Industrial Court of Appeal judgment on the case of the Eswatini Environmental Authority Chief Executive Officer Stephen Zuke must be worrying him.

This is so because the Prime Minister spoke strongly, October 2018, at Sibaya before his appointment of the need to use corporate principles to transform the conduct of our public service if we were to achieve His Majesty the King's Vision 2022 of attaining First World Status.

I am sure that the PM, together with his Cabinet team, as they are busy rolling out their plan of action to resuscitate the economy, it is becoming clearer that our weak governance system has allowed individuals to do as they please with public resources and account to no one but themselves.

A World Bank Development Report 2017 defines governance as the process through which state and non-state actors interact to design and implement policies within a given set of formal and informal rules that shape and are shaped by power. The report further defines power as the ability of groups and individuals to make others act in the interest of those groups and individuals, and to bring about specific outcomes.

Our political system, by its very disposition, talks to good governance as it is anchored on the devolution of power from central to local government. However, we seem to have challenges in our public officers appreciating that the authority they exercise, they do so on behalf of the people, thereby resulting in some weaknesses when it comes to accountability issues.

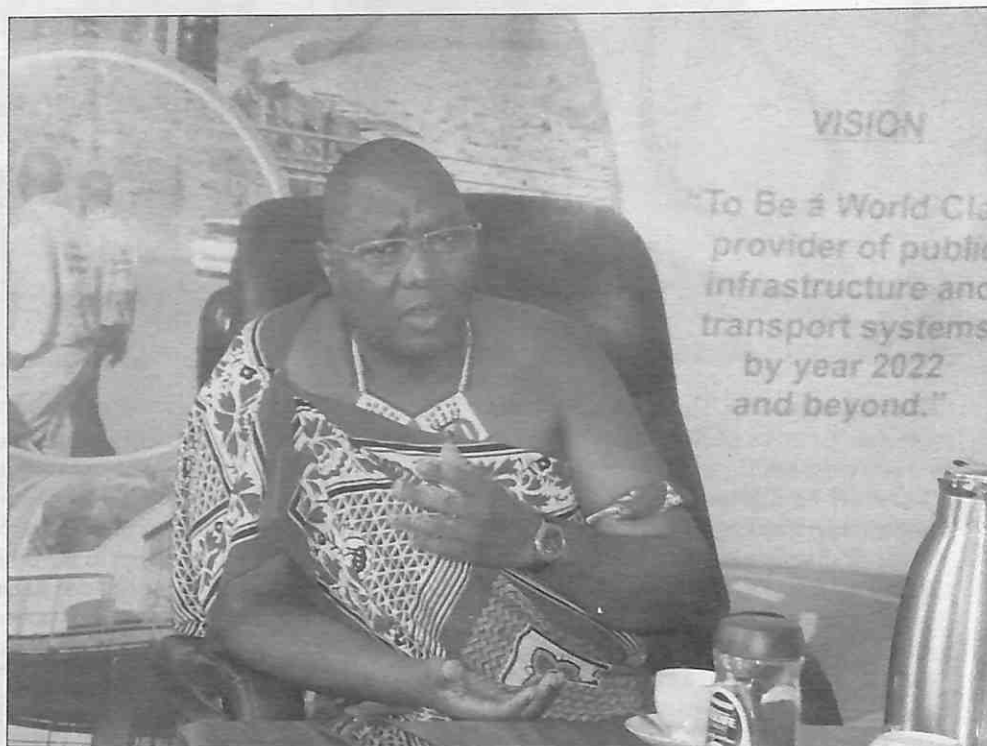
I find the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific paper by Yap Kioe Sheng on 'What is Good Governance' which unpacks these concepts of governance and good governance very instructive and may assist our officials on how they ought to behave and conduct themselves.

## Governance

The concept of 'governance' is not new. It is as old as human civilisation. Simply put 'governance' means: *the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented (or not implemented)*. Governance can be used in several contexts, such as corporate governance, international governance, national governance and local governance.

Since governance is the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented, an analysis of governance focuses on the formal and informal actors involved in decision-making and implementing the decisions made and the formal and informal structures that have been set in place to arrive at and implement the decision. Government is one of the actors in governance.

Other actors involved in governance vary, depending on the level of government that is under



discussion. In rural areas, for example, other actors may include influential landlords, associations of peasant farmers, cooperatives, NGOs, research institutes, religious leaders, finance institutions political parties, the military etc.

The situation in urban areas is much more complex. At national level, in addition to the above actors, media, lobbyists, international donors, multi-national corporations, etc. may play a role in decision-making or in influencing the decision-making process.

All actors other than government and the military are grouped together as part of the 'civil society.'

In some countries, in addition to the civil society, organised crime syndicates also influence decision-making, particularly in urban areas and at the national level.

Similarly, formal government structures are one means by which decisions are arrived at and implemented. At national level, informal decision-making structures, such as 'kitchen cabinets' or informal advisors may exist.

In urban areas, organised crime syndicates such as the 'land mafia' may influence decision-making. In some rural areas, locally powerful families may make or influence decision-making. Such, informal decision-making is often the result of corrupt practices or leads to corrupt practices.

## Good governance

Good governance has eight major characteristics. It is participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive and follows the rule of law. It assures that corruption is minimised, the views of minorities are taken into account and that the voices of the most vulnerable in society

are heard in decision-making. It is also responsive to the present and future needs of society.

## Participation

Participation by both men and women is a key cornerstone of good governance.

Participation could be either direct or through legitimate intermediate institutions or representatives. It is important to point out that representative democracy does not necessarily mean that the concerns of the most vulnerable in society would be taken into consideration in decision making. Participation needs to be informed and organised. This means freedom of association and expression on the one hand and an organized civil society on the other hand.

## Rule of law

Good governance requires fair legal frameworks that are enforced impartially. It also requires full protection of human rights, particularly those of minorities. Impartial enforcement of laws requires an independent judiciary and an impartial and incorruptible police force.

## Transparency

Transparency means that decisions taken and their enforcement are done in a manner that follows rules and regulations. It also means that information is freely available and directly accessible to those who will be affected by such decisions and their enforcement. It also means that enough information is provided and that it is provided in easily understandable forms and media.

## Responsiveness

Good governance requires that institutions and processes try to serve all stakeholders within a reasonable timeframe.

## Consensus oriented

There are several actors and as many view points in a given society. Good governance requires mediation of the different interests in society to reach a broad consensus in society on what is in the best interest of the whole community and how this can be achieved. It also requires a broad and long-term perspective on what is needed for sustainable human development and how to achieve the goals of such development. This can only result from an understanding of the historical, cultural and social contexts of a given society or community.

## Equity and inclusiveness

A society's well-being depends on ensuring that all its members feel that they have a stake in it and do not feel excluded from the mainstream of society. This requires all groups, but particularly the most vulnerable, to have opportunities to improve or maintain their well being.

## Effectiveness and efficiency

Good governance means that processes and institutions produce results that meet the needs of society, while making the best use of resources at their disposal. The concept of efficiency in the context of good governance also covers the sustainable use of natural resources and the protection of the environment.

## Accountability

Accountability is a key requirement of good governance. Not only governmental institutions but also the private sector and civil society organisations must be accountable to the public and to their institutional stakeholders. Who is accountable to whom varies depending on whether decisions or actions taken are internal or external to an organization or institution. In general an organization or an institution is accountable to those who will be affected by its decisions or actions. Accountability cannot be enforced without transparency and the rule of law.

## Conclusion

From the above discussion, it should be clear that good governance is an ideal which is difficult to achieve in its totality. Very few countries and societies have come close to achieving good governance in its totality. However, to ensure sustainable human development, actions must be taken to work towards this ideal with the aim of making it a reality."





## Dealing with Diabetes

WITH: Nomalungelo Ginindza

Diabetes  
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# How diabetes can affect your hearing organs

It's another beautiful Saturday, I hope you are still eating healthy food and exercising. Today, we're looking at how your hearing organ (ears) functioning can be affected when you're diabetic.

Hearing loss may be an under-recognised complication of diabetes. People with diabetes are more than twice as likely as those without the disease to experience some degree of hearing loss, with damage to nerves and blood vessels in the inner ear caused by poor blood sugar control. As with other types of hearing loss, the earlier it's diagnosed the sooner it can be managed. According to American Diabetes Association, for most people, hearing loss happens over time and the symptoms can be hard to notice. Quite often, family members and friends notice any loss before the person experiencing it. Some common signs include:

- Frequently asking others to repeat themselves
- Trouble following conversations that involve more than two people
- Thinking that others are mumbling
- Problems with clarity in noisy places
- Trouble with understanding the voices of women and children
- Turning up the TV or radio volume too loud for others who are nearby

### Causes of hearing loss when you are diabetic?

In type 2 diabetics, hearing loss is caused by neuropathy (eye problem). The tiny blood vessels and nerves that are a part of the inner ear fail to get enough blood or oxygen due to long-term hyperglycemia (high blood sugar levels), and they become damaged. Over time, that damage leads to noticeable hearing loss. This type of hearing loss is called sensor neural.

### What should I do if I suspect a hearing loss?

Talk to your primary care doctor. You may then want to seek help from a hearing specialist like: an audiologist, a licensed hearing aid dispenser or a doctor who specialises in hearing problems. From a full hearing exam, you'll learn more about your hearing loss. You will also be told what can be done to treat it.

### Treatment of hearing loss

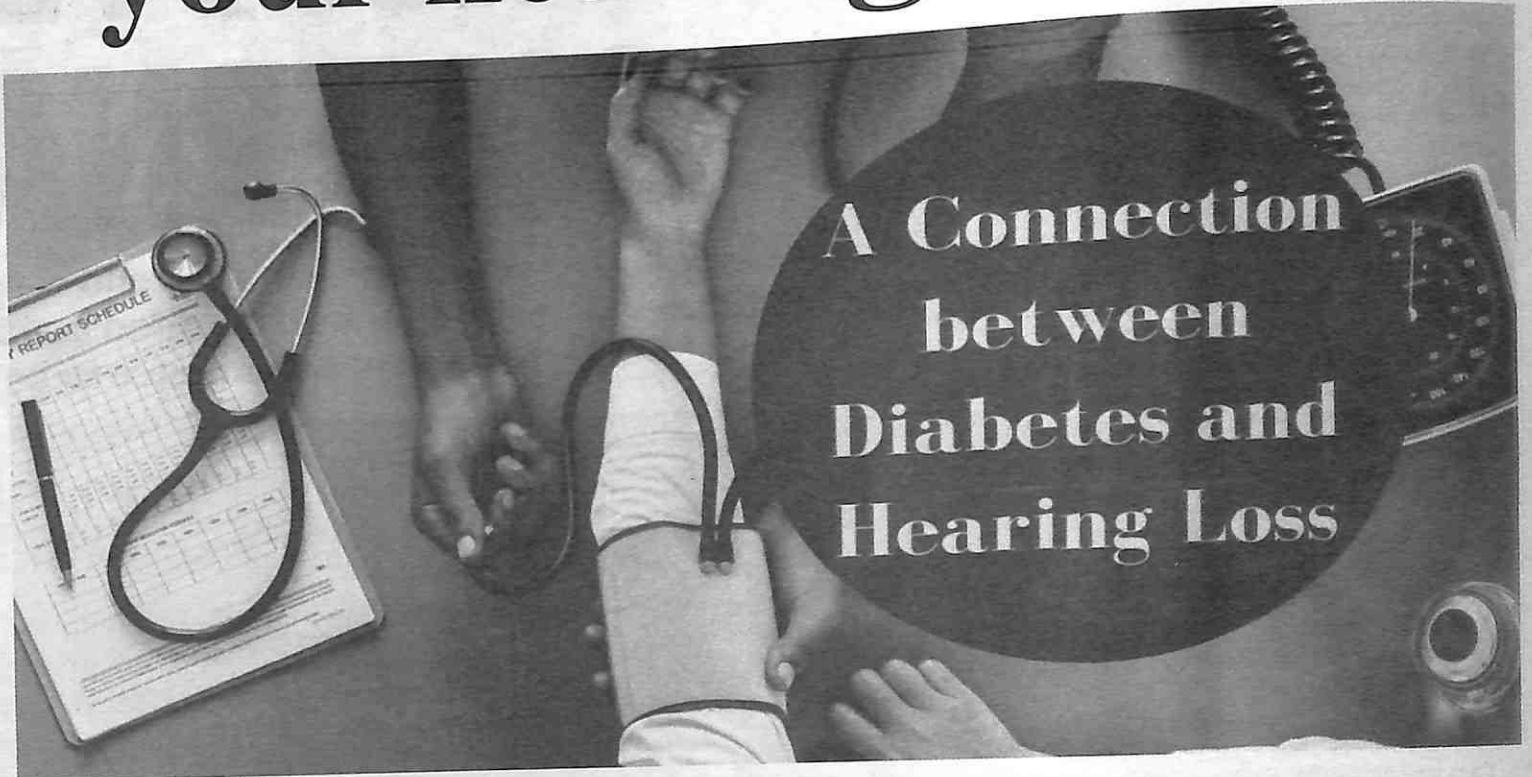
Some causes of hearing loss can be corrected: Removing excess earwax can make a difference. The right medications restore hearing affected by a virus, bacteria, or allergies.

### Lifestyle changes

Although you may not be able to regain the hearing capacity you've lost, you can take steps to keep what you have and make the most of it. The following may be helpful:

**Avoid loud noises.** If you go to a noisy concert or sporting event, use earplugs. They won't keep you from hearing what's going on, but they'll keep the dangerous decibel levels from damaging your ears. The same goes for any time you're around loud noises, such as construction and even traffic.

**Exercise.**



**Give up cigarettes.** Those who smoked are more than twice as likely to have hearing loss as those who don't.

**Turn off background noise.** If you have trouble understanding what people are saying, get rid of distracting background sounds by turning off the TV, radio, or CD player, the dishwasher, or moving away from the commotion.

**Teach your family and friends how to speak.** A few simple suggestions can help those who talk with you most communicate more clearly. They don't need to shout, but tell them to speak a little louder and enunciate well. Make sure they face you squarely and aren't eating or chewing gum while they talk.

### Procedures

Many people with hearing loss are greatly helped by a hearing aid. These devices basically amplify sounds. A tiny microphone picks up sound waves and converts them to electrical signals, which are then sent through an amplifier to your ear. Although a hearing aid can't restore normal hearing, it can improve your hearing and your quality of life.

If you have lost most or all of your hearing, a **cochlear implant** may restore a sense of sound that can help you understand speech without lip reading or sign language. This complex electronic device intercepts useful sounds and sends electrical impulses to the brain via electrodes placed in the cochlea. It doesn't repair your body's natural hearing system, but compensates for it in a way that allows you to communicate in person and over the phone.

In about two per cent to three percent of cases, hearing loss may be caused by otosclerosis. This hereditary disorder occurs when abnormal bone forms around the tiny bones in the ear known as ossicles. During **stapedectomy surgery**, one of the bones (the stapes) is replaced by a prosthesis made of plastic and wire. Such a procedure can be effective at restoring hearing.

### Diabetes control

### What is diabetes control?

According to Kids Health Organisation in America, when you hear your doctors or health care providers talk about "diabetes control," they're usually referring to how close your blood sugar, or glucose, is kept to the desired range. Having too much or too little sugar in your blood can lead you to feel sick now and can cause health problems later. Managing diabetes is like a three-way balancing act: The medications you take (insulin or pills), the food you eat, and the amount of exercise you get all need to be in sync. Diabetes can get out of control if someone:

- Doesn't take diabetes medicines as directed
- Doesn't follow the meal plan (like eating too much or not enough food without adjusting diabetes medicines)
- Doesn't get regular exercise or exercises more or less than usual without making changes to his or her diabetes plan
- Has an illness or too much stress
- Doesn't check blood sugar levels enough

### What can happen if diabetes is not under control

Out-of-control blood sugar levels can lead to short-term problems like hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, or diabetic ketoacidosis. In the long run, not controlling diabetes can also damage the vessels that supply blood to important organs, like the heart, kidneys, eyes, and nerves. This means that heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, vision problems, and nerve problems can happen to people with diabetes. These problems don't usually show up in kids or teens who have had the disease for only a few years, but they can happen to adults with diabetes. Children and teens with diabetes who don't control their blood sugar levels can be late going into puberty and might not end up as tall as they would have otherwise.

The good news is that keeping blood sugar levels under control can help keep you healthy and prevent health problems from happening later.

### How do people know when diabetes is under control

If you have diabetes, your doctor or diabetes health care team will tell you what your blood sugar levels should be (usually called a target range). If you have diabetes, you're trying to keep your blood sugar level as close to the target range as possible. As you get older, your target range may change.

The only way to know if your blood sugar level is close to your target range is to measure your blood sugar level several times a day with a glucose meter. Your diabetes health care team will help you determine when and how often you should be checking your blood sugar level. Checking it regularly and keeping a record of the test results is very important — this helps you and your diabetes health care team make adjustments to your diabetes management plan as needed. The glucose meter tells you what your blood sugar level is at the moment you test. But another type of blood sugar test, the **glycosylated hemoglobin** (pronounced: gly-KOH-sih-lay-tid HEE-muh-glo-bin) and also known as the hemoglobin A1c or HbA1c test, will help you and your doctor know how your blood sugar control was over the two to three months before the test was done. In general, the lower your HbA1c level, the better you're doing at controlling your diabetes.

### Getting control

Keeping blood sugar levels close to normal will be challenging at times. However, you can help keep your blood sugar levels in a healthy range with these steps:

- Take your insulin or pills when you're supposed to.
- Follow your meal plan.
- Get regular exercise.
- Check your blood sugar levels often and make changes with the help of your diabetes health care team.
- Visit your doctor and diabetes health care team regularly.
- Learn as much as possible about diabetes.

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## WRITER'S NOTE

WITH NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

As we continue to enjoy the long weekend, Lifestyle and Entertainment continues to provide you with the best entertainment news.

This week we talk about looking and acting professional at work. From how to dress, to how to interact with your colleagues.

It has been said overtime that you are what you wear, or that the clothes you put on define who you are, even before you enter a boardroom or make your way to the mall. You can tell a whole story or a brief sentence by just a scarf you have on or the dress you are wearing.

Read through to understand the many styles to make you look professional at work. On page 3, Njabulo Dlamini features Gospel group Imvuselelo Yama Weseli. It was evident that the group members were not content with entertaining brethren every other Sunday or in special occasions outside the four walls of their place of worship.

Determined as they were, it is no coincidence that dream has been fulfilled exactly two years after being conceived.

That is the abridged story of Imvuselelo Yama Weseli from the Manzini District of the Wesleyan Circuit.

Read through to understand how they started their journey and how they have managed to get where they are now.

On pages 4-5, we speak to kwaito artist Magaya. The singer has been in the music industry since 2003, and is still going strong.

Lwazi Ayanda Magaya, well known by his friends and fans as Magaya Music, is an artist who prides himself by being born and bred in the dusty streets of Manzini in Eswatini. For his primary education Magaya went to Maliyaduma Primary School, in Manzini. He then left for South Africa for his high school education at New Nation High School in Braamfontein.

Read more about these selected topics on this week's issue. Have a blessed long weekend, watch out for next week's issue.

Enjoy!

# HOW TO LOOK PROFESSIONAL AT YOUR WORKPLACE



It has been said overtime that you are what you wear, or that the clothes you put on define who you are even before you enter a boardroom or make your way to the mall. You can tell a whole story or a brief sentence by just a scarf you have on or dress you are wearing.

We all have those days. You know, the ones in which we try an outfit after outfit, but nothing seems to work. Our go-to dress just doesn't fit right, and that new sweater isn't quite working. These are the days where having a list of cute simple outfit ideas on hand would make all the difference. Luckily, with the right inspiration, your closet basics can actually feel fresh again, suddenly, that coat hanging at the back of your closet or those statement trousers, you never knew how to wear, are just what your wardrobe needed.

