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The Top 10 finalists in The MTN Spotlight competition after their performances at the MTN Mahlalekhukhwini House yesterday. (Pic: Shaka Makhanya)

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## CLARIFICATION

## PUT PHATHAPHATHA BEHIND BARS,

STORIES BY FORTUNE  
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**W**omen want Pigg's Peak Principal Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli, who is accused of bashing his wife Nelisiwe behind bars.

To show the seriousness of the matter, about 20 women stormed the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) Headquarters to 'assist' police with investigations which might lead to the arrest of Mdluli.

Principal Magistrate Mdluli was reported to the police to have allegedly assaulted his wife.

Both were reported to have recorded statements with police regarding the assault issue.

Leading the women who went to the police headquarters was Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) National Director Xolani Hlatjwako. They arrived at the police headquarters at around 2pm yesterday and had media briefing behind the headquarters before proceeding to the reception area. However, they were not attended to as there was no officer on duty.

**Audience**

After a while, Senior Deputy National Commissioner Sula Dlamini walked in. Dlamini inquired from the women why there were at the police centre. Hlatjwako informed him that the women wanted an audience with the National Commissioner William Dlamini regarding Mdluli's case.

They were armed with our sister paper's front page copies. Dlamini made some few calls inquiring from relevant police officers if they were aware of the visit by the women.

He was later joined by Assistant



The women make their way to the Royal Eswatini Police Service Headquarters to lodge complaint. (Pics: Fortune Ndlangamandla).

Commissioner Charles Magagula, who was in the building and were later joined by another officer.

Making her remarks, Hlatjwako mentioned that the country's women were shocked to read scary headlines that a senior magistrate had allegedly badly assaulted his wife. She stated that some of the women were not from WLSA but were concerned by the headlines.

**Disbelief**

"We read in the newspapers that the senior magistrate has not been arrested and it stated in the articles that police investigations were underway. We thought since the country has passed the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act, which aims to protect people from abuse, it would be fit that we come to assist police in whatever way," she said.

Hlatjwako added; "Maybe there is something not adding up in the investigations, we are in disbelief that a senior magistrate who is a custodian of the law has violated the same law he is supposed to protect as a Judiciary officer."

She emphasised that women were at the police centre to assist police not

to intrude. She said women frowned upon the senior magistrate's alleged actions.

The national director explained that the law should take its course as it was unacceptable that Mdluli was not behind bars. She mentioned that Mdluli should be arrested despite that his wife had not pressed charges against the law keeper.

**Dignity**

Meanwhile, another woman added that their main intention was to preserve the dignity of the rule of law in the country.

"We are acting as actors not people who are being acted upon. We were there when the SODV Act was being pushed, so it could be an Act. We want a fear free society where criminals would be the ones who are scared. We asked that if there is anywhere you want to send us in order to see Mdluli behind bars, we are here, please send us," she narrated.

In response, Dlamini thanked the women for showing interest in assisting the police in the matter. He assured them that police were working on the matter, adding that they should not

worry about a thing.

"I have gathered that the matter was reported to the police but I am yet to make follow ups on how far it has been dealt with. Police will deal with the matter the best way they know how such cases should be handled," Dlamini said.

He hoped that once the case had been concluded, the women would be made aware. However, the women promised that should Mdluli not be arrested by tomorrow, they would again storm the police headquarters. They emphasised that in the past they staged similar moves to the NATCOM but such cases were not dealt with.

"Can we be told convincingly time-bound actions rather than saying it is going to happen? We were once here where we talked about a university student who was raped but until today we have not been given feedback," one woman said.

To those assertions, Dlamini promised the women that they would deal with the matter. He continued to add that they might find that there would be no need for them (women) to come to the police control centre tomorrow.

## Pharmacist reported to ACC for E2m ARVs purchase

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

**T**he Good Shepherd Mission Hospital medical officer, who resigned early this week has been reported to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) for the unauthorised purchase of drugs amounting to over E3.5 million.

The pharmacist was initially suspended by the hospital after being alleged to have been involved in misconduct of dispensing regulated drugs (Phethedine) to patients without a doctor's prescription.

Phethedine is widely and routinely prescribed for moderate-to-severe pain in medical and surgical patients and is regulated.

According to the ministry of health, the drug is highly controlled and monitored internationally. Deputy Director Health Services Dr Velephi Okello said the ministry was aware of the investigation on the discrepancies of the supply of the drug at Good Shepherd Hospital as these were discovered by the pharmaceutical department and was reported to the police for further investigation.

**Indicated**

Sources close to the matter have revealed that the officer has since been reported to the ACC after investigations by the hospital indicated that he was also implicated in the purchase of drugs worth about E3.5 million without the approval of the Board.

These drugs are ARVs worth over E2.5 million and pain killers worth E1 million. He has disputed the allegations, saying he would not have procured the said drugs as they were received freely from government.

"ARVs, TB and Malaria medications are supplied freely by government, why would I purchase them?" he wondered.

He also disputed having purchased pain killers worth the said amount without the approval of the Board as alleged.

The pharmacist is said to have resigned while he was expected to appear for his disciplinary hearing tomorrow.

The hospital administration confirmed that he was no longer employed by the mission through a notice issued on Wednesday.

The officer told this newspaper that he resigned because he was no longer happy at work and disputed that his resignation was related to the disciplinary hearing pertaining the dispensing of the regulated drugs.

**Investigation**

The purchase of the medicine is said to have been noted in the audited financial statements, which called for an investigation as some were not accounted for. According to sources close to the matter, the officer had initially been suspended with full pay following an investigation by the police.

"This followed that someone was found with these drugs and upon investigation, it was established that these drugs were sourced from the Good Shepherd Hospital.

He was supposed to appear before the disciplinary committee, but he requested that his time be extended and on Monday he resigned yet he was scheduled for the hearing on Wednesday," revealed the source.

The medical officer, on the other hand said he had never seen the person who was found with the drugs.

The sources also revealed that this did not stop the hospital from further investigating the matter as it also uncovered that the pharmacist assisted the company that supplied the drugs to the hospital, even though it did not have the licence to do

so.

"The investigation indicated that the procurement procedures were flouted, not only in the suppliers of the medicines but other departments, including the kitchen, we suspect that is one of the reasons the finance officer's contract was not renewed. The pharmacist's relationship with the company that supplied the hospital was also questionable as he allegedly worked there before," the sources further revealed.

The officer also disputed these allegations, saying he had never worked at the company that supplied the hospital.

"I worked for over 12 years in the hospital and the company you are referring to is two years old, you can do the math I never worked for that company," he added.

Good Shepherd Mission Hospital CEO Muzi Dlamini confirmed that the hospital was requested by the police to assist them in their investigations while the pharmacist was suspended.

"We learnt from the police that the regulated drugs which are schedule 6 and should be administered with a doctor's prescription were indeed dispensed from our hospital and this is a serious offence as these drugs are also monitored by international bodies," he said.

The CEO further confirmed that the matter had been handed to the police fraud unit, as well as the ACC for further investigation.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter, saying the police were still doing more investigations.

"The matter was reported to the police and we are still investigating the allegations. A man was found with the drugs and investigations led the police to the hospital," she said.

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# WOMEN ORDER NATCOM



Senior Deputy National Commissioner Sula Dlamini listens to Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) National Director Xolani Hlatjwako at the reception.



Senior Deputy National Commissioner Sula Dlamini and Assistant Commissioner Charles Magagula addresses the women.

## PAC TELLS PS TO REDEPLOY KNOWLEDGE NGWENYA

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has instructed the Ministry of Education and Training Principal Secretary Bertram Stewart to redeploy Senior Career Guidance Officer Knowledge Ngwenya as he does not qualify for the position he was promoted to.

The PS was further fined E400 for allowing this anomaly to occur, on the other hand the PAC in June ordered Ngwenya to refund government E524 000 for executing duties for a non-existent post.

"The controlling officer is urged to engage the Civil Service Commission on the possible redeployment of the officer to a field he is more relevant in since he does not qualify to hold the position he was promoted to," reads part of the recommendation made by the PAC.

The PAC also said the ministry of public service should engage all government ministries and departments as well as the CSC to ensure that officers recommended for promotions or vacant posts hold the necessary qualifications to avoid a situation similar to that of the ministry of education where an officer was promoted to a technical position that he is neither qualified for nor

have any experience in. This comes after the Auditor General reported that an Assistant Administrative Clerk was promoted to the post of assistant career guidance officer without the relevant qualifications.

The post required that the incumbent should possess a bachelor's degree in social sciences or humanities or a knowledge in Information Communications Technology, but the officer did not have any of these qualifications. Instead he only had an O'Level Certificate with poor grades.

### Paid

"The same officer, was promoted in August 2014 did not report to his new duty station, which was in Nhlango. Instead he continued working in the Ministry's Headquarters in Mbabane and did not render the service he was paid for. As a result, at the time of the audit, he had been paid a sum of E524 352.38, over a period of 43 months, without rendering the service," further reads the report.

On the other hand, the principal secretary concurred with the Auditor General's findings and submitted that Ngwenya appealed his deployment to Nhlango claiming that his life was in danger in the Shiselweni region since he had supposedly unearthed a lot of rot com-

mitted by teachers in that region which led to some of them facing disciplinary cases at the Teaching Service Commission and criminal cases, hence he had made enemies with them.

"The officer himself appeared before the honourable committee and reiterated what the controlling officer said. He further stated that he was given a verbal instruction by the then principal secretary to assist the office of the under secretary - schools manager with investigating cases of misconduct by teachers.

"The schools manager informed the PAC that the ministry had been unsuccessful in trying to re-designate the post of assistant career guidance officer occupied by the officer so that he could continue with his duties in Mbabane.

### Interviews

Regarding the officer being promoted to a post he was not qualified for; it was submitted that the officer did not apply for the post and never underwent any interviews. Instead, he was formally recommended for promotion by the former Principal Secretary.

"A letter signed by the former Principal Secretary where he was recommending the officer to the Civil Service Commission was produced as evidence," further reads the report.

## High profile cases erode faith in justice – Law Society

Law Society of Swaziland is of the view that a delay in dealing with the rape of the university student, Judge Abande Dlamini's alleged shooting at Kai-Kai and Pigg's Peak Principal Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli would have dire consequences for the justice system of the country.

Charges have not been preferred against these high profile individuals.

The Society's Secretary General (SG) and Human Rights lawyer Thulani Maseko was reacting to reports that Mdluli is accused of assaulting his wife.

He said the allegations made against Magistrate Mdluli were a cause for serious concern. He continued to state since the enacting of the SODV Act men have been appearing in court in relation to women abuse cases.

"So it is very sad that those who stand in judgement against others should now be the ones who are said to be violating the rights of their spouses. What it really says is that maybe something is not right within the

judiciary in terms of upholding the code of conduct and ethics by members of the judiciary," he explained.

Maseko added that the recent incidents say a lot about the behaviour and conduct of the country's Judiciary.

"The unintended result is that it is going to undermine faith in our courts. That is the disturbing part of it when officers of the law are the ones who are now undermining the law.

### Powerful

"Faith in the Judiciary system would be lost by most members of the public and we record that something must be done to ensure that those who are sitting in powerful positions and undermine the law must face the consequences," Maseko elaborated.

Maseko said it was disturbing that there was no progress in Judge Abande Dlamini. He said there were two processes in dealing with such cases - criminal and professional. Professionally, judges are supposed to be disciplined by the Judiciary Services Commission

through impeachment; however, Maseko stated that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) can also act on the criminal process.

"The problem with this type of cases of prominent or people who are connected to people in higher places is that they are not treated the same way as ordinary citizens.

"That is why I am saying at the end of day people are going to lose faith in institutions that are supposed to ensure that the law is abided equally," he said.

He said the police, prosecution and the judiciary were three critical institutions that should ensure that people do not undermine the law.

The SG mentioned that should the law be perceived as bias, people are going to lose faith in them.