The old advice to dress for the job you want, not the job you have, may have roots in more than simply how others perceive you. Many studies show that the clothes you wear can affect your mental and physical performance.

The same may be true of you. When your friend dragged you out of the house and told you "Get dressed up, you'll feel better!" after your last break-up/failed interview/lousy day, she was into something. When you dress in a certain way, it helps shift your internal self. Picking an outfit to wear to work or anywhere else is stressful; you have to choose something every day and sometimes fashion fatigue is inevitable. But practice makes perfect, and the more time you spend while planning your

outfits, the better.

The most important clothes you can ever wear in your life are the clothes you wear to your workplace. The clothes you put on when going to work say a lot more about you than the clothes you put on when heading to a guys night out or a simple luncheon with the girls.

It may sound obvious, but many get it wrong. If your clothes are too big or too small, they are not going to look good. Ensuring a proper fit applies to everything you are wearing.

We took to the streets and spoke to a few people about how the working class should look like and different people had a lot to say.

Wear glasses that fit said **Phumlile Gwebu**

"Make sure your glasses fit properly and aren't sliding down your nose. You don't want to be playing with them all the time," said Gwebu and also added that for the ladies, they should dry their hair all the time and comb them properly so as to make them more presentable and professional.

## Manicure

Making sure your manicure is updated weekly, especially when you deal with a lot of people, is also ideal, and keeping your bag clean with the right pockets rightfully holding their objects.

A gentle man who is also popular for dressing up well, either for work or playtime; Designer **Thulani Lobhambo** said both males and females, especially males, should avoid putting on strong or too much cologne and perfume. "Anything that anyone else can smell is not good, to get an idea of whether someone can smell you or not ask someone you trust" said Lobhambo.





One conclusion that can be drawn from the people we spoke to it's clear that when going to work or picking up an outfit, you need to consider yourself first, how is it going to look on you, how are people going to perceive you after seeing you wearing that outfit, most especially at work.

Not only is wearing inappropriate clothing distracting, it can also give off an inaccurate impression. Avoid too-short hemlines, too-tall heels, plunging necklines, and exposed under garments. A lot of women are over sexualised in the office. You can wear a V-neck shirt, but make sure you keep your legs covered. People end up discrediting themselves by looking too provocative, what do you want to be remembered for? What you wore or what you said?

And usually for males, it's the hair they keep and where they choose to keep their hair.

No matter how much you want to grow a full, bushy beard, it just might not work for you. Think about it like a haircut, not every cut is going to look good on every person. How do you know what style will look good on you? Determine what kind of face shape and features you have. Then find others with similar features that are already sporting moustaches and beards, and experiment with their cut and style.

Grow facial hair on a weekend or vacation, you want to look like you have grown hair on purpose instead of just being lazy and not shaving. Trim your head, facial hair needs to be kept trim and tidy to maintain a professional look.

Whether you like it or not, the way you look plays a role in your success in the modern workplace.

The problem with appearance is that it translates to performance. Even if your boss does not think that they're thinking any less of you, they will subconsciously think about it. At some point, this could hurt your chances of getting a promotion.

In today's workplace, where casual wear is becoming increasingly popular, it can be tricky to understand the rules of appearance.

(By Delisa Thwala)



## New beginnings for Imvuselelo yamaWeseli

**J**ust like any other dream, this one started the size of a pinhead two years ago in Manzini. It was evident that the group members were not content with entertaining brethren every other Sunday or in special occasions outside the four walls of their place of worship.

But it needed courageous men to take the initiative and pursue that long cherished, however, elusive dream it might seem to be.

Determined as they were, it is no coincidence that the dream has been fulfilled exactly two years after being conceived. That is the abridged story of Imvuselelo YamaWeseli from the Manzini District of the Wesleyan circuit. Last year, the group went into the studio to record their debut works titled *Ukuze singabi nokwaliwa*, and 2019 saw the release of the long-awaited album. They may seem an insignificant outfit, but their works have exhibited them as a dedicated lot intent in demonstrating to the world that they too exist. Instrumental music has always triumphed over acapella version of entertaining the masses, but the determined lot such as Amadodana groups are still standing pursuing their craft with relentless ferocity. Take South Africa's Amadodana AseWeseli, for instance, a group that has been in existence for over 30 years and still pursuing their craft with unrelenting fortitude.

Such has no doubt inspired the likes of Amadodana AseLwandle whose partnership with the SA group is both telling and triumphant.

Now Imvuselelo YamaWeseli have taken after the acapella groups before them to join the fray of Amadodana groups entertaining the masses out there. Imvuselelo YamaWeseli Chairman David Khumalo concedes it is no walk in the park pursuing this genre of music, particularly because it is dominated by giants, whose milestones are not only enviable but challenging to the newcomer. But we too have resolved to tread on our terrain without of course being blind to what's happening out there," Khumalo says.

He says the group is under the Young Men's Guild (YMG) of St Paul's Methodist Church in Manzini District.

That they are a resolute lot is demonstrated in that the group was formed with only 14 members, but now they are close to 20. "The primary objective for us is to reach out to the back-slidden or those who can't go to church for whatever reason. They should listen to our music and be satisfied with their souls soothed in one way or the other. We are about spiritual therapeutic and contentment," he adds. For them, even the release of the debut offering demonstrates that God works in miraculous ways. With 12 tracks in total, Khumalo bets that their album will take of every thirsty or starving soul so they find spiritual fulfilment. "By God's grace, we launched our album shortly before Easter and it was a



successful event for a new group such as ours. We had several guest groups, amongst them Bishop Vusumuzi Maculuvu and his team. "His speech motivated us to pursue our craft with purpose even though being a new group and not forget to PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens) in the gospel music scene. For us it was once again a reminder and awakening to the reality facing us as we pursue our craft. It was evident that nothing will come to us on a silver platter but we must work hard to reach the levels of the other groups before us," Khumalo states. He acknowledges that it will be tough out there, as they were not treading on the path that has not been trekked before but there were established musicians already reaping their many years of investments into the music fold.

"We believe in prayer as Christians and recognise that only this weapon will sustain us on our long walk in the gospel music arena. It is, especially, true because we are in a terrain many others have walked on before. He acknowledges the support of Wesleyan members who threw their weight behind them during the recent launch, as well as bought copies of the new album. But he asked for more of such as they pursue their talent in music going forward. "Definitely, it demonstrates that we are on the right track as a group. This was further cemented by the words of encouragement from Bishop Maculuvu or otherwise he would have informed us if we had strayed in this debut offering. We must create friendships and networks to sustain our music. We will take after established musicians and find out how they made it thus far since we are open to reproach as we walk this journey," the group chairman added. Later this year, the group members intend hosting a Family Fun Day to market their music and forge partnerships with stakeholders as they take their music forward. "We are calling upon gospel music fanatics and the nation at large to embrace our music and support us as we tread this demanding and tenacious journey,"

Khumalo closed. The album kicks off with a popular Wesleyan rendition *Thixo ulilanga lethu*, which exalts and extols the majesty of God Almighty. Next up is the title track *Ukuze singabi nokwaliwa*, which prayerfully and earnestly pleads for brethren that their toils on earth are not in vain so they reach the ultimate destiny - heaven after all has been said and done. Other tracks are; *Ndingakakhe ndisithele*, *Indlela yami*, *Ngizowanyathela amadimoni*, *Ndoko ndingahamba nawe Nkosi*, *Njengebhadi libhadula*, *Hayi inyhweba abanayo*, *Ngomoya kaThixo*, *Amazulu Athembelona*, *Ungukhumkani bobungcwalisa*, *Baph' amandla Thixo wabo*. Sample it and make your own reviews whether this new outfit nailed it or missed the point. But I bet the former is what listeners would attest happened in this release.

(By Njabulo Dlamini)

## POEM

### HE DIED FOR ME

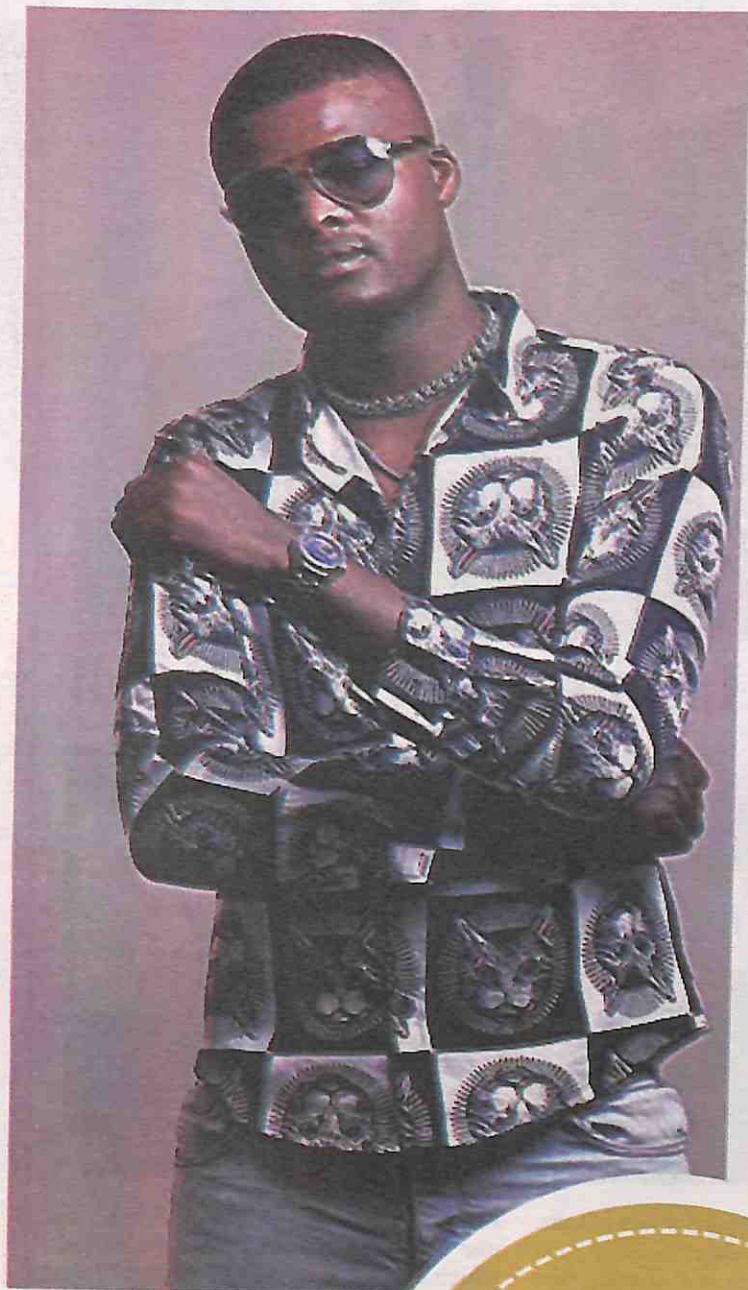
He carried the cross because he loved me  
Prevaricators told stories about him, he never  
said a word because he loved me  
He was beaten so severely he never said a word  
because he loved me  
He was called false prophet, accused of so  
many things, but because he loved me he never  
said a word.

Because love is kind - he was a kind king  
Love is patient  
It does not envy  
Love is not proud  
It is not self-seeking  
It is not easily angered  
It keeps no records of wrongs  
Love never fails - he never failed me.

He shed his own blood to wash away my sins,  
for me to be forgiven.  
He is indeed a marvelous king.  
He forgave me even though I froth him.  
He loved me even though I never knew who he  
was.

By Nokwanda Khumalo





MAGAYA...

# MY MUSIC JOURNEY

**I**t is not about where you come from, but where you are heading. This statement has been proven to be true even though Magaya's past was not all roses and strawberries, he had to work hard and towards making his dreams become a reality.

**"I DO WHAT I DO FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR MY DAUGHTER"**

## Magaya's life journey

**L**wazi Ayanda Magaya, wellknown by his friends and fans as MagayaMusic, is an artist who prides himself by being born and bred in the dusty streets of Manzini in Eswatini. For his primary education Magaya went to Maliyaduma Primary School, in Manzini. He then left for South Africa for his high school at New Nation High in Braamfontein.

"My family from my mother's side is from south Africa. So for my high school, they decided I should further my studies in South Africa, Johannesburg. I would come back during holidays to visit home here in Eswatini".

As music had always been what he dearly loved while growing

up, he would get inspiration by listening to various artists who had a big impact on the type of music he chose as an upcoming artist. He says he would sit for hours in his room and try to come up with new songs and sometimes would even try to perform for his family hoping that they would offer him their honest opinions.

"I recall numerous times I would sit and listen to artists like Bongo Maffin, Mafikizolo and Joe Nina, their music remains an influence to this day. I would then try and mimic them or add just a little bit of my style in their songs. Thinking about it now, it was quite crazy luckily I was doing it privately," he stated.

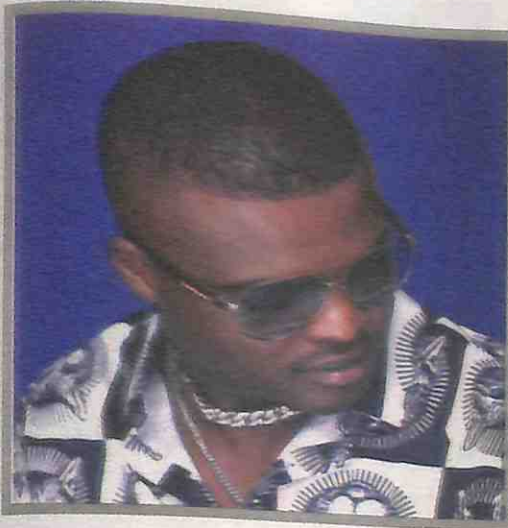


## Where it all began

**A**ccording to Magaya, his journey in the entertainment scene began a long time ago. He stated as a DJ but later on he outgrew the life of a being a DJ. It was then that the Magaya brand was born. His first song was in 2003 where he featured Ziyawa Ka Zitha under the Destiny Music label. "I've been an artist for some time now. I started off as a club DJ, people knew me as DJ Lwazi. I would have an hour playing music. This played a major role in my life in terms of fan-base, as then I was able to make a name for myself and it was then that more people started noticing my craft."

"When MagayaMusic started initially I was a rapper. I then switched to dance and Afro Pop as the industry tended to shift that way thus one had to adapt to stay afloat and having my fans appreciate, he said.





## His dreams

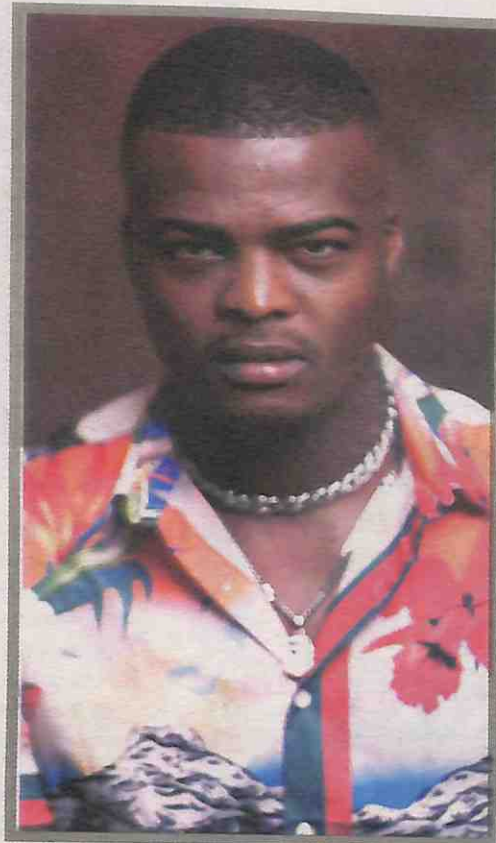
**M**agaya says even though he has achieved what he once hoped for, for him dreaming never stopped, as he now has new dreams and is working extremely hard to achieve them. The kwaito artist says he wishes to work with DJ Tira, Mozaik the Producer, DJ Qness and Mandla Spikiri.

"These people inspire me and I really look up to them. I'm inspired by their persistence, consistency and their drive in the industry. They have inspired me and gave me hope that when you give your all to something, you dearly love you will be able to achieve it," he said.



## Future plans

**M**agaya says his future is bright as he has been able to work hard making a name for himself. He says because of that, a number of artists have come and offered to work with him. Magaya says has so much in his sleeve, but would share with the public in due time. "I have a number of projects I am currently working on, from realising new music to others I won't be able to mention. I believe that whatever I put my mind to will work out for good. I am a strong believer in God and I know He has my back, so all my projects will be okay. Lastly, and most importantly I plan to be the best father to my daughter as all that I am and will be is and will be for my daughter."

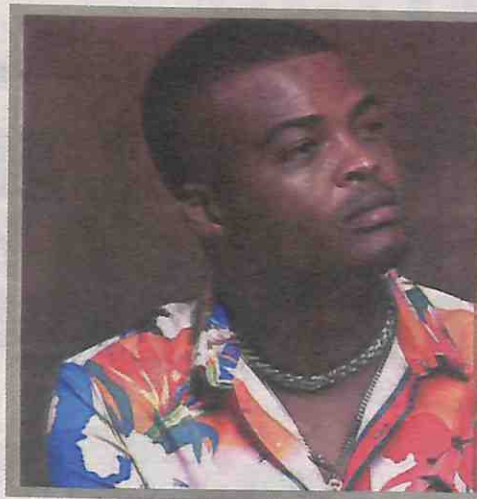


## Achievements

**M**agaya says his career has tremendously grown over the past years. According to him, he has worked with some of the big guns in the entertainment industry, both locally and internationally. "My musical talent has seen me share the studio and stages with artists like Oskido, Professor, FreshlyGround and Harrison Crump. Who would have ever thought that from my background as a taxi driver one would reach such heights", he said

He recently took the entertainment industry by storm when he released his single titled 'Ng'lindze'

According to him, the message on the song is based on a true story. He says in the song, he was recalling one of his hardest moments in his life. "I worked in South Africa full time while my daughter, lived in Eswatini. For the love I have for my daughter I then decided to put all my pain in the song. Basically, I'm just sharing the love I have for her with my fans, who would also relate. Not only that but also anyone who is in a distance relationship with their loved ones. The work I've done taking a look at my latest single *Ng'lindze* which was released on the March 1 has been given pretty much executive treatment all over social media of which that is what truly drives one into doing better," he said.



## Song of the Week

### Hasley - Without me

Found you when your heart was broke  
I filled your cup until it overflowed  
Took it so far to keep you close (keep you close)  
I was afraid to leave you on your own

I said I'd catch you if you fall (fall)  
And if they laugh, then fuck 'em all (all)  
And then I got you off your knees  
Put you right back on your feet  
Just so you could take advantage of me

Tell me, how's it feel sittin' up there?  
Feeling so high, but too far away to hold me  
You know I'm the one who put you up there  
Name in the sky, does it ever get lonely?  
Thinking you could live without me  
Thinking you could live without me  
Baby, I'm the one who put you up there  
I don't know why (yeah, I don't know why)  
Thinking you could live without me  
Live without me  
Baby, I'm the one who put you up there  
I don't know why (I don't know why, yeah, yeah)

Gave love 'bout a hundred tries (hundred tries)  
Just running from the demons in your mind  
Then I took yours and made 'em mine (mine)  
I didn't notice 'cause my love was blind

Said I'd catch you if you fall (fall)  
And if they laugh, then fuck 'em all (all)  
And then I got you off your knees  
Put you right back on your feet  
Just so you could take advantage of me

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Thinking you could live without me  
Baby, I'm the one who put you up there  
I don't know why (yeah, I don't know why)  
Thinking you could live without me  
Live without me  
Baby, I'm the one who put you up there  
I don't know why, yeah

You don't have to say just what you did (what you did)  
I already know (I know)  
I had to go and find out from them (oh-woah)  
So tell me, how's it feel? (oh-woah)

Tell me, how's it feel sittin' up there?  
Feeling so high, but too far away to hold me  
You know I'm the one who put you up there  
Name in the sky, does it ever get lonely?  
Thinking you could live without me  
Thinking you could live without me  
Baby, I'm the one who put you up there  
I don't know why (yeah, I don't know why)



What's hot?...**CELEBVILLE****BRITNEY SPEARS TO BE RELEASED BUT HER MEDS ARE STILL A PROBLEM**

**B**ritney Spears will be checking herself out of the mental health facility, where she's been for 30 days as early as today but we've learned she's still dealing with a big, unresolved issue; her meds.