He said the cases of the rape prince; Judge Dlamini as well as Principal Magistrate Mdluli were classical examples that indicate that the law is not being applied equally to citizens in the country. He said such was very unfair.

## Teacher brutally killed, husband on the run

BY STARKY MKHONTA

In another serious case of domestic violence, a teacher who had a long strained relationship with her husband has been discovered lying in a pool of blood in her bathroom.

Nokuthula Vangile Dlamini had a deep wound on the forehead, with her brains splattered across her face. There was blood all over her house.

She was married to popular kombi operator Vusi Dlamini, who is now on the loose, and a person of interest.

Police have appealed to Dlamini to surrender himself to enable them to conduct their investigations. It is unclear if Nokuthula was stabbed or shot with a firearm given the nature of the deadly wound.

Dlamini who to many is popularly known as '3rand', operates a kombi business under the style Caterpillar Transport which services Nhlango/Makhonza route.

The body of the deceased was found in her bathroom on Friday - bloodied all over. According to well-placed sources, there appears to have been a scuffle the night before, although it is unclear what the fight was about.

The two were reportedly alone in the house the night before.

Nokuthula was a teacher at Othandweni Primary School under Zombodze Emuva constituency. Her colleagues, including Principal Dumisile Shabangu last saw her alive at school on Thursday. The couple had a home at Davies, which is an area under Engwenyameni Umphakatsi close to Zombodze Emuva.

Claims are that Nokuthula and her husband had a long history of their domestic problems such that they ended up in separation with the woman building her own home in the same area, although at times she found herself at her matrimonial home.

Family members alleged that when the couple would engage in misunderstanding, she would leave to the home she built close by.

It is also understood that the families of the two were at times engaged to assist the two to talk things out.

On this fateful day, it is said the two had a



The teacher Nokuthula Dlamini (2nd l) with her friends.

misunderstanding which led to a scuffle inside the house and the husband was allegedly infuriated and reached for the object that allegedly killed her.

It is alleged that Nokuthula's body was dragged to the bathroom, allegedly by her husband who then locked the house and left.

Sources said he then called his children and advised them to go to the police station to alert them that he had accidentally killed his wife.

"He called one of their children and instructed them that they should go to the police and alert them of what he did to their mother," said a well-placed source.

According to the source, he directed them where he had kept the keys to the house.

"The children did as ordered and when police arrived, the house was opened and in the bathroom, there was the body of the deceased and everyone was shocked. The suspect was nowhere to be found and has been on the run since the day he committed the crime," said a source.

Police mouthpiece Supt Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident and further appealed to the public to assist in the apprehension of the suspect.

"He is also advised to surrender himself as being on the run won't help him," said Supt Vilakati.





His Majesty King Mswati III joined leaders for a family picture at the start of the summit. (Pics Len Mohale - State photographer)

# MOVEMENT MUST BE RELEVANT, CREDIBLE, KING URGES LEADERS

STORIES BY KING'S OFFICE CORRESPONDENT

**B**AKU, AZERBAIJAN – His Majesty the King has emphasised the need for the Non-Aligned Movement to remain relevant and credible.

Speaking at the 18th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, His Majesty King Mswati III said since existence in 1959, the persistent global challenges that the movement was established to overcome require introspection and honest self-evaluation.

The primary objectives of the Non-Aligned Movement include the support of self-determination, national independence and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, among others.

"Over 60 years later our countries are still confronted by several natural and man-made critical issues that affect our nations and peoples. Our movement has always advocated for a world of peace, justice, respect, fraternal friendship, solidarity, cooperation and development for all," he said.

Some developing countries and several members of the movement, he noted, bear more predominantly the price and the consequences of violations of international law, foreign domination, armed conflicts, illicit financial flows and unfair trade practices.

The King said multilateralism provides the motivation to address global issues of concern such as poverty, hunger, climate action, migration, transnational crimes and the fight against global terrorism and violent extremism, to mention but a few.

He said the theme of the summit; 'Promoting international peace and security for sustainable development,' reaffirmed the collective desire to establish a peaceful and prosperous world.

"We also want just and equitable societies in which poverty is eradicated, inequalities are reduced, the environment is protected, health for all is guaranteed, education and decent work are provided to the populace of the world."



His Majesty the King addresses the 18th Summit of Heads of States and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement in Baku, Azerbaijan on Friday.

cated, inequalities are reduced, the environment is protected, health for all is guaranteed, education and decent work are provided to the populace of the world," he emphasised.

His Majesty the King assured the Summit that the kingdom would continue to promote and defend an international rules-based system and condemn unilateral coercive measures taken against countries of the movement and threatening the dignity of the people.

He highlighted that such actions were issued in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and International Law, particularly the principles of non-intervention, self-determination and independence of States.

"Each member State has full sovereignty over its wealth, natural resources and economic activity, political determinations and must be allowed to exercise those rights freely," he said.

The King also noted how the global financial and economic crises continued to adversely impact on the economic growth and the development

of countries, leading to increased poverty.

Worsening the situation, he said, was the continued unequal terms of trade, reduction in foreign aid and assistance, unilateral coercive measures imposed by a few countries, and the re-emergence of extreme nationalism.

"In reality, globalisation and trade liberalisation have accrued uneven benefits among member States. Many people still feel left behind.

"In fact, several developing countries, such as Eswatini, have become more vulnerable to the shocks of financial and economic crises, climate change, food shortages, and energy challenges," he said.

## HIS MAJESTY ALSO CALLED FOR:

- A reassessment of the reality of the challenges faced by individual countries when official development support is considered. Trade must contribute to poverty reduction and foster growth.

- Increased aid towards trade and

capacity building in order to strengthen the participation of developing countries in the global value chain and promote regional economic integration and interconnectivity.

- Recommitting to working together as the only avenue that guarantees peace and development for all our countries.

- Acceleration of efforts towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, leaving no one behind.

- Developed countries to support the provision of financing, transfer of appropriate technology and capacity-building to members of the movement.

He commended the efforts of the international community to counter and eradicate the spread of various pandemics like Ebola, HIV and AIDS, TB and malaria, including initiatives for confronting the aftermath of natural disasters around the world.

He said the Kingdom of Eswatini was desirous of a return to unity and conformity with international law and

build the Africa we want, grow our economy through new technologies and innovative initiatives, and improve intra-Africa trade as well as trade with the rest of the world.

## ABOUT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

The Non-Aligned Movement was formed during the Cold War, largely on the initiative of then-Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito, as an organisation of States that did not seek to formally align themselves with either the United States or the Soviet Union, but sought to remain independent or neutral.

The primary objectives of the non-aligned countries focused on the support of self-determination, national independence and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States; opposition to apartheid; non-adherence to multilateral military pacts and the independence of non-aligned countries from great power or block influences and rivalries; the struggle against imperialism in all its forms and manifestations; the struggle against colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, foreign occupation and domination; disarmament; non-interference into the internal affairs of States and peaceful coexistence among all nations; rejection of the use or threat of use of force in international relations; the strengthening of the United Nations; the democratization of international relations; socioeconomic development and the restructuring of the international economic system; as well as international cooperation on an equal footing. (Source: internet)

**We also want just and equitable societies in which poverty is eradicated, inequalities are reduced, the environment is protected, health for all is guaranteed, education and decent work are provided to the populace of the world**





His Majesty King Mswati III.

## Local delegation meets private and public sector

**B**AKU, AZERBAIJAN – Members of the local delegation met several private and public entities to initiate cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

They met the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovation under the Presidency, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Uni Bank and Uni Capital, as well as the State Tourism Agency.

The local delegation comprised among others; Eswatini Ambassador to Brussels accredited to Azerbaijan, Sibusisiwe Mngomezulu, and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo and Public Service Minister Christian Ntshangase.

The Heydar Aliyev Foundation was established in memory of former leader and father of current president Heydar Aliyev, who helped the country build an independent state.

It also aims to help reflect his rich moral heritage, underlining the importance of the country's philosophy and cultivating the national statehood ideas in their children.

The President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation is Azerbaijan's First Lady, UNESCO and ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador Mehriban Aliyeva. It was established in 2004 and has been actively participating in building a new society and contributing to the social and economic development of the country by implementing various projects in education, public health, culture, sports, science and technology, environment and social sectors, among others.



Eswatini Ambassador to the United Nations Melusi Masuku captured with Venezuela's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Yuri Pimentel at the summit.



His Majesty the King poses with leaders at the summit.



Officials from the local delegation caucus at the meeting.

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## Don't give Judge Abande his gun – victim

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

**S**ithembiso Mngometulu claims his life would be exposed to danger should Industrial Court Judge Abande Dlamini be granted his pistol by the High Court of Eswatini.

This comes after Judge Abande filed an urgent application at the High Court to have his pistol released to him.

Mngometulu is the young man who was shot allegedly by Industrial Court Judge Abande at Kai-Kai motel a couple of months ago. He was speaking from his hospital bed at Mbabane Government Hospital yesterday, where he is still waiting to be referred to theatre so that he can undergo a metal implant procedure.

He stated that releasing the pistol to Judge Dlamini would be tantamount to giving him (Judge Abande) the leeway to finish him off. He asserted that he still feels unsafe as anything can happen while still at the hospital. Mngometulu has already spent two months at Mbabane Government Hospital.

"I don't understand why he wants the gun back. I plead with the courts not to release the gun to that gentleman. Because I don't know what he intends to do with it, if he feels threatened he should seek protection from the police, as a judge I don't think they (police) will have a problem in protecting him," he stated.

Mngometulu stated that after hearing about the judge's inten-

tion to have his pistol released to him he was engulfed with fear as he does not know what he could do with it. He said when he heard that the judge had applied for the release of his pistol, flashbacks of what happened the night he got shot at filled his mind and he was overwhelmed with fear, as a result he could not sleep that night.

Judge Abande's cellular phone number was not available on the MTN network when called yesterday.

### Moved

Last week, the Industrial Court Judge moved an urgent application at the High Court of Eswatini, for the release of his CZ Browning 9mm (pistol) as he now fears for his life. Respondents in the matter are the national commissioner of police and the attorney general.

The Judge's handgun was taken by members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) after a shooting incident at hangout spot Kai-Kai, at Hhelehhele.

In his application, Judge Dlamini stated that the firearm pertained to his property and safety, his family and property as he was a judge in the Judiciary of the Kingdom of Eswatini. He submitted that ever since the shooting incident, he had been receiving threats from various individuals who were unknown to him.

Judge Dlamini stated that in some of these threats, the people stated that they wanted to deal with him as they were aware that his gun was no longer with him.

## Groom back in the country

BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

**A** week after she was stood up by her fiancée, Fortunate Parraque is still in the dark as to what happened to the man who was to walk her down the aisle.

Although sources have said David Mtsetfwa has returned to the country, the Eswatini weather presenter does not have the answers as to why she was left on her own last week Saturday on a day that was important to her.

Parraque's wedding day was meant to happen last Saturday at the Swedish Church in Ezulwini.

After disappearing for days on end, Mtsetfwa has been finally reported to be back home.

### Source

This was revealed by a source who wished not to be identified, saying they saw the groom going to the nearby stores at his family home eBuka in Ezulwini on Wednesday.

A reliable family source, who was found at home confirmed the matter saying indeed the groom was back but does not seem to be well.

The family member said the elders had still not met to discuss the issue either.

However, this newspaper understands they are to meet today and

only then will they be able to give an official comment.

"I also can't say anything concerning the matter as the elders have not yet met. We are also in the dark about the issue at hand and are waiting for the meeting. Yes, the groom is back but the elders are the ones who will speak and give the media an official comment," said the source.

### Moment

The Mtsetfwa family member said the groom was not home at the moment and will not be able to speak to the media until both families have met. The source further stated that there was nothing that the groom could say too, without having the two families meet and discuss the issue.