Sources with direct knowledge tell TMZ, Britney's mental state is much better than it was when she checked in. As we reported, the singer was distraught over an illness her dad was battling made exponentially worse by the fact the meds she'd been taking for her mental illness stopped working.

Doctors were trying to find a new combo of meds, but they couldn't get the mixture right and it was doing Britney more harm than good to the point she stopped taking them.

Our sources say doctors still haven't figured out the right formula and call it, 'a work in progress.'

The sources are quick to say, Britney did NOT check into the facility to get her meds



right it was to get her head straight. We're told she's doing 'a lot better' in that department, but the doctors continue to work on the cocktail of meds.

A lot of people commented on the pic of Britney with her boyfriend, Sam Asghari, on Easter Sunday, where she looked a little off. Our sources acknowledge, she's still having difficulty, but nonetheless is

in a better head space.

We're told she could leave the mental health facility as early as today but definitely by week's end and she's almost certainly going home. Doctors will continue to work with her on getting the medicines right.

Short story mental illness is difficult, but she's doing okay. (TMZ)

**Papa Penny is a 'flirt' and it may cost him his fans!**

**P**apa Penny 'flirting' with a younger woman in front of his wife in the latest episode of his reality show, Papa Penny Ahee, left a sour taste in the mouths of his fans, who thought it inappropriate.

Fans were not only irritated that he was showering another woman with compliments in front of his wife, but were also annoyed that he saw no shame in it, even though they could read from his pregnant wife's facial expressions that she wasn't too pleased.

This little 'innocent' flirtation follows hot on the

heels of Papa Penny's revelation that he's looking at taking a second wife, like his new bestie and fellow reality TV show star, Musa Mseleku, of Uthando Nes'thembu.

Fans felt that Papa Penny was being disrespectful to Mama Nomi and they had just the memes to show it.

However, even that 'anger' didn't stop them from having a ball with Papa Penny's unique words and phrases.

And when he said he was 'panel-beating his wife' and putting some "decor" on her, they were left defeated.

(Sowetan)

**Masechaba Ndlovu clears the air on ukuthwasa rumours**

**T**elevision host Masechaba Ndlovu has spoken out on claims that she has undergone training to be a sangoma, saying that while she is a 'healer', people have often got it wrong.

Masechaba got tongues wagging several months ago when she posted a series of pictures of her at what seemed like a traditional ceremony - fuelling speculation that she was training to be a traditional healer.

Speaking about the swirling rumours, Masechaba told YFM's Khutso Theledi that being a healer doesn't necessarily mean that you have undergone training.

"I am a healer. That is not necessarily because I went through traditional healer training; you feel my energy and you recognise me in that light because you feel it, you see it." She explained that there has often been some con-

fusion when she has posted pictures of herself at initiates' graduation ceremonies in traditional dress.

"I have been initiated (*ku thwasa*)

so many times by social media critics. I have gone to graduation school. I have heard critics say, 'What kind of initiate (*thwasana*) wears makeup?'"

Masechaba said some of the criticism stemmed from posts she shared, while filming on the set of her first episode of the *The Big Secret*, which featured a woman who had gone through the sangoma training process. (Sowetan)



**"I have been initiated (*ku thwasa*) so many times by social media critics. I have gone to graduation school. I have heard critics say, 'What kind of initiate (*thwasana*) wears makeup?'"**

**Blac Chyna admitted to Class at Harvard Online Business School**

**B**lac Chyna is now part of the Harvard University community, and she didn't have to pull an Olivia Jade to get there.

Chyna has been accepted to take a course at the Harvard Business School - well, the online version ... but hey, it's still Harvard. The reality star/former stripper got her admissions letter on Monday, inviting her to take a course on Business Analytics ... teaching students how to interpret data and make savvy business decisions. The course is a sub-

stantial time investment 40 hours over eight weeks.

Chyna posted a lengthy reflection on her life earlier this week, saying, "I am working to be the best me."

Chyna tells us, "Where I'm at now is a stage of realisation and growth! I want to be great for myself and my kids. School is going to help me take things up a couple of notches. People are always talking about me, might as well talk about the good. I'm excited for the next chapter."

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**Prince Kaybee gives R150k to Durban flood victims**

**A**s the death toll from floods in KwaZulu-Natal rises, award-winning musician Prince Kaybee has pledged R150 000 to relief efforts and is encouraging others to do the same.

The death toll in KZN rose to 51 on Wednesday following flash floods and heavy rains in the province since Sunday. Emergency personnel added that over 1 000 people have been displaced.

South Africa President Cyril

Ramaphosa was expected to lead a team of national and provincial government officials in visiting various sites affected by the disaster.

**Devastation**

Kaybee has been watching the devastation the floods have brought and announced this week that he was going to put his money, where his mouth is and donate towards rebuilding Umlazi township, south of Durban.

(Sowetan)

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# SOAPIEWATCH

Preview



**Monday 29 April**

**T**he wives grow increasingly unhappy with Mkabayi's way of doing things. Cebisile is livid having been put in an impossible position. Qaphela is devastated.

**Tuesday 30 April**

**M**piyakhe tries to intervene with Mkabayi but she truly believes she is doing what is necessary. Fezile blames himself for what Cebisile is going through. Meanwhile, Jerry has a hard time burying the truth.

**Wednesday 1 May**

**D**uma and Qondi try to find a solution to the Dabula problem. Qaphela's temper shames his parents. Siphokazi is determined to teach herself about the taxi business and Blade and Mkabayi are still seeking a way to derail the case against Mpiyakhe.



**Thursday 2 May**

**D**abula agrees to Duma's proposal to resolve his issues with the Ngubane elders. While Judas does damage control after the fiasco at the orphanage, he gets an invite from the MEC.

**Friday 3 May**

**M**andla surprises S'bu with a great honour. Qaphela's actions the previous day have made him 'famous' and Judas is not at all happy about it. Despite Blade's concerns, Mkabayi walks straight into major trouble.

## ISIDINGO

**Monday 29 April**

**A**nja and Zandre find out about Hendrik's and Wendy's affair. Nina plans how she will use Ntando to get back Lincoln. Sibiya continues to believe he'll be the next mayor of HD.

**Tuesday 30 April**

**W**endy gathers her courage and comes to apologize to Lalage but it doesn't go well. Lungi's former mother-in-law scolds Lungi after she makes headlines with Lincoln. Sechaba and Phindile's relationship continues to blossom.

**Wednesday 1 May**

**T**he Lategan family deal with the aftermath of the revelation. Just when Lungi thinks everything's on track with Lincoln, Sechaba jerks her back to a harsh reality. Cebisa makes it clear to Sibiya who has the power.



**Thursday 2 May**

**T**he Lategans struggle with the repercussions of the affair. Lungi is on a mission to learn about the circumstances behind Katlego's death. Gatanga comes to Sechaba for advice.

**Friday 3 May**

**D**espite her denials, her husband's affair is clearly tearing Lalage apart. Nina's plan to get back at Lincoln through his son is put into action. Hot-headed Sibiya tells all who'll listen he'll be the next Mayor of HD.



**Monday 29 April**

**V**ho-Masindi is heartbroken and soon to depart. James has Moliehi on the corner, where he always wanted her. Vho-Mukondeleli exposes Seani's transgressions.

**Tuesday 30 April**

**M**pho is not impressed by Susan's actions. Skhumbuzo is in for a high jump. Seani's real reason why she came back is revealed.

**Wednesday 1 May**

**T**he royal house resolves Lindeleni's surrogacy issue. Moliehi is beaten by James at her own game. Vhangani is drowning in trouble, and he tries to undo the damage between him and Mpareni but it's too late.

**Thursday 2 May**

**G**izara shocks the elders when he reminds them that we still don't have a wife who will give the chief sons. James comes to Moliehi with a suggestion that further threatens Moliehi position. Vhangani makes a decision that leaves Mpareni speechless, he wants to tie the knot.

**Friday 3 May**

**M**pho wakes up unknowingly in Mulimis's hut. James and Marang's relationship is like a dagger in Moliehi's heart. Tenda's jealousy takes a front seat, when he sees Sundani flirting with another man.



**Monday 29 April**

**P**uleng gives Suffo an ultimatum. Sabelo unpacks Mapula's strange behaviour. Siya confronts Jafta.

**Tuesday 30 April**

**S**uffo is given a promotion. Jafta has a surprise for Bee. Blossom joins Mapula to stop Keabetswe from making a terrible mistake.

**Wednesday 1 May**

**P**uleng has a shocking proposal for Suffo. Keabetswe is upset about Mapula's betrayal. Jafta has another go at proposing to Bee.

**Thursday 2 May**

**S**uffo separates from Puleng. Blossom tells Kop about Keabetswe's pregnancy. Jafta is full of new surprises.

**Friday 3 May**

**S**uffo gets a new enemy at the investment club. Keabetswe and Lefa fear they will be kicked out. Jafta discovers that he is dead.



**Monday 29 April**

**S**chumacher plans to get back at Gracious for humiliating him. Gracious tries to convince Harriet to tell her kids about Tiro. Kea threatens to move out of the Khozas.

**Tuesday 30 April**

**H**arriet is getting more and more impatient with her uninvited guests. Gracious is left with egg on her face after her night doesn't go according to plan.

**Wednesday 1 May**

**K**edibone does the right thing, but it might be too late. Schumacher is on a power trip, having his cake and eating it too. Meanwhile, Harriet harbours dangerous thoughts.

**Thursday 2 May**

**H**arriet and Kedibone make peace. Schumacher treats Gracious like his ATM.

**Friday 3 May**

**K**ea and Kagiso feel guilty for betraying their mother. Harriet finally gets what she wants from Tiro. Gracious turns the tables on Schumacher.

## SCANDAL!

**Monday 29 April**

**R**omeo finds what he is looking for but gets more than he bargained for. Zinzi feels enough is enough. Stokkies goes back to his old ways.

**Tuesday 30 April**

**R**omeo tries to tempt an unpredictable new player into the game. A bit of tenderness from an unexpected source puts further strain on a troubled marriage. Under pressure, Walter considers a risky move.

**Wednesday 1 May**

**A**murderer faces off with a ghost from his past. The burden of loss proves too great for a bull to bear any longer. An unsuspecting man is implicated in a corruption scandal that could make and break its author.

**Thursday 2 May**

**R**omeo assists in preparing a trap to lure in a deserving victim. Zinzi decides to make a difficult sacrifice for the good of her family. After a great success, Stokkies comes back down to earth with a bump.

**Friday 3 May**

**R**omeo's plot to bring Mthunzi down has an unexpected outcome. A wife walks in on her husband with another woman and assumes the worst.

## MUST WATCH MOVIES:

### Little

Little is the working-woman's answer to Freaky Friday. When Jordan's (Regina Hall) overbearing demands wreak havoc on the workplace, she wakes up one day to find herself switched with a little girl (Marsai Martin). The two gave their own lessons to learn before returning back to their own bodies.



### Hellboy

Hellboy explores that classic conundrum when you're not a boy, not yet a demon. The reboot of the graphic novel-based film franchise sees the titular Hellboy battling a sorceress who won't go down without a fight.





# SESORY CLASSICAL

## FUNDRAISING CONCERT



Princess Mazwezulu accepting her token of appreciating during the Sesory Classical Fundraising Concert which was held at Royal Swazi Sun Hotel on Wednesday. (Pics: Zwelethu Dlamini)



Youngseok Nam performing with Princess Mazwezulu.



Princess Mazwezulu performing 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'.



Attendees at the concert appreciating the acts of the day.



Former Miss Eswatini Nozipho Shabangu with Swaziland National Youth Council Chief Executive Officer Makhosami Dlamini.



Sesory Choir performing 'We Are The World'.



Enjabulweni School choir singing their lungs out.



Soprano and tenor duet by Sarah Suk and Mlandvo Simelane.



Eunice Han performing a piano solo.



Music lovers following proceedings.



SWANCEFA

With: Thulani Lushaba

# Importance of lifelong learning



**M**ost people associate learning with formal education at school, college, university etc. We are all told, from an early age, that we should 'get a good education'.

Generally speaking, it is true that a formal education and the resulting qualifications are important. Education may maximise our potential to find better, more satisfying jobs, earn more and, perhaps, become more successful in our chosen careers.

However, 'schooling' is only one type of learning. There are many other opportunities to further your knowledge and develop the skills you need throughout life. Knowledge can be acquired and skill-sets developed anywhere – learning is unavoidable and happens all the time.

However, lifelong learning is about creating and maintaining a positive attitude to learning both for personal and professional development.

Lifelong learners are motivated to learn and develop because they want to: it is a deliberate and voluntary act. Lifelong learning can enhance our understanding of the world around us, provide us with more and better opportunities and improve our quality of life.

There are two main reasons for learning throughout life: for **personal development** and for **professional development**.

These reasons may not necessarily be distinct as personal development can improve your employment opportunities and professional development can enable personal growth.

Learning for its own sake brings its own advantages. For example, learning in whatever context:

- Boosts our confidence and self-esteem
- Makes us less risk averse and more adaptable to change when it happens
- Helps us achieve a more satisfying personal life
- Challenges our ideas and beliefs
- Can be fun

## Learning for personal development

There does not need to be a specific reason for learning since learning for the sake of learning can in itself be a rewarding experience.

There is a common view that continuous learning and having an active mind throughout life may delay or halt the progress of some forms of dementia, although there is actually very little scientific evidence to support these claims. However, keeping the brain active does have advantages, since learning can prevent you from becoming bored, and thus enable a more fulfilling life at any age.

There are, of course, many reasons why people learn for personal development.

You may want to increase your knowledge or skills around a particular hobby or pastime that you enjoy.

Perhaps, you want to develop some entirely new skill that will in some way enhance your life – take a pottery or car mechanic course for example.

Perhaps, you want to research a medical condition or your ancestry.

Perhaps, you're planning a trip and want to learn more about the history and culture of your destination.

Maybe, you will decide to take a degree course later in life simply because you enjoy your chosen subject and the challenges of aca-

**If you are frustrated with your current job, continuing to hone your skills will make it easier for you to find new ways out of a potentially stressful work situation. Keeping an open mind to learning and giving yourself room for flexibility is key to job satisfaction.**

demic study.

## Learning for professional development

Our capacity to earn is directly related to our willingness to learn. Being well-educated is not necessarily the key to employment. Although qualifications may get you an interview, actually getting the job can take a lot more.

Employers are looking for well-balanced people with transferable skills. This includes the ability to be able to demonstrate that you are keen to learn and develop.

If you do find yourself unemployed then use the time wisely. Learning something new can pay-off with new opportunities which might not otherwise have arisen. While you are employed, take advantage of training, coaching or mentoring opportunities and work on your continuous professional development as you will likely become better at what you do and more indispensable to your current or

future employer.

## Putting the time in for extra learning brings its own rewards

It means we can get more personal satisfaction from our lives and jobs as we understand more about who we are and what we do. This can lead to better results and a more rewarding working day in turn. If you choose to learn about another complementary sector, this enables opportunities to specialise and potentially earn more or move to a connected industry. In turn this gives us wider experience on which to build our knowledge and more transferable skills in readiness for your next move.

From a financial point of view, a more highly skilled and knowledgeable worker is an asset to any company and can lead to faster promotion with associated salary increases. Someone who can offer more expertise will be of more value not just to employers but also to customers.

Expertise is also, often, a key quality of an effective leader.

If you are frustrated with your current job, continuing to hone your skills will make it easier for you to find new ways out of a potentially stressful work situation. Keeping an open mind to learning and giving yourself room for flexibility is key to job satisfaction. Furthermore, potentially staying ahead of competitors for jobs by being more experienced or

knowledgeable can give you an edge.

## Learning gives you options

The bottom line is that, whatever your life path, there are a number of sometimes unanticipated benefits to continual personal and professional development. *Whatever your age, it's never too late to start.*

Successfully changing career path in mid-life and spending time informally developing expertise is more common than ever, especially during rapidly changing market conditions.

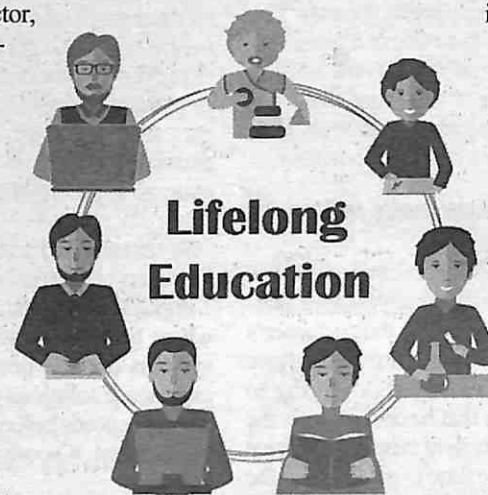
Most people still rely on succeeding in employment for their ability to earn a living.

The more flexible we can be about our direction, the easier we make our lives. Our

economy is shifting increasingly towards short-term and part-time contracts with more flexible work-patterns whilst old industries are shifting abroad.

We have to adapt to changes going on in the work-world and make more of ourselves by stepping out of our comfort zones and ideas of how we believe our life is going.

Relying on job permanence for earnings and promotion is not as feasible as it once was. Because of work-life instability, more people of all ages are turning their hobby into a business idea. Continually following one's passion outside of work hours can lead you to get paid for doing what you love, and typically you will develop business and other transferable skills as you go along until the point that you can delegate your least favourite jobs.







## ECONOMICS TODAY

WITH: George Choongwa

# When the customer becomes the 'boss' in businesses

**O**f late, a customer has been called all sorts of respectful names, such as the 'boss', 'comes first', customer always right, etc.

All these ascribed notions about a customer paint a much clearer position with regards to his or her position. However, it becomes wise to argue that in every business venture, a customer is an important person to any business. Without a customer, a business cannot meet its target sales and eventually suffer from cash-flow challenges.

The quality product comes first. When you are able to provide a consistently high quality product, you are providing the customer with the most important aspect of customer service, a superior product experience. It is prudent to know that customer service is the most important aspect of sales. Without friendly, knowledgeable service, no product can sell itself.

However, it is not only about having a customer, but rather a good one. For this to happen, quality customer service is the only key that makes a good customer. The question that comes along is what should one take into consideration in order to provide excellent customer services?

## First impression

First impression is as good as great impression. This is one of the vital elements for any successful business. In real terms, your first impression can make or break a deal. This is especially true when you're trying to attract and keep customers: according to research, more than 20 per cent of customers stopped trusting a company after one bad experience, and a quarter will instantly switch brands. The brands that understand the value of a great first impression come out on top. Based on this notion, it is then clear to note that first customers are the most dangerous to the business; they can either create or destroy a business.

## Responding to customer needs and wants

One of the most important customer service skills one can develop is the ability to understand and effectively respond to the customer's needs and concerns. For a long time, sales have been perceived to be mostly about trying to convince the customer that he or she needs the product. However, excellent customer service starts by first taking the time to get to know the customer, his or her situation, vision, frustrations and goals.

to some extent.

## Customer service is reactive in nature

Too often, customer service is reactive. This means that customers react on what reception they get once they step in the business. It is for this reason that one needs to know that a business brand communicates with customers only when they reach out with comments or complaints. Sometimes customers' comments may not sound so good for the business owner. However, when it comes to negative feedback, catching a disappointed customer before that person has a chance to express his or her displeasure can make all the difference. It calls for courage to accept blame and move on for the better.

Nevertheless when the customer relationship has been compromised by this point, and in competitive markets, the customer will go elsewhere, but when customer service management systems operate proactively with customer experience solutions and are able to anticipate customer needs before they occur, then one can be sure that a score on a more satisfied customer.