"You need to talk to him directly because we are also in the dark about what happened and why it happened as he has not yet said anything to us as well. We will all know after the elders have met and discussed the issues," said the source.

"He is still beating around the bush about the issue, he was not his usual self and efforts to converse with him failed as he was just reserved," said the source.

Both the groom and bride's numbers were not reachable when contacted.

## INSIDE THE MATATA LIQUIDATION

# LIQUIDATION RAISES MORE QUESTIONS 'THAN MONEY'

STORIES BY  
ZWELETHU DLAMINI

**T**he liquidation of Matata Retail (Proprietary) Limited based on insolvency has raised some furore among concerned members of the public, including business people and individual legislators and legal practitioners.

This emanates from events leading to and after the successful liquidation of the entity, which was granted by the High Court last week.

According to the Insolvency Act of 1955 'insolvent' when used as a noun, means a debtor whose estate is under sequestration and includes such a debtor before the sequestration of his/her estate. Insolvency is the state of being unable to pay money owed, by a person or company, on time.

On the other hand, the company Director Hans Steffens says he made a loss due to corrupt people he tried to empower.



A map showing a bird's eye view of Matata town.

**I**n April last year, Matata Retail Proprietary sold four of its stores to the SPAR Group Limited at a staggering E41 million. At the time, Matata was said to be owing Spar Group E23 million, which resulted in the sale of the retail outlets.

The sale came after an agreement was reached between the two parties to the effect that the four Matata stores in the country were as from that month taken over by Spar Group at the said figure.

According to the agreement signed by both SPAR and Matata, the four stores were SPAR Big-Bend, SPAR Matata and Tops, SPAR Moneni and Tops and Savor Mpaka and Liquor store.

The agreement followed that SPAR Group filed an urgent application at the High Court seeking an order to take in its possession all movable property corporeal or not from all Matata retail stores in respect of E23 million owed to Spar.

According to Liezl Streicher of SPAR in his affidavit, it appeared from the applicant's (Spar) record that the respondent (Matata) was indebted to the applicant to a total sum of E22 155 134.46 made up of Fresh at Moneni, Matata SPAR and Tops, Mpaka Savor and Fresh at Big Bend and Tops.

Representing SPAR in the matter was Bonginkhosi Magagula of Magagula Attorneys, while Matata was represented by senior lawyer Kenneth Motsa of Robinson Bertram.

According to the applicant, on August 25, 2017 a General Notarial Governing Bond was registered by the respondent

## 2018 sale of stores to SPAR

in favour of the applicant by the Registrar of Deeds in Mbabane and in terms of the bond, it was stated that the respondent declared itself to be truly and lawfully indebted to the applicant in the total sum of E22 million.

As security for the due payment of the capital sum, interest the respondent bound and pledged generally all its movables as defined in terms of the bond, which it then had or which from time to time require or be possessed.

### Payment

However, the applicant stated that despite the payment terms, the respondent had consistently failed to make payments to the applicant in accordance with the terms agreed upon and has also failed when called upon to do so to provide the applicant with management accounts, thus breaching the terms of the bonds. "I must mention that we are aware of the current adverse economic conditions and has over the past year allowed respondent extended trading terms and in a further attempt to assist respondent, applicant advanced respondent a sum of E10 million to assist respondent in meeting its obligations to the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA)," submitted Liezl last year.

He said on April 18, 2018 he addressed the respondent's Financial Director Willem Jacobus Snyman, requesting management accounts for the month of

March and he informed him that the person responsible for preparing same was in hospital.

The applicant submitted that if the respondent is indeed considering options, there can only be one conclusion that respondent is considering winding up, considering its parlous financial position as the business cannot be sold as the proceeds cannot be enough to pay respondent's creditors even if applicant's security is not perfected.

This suggest that the company remained with E18 million from the sale of the stores. Concerned members of the public view this as profit that Matata retail made, which is not declared by the company that has been pronounced insolvent. Legal experts who spoke on the condition of anonymity stated that they were not convinced that the liquidation of the company was justified, as they feel the company could not have made other debts when it stopped trading after being sold to SPAR.

"Liquidations are too easily accessible and destructive to the general economy just the number of job losses and the loss of revenue are delimitating. We need to consider mandatory business rescue before final liquidation," said another lawyer. Similarly, a legislator who responded to the liquidation of Matata said he was not convinced that the company was insolvent.

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

**T**he country's education system is literally hanging by a thread. This is because employees of territory institutions, including lecturers who are unionised under the National Workers Union in Swaziland Higher Institutions (NAWUSHI) have also indicated that they want government to give them their Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA). About seven institutions under NAWUSHI,

## Tertiaries also want CoLA

including the University of Eswatini as well as Eswatini Medical Christian University to name a few are also government's parastatals.

This comes a few months after students On August 15, students from the country's three key universities, the University of Eswatini, the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, and the Eswatini Christian Medical University, jointly took it to the street on August 15, protesting

the proposed manner in their allowances disbursement.

The parties agreed that the allowances should be disbursed a per government's proposal, which was through MTN Eswatini Mobile Money and Eswatini Mobile E-Mali. However, it was agreed that government should increase the monthly disbursements to E1 000 instead of E700.

Meanwhile, SNAT together with other



## 2019 petition for liquidation

A year later, Matata Retail Proprietary Limited Directors Hans Oskar Helmuth Steffens and Willem Jacobus Snyman resolved to have the company liquidated due to insolvency, and the move was last week granted by the High Court.

In their application to have the company placed under provisional liquidation, the directors stated the insolvent company owed creditors a sum of E26 869 042, of this amount the company owed Eswatini Revenue Authority (ESRA) over E8 million. The directors averred that Matata Retail (Proprietary) was operating a franchise of the Spar Group Limited, however, Spar, through a court order obtained on April 26, 2018, took over all the shops of the company and consequently since then it had not traded. "Due to the above, the company has not been able to pay its credi-

tors and to the extent that one of the creditors, Viva Beverages, obtained a court order and executed a writ which Matata Retail could not satisfy," alleged Hans. The directors claimed that considering the above, to continue trading would be unlawful and contrary to the provisions of the law.

Steffen alleged that to continue trading would be permitting the company to increase its debts and liabilities, which it could not meet since it had ceased to conduct business. The company submitted that it was unable to pay its debts and should be wound up in terms of the provision of the Companies Act, 2009 to enable the liquidator not only to take charge of the company but also administer and realise its assets under the machinery of winding up for the benefit of the creditors.

## Liquidation granted by High Court

This order raised fears among the creditors, employees and some businesses as they were of the view that this meant the outlets which were ran by Matata Retail Proprietary Limited will close shop.

This was expected to result in job losses and partial payment of the debts, incurred by the company after the sale of its assets which are believed to be of a lower value than the liabilities of the company. The fear is that the liquidation process might affect many businesses, services, livelihoods and surrounding communities. Expected. However, the director of the company tells a different story on what is expected

to prevail, as he says the retail outlets will not retrench a single employee and will not close.

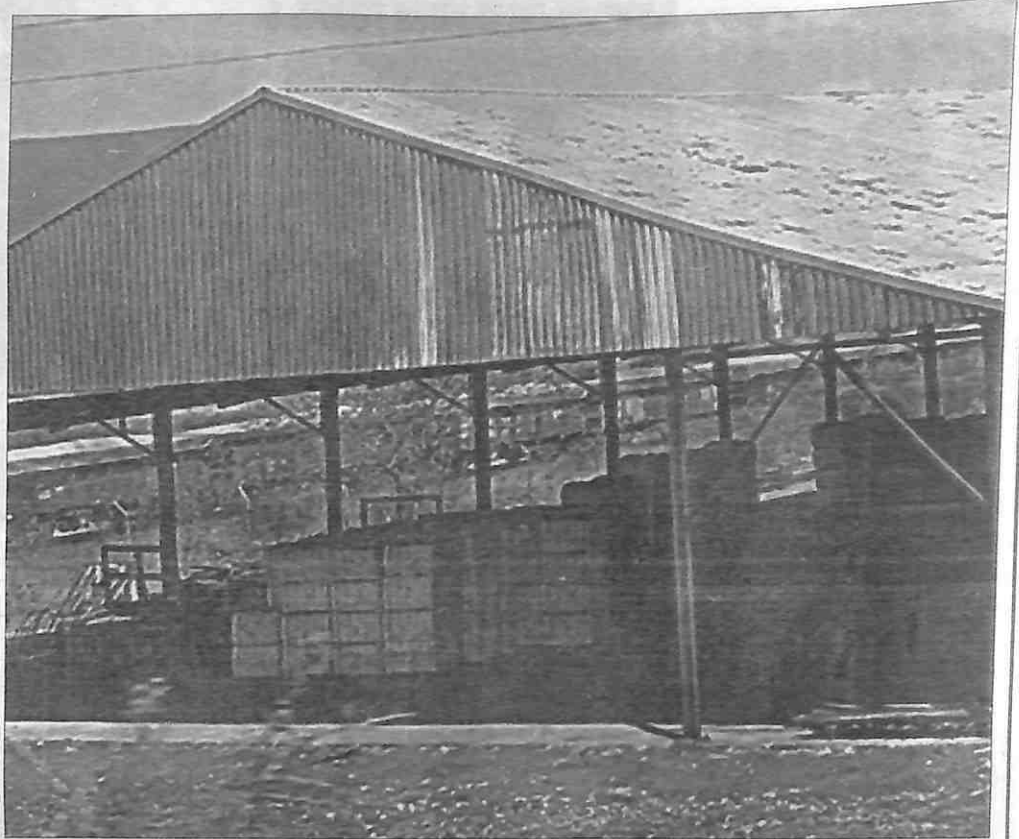
"We have created a lot of jobs through this business and cannot then let the people down. About 2 500 were created and reduced unemployment by 5 per cent. None of the employees will be retrenched as a result of the liquidation, it will only be a loss to us," he assured. The director's assertion has raised questions as it is contrary to what is expected to take place as per the Insolvency Act. Legal experts stated that as per the law, once the court has granted a company the liquidation order, it was expected to seize operation and wind up.

## I made a loss – Hans

Asked on the dissatisfaction of the concerned members of the public about the liquidation and the funds that the company received from the sale of the stores the Steffens said he made a loss due to corrupt people he tried to empower. Asked how the company spent the E41 million received from the sale of the retail outlets Steffens said their creditors were worth more than E23 million and thus

he made a loss. "It was more than that if I recall correctly. Our creditors alone were more than E55 million.

I lost money but created more than 1 000 new jobs and that to me was worth it. I am however extremely disappointed in the Emaswati people who I empowered especially those who believed that they should be corrupt, that made me lose faith in humanity and Emaswati. I will however never give up on my country, Their Majesties and our people. Thieves should be behind bars," he said.



One of the establishments operating at Matata town.

## Matata viable, more businesses coming to set shop

Despite the liquidation of Matata Retail (Proprietary) Limited given a go ahead by the court because of insolvency, the company Director Hans Steffens says Matata town is a viable place for businesses. The former Nkilonko Member of Parliament said this was evidenced with the interest shown by several businesses in setting shop at Matata. He said other entities were also set to operate from the fast-growing town.

### Entities

These entities, according to Steffens include Swaziland Agricultural Services (SAS) John Deer, Engen and Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC).

He also revealed that Matata will soon accommodate Nkilonko Inkhundla offices and a fire station that is expected to operate soon. "We are also working with Ekhyaya Properties and Inyatsi Construction to sell properties. SPAR and

SWAKI have shown interest in purchasing properties as we have over 140 properties for sale and rental.

The town will grow even bigger with plans to expand it already in the pipeline.

### Settlement

"We have made an application with the Human Settlement Authority and as of next week we may get title deeds," he added. Steffens is optimistic that the nearby LUSIP projects will bring about the needed economic activity in the town.

Matata, the town, is home to the business known as Matata Group of Companies. The businesses include supermarkets, retail stores, farm machinery outlets, abattoirs, cattle ranches, a butchery, sugar farms, and maize plantations.