## Getting as much as possible from customer

Every serious business person must understand that business is about relation between the owner and the client. However most business owners tend to forget this point, instead of seeing rational customers who have the power and right to choice by default, they are seen as money machines which are desperately for obtaining goods or service.

In actual terms, customers see themselves as distinct individuals, and expect brands to see them this way as well, customers appreciate respect and recognition therefore customer service tactics should be as dynamic and agile as the customers they serve. This means utilizing solutions that allow marketers to move past segmentation and to embrace personalization. However, this demands sharp articulation from the business owner. One way to ensure a personalized experience, and build loyalty, is to develop real, genuine relationships with customers beyond their initial purchases.

## The influence of social media

Research demands that people are social beings and so they tend to favor dealing with other people rather than with companies, so the key to delivering great customer service on social media is to be speedy, personal and empathetic in your response. Though this tends to be a challenge to many small business owners because social media is still a challenge especially in Eswatini and Africa in general, many businesses can get a quick response on their business brand. However, social media gives you the ability to think carefully about your reply and speak in a casual and conversational voice.

However, for those who are already in the game could use signatures for different representatives to sign their tweets and show their human side of business. Remember that business deals with people, so sometimes it is the best approach to show the human side of the business.

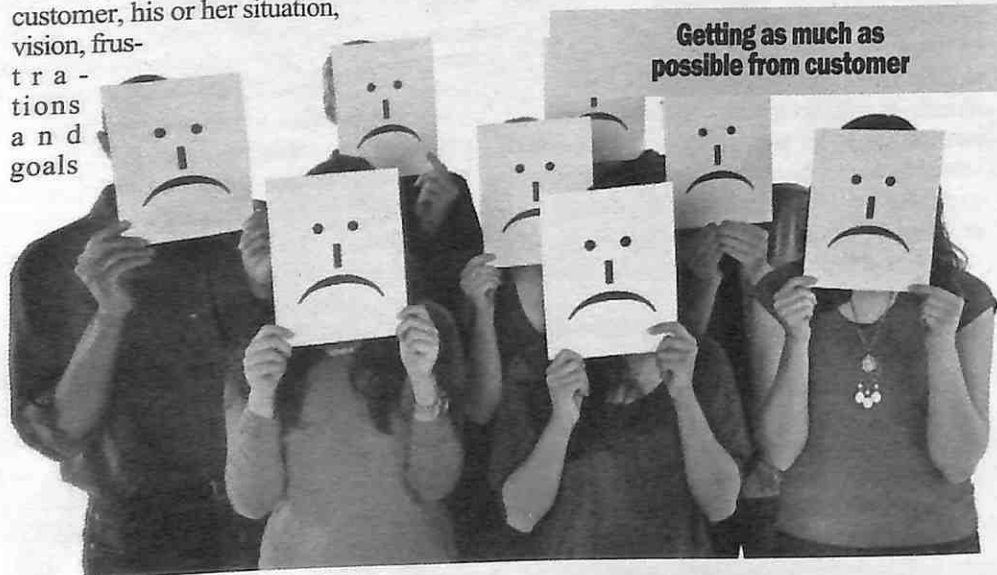
## What makes customers buy from you?

Understanding why your customers buy from you is one of the most important elements in building a business brand. For example, is it your customer service, your convenient location or your low prices that make your customers want to buy from you again? You can try asking some of your best customers why they choose to buy from you, to help you improve on these features. This valuable feedback can help if you're looking to innovate in your business, open a new location or even if you're just trying to improve and refine your business strategy. Most businesses have managed to excel because of one or more areas where they are doing really well. This is what they call competitive advantage. At times customers may flock your business because your operating hours are flexible, hence meeting the customer demands and preferences.

## Make follow-ups

Once sold is not business done, instead business starts from then. After-sales it is a good practice to make follow ups when need arises though this may depend on the nature of business. For example, if you are in service business, it is a good idea to make follow ups. This really makes customers feel that they are cared for as a result this helps you build an ongoing relationship with them, and also encourage them to talk about your business in a positive way. When contacting them, try asking if they're happy with their purchase. If they're not, you could ask them how your product or service could be improved.

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### Introduction

**M**ushrooms are fleshy, spore-bearing fruiting body of a fungus, produced above the ground on soil or on its food source.

They are normally classified as vegetables in the food world, but they are not technically plants.

### Nutritional value of mushrooms

Mushrooms are very rich in B vitamins, such as riboflavin (B2), folate (B9), thiamine (B1), pantothenic (B5) and niacin (B3). These vitamins help the body to get energy from food and help form red blood cells and for healthy brain. Pregnant women are supposed to increase intake of these vitamins for the well-being of the foetus.

Mushrooms are also the only vegan, non-fortified dietary source of Vitamin D. They also contain choline that helps with sleep, muscle movement, learning and memory. Choline also assists in maintaining the structure of cellular membranes, aids in the transmission of nerve impulses, supports proper fat absorption and reduces chronic inflammation.

They are also rich in mineral salts such as selenium, potassium, phosphorus, iron and copper.

**Selenium**, which is a powerful antioxidant that protects cells from damage that might lead to heart disease and cancer. This mineral is hardly found in vegetables thus making mushrooms the richest and natural source.

**Potassium**, which helps in the maintenance of body fluid thus controlling blood pressure.

**Phosphorus**, which in combination with calcium forms the structure of our bones and teeth.

### Health benefits of mushrooms

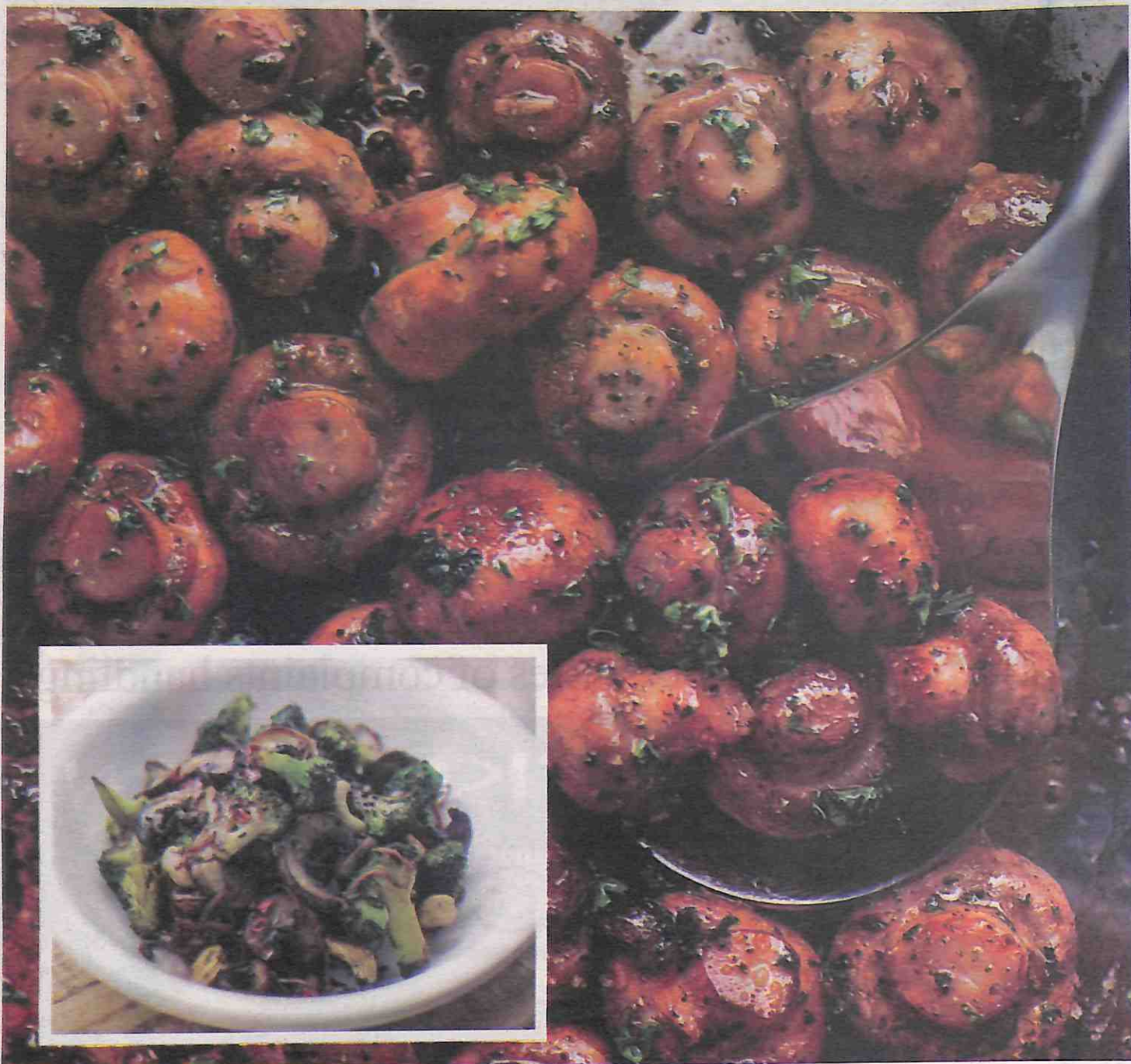
**CANCER**- Mushrooms are high in antioxidants just like tomatoes, carrots, peppers and pumpkins. These antioxidants get rid of free radicals that can harm a person's body cells, potentially leading to cancer.

Selenium detoxifies some cancer-causing compounds in the body. Vitamin D inhibits the growth of cancer-causing cells by contributing to the regulation of the cell growth cycle. Folate plays a role in DNA synthesis and repair, thus preventing the formation of cancer cells from mutation in the DNA.

**HEART HEALTH**- The fibre, potassium and vitamin C contained in mushrooms all contribute to cardiovascular health. Potassium and sodium work together in the body to help regulate blood pressure. The stem of shiitake mushrooms are a good source of fibre beta-glucans, which when consumed lower blood cholesterol.

**IMMUNITY**- Selenium in mushrooms has been found to improve immune response to infection by stimulating the production of killer T-cells. The beta-glucan fibre in the cell walls of the mushrooms stimulates the immune system to fight cancer cells and prevent tumors

# What is in my mushrooms?



from forming.

**WEIGHT MANAGEMENT** - Mushrooms are high in dietary fibre, which plays a role in weight management by functioning as a bulking agent in the digestive system. The fibre increases satiety and suppresses appetite.

### Quick tips for preparing mushrooms

- Saute with onion or other vegetables
- Add raw sliced crimini mushrooms to tops any salad.
- Stuff mushrooms with filling and bake.
- Add sliced mushrooms to omelettes, breakfast scrambles and quiches.
- Grill portabella mushrooms and use on sandwiches or in wraps.

### Conclusion

Mushrooms especially the wild might place human health at risk as they might contain toxic compounds, so consuming cultivated ones is

always safe.

Mushrooms can be eaten raw, but cooking them thoroughly is very important as they have very tough cell walls which can only be softened through cooking thus making the nutrients readily available.

Cooking can also destroy toxic compounds found in mushrooms. But note, cooked mushrooms have low nutrient content especially the vitamins, thus complementing with other foods is essential.

### OYSTER MUSHROOM AND VEGETABLE STIR FRY

- 4 teaspoons cooking oil
- 1 C carrot thinly sliced
- 1 onion thinly sliced
- 2 gloves garlic minced
- 500g oyster mushrooms
- 1 large green pepper sliced
- 1 large red pepper sliced
- 2cm ginger stick sliced
- Salt to taste
- 4 teaspoon soya sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

### METHOD

- Melt margarine, add carrots and onions and fry for a few minutes.
- Add garlic and mushrooms and continue cooking till mushrooms are tender.
- Finally add remaining ingredients and cook for five minutes.

### OYSTER MUSHROOM SOUP

- 2 teaspoon margarine
- ½ onion finely chopped
- 1 glove garlic minced
- 250g oyster mushrooms chopped
- ¼ cup diced carrots
- ¼ cup diced green beans
- 4 cups water
- Salt to taste
- 2T chopped coriander

### METHOD

- Sauté onion and garlic
- Add mushrooms and cook till soft
- Add carrots and water, bring to boil.
- Add coriander
- Simmer gently for 30 minutes.
- Add green beans 5 minutes before serving



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# Euthanising a pet

**E**uthanising a beloved pet is never easy, but it is an important decision that many pet owners are faced with.

Ready access to euthanasia is one of the few advantages that veterinary medicine has over human medicine. Intense suffering before death, with loss of dignity and chronic pain, are awful to witness and to experience. There aren't any hospices for terminally ill animals and euthanasia can spare their suffering and dignity. But that doesn't make it easy for the people who love the pet being put to sleep.

Euthanasia, when performed appropriately, is a good thing. However, two big questions remain: how do you know when the time is right and should you be present for the procedure? Both of these questions are intensely personal and solicited or unsolicited opinions from outsiders can make you feel very uncomfortable. Ignore others and follow your heart. Do what you honestly believe is best for your pet and do not allow anyone – including yourself – to make you feel guilty about your decisions. Other people can only say what would be best for them. Only you can do what is best for you.

The decision to euthanise a pet must be made in the present. After the event you may feel guilty for having waited too long or not hav-



ing been present – or for having been present. Do not beat yourself up. Make the best decisions you can, and remember that you cannot know with certainty in the present what you would have wanted in the future.

Two conditions must be met for euthanasia to be appropriate. First, the pet must be ready. To be ready the animal will be suffering, or on

the verge of suffering, with no reasonable alternative to eliminate the suffering. Second, the people who love the animal must be ready, or at least as ready as they can be. Bear in mind that it is not fair to allow the pet to suffer for weeks or months because the owners cannot bear to part with him.

Animals have wonderful spirits, and it can be very hard to tell what their level of suffer-

ing is. However, there are some general guidelines that can be used to determine whether the time is right. Appetite and behavior are the key things to monitor. Poor appetite is a sign that a pet does not feel well. It rarely means that he is not hungry. It more often means that he feels ill to eat. When your dog loses interest in his favourite activities, his quality of life is very low.

## What happens during the procedure?

Generally euthanasia drugs are given intravenously. Therefore the first step is usually to place an intravenous catheter. This is not a significantly painful procedure and is tolerated well by most pets. However, if stress or anxiety are displayed during catheter placement, a sedative is used instead. If the sedative causes sufficient relaxation to allow for the catheter to be placed without stress, that can be done. If not, no catheter is placed. Euthanasia is performed with an intravenous overdose of an anesthetic called pentobarbital. In less than one minute it is over.

Any owner who wishes to be present should be, offering comfort to their pet in his last moments. But for some people being present is simply too difficult. For them the experience, or the thought of seeing their pet no longer alive, is unbearably painful. Whatever decision you make at the time is the best decision. More important is enabling euthanasia to spare your pet unnecessary and unavoidable suffering and misery.



## Eswatini Standards Authority

**E**ven though most organisations/businesses do not like receiving a complaint, these present you as a business with an opportunity to identify and rectify specific problems within your current systems or product.

They can also help you to develop your relationship with your customer, by allowing you to demonstrate that you value their trade, by taking their concerns seriously and dealing with their complaint diligently and professionally.

### Develop a strategic plan

Have a clear, flexible, welcoming and open policy on complaints.

A well-established complaint policy will guide you into realising your internal process flaws, finding the root cause and eliminating it. Customer complaints, therefore should be taken as a blessing in disguise.

### Train your staff and management in complaints handling

Give them confidence to tackle the difficult customers and support in their actions. Excellent complaint handling isn't easy and can sometimes be stressful and feel unrewarding. Confirm its importance in providing great customer service.

### Give complaints enough priority and authority

Staff should be aware that complaints are a top priority item for your operation, and anyone who

## Golden rules of complaints handling



deals with them must have sufficient authority to resolve them completely. It becomes easier to retain complaining customers than getting back 'departed' customers who left because of your lack of effectiveness and efficiency.

### Ensure that you can process complaints from all sources

Nowadays there are four main ways to complain - in person, by email/internet, by telephone or by mail - and your organisation must be able to handle all of these efficiently.

### How to handle complaints

There are several key stages when handling a complaint:

Thank the customer for complaining - You should consider yourself lucky that the customer is prepared to give up their time and money to let you know they have a problem, instead of just walking away - a complaint is a gift.

Say that you are sorry that the problem has happened - This is not an admission of guilt on your part, it's just good manners.

Put yourself in the place of the customer - This will instantly give you an advantage, as you not only will have more empathy with the customer, but also you know your business better than them and so can hopefully see the solution quicker. Start with the view that the customer has a valid point, not that they are trying to rip you off - It is true that there are some professional complainers out there, but they are in the minority, and, if you are a local store, you probably know them anyway. Accepting that the customer may well have a point, even internally, may well trigger off ideas for an acceptable resolution.

Get all the facts first - Letting the customer give you all of the information helps you fully understand the situation and, if they are emotional, will give them time to calm down.

Correct the mistake - Don't leap straight to the "free gift" route. While it is very tempting to give the customer a gift, or vouchers, too often it is done instead of solving the problem. This can lead to more complaints about the same thing in the future because the problem has not

been fixed.

Make sure that your definition of the right fix is the same as the customer's. In short, have a mutual agreement with your customer.

Learn from every complaint - Do something! Fix the process; train staff in the issue; eliminate the root cause of the fault. Wherever possible let the complaining customer know that they have helped you resolve a problem - they'll feel great and come back again and again (and will probably tell their friends!) not to complain per se but with a helping hand.

Minimise reasons for complaints - Do you have a continuous improvement culture? Do you check customer (and employee) satisfaction regularly? Do you check the quality of the goods sold in your organisation? If to any of the questions above, your answer was to the negative, think again! Always respond - Make sure that EVERYONE who complains on the telephone, by letter, or by email gets a rapid and appropriate response.

Listen to your staff - They nearly always care about your company and doing a good job. They are also much closer to the customers than you are. Ask their views regularly and make changes when they are sensible. Make sure their complaints are handled too.

Lead by example - It is not that your staff do not listen to what you say, it is that they do listen, so make sure that you are always setting the right example, and giving complaints your personal priority. Reward good complaints handling. Hint: money is a short-term motivation.

Remember - it costs at least five times as much to gain a new customer than keep an existing one. Keeping a complaining customer should be the top priority, and at these cost ratios you can afford to be generous in your time and effort.

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## Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini

No woman is as naïve and vulnerable as the one who tolerates and even forgives any beating from a boyfriend and a husband even.

That is the worst thing a man who purports to love you can ever do, and the worst degrading action that ever happens to a soul called a woman, who has agreed to travel on the journey of love with a man.

Here is a hard fact, a man who beat you once for anything no matter how small or serious, will potentially beat and even kill you next time.

This is no habit to be tolerated, let alone forgiven, not even for the world he may give or promise thereafter.

Prior to, now and during the much advertised law against domestic or romantic violence, a lot of women have been, are and will be beaten by the men they are in love with.

They are putting up with it for 101 reasons, that ain't reasonable enough given the damage they incur physically and emotionally.

With all these cruel gestures extended to women and a few men, as it also appears very few litigation processes have ensued from the cruelty borne out of love. This is an imbalance and a bad example set for our young and upcoming boys, who are so busy in the romantic arena. On the same measure, Scales would say, never tolerate a woman *lotakunhlakaya ngemphama* in the television style and justify same that she was cross with you.

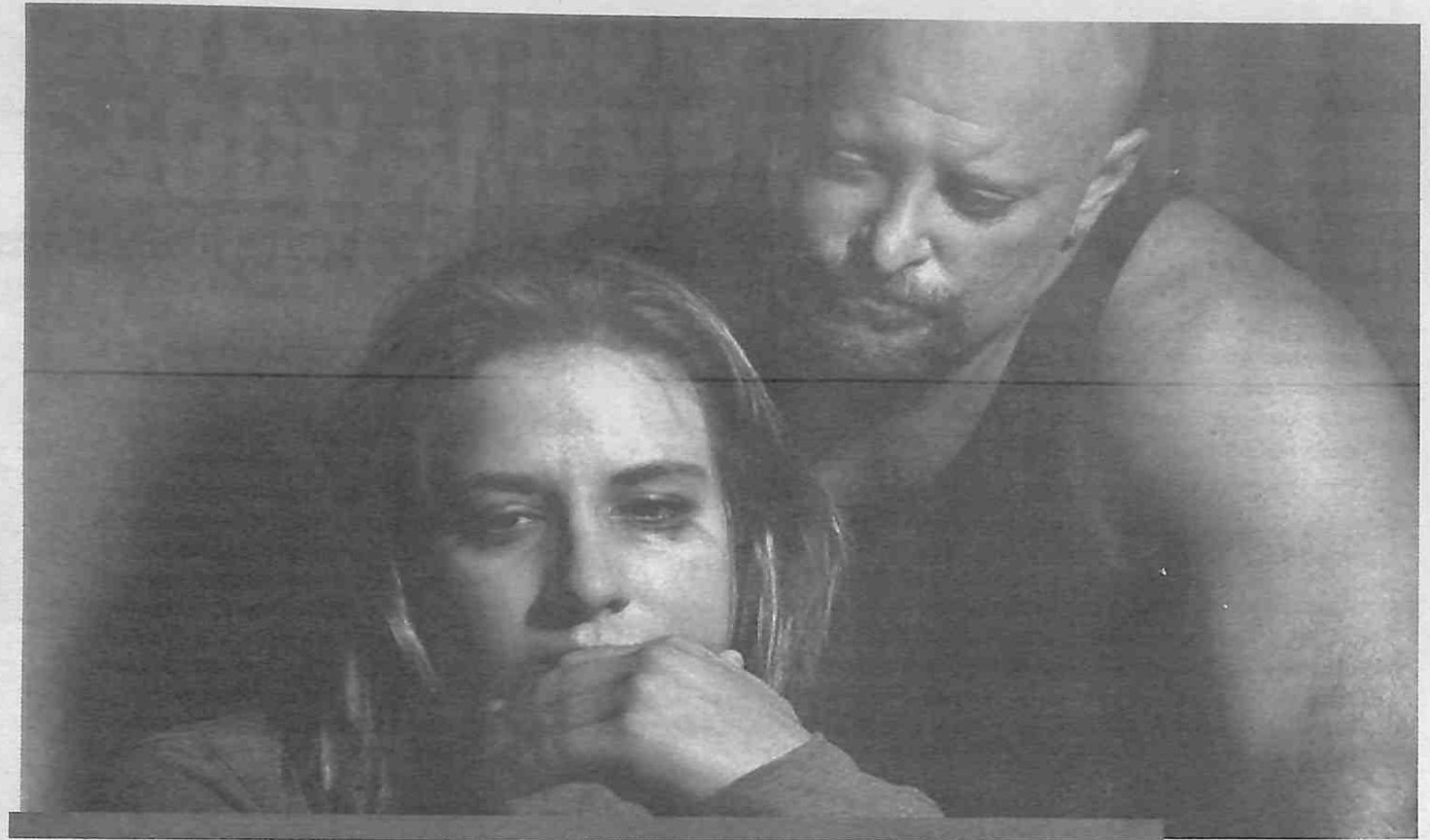
She will never spare the smallest ounce of respect for you, all the days you will be dating or married!

A man will justify beating you on the basis that he has been cheated or has caught you on the act. Now, whilst that may be a fact, the truth is you have caught him with a choir of girls for multiple times and you have never laid a hand unto him.

If he beats you, all it means is that cheating is okay in any relationship, so long as the cheater is strong enough to get away with it. In a level world of adults, anyone who cheats on you can be talked to about the habit or simply jilted for the infidelity and you find another, who will respect the status quo of the love affair.

That said, Scales is aware that the habit comes from ancient times, where men beat their wives for this or that.

Women of old,  
*abevele*



# A woman shouldn't forgive a man who violently lays a hand on her

*aguzele umntfwana emhlane* in the event she realised she was about to be beaten by the husband and often times they would survive the beating. Today's married women, *tintfombi* at 30, *bacedzile kutala* and there would be no baby *yekuvika ngaye* in the marathon of fights they have with their husbands that end up violently. However, the very law, culture and custom frowned upon a man who beat his wife literally because *indvuku yemfati yinye, ihlala endlini, ancuncutfwe ngayo aze alunge* and toe the line.

### Interests

Should that 'rod' be spared, she is apt to be wayward and pursue means to get a foreign 'Stick.'

You will never beat a woman or a man out of loving. You can only make them decide if they want to be with

you or the other person, or quit the stable relationship yourself when you feel your interests are no longer represented given the manner (s)he has crowded your affair.

The beating aspect as never served anyone, let alone doing anyone any good. As a matter of logic, psychology has it that the weakest man is the most violent and physical in a love affair.

The worst investment a man can ever make, is one cultivated unto a woman on the stupid basis that he loves her.

She remains an individual who must coin her own way of living even though she is your love now, for you may not be her love in the future.

### Income

These men of today *utsenga indlu nelidladla* for a girlfriend and spend half his income unto her basic living. Two things are possible here, she may want out of the affair because she has met someone she truly loves or she may cheat on you to make up for what you ain't to her, other than being a sponsor.

In the face of each of the two, the man will want to kill her for that choice. You weren't supposed to do that in the first place, because, she never was and may not ever be your wife.

Without delving unto the utmost basics of research, it has transpired that men would look at all the monetary investment they would have made on a woman, who now prefers another man and go mad.

In the event, they would beat, kill the woman, kill themselves thereafter, and a child if there was any form of an 'investment plan' gone wrong." Nobody's love is ever static. The (wo)man who loves you today may have different feelings for you the other time, *asitsi nje sewukutsandza kakhulu*, in the same measure (s)he would have realised you ain't the soul who shakes his/her heart rock-bottom.

On an equal measure, it would be a bad career choice for any woman to rely on a

man for survival. Everyone breathing and of sound capabilities, ought to make a livin her own. Some women would tolerate all the beatings from a man because she would have nowhere to go in the event she jilts the abuser.

It's his house, his food, his money and all. All she is in that setting *ngulogwaja nje* in a cage. Whosoever feeds a rabbit, no matter how nutritious the feed, will one day slaughter it!

On a parting shot, Societal Scales will not come short of being observant to the fact beating a girlfriend or a wife is a habit of choice.

The man who beats you does not beat all the women he is dating. If he beats you as a girlfriend, he may not ever beat his wife or the other girlfriend. *Uyakweya wena* and straps you around his fragile ego to make you believe that he cares. If he beats you for cheating on him, he is no angel as well, and may have cheated on you many times with other women he has never laid a violent hand unto their physics.

Mnonophi Masilela was dating a teacher he used to beat all the time, so much that she would have blue eyes that she would even miss work.

He would be accused of seeing the principal, another teacher or to have delayed coming back from work. When she had had enough, she took a bold step *wamala* amidst a mountain of apologies.

He got another woman he dated who he later married, who was bad to the last stitch of her clothing. He never beat her once notwithstanding the bad character she had. No woman should tolerate, let alone forgive a man who violently lays a hand unto her.

There will never be a time when he would ever stop and no measure no matter how small, would stop him to beat you. It remains an abusive habit.

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## STI Awareness: What you need to know about sexually transmitted infections II

There are lots of important facts you need to know about sexually transmitted infections (STIs). STIs are infections that can be spread through unprotected sex or close sexual contact with another person who already has an STI. Some STIs can be dangerous and cause complications such as infertility.

### HOW ARE STIs TRANSMITTED?

Sex without a condom or dental dam, including vaginal, anal, or oral sex with someone who has an STI, even if he or she doesn't have symptoms.  
Shared sex toys that aren't washed or covered with a new condom each time they're used.  
Genital contact with your partner's genitals. This means you can get STIs even if there is no penetration, orgasm, or ejaculation.  
Contact with infected semen or vaginal fluid, including getting either in your eye.  
A pregnant woman can transmit STIs to her unborn baby.

### WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF STIs

Many STIs have no symptoms, which means you could have an STI without knowing. Sometimes it can take weeks or months for the symptoms to show. Common STIs signs and symptoms include but not limited to:

- Open sores around your genitals, in the mouth, or around the bottom
- Pain or burning when urinating.
- Discharge from the penis
- Vaginal discharge that smells or changes colour
- Pain during sex
- Unusual vaginal bleeding
- Sore, swollen lymph nodes, particularly in the groin but sometimes more widespread
- Pain in the lower abdomen or groin.
- Bleeding between periods, heavier periods, irregular bleeding, or bleeding after sexual intercourse.



### HOW CAN STIs BE PREVENTED?

If you have sex, you can lower your risk of getting an STI with the following methods. Remember that close genital contact can spread an STI without having sex, too.

**Use condoms correctly and consistently:** the best way to prevent STIs when you have sex. A man does not need to ejaculate to give or get some STIs, so put

a male or female condom on before the penis touches the vagina, mouth, or anus.

**Get screened or tested:** You and your partner(s) should get screened or tested for STIs. Talk about your results before you have sex.

**Limit your number of sex partners:** Your risk of getting an STI increases as you have more partners.

**Do not douche:** Douching removes some of the normal bacteria in the vagina that protects you from infection.

**Do not abuse alcohol or drugs:** Drinking too much alcohol or using drugs increases risky behaviour, which may put you at risk of unprotected sex.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT AN STI?

Visit your nearest health care facility for screening and treatment. You can also visit New Start Clinic at Big Tree Complex, Mahhala. While on treatment, continue to use condoms correctly and consistently. Remember, prevention is better than cure!

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## DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS

### SPECIAL FEATURE

**E**lections in the Democratic Republic of Congo had "major faults", but were possibly the most democratic the country has ever held, according to the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Tibor Nagy.

In a wide-ranging interview with RFI, Donald Trump's Africa policy chief talked about the "serious" nature of Cameroon's Anglophone crisis and Russian involvement in the Central African Republic.

"I look at Congo and other parts of Africa as an ongoing evolutionary process," said Nagy, referring to the election of Felix Tshisekedi at the end of 2018. The most significant outcome is that "Kabila is gone".

"The elections obviously had major faults to it, but at the same time I look at Congo and other parts of Africa as an ongoing evolutionary process," Nagy told RFI.

The Trump administration in February slapped new sanctions on senior Congolese officials for their alleged involvement in corruption and human rights abuses surrounding the December polls.

The president of the country's parliament, head of the constitutional court and three top officials from the electoral commission were targeted by the US for a "blatant disregard for democratic principles and human rights".

Nagy said these sanctions were for "impeding the democratic process or corruption or inciting violence".

The veteran American diplomat is hopeful that Tshisekedi can lead reforms in the country. The incoming president has yet to form a new government - he is being blocked by the parliamentary majority controlled by former president Joseph Kabila.



US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Tibor Nagy.

"These parties will look for new coalitions, new alliances, trying to position themselves in the new government," said Nagy, who has served in Ethiopia, Guinea, Nigeria, Cameroon and Togo. "There's quite a bit of political drama going on right now."

He points to neighbouring Angola where long-standing leader José Eduardo dos Santos was replaced by João Lourenço with many expecting the new president to remain tied to the former.

"Quite a bit of time later there's been an incredible amount of progress and I anticipate that we will be seeing a similar evolution in the Congo," said Nagy.

The top US-Africa diplomat is expected to travel to the Democratic Republic of Congo on 13 March. Before then he will visit Uganda and Rwanda. He is also expected in Cameroon on 17 March where he will discuss "Cameroon's role as a regional partner with government officials, and meet civil society", according to the US State Department.

**Cameroon needs to address Anglophone crisis**

The current crisis in Cameroon's Anglophone regions has raged since late 2016 with protests over perceived marginalisation by the Francophone majority morphing into almost daily clashes between security forces and armed separatists.

"There's a very serious national crisis going on, but I believe the government needs to be more serious in how they address it," said Nagy.

"I'm not sure, and I hope I'm wrong, that the government realises just what a serious problem it is," added. "Even though there have been some policies announced by the government - in my view, they have been more symbolic than active."

The US cut some military assistance to Cameroon in February over concerns about human rights violations allegedly committed by the Cameroonian military.

The country has been seen as a key security partner for the US and some 300 troops are based in the northern town of Garoua in an effort to fight hardline Islamists in the north of Cameroon.

"I think it could be settled relatively quickly," said Nagy, in discussion of the Anglophone crisis. "A couple of positive steps would be if the people in the north west and south west could directly elect their governors."

The American diplomat, referring to regional governors who are Francophone, said it would be unlikely that officials would be French speakers if Anglophones had more say over their own governance. Nagy also suggested that the security forces operating in the Anglophone regions "need to speak English".

A conference bringing together all sides involved in the crisis would be "very positive", according to Nagy. It would need to be "endorsed by the highest levels of government".

### Russian 'meddling' in the CAR

On the Central African Republic, Nagy raised concerns over Russia's presence in the country. The US military last month warned that Russia was using mercenaries and arms sales to gain access to the African continent's natural resources.

"The Russian involvement so far has been problematic because they have conducted activities outside of the formal peace process, they also have their own agenda, which is not always transparent," said Nagy.

A shaky peace deal in the CAR is in doubt with issues surrounding representation in the newly-formed government. Regular violence in the CAR has been the norm since 2013 when then-president Francois Bozize was ousted by the Muslim Seleka rebel group, prompting reprisals from the mainly Christian anti-Balaka militia.

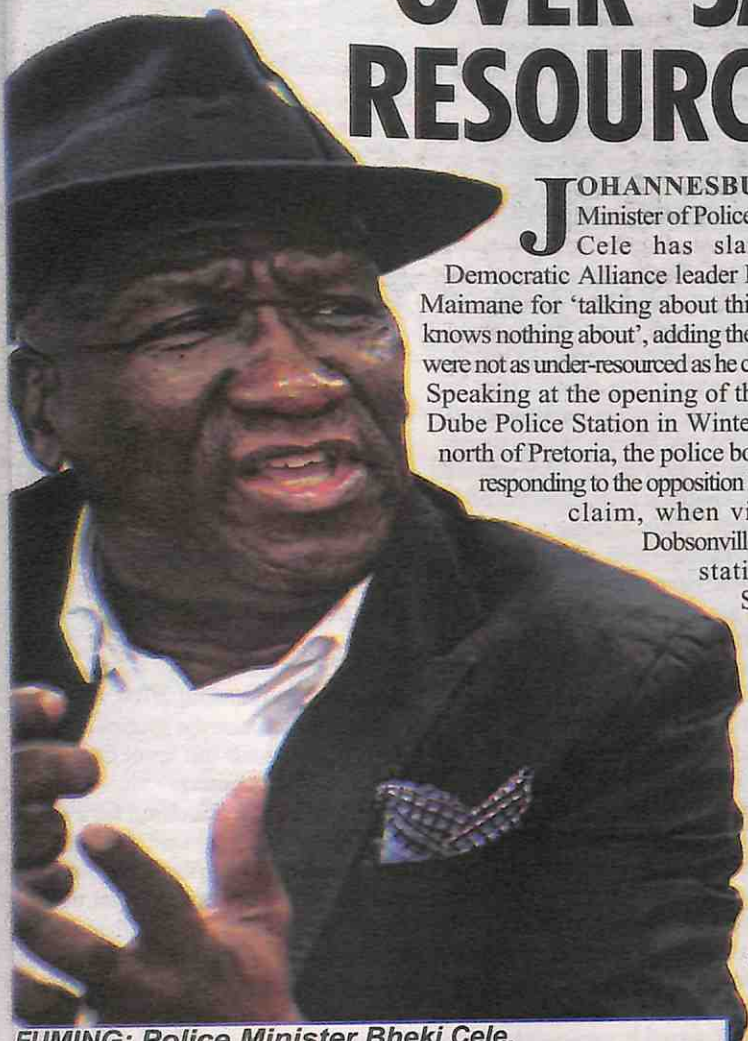
"We will remain very engaged, we will support French efforts, and we hope that the Russians also play under the authorised process and are aiming for a positive outcome," said Nagy.



## Focus on SA Scene

### Your Daily Mzansi News

# CELE GUNS FOR MAIMANE OVER 'SAPS UNDER RESOURCED' CLAIMS



FUMING: Police Minister Bheki Cele.

**J**OHANNESBURG - Minister of Police Bheki Cele has slammed Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane for 'talking about things he knows nothing about', adding the police were not as under-resourced as he claimed. Speaking at the opening of the new Dube Police Station in Winterveldt, north of Pretoria, the police boss was responding to the opposition leader's claim, when visiting Dobsonville police station in Soweto earlier this

month, that the police did not have the capacity to fight crime.

Cele said: "Crime has nothing to do with politics. But there is this person, Mmusi Maimane, who talks about the police service being under-resourced and not having enough police officers. We have a new police station. He should send his people here to see it, instead of talking about things he knows nothing about and saying there are no police stations." Maimane also suggested that vehicles owned by politicians should be handed over to the police service.

To this Cele retorted: "Look at all these police vehicles. He said (the Democratic Alliance) would take cars from politicians and give them to the police, but police officers drive the latest cars.

"We have GTIs, we have BMWs. Tell Mmusi when you see him that I say I will call him here to ask him: What are these? These are vehicles, aren't they? He is campaigning about serious things that affect people," Cele told a cheering crowd. The new Dube Police Station has living quarters for officers and a new fleet of Golf GTIs and Nissan bakkies. The station will replace the satellite police station nearby".

Citizen

## Chatsworth family of eight perish in deadly storm

**D**URBAN - Grown men wept bitterly as the bodies of eight family members, including two toddlers, were pulled from the rubble of their collapsed Westcliff home on Monday night and on Tuesday morning.

Monday night's storm ravaged KwaZulu-Natal, with Chatsworth being among one of the hardest-hit areas. The heavy rains resulted in mudslides and flooding which left a trail of death and destruction. More than 70 people are reported dead in the province.

The family, whose identities have not been disclosed until their next of kin have been informed, were living in a house situated behind Westcliff Secondary, on Crimby Road. The head of the family worked as the school's care-taker.

According to rescue services at the scene, two family members were found alive and one was found dead on Monday night. The other seven bodies were recovered by members of the community and police on Tuesday afternoon. When POST arrived at the scene, men as old as 75 were on their hands and knees digging through the mud, searching for possible survivors.

Bayview resident Steven Mudaly, 75, said he heard from his daughter-in-law that the house had col-

lapsed and immediately went out to assist. "The search had to stop on Monday night because the area was unstable. It resumed late yesterday (Tuesday). I joined the rescue operation, carrying rubble away from the scene in the hope we would find the family alive."

Reverend Jonathan Naidoo, of the AFM Church, said it was heartbreaking when they found the body of a woman in the debris. "Grown men burst out crying. It was very sad. It was even more heartbreaking when the bodies of two children - aged one and two - were found," said an emotional Naidoo.

The body of another woman was also found clutching her son.

He said he had last seen the family at the weekend during an Easter church roadshow.

"They came to our church and shared a meal with us. We even gave them hampers. "We knew the family well. The children always played on the road and were often seen laughing and being mischievous. We are planning to hold their funeral at our church hall."

A Crimby Avenue resident cried as she told how she looked after one of the children in her crèche.

Cookie Jugmohan, 45, said the 4-year-old boy was very close to her.

Post

## SA abroad head to the polls

**L**ONDON - South Africans living abroad will cast their ballots today ahead of the May 8 elections.

Voting gets underway at 7am at South Africa's high commissions, embassies and consulates around the world.

The largest turnout is expected in London, where voters will queue through Trafalgar Square until they reach the South African High Commission.

Preparations for the vote are said to be on track.

"There's a solid logistical plan, managing the queues ensuring that all the logistical items arrive here

in the right quantities and so on, the training of our own staff, there has been a test team doing work for a while now ensuring everyone understands the legal prescripts and we are happy with that," said IEC Chief Electoral Officer Sy Mamabolo.

In the 2014 elections, the DA received 84 per cent of the vote in London.