Most adults in hereby Matata, are employed in Matata the business group and by 2014 the population of Matata, was estimated at over 3 000 people.



Some of the outlets at Matata which is set to become a fully-fledged town.

## Suspect found with 16 TV sets

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

A 27-year-man from Elangeni has been arrested in connection with several house breaking incidents at Ngwane Park, Manzini. He was arrested by the Manzini police towards the end of the week and is yet

to make a court appearance the coming week. It is alleged that the suspect was found with 16 flat screens and a number of un-disclosed laptops which were recovered. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the house breakings. She said the suspect was yet to make a court appearance.

Public Sector Associations (PSAs), on September 25, 2019 took to the streets demanding CoLA.

This time around, the NAWUSHI Secretary General (SG) has come out to state that their members also want CoLA.

"Workers in higher education institutions also wants CoLA and we expect to be awarded as some of PEUs have been given such and salary reviews," he said.

He continued to state that the workers should not suffer because of the ailing economy, he said this was because every year, prices shot up in stores.

The unionist added that the least to happen would be for the workers to maintain the standard of living.

"CoLA is not an increment, but it is a way of maintaining one's standard of living by not losing buying power.

### Workers

CoLA is critical for workers so they could continue producing and performing in their respective work-stations," he elaborated. He mentioned that the union would continue with negotiations with employers should they reach deadlock, workers would not hesitate to join the

PSAs doinh their strikes. He hoped the strike action would result in government awarding the CoLA.

On the other hand, the PSAs are expected to table 19.9 per cent CoLA demand in the on-going negotiations with government. The 19.9 per cent is a sum of 7.85 per cent demand of the financial year 2017/18, 6.55 per cent which was tabled by the unions during the 2018/19 fiscal year and an estimated 5.5 per cent for the current financial year.

However, they had not yet tabled this financial year's demand but they had

mentioned before that it would be not less than the 5.5 per cent, which is last year's average inflation rate. However, according to the ministry of finance second Quarter performance report for the financial year 2019/2020, the Standing Committee on Public Enterprises (SCOPE) did not approve their CoLA as well as salary review recommendations.

As reported by the Sunday Observer last week, government through SCOPE has in the second quarter approved the CoLA and salary review recommendations of five Category A Public Enterprises

(EP) in the second quarter.

SCOPE approved CoLA for the Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC) Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF), Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) and Eswatini Development Finance Corporation (FINCORP). It also approved the request for the Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) implementation of the salary benchmarking recommendations.

Furthermore, the SCOPE approved the Eswatini Water Services Corporation salary review report and the recommendations.



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Your favourite paper turned six years last week and yesterday the team led by the Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo enjoyed a slice of cake to mark the celebration.



# CHURCH ACCEPTS E31m OFFER FROM BUILD IT

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

**I**n a rather bizarre instance, Build It Hardware offered a place of worship worth E31 million in their quest to expand their shop stationed near the Mbabane police station.

This transition almost divided the Free Evangelical Assemblies Church into two camps as some were for the idea, whereas some were against it. After engaging in consultative meetings, the elders agreed to the offer, which Pastor Aaron Matsebula termed as a business decision to make.

As a result, the Free Evangelical Assemblies Church is now stationed below the Mbabane Clinic where its members now enjoy a tarred car park which accommodates 300 cars, trendy offices and classrooms which accommodate Sunday school children, kitchen and conference rooms. The whole church is air-conditioned.

In an interview with this newspaper, Matsebula stated that moving from their initial station was not an easy decision to make, as some of his members were against the idea. He said taking the offer was more of a business idea than anything. He stated that it was not the first time though for his church to be faced with such a situation.

"I would like to state that it was not the first time we received an offer to move from our initial place of worship," he said. When the church was



Leader of the Mbabane FEA Church Reverend Aaron Matsebula. (Pics: Mhlonishwa Hlophe)

formed in the early 1980s, it was stationed at Msunduzi near the sports-ground, having bought the plot from the Mbabane Municipality Council.

## Structure

"After we had set up our structure government approached us with the intention to utilise a portion of our plot, by setting up a playing ground for the community of Msunduzi. We had to look for an alternative place, fortunately government moved us to the place near Mbabane police station in 2003," he said.

In the same vein, he brought to light that about four years ago they were approached by Build It who also intended to extend their shop. He

said they gave them choices to either relocate to Ezulwini or Dalriach and the church insisted that they did not want to leave town. Fortunately they were given the current place.

## Decision

He stressed that he did not make the decision alone as the church consists of 10 branches. Matsebula said that they consulted before taking the final decision, saying that it proved to be more of a business decision than anything.

"I would like to state that the land we are currently occupying is one hectare and our previous land covered 650sqm. And the previous building was 450sqm and the one we are

occupying is double from the previous structure," he revealed.

Matsebula disclosed that as a church, they never paid a single cent in all the business. He said they viewed the whole process as a blessing from God.

He said they only bought themselves furniture, further revealing that the church currently has a membership of 500 people, and they would be expanding the building in the near future to accommodate more worshippers.

When asked if he subscribes to the notion that church is now more of a business and making money than serving God, Matsebula said: "I would say a church is in the a business to win souls to Christ not to enrich pastors. Church shouldn't be taken as business to enrich certain individuals but we should also engage in social activities and focus on empowering our church members and the people in our communities".

The Managing Director of Build It Sam Essa confirmed the transaction.

"The reason we proposed for the place that was occupied by the church is because we wanted to expand our warehouse and parking space, I think the whole arrangement favoured them more than us, as they had a choice to either accept or reject the deal."

When asked when they would finish the whole expansion process, he said mid February. He said the process will create about 40 job opportunities.

## SA's Uyanda Mbuli plays LiSwati character on the Queen

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**S**outh African actress Ayanda Mbuli debuted on Mzansi Magic soapie The Queen on Friday where she plays a Swati character 'Cynthia'.

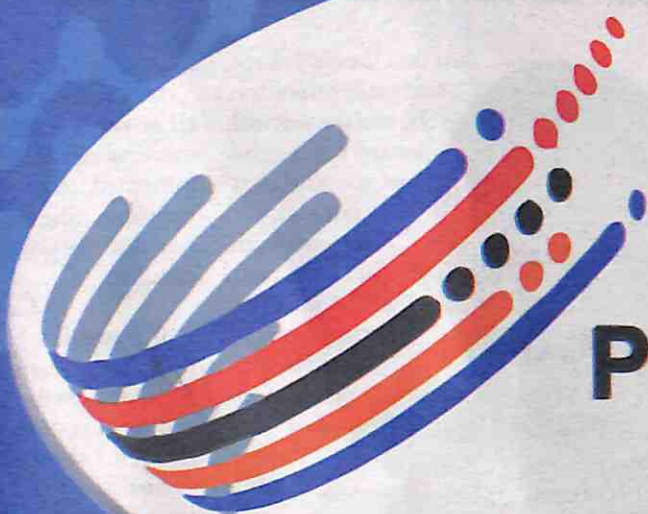
Mbuli (41) is a former Mrs Globe South Africa, a businesswoman, a TV Producer, Reality TV star and actress.

Mbuli said she was looking forward to playing the role. "I am looking forward to see how far my character, Cynthia goes and experience the dynamics of what the character must deal with," said Mbuli. Mbuli is not new to the limelight, as she first came under the spotlight as a supermodel while studying Bcom at the University of the Western Cape in 1996 the same year she was crowned Miss Cape Town. In 1997 she was crowned Miss Mpumalanga and graced magazine covers like Tribute and Pace Magazines. She is also into the TV industry as she was executive producer of her own reality TV show, 'Uyanda Its On', which broadcast Season one and two on SABC3.

## Stranger

Mbuli is no stranger to the acting world as well as she returns to it after 14 years. She was on Season 1 of SABC1's Tshisa and she played the character of Nomonde, before turning to behind the scenes as part of the SABC1 Management Team which drove the channel's brand repositioning from YaMampela to Mzansi4Sure. She then went back to complete her Bachelor of Commerce degree and started a corporate career which led her to being the Communications Manager for the Johannesburg's Electricity Utility City Power, then joined Gauteng Department of Housing as a Director of Communications. But, it was in 2005 that she started making tabloids headlines while being the PR Manager for SABC1. The late Sunday Times columnist, Gwen Gills crowned her the best dressed women in South Africa throughout the late 2000s, leading her to be a Style icon. She was inducted in hall of fame of the G-Sports in 2009 as STYLE STAR. She also co-founded Diamond Face Couture in 2008, the leading fashion house in the late 2000s. Uyanda was the youngest member on the boards of Gauteng Film Commission and Tazara Hospital. Others would know her from TV shows like SABC2's Strictly Come Dancing, Vuzu's TopShayela and Reality Check.





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## Govt audits ineffective as 11 auditors leave

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

Ending corruption and fraud seems to be a far-fetched dream in the country, as auditing government ministries has become cumbersome and ineffective for the remaining internal auditors within the ministry of finance as there is an exodus of officers who are not replaced.

The ineffective auditing of government ministries, marred with the poor documentation and record keeping in most ministries is envisaged to increase opportunities for fraud, corruption and non-accountability.

The ministry of finance notes that there is a growing limitation of audit effectiveness with a delayed completion of audits due to several factors, one being that the internal audit department is understaffed.

The internal audit office provides independent analysis, appraisal of public entities systems of control and makes recommendations on the adequacy of internal controls, risk management and governance process in delivering each entity's objective.

The department also reviews means of safeguarding government assets and delivers independent assessment of the reliability and integrity of financial regulatory and operational information and control effectiveness to government. However, the department is struggling to meet its mandate due to the shortage of human resources, among other challenges.

"None replacement of technical staff migrating to the private sector have negative effects of reducing audit coverage in various government ministries. One officer resigned this quarter in addition to the first quarter resignations, increasing the vacant posts to 11," reports the ministry.

This was also alluded to by the Communications Officer Setsabile Dlamini, who said the high turnover was mainly due to employees moving to corporate organisations in the private sector.

Apart from being understaffed, the internal audit department is also faced with the challenge of other resources, such as the non-availability of fuel. This has interrupted audits and resulted in delays in the completion of audits, hence most of the audits are work in progress status.

### Ministry

As per the ministry, 17 of the audits within the different ministries and government departments are still pending with only two completed in the second quarter. These are mainly audits of arrears, while the other assignments which are also pending include closing stock and fleet inventory management.

Some of the affected ministries are: tourism, housing, health, labour and social security, education economic planning works and the ministry of sports culture and youth affairs. Government departments with audits which are work-in-progress include the geology, anti-corruption, fire, central administration and micro-projects. The department is also faced with the challenge of poor documentation of records related to procurements and payment of goods and services in most government ministries and departments.

Responding to what the ministry is doing to address these challenges, the communications officer stated that heads of accounting departments were constantly sensitised on the adherence to proper record keeping.

"The ministry through the internal audit department has facilitated sensitisation of Heads of Accounting sections and other levels on risk management, that includes the importance of record keeping and how it affects the public sector as a whole. Further, the ministry in the Public Budget Committee meetings sensitise Controlling Officers and Heads of Accounting sections on such issues," she said. Dlamini did not state what the ministry was doing to address the shortage of the technical staff that migrated for greener pastures.

The department, on the other hand states that these challenges contribute to the delays in systems evaluation and risk management for improvement purposes. The department also notes that the challenges also expose government to impaired achievement of objectives and increase opportunities for fraud, corruption, and non-accountability and irresponsible use of public resources.

"These reviews are conducted with the view of ensuring that risk threatening government operations are curbed at root level to ensure the achievement of government goals.

For audit issues identified with the recommendations to correct any inadequacy, inefficiency and ineffectiveness of evaluated systems of control."

# THE MYSTERY OF THE

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

The mystery surrounding the Deputy Prime Minister's Mercedes Benz ML's whereabouts has deepened after the Principal Secretary (PS) in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport Khangeziwe Mabuza disclosed that the car was actually at her ministry.