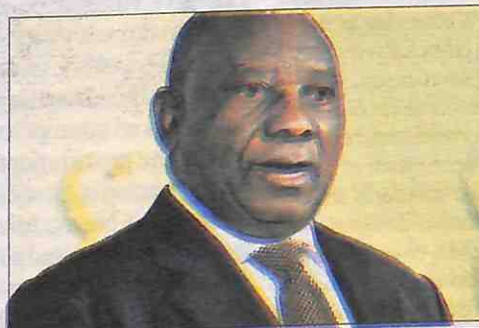
The ANC says the London vote is a challenge but the party still expects to make some gains this year.

Overseas voting is likely to have an even greater South African flavour in 2019, as it takes place on Freedom Day. ENCA

## Ramaphosa to lead Freedom Day commemorations

**J**OHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa will lead South Africa's celebration of 25 years of freedom and democracy at the main 2019 Freedom Day in Makhanda, formerly Grahamstown, in the Eastern Cape on Saturday.

Freedom Day on April 27 marks the date in 1994 of the first democratic election in South Africa. Saturday's main Freedom Day event will take place at the Miki Yili Stadium in Joza Township at Makhanda. In a statement, the presidency said the 2019 National Freedom Day celebration 'marks 25 years of freedom from apartheid colonial oppression and the country's development as a constitutional democracy'. "Freedom Day will be an occasion for the nation to reflect on how South Africa's freedom and democracy was achieved and on the role all South Africans can play in growing the country together into the future," the statement added. African News Agency



25 YEARS: President Cyril Ramaphosa.

## Ford locking systems underfire

**J**OHANNESBURG - First it was burning Kugas but now Ford owners have a new worry, with a spate of break-ins recently.

The car manufacturer has since acknowledged that there is a problem with the locking system on certain car models.

Ford owners have, for some time now, been complaining about locks that are easy pickings for criminals.

Ford admits there is a problem. "We are aware of certain older Eco Sport, Ford Fiesta vehicles that are being targeted by criminals. In some break-ins, we find that the alarm does not sound although the mobiliser is still active. We are also looking at the security system in our other Ford models. This according to Corporate Transformation Manager, Craig Von Essen.

African News Agency



**HORRIFIC:** Torrential downpours have claimed more than 32 lives in Durban. Chatsworth recorded the highest death toll after a family of eight died when their house collapsed in Westcliff. Community members rallied on Tuesday and dug through mud and rubble to retrieve the bodies.

## IEC extends voting hours at foreign missions

**P**ORT ELIZABETH - The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has agreed to extend voting hours at four foreign missions to accommodate Jewish voters celebrating the Sabbath today.

"The decision to extend voting hours at these missions followed a request from the South African Jewish Board of Deputies (SAJBD) to accommodate Jewish voters who will be celebrating the Sabbath on 26 and 27 April," the IEC said.

Voting at the London, Tel Aviv, Los Angeles and New York missions will open at 7am and close at

11.30pm on the day that South Africa commemorates Freedom Day.

The SAJBD had recommended the four missions for extended voting hours based on estimations of the missions most likely to be frequented by Jewish voters. The Commission previously announced that it would allow Muslim voters to apply for special votes at voting stations on May 6 and May 7 from 9am to 5pm, should they choose to due to the anticipated start of the Holy month of Ramadan on May 8, 2019.

African News Agency



# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News

### 'SUDAN RISKS COUNTER COUP WITHOUT DEAL ON TRANSITION'

**K**HARTOUM - Sudan could face a counter coup if military rulers and the opposition do not reach agreement on a hand-over of power to civilians, leading opposition figure and former prime minister Sadiq al-Mahdi said on Thursday.

Mahdi, Sudan's last democratically elected premier, said hardliners in ousted president Omar Hassan al-Bashir's National Congress Party (NCP) and its allies in the army would try to exploit the uncertainty to seize power.

"For them to attempt a counter coup is most probable. All the time they are conspiring," Mahdi, 83, said in an interview with Reuters at his home in the capital Khartoum. "The whole group is well-versed in conspiracy. The conspiratorial mind is ingrained in them."

Mahdi was himself overthrown in a bloodless coup by Bashir in 1989 and imprisoned. Bashir fell after weeks of mass demonstrations and the Sudanese Professionals' Association, the main protest organiser, called for a million-strong march to take place later on Thursday to press for civilian rule. Mahdi predicted that Sudan's generals would relinquish power if the current stalemate were broken. "I think their intentions are good," he said of the senior army officers, who overthrew Bashir on April 11, three decades after he himself seized power, and then formed the

TMC. "They are not interested in a military government," he said, an outcome which the African Union has said would be unacceptable. On Wednesday, the opposition and the TMC agreed to form a committee to resolve their disagreements, amid tensions over how long it would take to move to civilian government in Sudan, where widespread impoverishment has been entrenched by systemic financial mismanagement, corruption and cronyism.

The generals have offered some concessions, sacking some officials, announcing the arrest of others, including two of Bashir's brothers, and ordering steps to curb fraud. But they have insisted that, while they are willing to accept a civilian transitional government, ultimate authority will remain in their hands until elections are held up to two years from now. Mahdi's Umma party is engaged in the negotiations. Asked if he was interested in ruling Sudan now, Mahdi said: "I will not take part in government until and unless we have elections." Reflecting on the turbulent history of Sudan under Bashir, including multiple armed rebellions, economic crises and allegations of war crimes in Darfur, Mahdi recalled

what he said was the day that Bashir began leading Sudan to failure.

"I was praying at home. Dawn prayers. And they surrounded my house," he said of the 1989 coup, which took him completely by surprise.

Reuters



**ELECTED:** Leading Sudanese opposition figure Sadiq al-Mahdi, who is Sudan's last democratically elected prime minister.

### Violence flares in northern Kenya as pressure mounts on villagers

**M**AISA - Kenya's Chief Eipa Choro, 74, remembers when battles were fought with knives and spears. But now newcomers with far more firepower are taking lives in his region at the remote northern edge of the Rift Valley.

Instability in neighbouring Ethiopia and South Sudan are spilling over the border into the disputed territory known as the Ilemi Triangle, residents said. A growing population, changing weather patterns, and displacement caused by conflict are all crowding more people and livestock into their arid scrublands.

That intensifying conflict may be repeated in unstable regions across the world, said Murithi Mutiga, deputy project director at the International Crisis Group, a think-tank based in Brussels. "This is going to become an increasingly difficult problem, not just in the Horn of Africa, but in many other places where there's changing weather patterns and a slowness to adapt to more modern forms of cultural thinking — places like Chad, Nigeria, and Sudan," Mutiga said.

Traditional fighting and livestock raids used to claim perhaps one life in Choro's area every six months, the chief said. But he estimated that almost 20 people had been killed in the last two months.

"These attacks are becoming too much," he told Reuters over a crackling phone line. "There's no proper communication, no radio, the (phone) network signal is very weak. If we

are attacked we can't send out a message for rescue."

His village, Maisa, is about seven kilometres (4.4 miles) from the border with Ethiopia, where ethnic violence has displaced around three million people, and 50 km from South Sudan, whose five-year civil war ended with a fragile September peace deal. Two armed police reservists live in Choro's community, but the nearest police station is more than 20 km away — more than an hour by car across the rutted, trackless land.

Edward Mwamburi, the police commander for the Rift Valley region, said he was not aware of the violence.

"I have not heard of any deaths of people killed," he said. Choro said there had been an influx of people from the Dassenach ethnic group in Ethiopia's Omo riverlands.

Armed men from the Nyangatom ethnic group in South Sudan, who speak a similar language to the Turkana, Choro's own ethnic group, have occupied an area called Soya near his village since November 2018, he said.

Clashes between the groups are not new, but he said the level of fatalities is unprecedented.

"They've been attacking for a very long time," Choro said. "But now they have better weapons, more ammo and are more organised than traditional warriors." Last month a group of more than 200 attackers from Nyangatom killed four Turkana men, he said. Three Nyangatom were also killed. **AFP**

### 30 000 people evacuated in Mozambique amid Cyclone Kenneth

**M**APUTO — At least 30 000 people have been evacuated from northern parts of Mozambique that have been hit by Cyclone Kenneth.

This is the second cyclone to make landfall in the country in just over a month. It started over the Comoros Islands a day before, where three people were killed.

On Thursday evening, it made landfall on the north coast of

Mozambique close to Pemba city with wind speeds equivalent to a Category 4 hurricane.

While Kenneth is not as strong as Cyclone Idai, it's caused some flooding and storm surges.

More than 900 people died when Idai brought devastation to Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

At least three million people were left in need of humanitarian assistance. **ENCA**

### AfDB supports Malawi with emergency relief after cyclone

**M**ALAWI - Close to 60 people had died and about one million across 15 districts have been displaced in Malawi.

The African Development Bank (AfDB) said it was supporting Malawi with an emergency relief package as the southern African country recovers and undergoes reconstruction in the aftermath of cyclone Idai. AfDB vice president for corporate services and human resources Mateus Magala led a delegation to Lilongwe this week, to discuss the institution's intervention plans with public and civil society officials in Malawi. Magala informed officials that the development finance institution had set up an emergency recovery fund which would disburse US\$100



million to jumpstart reconstruction efforts in Malawi as well as Mozambique and Zimbabwe, the other countries affected by the cyclone. The AfDB is also planning to redirect funding, totaling US\$1.4

million, to the immediate relief effort, reallocated from savings and extensions of ongoing projects in Malawi's water, roads, and agriculture sectors. **African News Agency**

#### BRIEFS

#### Uganda gets 1st planes in airlines revival

**UGANDA** - The first two planes purchased in a bid to relaunch Uganda Airlines were delivered, nearly two decades after the East African country's national carrier collapsed. The two Bombardier CRJ900 jet airliners, which can carry up to 90 people, landed at the Entebbe Airport outside the capital Kampala during a ceremony attended by President Yoweri Museveni. "We are very happy that what we started months back to restart the national carrier has begun bearing fruit," said Works and Transport Minister Monica Azuba Ntege at the ceremony. She added that two more planes purchased from Canadian manufacturer Bombardier would arrive in July and September. **AFP**

#### Four emergency agency staff kidnapped

**NIGERIA** - Four Nigerian emergency agency workers were kidnapped on Wednesday as they returned from an assignment in oil-rich Rivers State in southern Nigeria, security sources said. Three men and a woman from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) were snatched, the source said. "They actually went on an official assignment in the area when the hoodlums struck and abducted them to an unknown destination," said Watson Brandon, local NEMA co-ordinator. A fifth person, also a NEMA worker, was with the group when it was attacked but managed to escape, he added. Kidnapping for ransom is rife in Rivers. **AFP**

#### Broadcasts of private station switched off

**TUNIS** - Tunisian police stormed the offices of a private television station and cut it off air on Thursday over accusations it had breached broadcasting rules, which the channel called an attempt to silence its voice criticising the government. Dozens of members of the security forces stormed the headquarters of Nesna television, switched off its transmissions and seized equipment, journalists at the station told Reuters. The move followed a ruling by broadcasting regulator HAICA, which revoked the channel's licence last year. **Reuters**

#### 19 wedding guests dead, 21 injured

**ABUJA** - Residents said a bus somersaulted and burst into flames, burning the victims alive. Nineteen wedding guests in the northern Nigerian state of Jigawa died when their bus lost control and burst into flames, police said on Wednesday. The 18-seater was carrying 40 women and children returning from a wedding when its front tyre burst, causing it to skid off the road. The crash happened on Tuesday in Gwaram Sabuwa, a village around 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the state capital Dutse. "Nineteen people were killed in the accident and 21 others were injured," state police Spokesman Abdul Jinjiri told **AFP**.



# Focus on World News

Global News



## PUTIN TOASTS KIM JONG-UN

...as he says North Korea needs 'security guarantees' in exchange for denuclearisation after the leaders' first ever meeting

**V**LADIVOSTOK - Russian President Vladimir Putin has said North Korea needs 'security guarantees' in exchange for giving up its nuclear programme, as he raised a glass to the country's leader Kim Jong-un following their first ever meeting.

Putin said denuclearisation could only be achieved through international law and called for the unspecified guarantees to be underwritten by multiple countries. "We need to restore the power of international law, to return to a state where international law, not the law of the strongest, determines the situation in the world," he explained, following his one-on-one meeting with Kim in the Russian city

of Vladivostok on Thursday.

He added that Russia and the US both want North Korea to abandon nuclear weapons and that he will inform President Donald Trump of his discussions with Kim.

"There are no secrets here, no conspiracies... Chairman Kim himself asked us to inform the American side of our position," Putin said. Kim's first trip to Russia comes two months after his second summit with Trump failed because of disputes over US-led sanctions on the North. Putin said he and Kim 'exchanged opinions about what should be done to improve the situation.' Kim noted that they had 'discussed ways of peaceful settlement' and had 'a very fruitful exchange'.

Meanwhile, Putin wants to expand his country's clout in the region and get more leverage with Washington, adding that the Kremlin would like to help support efforts to resolve the North Korean nuclear standoff.

The pair said they have had 'fruitful talks' about how to defuse Pyongyang's standoff after their one-on-one meeting in the Russian city of Vladivostok on Thursday. Putin told Kim that Russia supports his efforts to normalise North Korea's relations with the United States. He added that the talks should help better understand what Russia could do to support negotiations. Kim congratulated Putin on winning another six-year term in last year's election. *Daily Mail*

## Nguyen Phu Trong admitted to hospital for unspecified illness

**H**ANOI - Vietnamese leader Nguyen Phu Trong, the architect of the Southeast Asian country's anti-corruption drive, has been suffering from an unspecified illness, four diplomatic sources have told Reuters.

Trong was admitted to the 108 Military Central Hospital in Hanoi, the diplomatic sources said, requesting anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue in the communist-ruled country.

In the first official comments on the 75-year-old Vietnamese leader's health since his last public appearance 11 days ago, foreign ministry spokeswoman Le Thi Thu Hang said on Thursday that Trong's health had been affected by a 'heavy workload' and 'changeable weather conditions'. Hang did not say how serious Trong's condition was, but added that he would "resume his normal duties soon", without elaborating. Reuters was unable to determine how serious Trong's condition was, or if he was still in hospital. "We have no knowledge of his condition or how fit he is to carry out any official functions," one of the diplomatic sources said.

The sources said Trong, who is both president of the country and general secretary of the Communist Party, fell ill on his birthday on April 14 in the southern province of Kien Giang, where - according to state media - he had been visiting local agricultural and industrial projects.

The health of Vietnam's leadership is by law considered a state secret and, before Thursday's foreign ministry statement, state media had not reported on Trong's health. In the absence of information, unconfirmed rumour and speculation about Trong's condition has spread quickly on social media. On Monday, after Trong was taken ill, his name was trending on Google in Vietnam.

Trong has presided over a widespread crackdown on corruption in Vietnam that has seen several high-ranking ministers and politicians, including one Politburo member, handed prison terms on charges ranging from embezzlement to economic mismanagement. The crackdown, which is viewed by critics as being politically motivated, has also led to the arrest of several high-ranking police officers and prominent businessmen. Officially, Vietnam has no paramount ruler and is led collectively by the president, prime minister, Communist Party chief, and chair of the National Assembly.

But Trong added the role of president to his existing role of Communist Party General Secretary in September last year following the death of former President Tran Dai Quang.

If the two positions were to become vacant it could spark a shift in the balance of power in Vietnam ahead of the next meeting of the Party congress, the country's supreme body, in early 2021.

*Reuters*

## Joe Biden asked Obama 'not to endorse' him for president

**W**ASHINGTON - Former US vice president Joe Biden, who launched his White House bid on Thursday, said he asked old boss Barack Obama not to endorse him because Democrats should try to win the nomination on their own merits.

Shortly after Biden's announcement, a source familiar with Obama's thinking said he was 'unlikely' to endorse this early, noting that the 44th president believed the robust primary debate in the run-up to 2008 had

shaped him into a better candidate.

"I asked president Obama not to endorse," Biden told reporters in Wilmington, Delaware, adding: "Whoever wins this nomination should win it on its own merits."

Biden is the latest of 20 candidates seeking the Democratic nomination, a field that includes senators Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris, several current and former members of the House of Representatives and Obama's former cabinet member Julian Castro. *AFP*

## Multiple people killed, 10 injured on a Colorado interstate

**C**OLORADO - Several people were killed on Thursday, according to the Denver Post, and at least 10 were injured in a fiery multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 70 west of the city during the evening commute when a tractor-trailer careened into several other vehicles.

Flames engulfed a total of three trucks and 12 cars, Ty Countryman, a spokesman for the police department in Lakewood, Colorado, told reporters.

"The vehicle came down and ended up colliding with slower traffic, causing a very big chain-reaction crash that also ignited and started a fire," Countryman said, adding that ten people injured were



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taken to local hospitals. Traffic on I-70 where the crash occurred was already backed up because of an earlier accident involving a school bus, a semitrailer and a sedan.

All of the children aboard the bus were reported to be okay with just minor injuries. Some people were taken to a hospital for further examination. But worse was to come. *Daily Mail*

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#### 'Gunman failed to spread hate'

**WELLINGTON** - Britain's Prince William yesterday visited the two mosques where a gunman last month killed 50 people and said the white supremacist accused of the massacre had failed in his mission to spread hate. The Duke of Cambridge spoke to about 100 people at the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch, including survivors of the shootings, Muslim leaders and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. "Tragedy unfolded in this room. A terrorist attempted to sow division and hatred in a place that stands for togetherness and selflessness," the prince said. "He thought he could redefine what this place was." *AP*

#### Palestinian Authority under threat

**GENEVA** - The United Nations Mideast envoy, Nickolay Mladenov, has warned that the viability of the Palestinian Authority (PA), which nominally controls the Israeli-occupied Palestinian West Bank, is under threat and facing unprecedented challenges. In a report released on Thursday by the office of the United Nations Special Coordination for the Middle East Process, the organisation warned that: "A major fiscal crisis, coupled with growing humanitarian needs and the lack of a political prospect for a negotiated solution, threatens the stability of the West Bank and the very survival of the Palestinian statebuilding effort." *African News Agency*

#### More terror attacks warning

**SYDNEY** - Australia yesterday warned more terror attacks were 'likely' in Sri Lanka, cautioning citizens against visiting the island nation following the Easter Sunday bombing that claimed 253 lives. "Terrorists are likely to carry out further attacks in Sri Lanka," the foreign ministry warned in its latest travel advice. "Attacks could be indiscriminate, including in places visited by foreigners," it said. Canberra advised Australians to 'reconsider your need to travel to Sri Lanka', following similar warnings from Britain, the Netherlands and the United States since the April 21 bombings. *AFP*

#### Easter Sunday death toll revised

**SRI LANKA** - The official death toll from the Sri Lanka Easter bombings has been revised down by about 100, according to officials. A series of bombings erupted across Sri Lanka on Sunday, targeting luxury hotels and churches during the Easter holiday. Churches in Kochchikade, Negombo, Batticaloa, and Katuwapitiya were attacked, along with several of the capital's most expensive hotels: The Shangri La, Cinnamon Grand, and Kingsbury. The coordinated attacks were linked to a local militant group and were the worst the country has seen since the end of its civil war a decade ago. *AFP*



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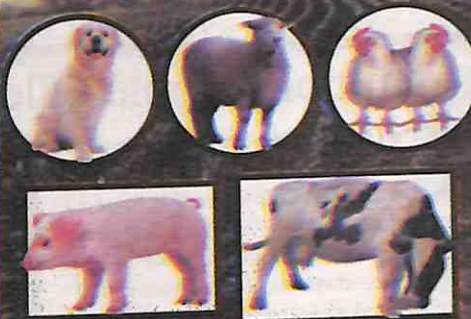
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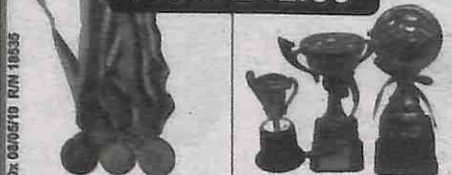
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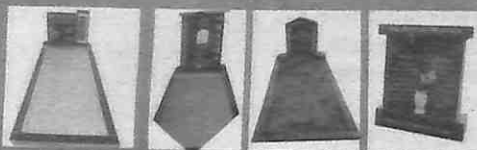


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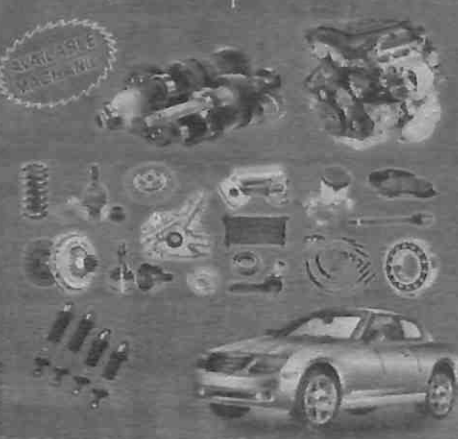
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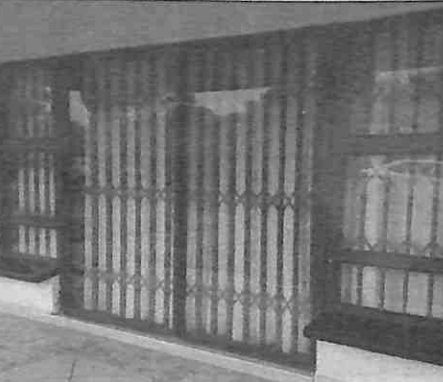
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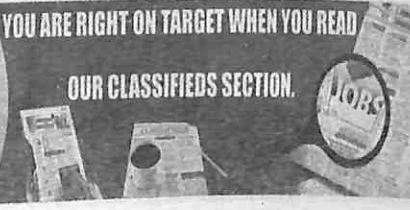
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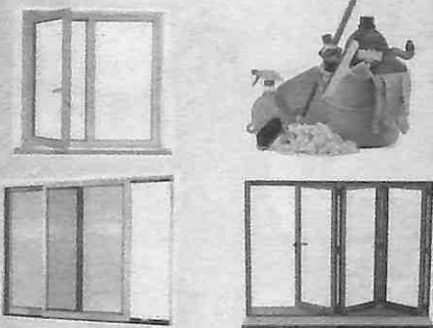


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Friends and relatives of Prince Misizwe Lungiswa Mlondoloz Dlamini are notified of his death. He will be laid to rest on Sunday morning (ngelisisiko lemalangeni). After a vigil on Saturday which will be preceded by a memorial service at Elangeni High at 1 p.m. Announcement by his father Senzo Sengangakhona Dlamini.

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## SALA'S DAD DIES 3 MONTHS AFTER SON'S FATAL PLANE CRASH

**L**ONDON - Horacio Sala, 58, passed away at his home in Progreso just three months after his son died on board a private jet flying from Nantes to Cardiff.

Emiliano Sala's father Horacio tragically passed away in Argentina after a heart attack.

The news was confirmed by a local politician, three months after the Cardiff striker was killed on board a private jet.

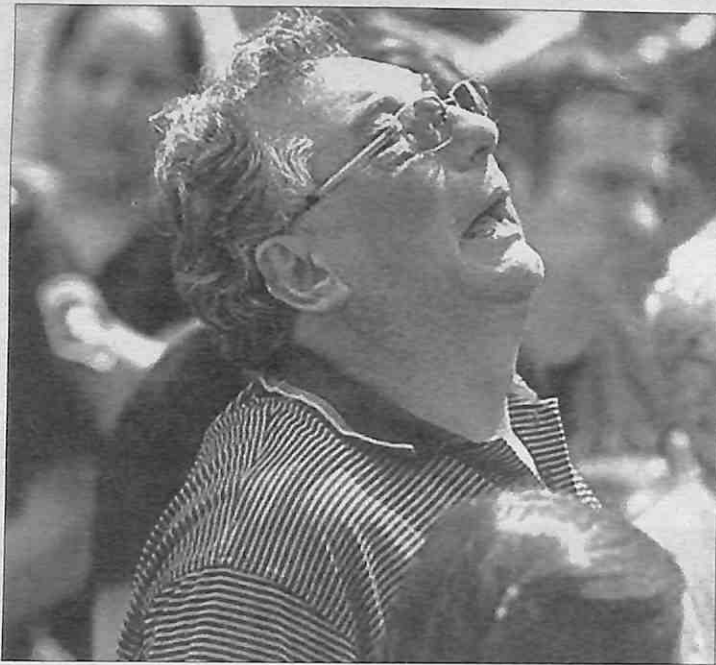
Sala was flying from Nantes to Cardiff shortly after completing his £15m move to the Premier League side.

Horacio, 58, passed away after suffering a heart attack in his bed on Thursday night and could not be saved by paramedics, it has been announced.

The former truck driver made emotional pleas during the search for Sala and was pictured with Cardiff Manager Neil Warnock at his funeral.

"2019 doesn't let up in shocking us with news in this town," Mayor of Progreso Julio Muller said. "At 5 o'clock in the morning, the lady, his wife, rang me and she was very upset."

"The doctors were there but when I arrived at their home, he



**RIP: Emiliano Sala's father Horacio during the funeral of his son.**

had already died. "He could never overcome what happened to Emiliano. "When the body was found he thought the case would be closed - but all the news that came to light about the pilot was very difficult."

Sala was travelling to Cardiff from former club Nantes with pilot Dave Ibbotson on January 21 when his Malibu Piper jet went

missing over the English Channel. Speaking days after the crash, Horacio described his son as a 'small town humble boy' to Argentine TV. "I cannot believe it. This is a dream. A bad dream. I am desperate," he said.

"He was a lad who always fought for what he had."

Horacio's wife Mercedes and daughter Romina made visits to

England during the desperate search. An initial search failed to find the plane before a privately-funded search, led by chief investigator David Mearns, got underway. A body was found among the wreckage almost three weeks after going missing and Sala was identified by the Dorset coroner on February 7. Pilot Ibbotson's body was never accounted for.

Thousands flocked to the 28-year-old's funeral in his hometown of Progreso with tributes paid to the Argentine across the world.

It has since been reported that pilot Ibbotson was not qualified to fly in the dark with the Air Accidents Investigation Branch launching an investigation.

He was also not allowed to carry passengers for remuneration or financial reward on a private pilot's licence. Cardiff released a statement demanding those responsible for organising the doomed flight are held "fully accountable". It has been reported Cardiff will tell FIFA they will not pay the £15m transfer fee to Nantes due to the forward's death making the switch "null and void".

**Mirror**

## EMERY KEEN TO RAID MAN UNITED FOR BAILLY

**L**ONDON - Arsenal Manager Unai Emery has been tipped to make a move for Manchester United defender Eric Bailly in the off-season transfer window.

Emery has made plugging his leaky defence his top priority of the close season after they conceded another three goals against Wolves in midweek, and Bailly has emerged as a target.

The 25-year-old impressed during his first season at Old Trafford but has since slipped down the pecking order despite United having problems of their own at the back.



Bailly has made just one appearance since the turn of the year and looks sure to be heading for the exit door as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer looks to revamp his United squad.

Emery is reported to have admired Bailly from their time together in Spain when he coached Sevilla and the defender was in the Villarreal side.

It has been suggested that Bailly could be available for a cut-price fee as United look to clear the decks, and the Gunners appear to be at the front of the queue. **AFP**

## Guardiola urges caution from City, Man Utd seek Chelsea redemption

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester City and Liverpool are showing no signs of letting up in their thrilling Premier League title race but their flawless form contrasts sharply with the struggles of the teams chasing a top-four finish.

Manchester United host Chelsea tomorrow hoping to arrest an alarming slide of seven defeats in nine games in all competitions.

But it is only thanks to the poor form of Maurizio Sarri's men and Arsenal, who have suffered back-to-back defeats against Crystal Palace and Wolves, that United remain in the hunt for Champions League football next season, just three points off the top four.

United's latest defeat to City on Wednesday lifted the defending champions one point ahead of Liverpool with three games left for both sides.

That stretched City's winning streak in the league to 11 games, with the last slip-up by either of the title contenders remarkably now nearly two months ago, when Liverpool were held at Everton.

"Now it's clear we are one point behind City and we knew for a long time if we win our next two games then the decision will be made in the last matchday, and that's quite special," said Klopp on Thursday.

**Daily Mail**

## Solskjaer confident that Pogba will stay

**M**ANCHESTER - Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is confident that Paul Pogba will still be at Manchester United next season but admits he cannot guarantee the French World Cup winner will stay.

Pogba fuelled speculation linking him with a move to Real Madrid last month, suggesting Real were "a dream club for any player," although he declared at the time he was happy at Old Trafford.

Both manager Solskjaer and United's board want their £89 million club-record signing to stay, although they have acknowledged that circumstances could change.

"You can't guarantee anything in football but yes I think Paul is going to be here," Solskjaer told reporters yesterday. "I can assure you that he is very determined to be successful at United."

Pogba scored eight goals and provided five assists in his first 10 games following Solskjaer's appointment but his performances have tailed off since, and it was a surprise to many observers that the French midfielder was named in the Professional Footballers' Association's team of the year on Thursday.

Former Manchester United midfielder Roy Keane this week described Pogba as a "big problem" for the club, suggesting that he was not committed enough to the team.

But Solskjaer said Pogba can cope with the scrutiny.

"That's just the standards he sets, because when he's creating chances, scoring goals, doing loads of work... that's just media, supporters, everyone looks to Paul; 'Could you have done better?'"

"He's done fantastic for us, he's a human being as well and we're all the same, we want him to do well".

**AFP**



**TO STAY: Paul Pogba.**



**CAUTION: Pep Guardiola.**



# PSL TO OBSERVE MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FATY

**J**OHANNESBURG - The Premier Soccer League will observe a moment of silence for the late Wits and Real Kings player Papy Faty and the people who have lost their lives in recent floods around the country.

This will apply at all Absa Premiership, National First

Division and MultiChoice Diski Shield fixtures this weekend.

The league learnt with shock the news of the sudden passing of Faty, a former Burundi international, who reportedly passed on during a football match in Eswatini on Thursday. The league would like to convey heartfelt con-

dolences to his family.

The PSL has also been touched by the tragic loss of life during the recent floods in several towns around the country. The league sends deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives during this tragedy.

**Sport24**

## ABSA PREMIERSHIP FIXTURES

<b>Today</b>		
15:00	Highlands Park	vs Polokwane City
15:00	Black Leopards	vs Maritzburg United
18:00	SuperSport United	vs Wits
20:15	Bloemfontein Celtic	vs Kaizer Chiefs

<b>Tomorrow</b>		
15:00	Baroka FC	vs AmaZulu
15:00	Golden Arrows	vs Free State Stars

## Premier League

<b>Today</b>		
12:30	Tottenham Hotspur	vs West Ham United
15:00	Crystal Palace	vs Everton
15:00	Fulham	vs Cardiff City
15:00	Southampton	vs Bournemouth
15:00	Watford	vs W Wanderers
17:30	Brighton, Hove Albion	vs Newcastle United

<b>Tomorrow</b>		
12:00	Leicester City	vs Arsenal
14:05	Burnley	vs Manchester City
16:30	Manchester United	vs Chelsea

## La Liga

<b>Today</b>		
12:00	Athletic Club	vs Alavés
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19:45	Barcelona	vs Levante

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11:00	Valencia CF	vs Eibar
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14:00	SPAL	vs Genoa
17:00	Sampdoria	vs Lazio
19:30	Torino	vs Milan

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14:30	Hannover 96	vs 1. FSV Mainz 05
14:30	RB Leipzig	vs Sport-Club Freiburg
17:30	VfB Stuttgart	vs Borussia Mönchengladbach

<b>Tomorrow</b>		
14:30	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	vs VfL Wolfsburg
17:00	1. FC Nürnberg	vs FC Bayern München

## Pirates on course for title glory

**D**URBAN - Orlando Pirates are a few steps away from ending their trophy drought but they don't want to get carried away.

The Buccaneers are buzzing with confidence, having collected 12 points out of the possible 12 in their last four matches.

The Buccaneers are at the summit of the Absa Premiership table with 53 points from 28 games, and are only two games away from winning the league title.

The Sea Robbers will entertain Cape Town City in the Mother City and Polokwane City in their own territory in their last league outings. Pirates are three points clear of second-placed Mamelodi Sundowns, but the Brazilians have a game in hand.

Coach at Pirates Milutin Sredojevic wants his troops to remain grounded as they edge closer to glory.

"This is where our critical aspect needs to go, we have no right to allow our players to fly in the sky. When it is good and have collected three points, we are firmly on the ground and when it is bad we do not give up. This is how we've passed this season."

"This 53 points have been all about the sweat and the hard work of the players," Sredojevic said.

Pirates haven't tasted glory in five years. Their destiny is in their hands. All they have to do is win their remaining matches and they will be crowned champions.

"We want to leave it to our brothers, Mamelodi Sundowns. Throughout the season, they have spoken about us. We don't want to speak about this. We want to respect Cape Town City." **Goal**



**SWEAT:** Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic during a game.

## Nedbank Ke Yona team search geared for first trial

**J**OHANNESBURG - The road to finding the next South African football star begins with the first Nedbank Ke Yona Team Search (KYTS) Try Out set for Buffalo City Stadium East London on Freedom Day, today.

The seventh edition of the search begins when gates open at 7am in the Eastern Cape coastal town, with youngsters who have registered encouraged to bring their identity documents when they arrive for the trials.

### Additional

There will be additional registration desks at the venues for male youngsters between the ages of 18 and 23, who could not register through the USSD portal.

"Countrywide interest from young footballers has been overwhelming, we have received positive feedback from all seven hosting provinces and are looking forward to the first visit to East London."

This year's search will also reach the Northern Cape for the first time since the Nedbank KYTS inception in 2013," said the excited Tutu Ntuli, Nedbank's Sponsorship Manager: Football.

### Confirmed venue changes and dates for the Nedbank KYTS Try Outs are:

Buffalo City Stadium in East London	(27 April)
Thohoyandou Stadium in Limpopo	(2 May)
Harry Gwala Stadium in Pietermaritzburg	(11 May)
Galeshewe Stadium in Kimberley	(25 May)
Dr Petrus Molemela Stadium in Mangaung	(26 May)
Ikamva Training Complex in Cape Town	(1 June)
Rand Stadium in Johannesburg	(8 June)

"We remain thrilled about the opportunity that Nedbank has been able to offer our surrounding communities through football development and have no doubt in believing that the country's next top talent will be unearthed in the coming weeks."

Aubrey Modiba (Bafana Bafana and SuperSport United), Bongani Sam (SA Under-23 and Bloemfontein Celtic) and Zairon Abrahams (TS Galaxy) are among the list of Nedbank KYTS Graduates who have gone on to forge successful professional careers.

### Final

The final Nedbank KYTS team will play the winners of this year's Nedbank Cup tournament.

### Goal

## KAIZER CHIEFS CUT TIES WITH THREE STARS

**J**OHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs confirmed the departures of Hendrick Ekstein, Gustavo Paez and Kgotso Malope on Thursday.

Ekstein's contract was terminated on mutual consent between the player and the club.

Meanwhile, Malope, who spent time on loan at Moroka Swallows

and Venezuelan Gustavo Páez will not have their contracts renewed.

The Amakhosi's next batch of PSL appointments sees them take

on Bloemfontein Celtic, Free State Stars and Chippa United before they meet long-shots TS Galaxy in the 2019 Nedbank Cup final, set for May 18. **eNCA**

## Cape Town City move to fourth-place in PSL

**C**APE TOWN - Cape Town City have been awarded three points that take them from fifth to fourth place in the Absa Premiership, in the disciplinary committee outcome regarding their abandoned match against Bloemfontein Celtic this month.

The game at Dr Molemela Stadium on Sunday, April 14 was abandoned when a group of supporters invaded the pitch and threw objects onto the field.

Reports have been that the unruly Celtic fans were protesting against cash-strapped Chairman Max Tshabalala's continued ownership of the club. The Premier Soccer League (PSL) said in a statement yesterday morning: "The PSL Disciplinary Committee last night

found Bloemfontein Celtic FC guilty on charges of failing to provide adequate security and causing the abandonment of the Absa Premiership fixture against Cape Town City on April 14, 2019."

"The DC ordered that the match be forfeited to Cape Town City FC with a 3-0 score. In addition, Bloemfontein Celtic's remaining two home matches are to be played outside of the Free State Province at venues to be determined by the league."

In ugly scenes, a police armoured car entered the field and used a water cannon to disperse the protesting supporters.

Celtic's remaining two home games are against Kaizer Chiefs today, a fixture that had already been relo-



**HAPPY:** Cape Town City FC Chairman John Comitis shares a light moment with his head coach, Benni McCarthy.

cated to Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane, and then against AmaZulu on the final day of the league season on Saturday, May 11.

Phunya Sele Sele, in ninth place

in the PSL, also meet Highlands Park at Makhulong Stadium in an away game in their second-last fixture next Saturday (May 4).

**Times Live**





# MTN Premier League 2018/19



**2 ON 1:** Royal Leopard's Barry Steenkamp controls the ball in front of Mbabane Highlanders players Vusumuzi Vilakati and Ndumiso Mabuza during the MTN league clash played on Thursday at the King Sobhuza II Stadium, in Nhlanguano. Leopard won 1-0. (Pics:Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**LET'S GO:** Ndumiso Mabuza and Sikhumbuzo Magagula in a tussle for the ball.



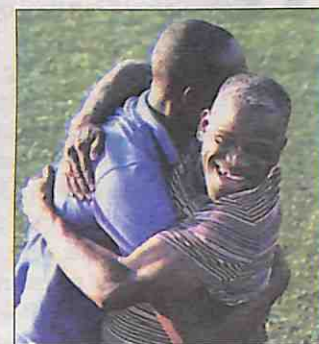
**WHICH WAY IS HE GOING:** Highlanders' Thabiso Mokenkoane controls the ball in front of the opposition players.



**CHANGE MISSED:** Highlanders' striker Mthobisi Mngometulu missing a scoring opportunity.



**GOAL:** Leopard players celebrating an own goal scored by Highlanders defender Peter Dlamini. **RIGHT** - Leopard coach Edwin Matsebula celebrating their victory with goalkeeper coach Mphikeleli Dlamini.



**INSTRUCTING:** Highlanders coach Bongani Mhlango issuing instructions.



**DEJECTED:** Highlanders supporters watching the match.



**HE STARTED:** Police controlling some rowdy fans.



**CONTROL:** Leopard's Lungelo Tsabedze controls the ball in front of Highlanders captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze.

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# AMADODANA ASELWANDLE EASTER TOURNAMENT



**CHAMPIONS:** Mtfongwaneni MP Roy Fanourakis (r) posing with the champions of the Amadodana AseLwandle E6 000 Easter tournament One Heart One Way FC after the prize presentation on Easter Monday. The team won E2 000 and gold medals. (Pics: Njabulo Dlamini)



**GOAT:** Top goal-scorer Zakhele Mkhabela of Mtfongwaneni FC displaying the goat he won for his efforts. The MP and the organising team members look on.



**THANK YOU:** One of the organising team members Siboniso Shongwe expressing words of gratitude to the residents, team representatives and players for supporting them.



**YASH' INGOMA:** Amadodana AseLwandle group entertaining the gathering with acapella music.



**RUNNERS-UP:** Nathi Lions FC emerged as runner-ups and here they are with the MP after receiving E1 400 cash and their medals.



**CARING:** It was not only about football, as five needy families went home with groceries, courtesy of Amadodana AseLwandle group, the organisers of the Easter tournament.



**ARRANGING:** Lwandle Methodist Church representative Sithembiso Shongwe with the MP sorting out the food parcels prior to the distribution exercise.



**ATTENTIVELY:** Some of the residents of Mtfongwaneni Constituency listening to speeches at the tournament presentation function.