The had been used by the DPM Themba Masuku before it was taken away from him at the beginning of the month. The DPM was then issued with an X5 for his official use.

Despite that the car was believed to have been handed over to his predecessor, Paul Dlamini the former DPM refuted being given the car for his use, saying that he had just bought himself a new car.

However, the PS this week clarified

that the car is kept safely at her ministry. She said she was well aware where the car is – and that it is not lost.

Last week, both the former DPM and the current one told this newspaper that they did not know the

car's whereabouts.

The PS asserts that she is responsible for all government cars and if any car was missing or stolen she would have been informed, so that she can take necessary measures. She stated that the car in question is in the government system, and it is not lost.

### Considering

"If it was lost, I would have been long told, that means it is safe wherever it is. Maybe it is at the garage for service or government is considering something else about it," she stated.

She disclosed that once they were done with what they were working on currently, the car would be returned to the DPM. She said people should rest assured that whatever they do they make sure they are in line with the Circular 2 of 2013.

"My responsibility is to execute the duties or contents stated by the circular as assigned by the government. I am

## May the real Nosipho Mnguni

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

The confusion over the identity of the Nosipho Mnguni accused of identity fraud can now be cleared.

The Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer (DPICO) Inspector Nosipho Mnguni allegedly used Ntombikhona Samkelisiwe Mohale's General Certificate of Education (GCE) illegally.

Dumisani Dlamini, Mohale's elder brother has come out to confirm that there should be no confusion over the identity of the Nosipho Mnguni who stands accused of allegedly forging the certificate.

Dlamini punched holes in the police service, accusing the Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati of misleading the public by denying that the Nosipho in question was her assistant.

Vilakati last week mentioned that the Nosipho referred to was not the same as her assistant. Dlamini also accused Superintendent Vilakati of protecting Mnguni because they were colleagues. The family member wondered how an institution like the police could protect wrongdoers, especially because it frowned upon fraudsters.

### Records

To the latest developments, DPICO Mnguni politely declined to comment on the matter without giving reasons behind her decision.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Vilakati when informed that the Mohales family has accused her of dishonest, she acknowledged that the names of the particulars were similar. However, she said that did not guarantee that it was her assistant.

She continued to state that records of the case referred to were out-dated. She said most of government institutions keep records for five years. She mentioned that another factor was that the police headquarters moved to new offices.

"However, that doesn't stop an aggrieved person to re-open a case if they feel it was not

well handled," she said.

Superintendent Vilakati continued to state that nothing could stop police from getting information on a case. She said by re-opening the case it would help to put to rest the speculations.

She urged Dlamini to engage the police on the issue; she assured that police would work on the matter regardless of who was involved. She requested the aggrieved individuals to visit the police headquarters.

Mohale's elder brother, who shares a mother with her, has come out to state that Mnguni was being economical with the truth by saying none of her names had a Y.

### Claims

To substantiate his claims, Dlamini produced a Swazi Observer article on police promotions, which was published on April 10, 2018. In the article which is found on press reader, the DPICO was addressed as Siphofaneni Police Station Assistant Inspector Nosipho Y Mnguni from the Operational Support Services Unit (OSSU) (Scuba Divers). She was being promoted from Sergeant or Assistant Inspector to her current rank.

He added that even police were also aware that DPICO's other name starts with a Y, so they should stop protecting her.

As if that was not enough, Dlamini said he acted as Mohale's guardian during the period when the matter was being heard. He firmly stated that he met Mnguni once or twice during a court appearance back then, so he confirmed that the Nosipho he met was the DPICO. He added that the matter was heard at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court; however, he said the matter 'disappeared' without being finalised.

"When the certificate was forged, Ntombikhona was staying with me at Ngwenya Village, as I was already employed.

It was later discovered that the person who let her (Ntombikhona) down was her friend called Nosipho Mnguni. I didn't know her (Nosipho) at the time but I met her while

attending to the court case," he narrated.

Dlamini added that it would be a struggle to get fact on the matter should one take as a matter of facts the things said by Mnguni.

"I was also disappointed by the comment of PICO, she talked like the matter had been concluded or they had verified that Mnguni was not the one accused of forging the certificate," he elaborated.

Dlamini also mentioned that he consulted with his sister regarding the article, he stated that what was disturbing was reading articles about Mnguni denying being the accused person. Furthermore, Dlamini said Mnguni should own up to the past, adding that she made a mistake and probably she was a changed person.

"It is unfortunate that she was still economical with the truth knowing that the story was going to be read by members of the public.

@We can't question the justice system but waited that the case would be finalised. We all have the desire to know what happened to the case. I felt it was necessary that we set the record straight, it is luck that I am still alive, plus I was present when everything happened," he mentioned.

### Extent

Dlamini stated that he would not keep quiet while police were trying to finalise the case without it being concluded in court.

When asked to share why the case matter was being brought back to life now, Dlamini suspected that the two might have met somewhere and ruffled each other's feathers. Without being precise, Dlamini said when one had wronged somebody to an extent that their whole career was affected, one has to at least apologise.

He continued to add that the person accused of messing the other person's life should not be unkind towards the victims.

Dlamini also stated that the fact that the two were close, one should then wonder why the two were no longer friends.

Mohale on October 4, 2019 took to her



# ML DEEPENS

aware that we may interpret the circular differently, but it is for government to make final ruling," she said.

She assured the public that it will be informed once everything has been sorted, she said given the status of the car it cannot be used by anybody except for the DPM.

## Decided

A source at the Central Transport Administration (CTA) said the car is not there, adding that he knew the car very well and that it has been quite some time since he last saw it at the garage. "Maybe they have decided to keep it elsewhere, not here."

CTA general manager Washington Khumalo politely asked not to comment on the matter.

In our last publication this newspaper reported that the Mercedes ML was once handed to the former DPM Paul Dlamini, and was then taken from him and given to the current DPM. It could not be ascertained who owns it, presently, as it was later on reportedly taken away from both of them.

The DPM is currently chauffeured in a BMW X5 after the Mercedes was taken from him. This newspaper understands

that the car was taken from him to be given to the Ligoqo Chairman, although it appears that he got tired of waiting for it to be given to him and bought himself a Toyota Prado.

## Confusion

He further revealed his frustrations at not being given a car, revealing that he had been nabbed by the anti-abuse unit for using government cars – an double cab and the same X5 that is now being used by the DPM.

"I encountered problems as I was constantly arrested by the anti-abuse unit," he said last week.

This newspaper has been reliably informed that there is confusion as to the interpretation of the Finance Circular No.2, regarding the disbursement of the cars to the former DPM.

The Circular states that the state shall provide a vehicle to a retiring Prime Minister and His Deputy of the same status as those that are in service. These will be owned and maintained by the government beyond their term of office.

The DPM was provided with a Mercedes Benz ML when he assumed his term of office last year, which was after it was detained from the former DPM.

## Ministry's over E100m system tender mess

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A red flag has been raised over the design, installation and maintenance of an integrated system for the ministry of home affairs, which is expected to cost taxpayers over E100 million.

The integrated system is anticipated to fully replace all of the ministry's current systems. The replacement of the system is scheduled to be gradually in phases, starting with the highest priority system to ensure close to normal business.

The project would be divided into four phases with the complete project implementation period expected to be 20 months from the date of receipt of the advance payment.

The Sunday Observer understands that the company which is tipped to do the above mentioned job is Pangea Ltd from Israel. Information gathered by the publication suggests that the ministry of home affairs, led by Princess Lindiwe has presented the company's proposal to the ministry's heads of department (HODs) and Cabinet. However, sources claimed that it was 'rejected' at first as it did not contain costs. However, the publication was informed that a few days later Pangea Ltd furnished the ministry with estimated costs for the project.

"After getting the figures, the ministry submitted them to the ministry of finance, so payments where necessary could be processed without the proposal going via Cabinet to be scrutinised," a source asserted.

The individual mentioned that the job was never opened for tendering; instead, it was allegedly awarded to Pangea Ltd after submitting a proposal around August this year.

An individual said what was amiss was that after this year's King's birthday, the minister together with her personal assistant went to a 'vacation' trip to Israel. Therefore, the trip to Israel has been strongly linked to Pangea Ltd.

Furthermore, the source continued to add that making things worse was the fact that the previous government was in talks with a South African-based company, which was to provide same service for the ministry. There is a feeling that the project has been put up for a tender-

ing process so the South African company could also be able to present its proposal.

Despite design, planning, development, procurement, deployment and maintenance of the software, Pangea Ltd would also maintain hardware at the premises of the end-user in the ministry.

The project is expected to include implementation of systems and modules: The systems are inclusive of passport Issuing, border control, visa Issuing, ID card issuing, resident card issuing as well as civil registration (birth, death, marriage and divorce registration systems).

Meanwhile service modules includes management, block list, payment, SMS e-mail, inventory, biometric registration as well as AFIS identity, report, web portal, help desk and mobile registration kit module (optional).

## Approval

This phase is expected to last for duration of nine months (including system analysis and development stages). This phase's duration would depend on the ministry's timely approval of Pangea Ltd system design, which should preferably take place promptly following submission of the system design and document.

Meanwhile, phase two of the project is allegedly expected to be completed within six months after it has been started. This would include ID card issuing system, resident card issuing system, block list module, SMS e-Mail module as well as mobile registration kit module (optional).

"Phase three is expected to last for five months and this would include system analysis and development stages," an individual said.

The source added that this exercise would include upgrade to e-passport issuing system, report module, web portal module, help desk as well as border control system.

Further, phase four of the project which is somehow optional is expected to last for at least two months. This would encompass of the upgrade to e-ID card and Resident e-card Issuing Systems.

Of note, regularly, government has been hit by malfunction machines, systems as well as passports shortages which resulted in unavailability of services obtained from the ministry of home affairs.

## Govt struggles to put matter into perspective

Government has failed to give clarity regarding the irregularities in the manner in which the ministry of home affairs is handling the design, installation and maintenance of an integrated system tender.

Principal Secretary (PS) Nhlanhla Nxumalo on Friday failed to respond to questions referred to him. Instead, without stating which part of the information was incorrect, the PS said data the publication was in possession of was inaccurate and could easily mislead the public.

"The issue is being dealt with by the appropriate government structures and or processes with the view to formulate the accurate position that can be submitted to Cabinet for positive consideration," he explained without coming out clean on which part of the issue was being dealt with.

## Implementation

The PS continued to add that once Cabinet gives its approval for implementation, he shall deem it appropriate to share such information with the media so that the public may be informed accordingly.

The PS's response came after the Ministry of Home Affairs Communications Officer Mlandvo Dlamini last Friday referred the questionnaire to minister Princess Lindiwe. The mouthpiece was away as she was on an official trip in Geneva. She returned in the country Saturday afternoon and was part of a delegation which left with His Majesty King Mswati III.

Meanwhile, on Friday, the minister stated that she was currently out of the country on a Royal assignment but said she has gone through the questions. She concluded that her Principal Secretary (PS) Nhlanhla Nxumalo would be in better position to respond.

"I have gone through your questionnaire and came to the conclusion that it has been misdirected. May I refer you to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini in particular Sections 75 and 76," responded the minister.

## Continued

Minister Princess Lindiwe continued to add that she deals with policy formulation and give strategic direction to the ministry. Therefore, she stated that the PS, on the other hand deals with the general administration of the ministry.

"It is for this reason that he is referred to as Controlling Officer or the Administrative head of the ministry. It is him who sits on issues of tenders and is also answerable to the PAC," the minister said.

On the other hand, Government spokesperson Percy Simelane said the matter was an operational one at ministerial level. Therefore, he believed that it does not necessarily call for a government position.

"Administration at home affairs is best positioned to share what they are up to with the upgrades in question and how they are handling the build-up in terms of framework," Simelane said while emphasising that the matter was too ministerial.

# please stand up?



Deputy Police PRO Nosipho Mnguni together with Dumisani Dlamini.

Facebook account to allege that one Nosipho Mnguni forged her academic certificates.

## Stating

Meanwhile, Mnguni despite denying being the Nosipho mentioned in the post, however, the Nosipho mentioned of Mohale, stating that confirmed knowledge of Mohale, stating that they went to the same school, St Michael's.

The original post reads, "One day I'll tell you a story of how a so called 'friend' stole my G.C.E certificate from school (presently a fraudulent letter) then went on to pre-empted a fraudulent board after being accepted it ka-scholarship board with those fraudulent symbols, but namuhla they work for the law. Kummandzi lamhlabeni, you just screw other people's lives and enjoy yours."



To substantiate her post, she attached a letter from the Examinations Council of Eswatini dated October 28, 1997. The letter has the signature of the then Council's Registrar, Dr Ben Dlamini.

Dr Dlamini's letter allegedly reads, "This is to certify the G.C.E Certificate super imposed with the name Mnguni Nosipho belongs to Mohale Ntombikhona Samkelisiwe, Candidate SZ 405/65 of St Michael's High School, Manzini.

The symbols reflected compare to those in our records. The Super imposed name cannot be removed while this case is proceeding. Please accept the symbols for processing her admission."





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STORIES BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

The judges made a shocking decision when they decided to save the two contestants who were eliminated from the top 10 to make it to the top eight.

This came as great news to Madoda Nsibandze and Melusi Mndzebele who were already in tears after they were eliminated.

According to Velemseni Ndzi-mandze, they decided to give the two a second chance to live another day in the competition. "It was just too brutal for us to let them leave like that, especially after their great performances today. So instead of letting them go, we decided to give them one more chance and we are hoping they go through to the next round," she said.

The judges were given the power to save as a team once throughout the competition. According to MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko, the top 10 show was their last opportunity to save any of the contestants. Everyone was excited when the two were saved, except for



# JUDGES SAVE



The Top 10 contestants pose after their performances at the MTN Mahlalekhukhwini House yesterday. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze and Shaka Makhanya)

Melusi Mndzebele, who said for him it was going to be a prolonged fear of being eliminated.

"I am happy but the honest truth is, I will spend the next week worrying that I might just get eliminat-

ed again, which will break my heart even more," he said.

On the contrary, rapper Madoda

said he was extremely happy because he was hoping to make it to the top eight. "I am extremely happy and grateful to the judges for giving us another chance," he said.

The other contestants were in high spirit when the judges saved the two. Namisa Nhlengetfwa said they would worry about who leaves next week.

## Performances

"We really had great performances and to see some of them leave was brutal, we do not care who leaves next week but we will enjoy this moment," she said.

The contestants were so happy that they did not seem to mind that next week three contestants will be eliminated from the show.

Fans were also happy about the judges decisions as the mood changed among the audience from gloomy to blissful. Speaking to some of the audience members, they felt they needed a full show without any elimination.

"I loved the twist from today's show, because it was good to see all the performances from the top 10 and we can continue with the show next week," said Melinda Hlatjwayo.



The contestants on stage after they all made it through to the next round.

## 'TOP 10' CELEBRATES LOCAL ARTISTRY

With an all local theme, this week the contestants fully embraced and celebrated local artistry.

From their outfits to the songs that they were given to perform, they were also excited to be performing local songs for artists that were also within the crowd. The songs given to the top 10 were 'Mporoma' by Nomalungelo, 'Inyembeti' by Zamo, 'Uwami' by Amanda Mo, 'Ngikhatsele' by Symphony and 'Vuma' by Sands to mention a few.

What made the song choice also special were the songs from new artists such as

'Umnyango' by Popzin, 'Lutsandvo' by Mzwaa and 'Buya sitsandzane' by Judah. These artists are also nominated for the New Comer of the year at the MTN SWAMA Awards.

The rappers were also tasked with a different challenge this week, as they were given local songs to work around with, other than having to compose from scratch. Madoda Nsibandze was given 'Wacala Kanjani' by KrTC and Ntsika Mazibuko did a cover of Diba Diba's 'Ingadla'.

In the audience and routing for the contestant who was given his song was Judah. The singer said he was proud of Lindelwa Tsabedze for performing the song better

than he imagined it.

"I was proud when they told me they will be singing one of my songs but after seeing her perform, I was overjoyed. She nailed it and I will be voting for her from now on. I truly hope she wins the competition," said Judah.

The contestants were also clad in Sgonian Republik, Nkosi Culture and No Limits clothing. It was truly a proud moment for the Eswatini arts industry. Nkosi Culture owner Theminkhosi Mthethwa did not have much to say as he felt this was a proud moment for the arts in the kingdom.

"It is not just about the clothes they wore or the songs they sang, there was more to

it. The show showed the growth of the arts in Eswatini and that makes us proud," he said.

The singers and rappers also felt at home with this week's theme. Speaking to some of them, they said performing this week was easier than any other time as they sang songs in their mother tongue and songs that they were familiar with.

"It was pressure at the same time, because some of them were in the audience but it was definitely easier and more than anything it was fun, I think I speak for everyone when I say we had fun performing all those beautiful songs," said Lindelwa Tsabedze.

Ntsika Mazibuko renders Diba Diba's 'Ingadla'.



# ELIMINATED TWO



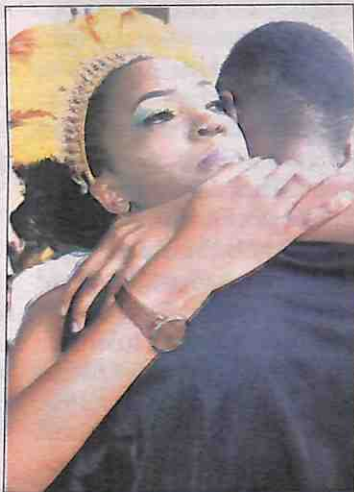
Guest judge Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo gives advice to a contestant.



Nontsikelelo Dlamini, Melusi Mndzebele and Eyethu Gama pose in No Limits wear.



Rina Mthethwa smiles after making it through to the next round.



Smiles after the two eliminated contestants were saved by the judges.

RIGHT - Nompandolo Nsibandze hugs her brother Madoda after his elimination.



Namisa Nhlengetfwa, Ntsika Mazibuko and Rina Mthethwa were clad in Nkosi Culture clothing.



Nompandolo Nsibandze looked stunning in her Sgonian Republic outfit.



Madoda Nsibandze, Nompandolo Nsibandze and Lindelwa Tsabedze pose in Sgonian Republic wear.



LEFT - Lindelwa Tsabedze went for a different look this week.

## ...Mndzebele unleashes alter ego

Singer Melusi Mndzebele, this week, came out of his shell as the judges felt for the first time since the beginning of the competition he brought who he really was on stage.

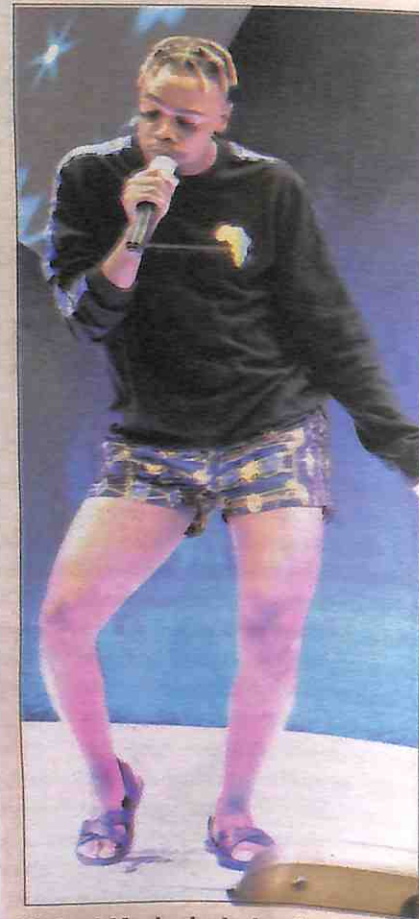
The singer this week was given 'Umyango' by Popzin and for the first time the singer danced during his performance and seemed to be enjoying himself on stage.

Mndzebele said he was happy about his performance as he also felt his alter ego came out to play. "I felt really great on stage and I am happy that I was able to do exactly what the song needed and I truly hope I did the singer proud," he said.

Mndzebele also said having a full band behind him helped in evoking some of the dance moves. The judges were also impressed with him as they gave him his first standing ovation.

Khulekani 'Karly B' Mamba even asked the singer who had given the performance after, to which he replied 'my alter ego'. Velemseni said he was proud of Melusi for finally showing who he was. "It was great to see the Melusi we know on stage because over the weeks you have been quiet and reserved on stage and today you came out of your shell and we loved it," said the judge.

However, guest judge Mbongeni Mbingo felt his outfit did not struck him as an outfit an artist would wear. Mbingo said he was a bit underdressed as the shorts he was wearing did not fit well with his outfit.



Melusi Mndzebele in dance for the first time since the competition started.



# Debate on prostitution legality status intensifies

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

*...after SODV Act interpretation suggesting sex work as legal*

**I**s sex work (prostitution) in Eswatini legal or not now that the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act is in place?

This is the question that government is expected to respond to this week following that several legal experts have given different opinions in the past two weeks.

The Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku who is the custodian of the SODV Act has stated that he had in the past week been engaging with legal experts to ascertain the correct interpretation of the Act and other laws related to the matter. Masuku promised that his team would meet and pronounce government's position on whether sex work is illegal or not.

On the other hand, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Principal Secretary Lorraine Hlophe admitted that the SODV Act protects sex workers but maintained that other laws criminalised prostitution. "I confirm that prostitution remains an offence in terms of our laws. The SODV Act protects all women against sexual abuse," she said without citing the specific laws that criminalise sex work.

Section 196(2) of the SODV Act says where there is any inconsistency between the provisions of the Act and any other law, other than the Constitution, the SODV Act is the law which must be applied.

Probed on the supremacy clause of the SODV Act, Hlophe said there was need for thorough investigation of the law before an informed position can be pronounced.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said she was not well versed on the matter and referred questions to the



Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku.

director of public prosecutions.

Director of Public Prosecutions Phila Dlamini said it was difficult to state whether the position of the civic groups was the correct interpretation or not without an in-depth investigation of the SODV Act and the Crimes Act. He then stated that his office would require some time to interrogate the two pieces of legislation before it would come to an informed conclusion.

## Exploitation

This follows that last week, COSPE and FSEJ and 35 local organisations concluded that sex work is legal if it involves consenting adults and does not involve exploitation by third parties. This is contained in the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act booklet which they had developed under the Rights for All project supported by the European Union. The 47-page booklet summarises the SODV Act from a human rights-based framework. COSPE Eswatini Advocacy and Lobbying Coordinator Mbali Dladlu

when called yesterday stated that from the human rights point of view they still maintained their position as stated in the booklet. "Abolitionist laws criminalise the activities of those seen as abusing, exploiting or coercing sex workers, pimps and procurers. The sale of sex by a sex worker herself is not a crime. Abolitionism is the oldest legal approach to sex work and has been incorporated into the Penal Codes of most former British colonies. South Africa is an exception to the general rule since it criminalises the selling and buying of sex," reads part of the summary on sex work.

The civic groups note that while the SODV Act does not criminalise sex workers or clients, it does create some offences relating to sex work. They point out that the Act aims to protect people from being forced into sex work, and to prevent sex workers from being exploited.

"The Act focuses on third parties who seek to benefit from the exchange

## Elethu!!! – Sex Workers

**S**everal sex workers contacted by this publication expressed their joy when they learnt that the SODV Act did not criminalise sex work rather protected them.

One of the leaders of sex workers who conducts her business in Manzini, Gcinile\* stated that most of the sex workers were not aware that sex work is legal in the country and thus they conducted their business in fear. She said she was happy to learn that the laws of the country including the SODV Act did not criminalise sex work.