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# TWO LOCAL STARS OFF TO SA TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Stories by Mthunzi Maziya

**TENNIS** – Local tennis youngsters, Sakhile Hlophe and Thando Bhembe left the country yesterday to participate in an Under-16 tennis tournament in Middelburg, South Africa.

The tournament was expected to start yesterday and would finish tomorrow. The duo's departure was confirmed by Eswatini Tennis Association (ETA)'s President, Maxwell Jele.

He said their participation in the tournament tallied with the ETA's objective of giving juniors international exposure to help them grow in the game.

"We are targeting to have them take part in at least two international tournaments this year, possibly in South Africa. This is going to be the first one," he said.

The president further explained that Hlophe and Bhembe qualified for the trip after having competed in the finals of the



**TOGETHER:** Local tennis players posing during the recent international invitational competition held at UNESWA in Kwaluseni. Two local junior players will today compete in a junior tournament in Middelburg, South Africa.

Swaziland Building Society (SBS) junior championships held at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) courts two weeks ago.

He retained optimism that both players would do well in Middelburg.



**LEADER:** ETA President Maxwell Jele.

## President attends Zone V meeting

**TENNIS** – ETA's President, Maxwell Jele is set to attend the Zone V tennis leaders' meeting scheduled for Johannesburg today.

The meeting will be attended by all the tennis presidents from countries within the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), ideally referred to as Zone V. Jele explained that the purpose of the meeting was to orientate members on the upcoming Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) Annual General

Meeting (AGM), which is to be hosted by Madagascar.

"The upcoming CAT AGM is an elective one, so we decided to meet in advance to decide who we shall nominate to represent us within CAT for the upcoming term and also discuss other issues," he said. The president added that he would not stand for the CAT elections but was attending the meeting to ensure that Eswatini is seen playing a meaningful role in the development of tennis in the region.

## FLAG TASTES DEFEAT IN BLACK BALL SINGLES

By Melusi Mlotso

**POOL** – Gifted pool player Flag Nxumalo tasted his first defeat in Black Ball Open Singles played on Thursday at the Manzini Pool Club.

The Black Ball Singles is sponsored by Solo Investments to the tune of E15 000.

Nxumalo was defeated by Vusi Hadzebe 6-8. The latter (Hadzebe) is now sitting at the summit of the log standings.

Reacting to the defeat, Nxumalo said he would go back to the drawing board and rectify his mistakes.

"It's my first defeat and it was an eye-opener. I will work hard to redeem myself. It's a tough season

as everyone wants to win the league," he said. The Correctional pool star went on to say in last season's league he tested a defeat once and that was in the second round.

"All in all, I want to congratulate Hadebe for the win. He deserved it," he said. Defending champion, Menzi Ngomane also lost twice on Thursday.

### THE FULL RESULTS

Siyabonga Dlamini	6	Romeo Da Silva	8
Menzi Ngomane	4	Vusi Masilela	8
Vusi Masilela	5	Celumusa Dlamini	8
Flag Nxumalo	8	Sicelo La Ngwenya	7
Nqaba lukhele	6	Celumusa Dlamini	8
Mandla Mamba	4	Eddie Mkhonta	8
Flag Nxumalo	6	Vusi Hadzebe	8
Menzi Ngomane	4	Eddie Mkhonta	8

## Mfundo wins APGT Division of Eswatini Nomads Golf Competition

By Jongile Xuba

**GOLF** – Young golfer Mfundo Nxumalo won the AGPT Division in the Eswatini Nomads Golf Club competition that was held at Royal Swazi Spa on Thursday.

The competition had various divisions competing and there was a field of 41 golfers on the day for the junior tournament.

Nxumalo was able to get an excellent score of 76 gross and he was followed by Phayo Dlamini, who got a score of 80. Third place went to Qiniso Mkhonta who got 85 with upcoming female golfer Calsile Gamedze getting 86 to finish fourth. Lindizwe Gamedze finished fifth with 92 points and she was followed by Melizwe Mkhize who finished with 96 gross



**WINNER:** Eswatini Nomads Junior competition April champion Mfundo Nxumalo. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

points to get the sixth place. Local development coach Meshack Zwane thanked all the parents for letting their children participate in the competition and he congratulated all the winners.

### A Division

1.Mfundo Nxumalo	76 gross points
2.Phayo Dlamini	80 points gross
3.Qiniso Mkhonta	85 points gross
4.Calsile Gina	86 points gross
5.Lindizwe Gamedze	92 points gross
6.Melizwe Mkhize	96 points gross

### B Division (Stableford)

1. Banele Shongwe	(25 points)
2. Mayenziwe Hlophe	(24)
3. Naye Mkhali	(22)
4. Lwandise Shongwe	(16)
5. Mongiwehu Masuku	(13)
6. Busakhele Mdluli	

### Girls division (Stableford)

1. Uyiswa Dlamini	(22)
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### 2. Denise Nkambule (11)

3. Simangaye Tfwala
4. Kaylah Zwane
5. Nikiwe Ntombini
6. Silingelwe Dlamini
7. Nenkhosi Dlamini

### 9 hole tournament

1. Mongezi Ntombini (12)
2. Siviwe Mdluli
3. Jr Dlamini
4. Ahano Aimiemo
5. Wendzo
6. Tobias Vermark
7. Tinaye Bukutu
8. Panashe Bukutu
9. Bandzile Nhleko.

Monday - Mbabane Golf Club registration 7:30am and first tee off is 8:00 am.

## Nkululeko wins this week's LOL

By Jongile Xuba

**GOLF** – Nkululeko Dube won this week's United Health Insurance Leg of Lamb (LOL) Golf Tournament played at Manzini Club.

The tournament was played on Wednesday instead of its normal day, which is Friday, in order to give golfers a chance to enjoy the holidays. Dube managed to beat a field of 24 golfers on the day as he recorded 21 points on the count back to claim first place. He was followed by the LOL's most successful golfer Sive Dlamini who also got 21 points. Third place was Jethro Masuku with 19 points whilst Walter Dlamini recorded 18 points on the count back to finish fourth. Dumisani Hlatshwayo rounded the top finishers, getting 18 points to secure fifth place.

The United Health LOL Golf Challenge is played weekly at Manzini Golf Club every Friday with the winners of the competition choosing a juicy meat package to take home as prizes.

### UNITED HEALTH LOL RESULTS

First	- Nkululeko Dube	21 points c/b
Second	- Sive Dlamini	21 points
Third	- Jethro Masuku	19 points
Fourth	- Walter Dlamini	18 points
Fifth	- Dumisani Hlatshwayo	18 points

## Matsapha dent Birds title hopes

By Sihusiso Masilela

Matsapha United (1)1  
Mbabane Swallows (1)1

**SOCCER** – Capital city giants Mbabane Swallows' MTN Premier League title were dented by a resolute Matsapha United, who held the defending champions to a 1-all draw on Thursday afternoon at the Nsukuwansuku Stadium.

The result has seen the red and white glamour side remain on position four with 42 points in the log

standings after falling to beat the resolute opposition that boosted their chances of surviving after securing the hard fought draw with 23 points.

### first

Swallows were first to draw first blood 16 minutes into the match through Tony 'TT' Tsabedze's penalty kick which sent the visiting crowd into wild celebrations.

United levelled matters four minutes later through a Xolani Dlamini strike much against the run of play, forcing the match into a 1-all draw going to the breather.

Swallows started the second half on the front foot but missed a sitter four minutes into restart through Congolese striker Glody Lilepo's header which missed target by a whisker.

United were nearly on the front foot in the 62th minute when defender Thamie Zulu's free kick from the edge of the box was saved by Swallows goalkeeper Ntokozo Shabangu.

Both teams could not find the elusive winner until the end of the match.



**DRAW:** Mbabane Swallows players waving to their fans after their game against Green Mamba at Somhlolo National Stadium recently.



# MALANTI CHIEFS STAR PLAYER PAPY FATY DIES

Stories by Jongile Xuba

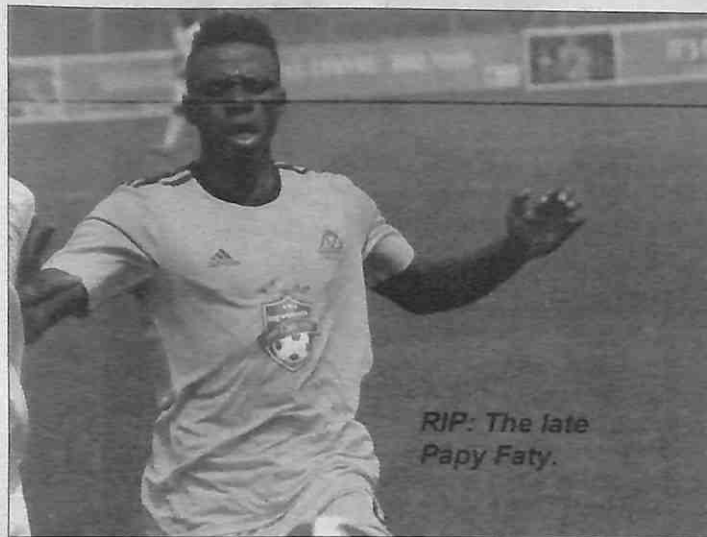
**S**OCCER – Local football has once again been engulfed by a dark cloud following the shocking demise of Malanti Chiefs midfielder Papy Faty, who passed away on Thursday afternoon after suffering what looked like a cardiac arrest during an MTN Premier League match against Green Mamba at Killamey Sports Ground.

The former Burundi international had a well-documented heart condition which caused him to have palpitations.

This led to his former club South African based Bidvest Wits to terminate his contract in 2016 as it was a health risk to allow him play against doctor's orders.

He moved on to National First Division side Royal Eagles, who also terminated his contract after learning of his condition.

On the day in question, Faty came off the field 15 minutes into the match after a minor collision with



a Green Mamba player. So minor was the collision between the two it did not even warrant a call for a foul from the referee.

## Later

A few seconds later, Faty sat on the sidelines for about five minutes clinching his chest in what seemed to be an asthma attack with team doctors from both Green Mamba and Malanti trying their best to resuscitate him. None of

the first aid offered seemed to be making a difference and the midfielder was quickly rushed to Pigg's Peak Government Hospital by the team doctor.

According to reports received, Faty passed away on his way to the hospital as doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

News of his demise reached some Malanti Chiefs players who were unable to continue playing due to

shock.

Match Commissioner on the day Esrom Dlamini said they had decided to call off the match after learning about the player's unfortunate demise and this was after they consulted with the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) head office.

"After consulting with the PLE office, I was instructed to use my discretion on whether to continue the match and I decided to call it off as some players had already stopped playing," he said.

The passing of Papy Faty at the age of 28 is the 267th documented death in the list of players registered to associations who died on the field according to Wikipedia.

The list includes Ivorian defensive midfielder Cheick Tiote who died from cardiac arrest in training, Cameroonian Marc – Vivien Foe who passed away during a FIFA Confederations Cup semi-final match against Venezuela from heart problems as well as South African midfielder Luyanda Ntshangase who died after being struck by lightning in the field.

## ...He played over 900 minutes for Malanti Chiefs

**S**OCCER – Before meeting his untimely demise, Malanti Chiefs man Papy Faty had shown good form on the pitch, managing to play over 10 games in all competitions amounting to about 990 minutes.

Faty turned out for his new team after the close of the January transfer window and made his official debut for the club during a 0-2 loss to Mbabane Highlanders in the Ingwenyama Cup semi-final on the 3rd of February.

Interviewed by this newspaper earlier this year after making his debut, Faty said he was grateful to Malanti Chiefs for helping him resurrect his career.

"It feels good to be back on the football pitch after being out for so long and I hope I can continue playing for a while. I chose to come to Eswatini as the league here has similar standards to that of South Africa which is familiar to me and I am grateful to the club owner for giving me a chance," he said.

His good league form and minutes did not go unnoticed as he earned himself a national team call-up for his country recently during the Africa Cup of Nations Qualifier against Gabon where he was the star of the match as he scored the only goal on the day. Meanwhile, Malanti Chiefs Public Relations Officer (PRO) Lungile Dube expressed their deepest condolences to the Faty family following the demise of their player. "We are deeply saddened by

the shocking death of our player who was committed and always cared about the needs of other players. He used to speak on behalf of the players to us (Management Committee) whenever there was a need.

"He distributed the kit to the players before his last match, something which he never did before since he joined the team. We will forever value his contribution to the team and sincere condolences go to his family, friends and the entire local and international football fraternity," she said.

## Papy was a maverick, lovable character – Burundi FA president

By Jongile Xuba

**S**OCCER – The Football Federation of Burundi President (FFB) Révérien Ndikuriyo has expressed great sadness at losing one of his country's brightest stars Papy Faty who passed away on Thursday afternoon.

The president said the football star was a lovable character that was liked by his team-mates and he pursued his love for football until the end.

"The FFB mourns the great loss

of our football star Papy Faty who played for Malanti Chiefs in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

He had a marvellous character and was well loved by his team-mates.

He was a true maverick who will be mourned by the football fraternity and he kicked the ball to his last breath. May his soul rest in peace," he said.

Meanwhile, Minister of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga also passed on his condolences on the tragic event

to the player's family. "The ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs learnt with great sadness of the passing of Burundi international Papy Faty during an MTN Premier League match at Killamey Stadium in Pigg's Peak on Thursday afternoon.

We join the rest of the nation in sending condolences to Mr. Faty's family and friends, his club Malanti Chiefs, the entire football fraternity of Burundi and the sporting fraternity at large in Eswatini. May his soul rest in peace," he said.

Striker Mthobisi Mngomezulu came face-to-face with Leopard's keeper, Phephisani Msibi at least three times in the opening period, but the ball refused to go into the net even after he dribbled past him and faced a gaping net in the 27th minute.

Thabiso Mokenkoane and Phumlane Ngwenya also had good chances to score, but failed miserably when it looked easier to poke the ball in.

Leopard's sole chance in the first half fell for Melusi Mkhwanazi after 37 minutes, but his stinging shot was pushed over the crossbar by Khanyakwezwe Shabalala. Highlanders had a flurry of chances once again at the start of the

end as their next game is against Mbabane Swallows. A draw will be enough against the 'Birds' to ease pressure on themselves, whereupon they would wait for their final game against Young Buffaloes, which could be the decider.

The police side needed a lot of luck against Highlanders, who had numerous chances to score in a dominant first half display, but literally failed to find the back of the net. In reality, Leopard could have gone to the break trailing 0-5 had the 'Bull' converted their many clear cut chances, but it was not to be.



ANNOUNCED: PLE CEO Simanga Nhleko.

## Malanti games suspended as MTN league continues

Stories by Jongile Xuba

**S**OCCER – Malanti Chiefs' match against Young Buffaloes in the MTN Premier League, which was scheduled for tomorrow, will be suspended as other games will continue as scheduled.

This was announced by Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Simanga Nhleko who said the club would have its matches rescheduled following the demise of their Burundian midfielder Papy Faty.

"After the unfortunate events of Thursday afternoon at Killamey Sports Ground, the PLE has decided to postpone the match between Malanti and Young Buffaloes. We will find another suitable date in the calendar to fixture the teams but the rest of the league matches will continue on Sunday," he said. He added that the match between Malanti Chiefs and Green Mamba would also be replayed as it ended prematurely.

"The match between Green Mamba and Malanti will also have to be replayed as it did not finish. This is a decision we took as the PLE and we will release the dates of the fixtures in due course," he said. MTN Premier League action continues tomorrow with Mbabane Swallows looking to stop the roaring Royal Leopard from clinching the title when they meet at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The full MTN Premier League fixtures			
Tomorrow			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Vovovo	vs Manzini Wanderers	1.30pm	
Mbabane Swallows	vs Royal Leopard	3.30pm	
Mayaluka Stadium			
Tambuli	vs Sea Birds	3pm	
King Sobhuza II Stadium			
M. Sundowns	vs M. Highlanders	3pm	
Tambankulu Stadium			
Mbabane Citizens	vs Green Mamba	3pm	
Mhlume Stadium			
Matsapha United	vs Moneni Pirates	3pm	

## ...PLE to observe moment of silence for Faty

**S**OCCER – In honouring the memory of recently deceased Malanti Chiefs player Papy Faty, the Premier League of Eswatini has said their members would observe a moment of silence during the league matches tomorrow.

This was revealed by PLE CEO Simanga Nhleko during a press conference at Sigwaca House yesterday as he passed his condolences to the Faty family and Malanti Chiefs on their loss. "The PLE sends its deepest condolences to Faty's family, friends and club Malanti Chiefs. He was a real talent to watch and his death is a huge loss to Eswatini football. We had hoped to see more of him and expected big things from the Burundi international. We will observe a moment of silence as is the norm in football after a loss of a player," he said.

second half, through Mokenkoane and Mthobisi, the latter being the main culprit.

The closest they came to scoring was when Mokenkoane broke through in the 65th minute and looped the ball over the keeper only for Leopard's defender, Mlamuli Msibi to clear off the line. Before that, Mthobisi had hit the post when he was clean through in the 48th minute.

Leopard then scored a fortuitous goal against the run of play through a deflected cross by Sifiso Matse on Peter Dlamini to all but seal an important three points. It was a good win for Leopard, but a very, very bad day in the office for Highlanders.

## ONE DOWN, THREE TO GO FOR LEOPARD!

By Mthunzi Maziya

Leopard..... (0)1  
Highlanders..... (0)0

**S**OCCER – Royal Leopard needed a lot of luck to pass their first of four tests when they beat Mbabane Highlanders 1-0 at the King Sobhuza II Stadium on Thursday to enhance their chances of being crowned champions of this year's MTN League.

The victory by Leopard eliminated their rivals, Highlanders from the race, but it was not the



## RESULTS

**Yesterday**  
CAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
WAC Casablanca 2-1 Mamelodi Sundowns

PREMIER LEAGUE  
Liverpool 5-0 Huddersfield

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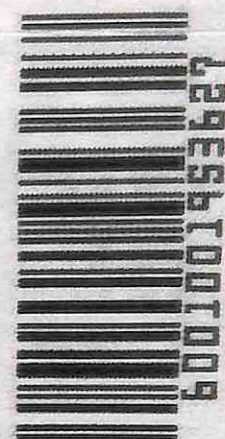
**Today**  
ABSA PREMIERSHIP  
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15:00 Black Leopards vs Maritzburg United  
18:00 SuperSport United vs Wits  
20:15 Bloemfontein Celtic vs Kaizer Chiefs

PREMIER LEAGUE  
12:30 Tottenham Hotspur vs West Ham United  
15:00 Crystal Palace vs Everton  
15:00 Fulham vs Cardiff City  
15:00 Southampton vs Bournemouth  
15:00 Watford vs Wolverhampton Wanderers  
17:30 B. and Hove Albion vs Newcastle United

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Burundian international Papy Faty lost his life on Thursday afternoon during their match against Green Mamba

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Leopard	23	16	3	4	38	14	24	51
Buffaloes	23	13	8	2	38	13	25	47
Green Mamba	22	14	4	4	38	11	27	46
Swallows	23	13	5	5	29	16	13	42
Highlanders	23	11	8	4	27	18	9	41
Sea Birds	23	8	4	11	26	31	-5	28
Malanti	22	6	9	7	22	25	-3	27
Pirates	23	6	7	10	24	33	-9	25
Sundowns	23	6	7	10	17	31	-14	25
Matsapha	23	6	5	12	24	30	-6	23
Wanderers	23	6	5	12	19	29	-10	23
Tambuti	22	5	6	11	18	29	-11	21
Vovovo	22	4	6	12	13	28	-15	18
Citizens	23	2	10	11	13	35	-22	16

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

R. Leopard	1-0	Highlanders
Matsapha	1-1	Swallows
Tambuti	0-0	Wanderers
Sundowns	1-0	Sea Birds
Buffaloes	1-0	Vovovo
Citizens	0-3	Pirates
Malanti	0-3	Green Mamba

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