"If it is true that sex work is legal and the SODV Act protects us then we are free, I'm over the moon, Elethu!! This means we are free from the police, we now must challenge the City Councils and the Crimes Act," she said. Gcinile stated the police when arresting them cite that the municipal councils or the owners of the building near which they conduct their busi-

nesses complain of their work as being illegal. She narrated how they had been ill-treated by police while they were on duty on the streets of Manzini relating the incident which saw 16 of her co-workers being arrested and charged with contravening the Crimes Act.

Gcinile said they were saved by their lawyer and the magistrate who cautioned the police against arresting them without substantial evidence that their loitering at night was for the purposes of prostitution.

Another sex worker who spoke on the condition of anonymity said there was need for the review of the Crimes Act considering that there were retail outlets which were now operating 24 hours including restaurants and bars which meant that people can be on the street day and night conducting their respective duties including sex workers.

of sexual acts between a sex worker and client and criminalises: commercial sexual exploitation; procuring prostitution; benefitting from prostitution or living off the earnings of prostitution," further reads the summary on sex work.

## WHAT IS ILLEGAL?

### Commercial sexual exploitation Section 13 of SODV Act

It is an offence to, in exchange for money or other reward, coerce or induce a person (B) to engage in sexual acts with another person (C). In this case, the accused person (A) earns a benefit from arranging sexual acts between the victim (B) and another person (C).

It is also an offence to promote commercial sexual exploitation (Section 14).

### PROCURING PROSTITUTION SECTION 15 OF SODV ACT

It is an offence to procure a person to become a sex worker.

This refers to a person who deliberately identifies persons, often based on their vulnerability, to encourage

or manipulate them into becoming sex workers.

## BENEFITTING FROM PROSTITUTION

### Section 16 of SODV Act

Where the accused person (A) did not arrange the sexual acts between two persons, or procure sex workers, but still financially benefitted from it, A is guilty of benefitting from prostitution.

Living off the earnings of prostitution

### Section 17 of SODV Act

Where the accused person (A) earns a living from controlling the work of a sex worker, A is guilty of living from the earnings of prostitution.

## KEEPING A BROTHEL

### Sections 18-22 of SODV Act

It is an offence to own, control or manage a brothel. Persons found in the brothel can be arrested because they are "deemed to keep a brothel", unless they disclose their identity and the identity of the owner or manager.

## Kombi owned by police unroadworthy

BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

**T**he ministry of public works and Transport has warned drivers and passengers travelling in unroadworthy cars that they would need to find alternative transport should their vehicles be impounded.

Ministry of public works and Transport communications officer Mayibongwe Dlamini said the ministry's traffic law enforcement officers have suspended motor vehicles and impounded other unroadworthy kombis over the years.

This comes after the ministry was made aware by the public that there is a public transport vehicle belonging to a police officer which is unroadworthy.

The kombis' operating route is Mbabane, Manzana, Makhlokholo

and Sitibeni was reported.

The kombi apparently has various violations, ranging from defective parts of a door that does not fully close which sometimes opens up when the kombi is moving.

The kombi is pushed in order for its engine to start, the engine apparently emits smoke that affects the passengers, the chairs are in a bad condition such that there have put boards to help support the chairs. The seat-belt cannot be used by passengers as it is used to support the door.

The kombi has been reported to not have been operating for a few days this past week following public outcry for it to be fixed but was seen operating again yesterday.

Dlamini said such vehicles are discontinued or suspended for being unroadworthy and they may not be

operated on public roads until all the identified defects have been fixed.

The act of discontinuing a motor vehicle involves the removal and destruction of its licence disc or roadworthy certificate disc and issuing a notice directing that the motor vehicle shall not be operated on a public road. The notice stipulates conditions under which such a vehicle may be operated on a public road.

The ministry's officers are sometimes on the ground to check for cars that are faulty.

He said that from the time the car is registered it is taken to the testing centre in Matsapha where the car undergoes a process of being thoroughly checked if it is road worthy and then allowed on the road.

"For a motor vehicle to be condemned road worthy, it must comply with the

manufactures standards, which means everything from indicators to seat belts, should work," said Dlamini.

When the kombi driver who goes by the name Cetu was reached for comment he was not so pleased to be questioned as he spoke on top of his voice ordering the reporter to tell him and bring him the people that have complained about the kombi.

When further questioned the owner of the car Cetu said the reporter had no business asking those questions and cut the call.

One reliable source revealed that police officers never stop the kombi is never stopped.

To this, the Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the public should report the matter to the Department of Traffic.

"The law is applicable to everyone in the country. So if the public feels this police owned vehicle should not

be on the road then they need to report the vehicle to the rightful authorities and not be scared," said Vilakati.

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# Govt, MPs in maize meal import ban tug of war

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

...as drought-stricken communities starve

Exactly a year after government suspended all mealie meal imports, members of Parliament and the ministry of agriculture have had lengthy discussions but have failed to agree on lifting the ban.

Government insists legislators and their communities continue to request the ministry to lift the ban.

The import ban was issued by government through the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) in October last year and has hit hard on the drought-stricken communities especially those near the border gates.

These communities have from time immemorial been reliant on imported mealie meal from South Africa. The ban meant that only locally produced mealie meal will be sold in the country.

The resolution to suspend these imports, according to NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso Dlamini, was reached during a stakeholders meeting that was held on September 18. This meeting he said was attended by millers, maize suppliers, government agencies and consumers.

The CEO added that in that meeting



**NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso Dlamini.**

all stakeholders unanimously agreed that the National Maize Corporation had improved its maize distribution in the country's outskirts, including rural areas as 12 distribution centres were opened at the time.

This ban lasted until December when NAMBoard partially lifted the ban.

This meant that a returning resident could only purchase not more than 20kg of mealie meal.

This did not go down well with the residents near the border posts as the quota they were given does not last them and their families.

The residents want government to allow them to continue purchasing mealie meal from South Africa in the same quantities they did before the ban as they say the current ration is not enough for the extended families rather would only be sufficient for nuclear families.

Members of Parliament from the poverty and drought-stricken constituencies located near the border posts have been engaging the ministry of agriculture and NAMBoard since February but the talks have not yielded any fruit.

Matsanjeni Member of Parliament Bomber Mamba said since the beginning of the year they have been engaging the ministry and the parastatal, but the ministry has not been able to lift the ban. Other communities that are affected by the ban include Sigwe, Lubulini Somntongo and Lavumisa.

"We have had talks with NAMBoard and the Ministry of Agriculture, but these talks have been in vain," he said.

Ministry of Agriculture Principal Secretary Bongani Masuku said they were still on the table with the legislators on the matter and he was aware the challenge and continuously engaging them. He said the delay in lifting of the ban was related to the economic status of the country which the ministry was seeking to contribute in its improvement. "We are aware of the challenge, we are concerned and engaging the Members of Parliament on the matter. We know that every year the people in those constituencies are unable to grow maize as they do not receive good rains and thus, they are forced to purchase maize and mealie meal. However, we are also concerned on the impact of lifting the ban to the economy which means we are caught between a rock and hard place as we must balance between the two," he said. Masuku said the ministry has also tried to alleviate the situation by engaging the National Maize Corporation (NMC) to set up mills near these communities and reduce the prices of mealie meal for it to be affordable to the residents. On the other hand the legislators said the prices of the mealie meal were still higher locally than those of the neighbouring country hence the

Elderly people walk 4km to beg for mealie meal

Drought, hunger and poverty may claim lives of the people of Matsanjeni South, this was revealed by Matsanjeni Member of Parliament Bomber Mamba.

Matsanjeni is near Lavumisa Border Post.

Mamba disclosed the calamitous situation faced by his community while requesting for food aid from members of the public and the business community.

The legislator stated that the hunger forced four elderly women from his area to walk over four kilometres to his homestead to beg for maize meal.

"Last week I saved four of the elderly women who had walked four kilometres to my place and had gone two consecutive days without a meal.

We have a maize meal crisis at Matsanjeni in Lavumisa following closure of mealie meal importing from Pongola through Nsalitje Boarder by government.

The situation is horrible in the community," he said. Mamba stated that the situation was drought and poverty related as the people did not harvest anything due to drought yet they still ploughed like everybody else.

communities still preferred to buy in SA.

STORIES BY  
FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

## SA sculptor nets E3.7m on Somhlolo, Gwamile sculptures

A South African (SA) sculptor has netted E3.7 million for designing the King Somhlolo and Queen Regent Labotsibeni statues.

Both statues were designed by a female South African sculptor Sarah Richards who is from Nottingham Road, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

The statues stand at three-metre-high and were officially opened by His Majesty King Mswati III. They were also unveiled separately in the month of October; King Somhlolo's statue was unveiled on October 21, 2016 while Queen Regent Labotsibeni's was unveiled on October 15, 2019.

According to reports the statue at the King Somhlolo Park in Manzini cost around E2 million. The statue and renovating the park cost E3 million.

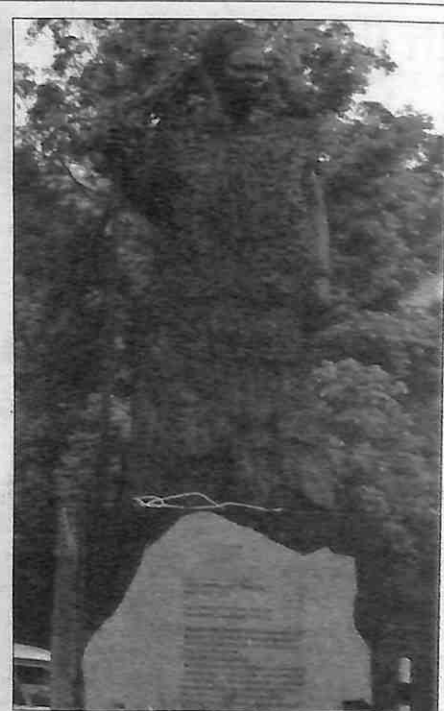
The statue symbolises King Sobhuza I (also known as Somhlolo) from 1815-1836 whose vision of the white men coming to our shores defines Eswatini as he advised the nation to not fall for money but to choose 'Umculu' (the book) in the encounter with the white men.

Regent Gwamile's statue was said to have cost Mbabane ratepayers E1.7 million. The monument is situated at the traffic circle at Gwamile Street in Mbabane.

The municipality has received serious criticism for a shoddy job done in crafting the Queen Regent Labotsibeni statue. It was met with mixed emotions by members of the public. Some people were of the view that the statue was not a reflection of Gogo Gwamile.

Some even went as far as downloading images of the statue of the Regent Labotsibeni erected at the Long March to Freedom in Pretoria. The two statues are not that similar and this has led to members of the public stating that the one erected by the municipality was definitely offside. According to [www.sarahrichards.org](http://www.sarahrichards.org), the starting cost for a 30cm high bronze sculpture is about E48 000 and then the price goes up depending on the size and design.

The website further states that Richards would require a minimum of three months or more if possible depending on how busy she and the foundry work load.



## WE'RE BEING UNDERMINED – LOCAL ARTIST

Seasoned local artist Vusi Dlamini is not happy that local artists were side-lined on the tender of making Queen Regent Labotsibeni's statue.

Dlamini who has been in the industry for 29 years shared their work in the country was not being appreciated so in that way they were being undermined for their work.

Dlamini is for the idea that before a tender is given to an international artist, local artists with similar expertise should be engaged.

He mentioned that this was going to go handy with the government's economic recovery strategy.

Dlamini shares the view that the sculpture does not depict Queen Gwamile; therefore, he believes that

the country's heritage has been distorted.

### Heritage

"It is an insult to the country's heritage, the Queen as well as Emaswati as a whole. Ratepayers' monies were used without local artists being consulted on the project. We are being underrated, our profession is also being underrated," Dlamini

said.

He continued to add that some of the people who were giving such tenders to international artists were jealous and against empowering Emaswati. Dlamini called on the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENCAC) to come up with a policy which would monitor that locals are given first preference

over internationals.

He continued to add that ENCAC and the National Museum have a list of professionals who would have done the job without difficulties. He complained that another problem was that ENCAC Chief Executive Officer Stanley Dlamini was not an artist himself.

Efforts to discuss the matter with ENCAC Chief Executive Officer Dlamini were futile as his phone rang unanswered yesterday morning.





The visiting World For Jesus leadership led by their President Dr James Horvath, joined by local church leaders Bishop Nash Shongwe and Apostle Justice Dlamini. The gospel eagles were pictured at Divine Healing Ministries in Manzini on Friday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

STORIES BY SIMON SHABANGU

Eswatini for Jesus is on the cards next year. The founders of the World For Jesus (W4J) movement Dr James Horvath have promised a massive crusade where all congregations and church leaders will come together to worship God. Dr Horvath was speaking to local church leaders and pastors at Divine Healing Ministries on Friday night.

Dr Horvath and his team of more than 10 pastors mainly from the United States of America, told the pastors that this will be the biggest crusade the country has ever seen.

He said they have done a number of crusades in many countries since this vision started back in year 2000. The World for Jesus movement's mission is to raise nations that fear and worship God in truth.

He said the many countries they have staged the

## PREPARE FOR BIGGEST CRUSADE NEXT YEAR

crusade in have testimonies stating that numbers of Christians in those countries increased drastically. "This one will be named Eswatini for Jesus where we will bring a number of internationally celebrated ministers of the Word of God to come and fellowship with the people of Eswatini," said the founder.

### Crusade

He said this crusade is not for them but for the people of Eswatini. "We are not coming in to tell you how this should be done because you already know what has to be done for the Kingdom of

God," he added.

He said all they wanted was for the local church leadership to buy in into this great vision that God gave him years back. "We are now a big team comprising of a variety of specialities ranging from children ministry to prophetic and whatever kind of ministry that you can think of.

This team has been to a number of countries in the world where the W4J movement has its footprint," he noted. He said the Kingdom of Eswatini was a gateway to other nations of the world in ministering and disseminating the Word of God.

### We are ready to run with the vision – ISI Chairman

Reverend Elijah Dlamini has said the local pastors are ready to take and run with this great vision.

He said his wish was to bring together all the pastors and the body of Christ swilling to run with this vision. He said with the spirit of bringing unity in the church they started the Iron Sharpen Iron forum which he said is growing and getting support from more church leaders. He said they were grateful to Apostle Justice Dlamini of Jesus Calls Worship Centre for making it possible for the World for Jesus Movement to come to Eswatini. "We appreciate Apostle Justice, who is in one of the legends in ministry, for showing love for the country through bringing these men of God who have a great vision.

We are ready to buy into the vision and start working toward hosting the crusade in the country in 2020 if all goes well," he said. Meanwhile a number of church leaders came through to be part of the service. Bishop Nash Shongwe said the team, we welcome in the Kingdom stating that as the body of Christ they were committed to making the crusade a success.



Dr James Horvath leads his team as they pray for Bishop Nash Shongwe.



The visiting pastors praying for the local clergy at the service.



Dr James Horvath making his presentation.

### Bring down denominational walls – Pastor Might

Emmanuel Might has said the biggest challenge about the work of the Kingdom of God is the denominational walls formed by pastors and churches around themselves. He said as the devil cannot do anything to stop the work of God but as long as there is division God will have a challenge to have His work done successfully.

Pastor Might who is a member of the movement hails from Ireland. He says the best thing that the W4J movement did to their country was to bring down the denominational walls.

He said those who had never interacted started talking to each other and even working together.

He said now the country has grown numbers of Christians because of the movement. "Ireland for Jesus was a divine movement which was set by God years ago before it happened," he stated. "The blessing it left us was the breaking down of the denominational walls. The biggest challenges to God's work are right inside the church. If we can let those walls fall Eswatini is too small for the power of God.



Pastor Emmanuel Might of Solid Rock Church in Ireland making his comments.



One of the visiting pastores shares the Word of God and experiences of the World For Jesus movement.



Bishop Nash Shongwe, Apostle Justice Dlamini and Prophet John Silindza in a conversation after the service.



BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE

# The region's convention centres

There could be similarities in the way Eswatini and Rwanda ended up setting up their International Convention Centres. Both countries' main rationale behind the construction of the centres was to host the African Union Summit (AU), fortunately for Rwanda it ended up hosting the summit, whereas it is a different story for Eswatini.

Initially, it was stated that once open, the ICC & FISH was set to host many illustrious events, including the 2020 African Union (AU) Summit, where His Majesty King Mswati III expected Heads of State from all over the continent to grace the occasion.

However, Eswatini's goal to set up the international convention centre has ignited a lot of talk and debate and continues to hog headlines in both local and international media. Some quarters state that it would be a white elephant, whereas some believe maintaining the structure would be too costly for the country.

Eswatini (Swaziland) is known around the world for the magnificent traditional festivals that it hosts. Leading amongst these are the Umhlanga (Reed Dance) held in August to September, the Incwala held in December to January and the Marula Festival in February-March.

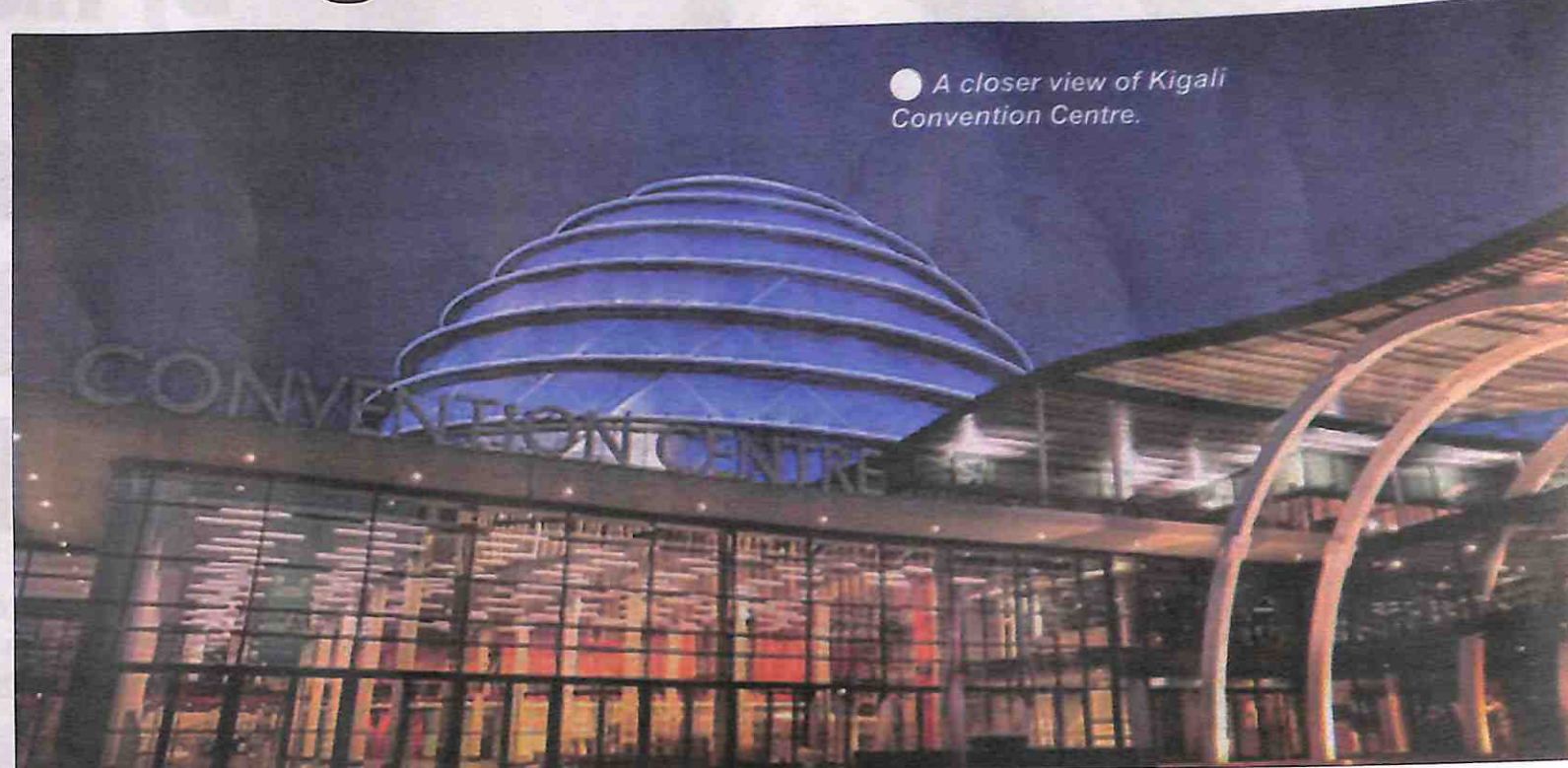
These are living cultural events that bring lots of tourists and such a facility (ICC & FISH) is a must have, in order for tourists to have sufficient space for accommodation.

Alongside the traditional events, there is a growing number of modern events gaining international recognition. One that leads the way and has gained an excellent international reputation is the MTN BUSHEIRE Festival – a performing arts festival held every May.

For centuries Africa, has been seen as 'the dark continent' and while it cannot be denied that in some of the 54 countries on the continent, there are still major problems, there is another truth about the continent. According to the World Bank, by 2025 most African countries will reach 'middle-income' status if current growth rates continue.

Outstripping both Europe and America, in 2019 Africa's growth rate was expected to accelerate to four per cent.

Specifically, looking at the industry, it is being predicted that demand for meetings and events on the continent will rise somewhere between five per cent and 10 per cent in 2019.



This development and growth has not occurred spontaneously, with many countries preparing and working hard to achieve it – and looking at some of Africa's best conferencing and events venues, this is clear.

## Eswatini International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel:

Eswatini's prestigious International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel (ICC& FISH) project is near completion down at the Ezulwini Valley, already, the building has started attracting recognition from tourists and potential investors.

The ICC & FISH building consists of the construction of a single building, with an approximate floor area of 40 000m<sup>2</sup>, that will house a 1 800-seat theatre, an exhibition centre, conferencing chambers, a restaurant and a multi-purpose hall across its two basements, a ground floor and a first floor.

Initially, the project was set to run for three years, from its commencement date 15 October 2015 through to the targeted completion date 15 October 2018. However, the date has now been extended to 2020. Once open, the ICC is set to host many illustrious events; at first it was targeted to host the 2020 African Union (AU) summit.

## The Kigali Convention Centre in Rwanda

The landmark Kigali Convention Centre (KCC) is the first and largest Convention Centre in the region, and the leading destination for events in Rwanda.

Its unique design integrates all the facilities and functional technology with a clear reference to the culture and traditions of Africa.

The KCC is the number one event venue in Kigali and throughout Rwanda, offering a premium environment for regional and international conventions, exhibitions, festivals, meetings and other events.

In 2007, three Rwandan corporate investors pooled resources to build the real estate complex. They formed a company called Ultimate Concept Limited, to develop and own the centre.

The centre has four major components: A 5-star hotel, Radisson Blue Hotel Kigali, with 292 rooms on six floors, conference centre with seating capacity of 2 600, it also has Kigali Information Technology Park, with 32 200 square meters of rentable office and retail space, and a museum on the bottom floor of the IT office park. Construction began in 2009 and was

completed in 2016.

## Namibia International Convention Centre

The Government of Namibia has acquired 20 hectares of land suitable for the development of an International Convention Centre in Windhoek, near the Windhoek Country Club Resort.

The project involves the development, operation, maintenance, marketing, and transfer, adjoining a convention centre in the capital.

The returns on investment are highly dependent on the number of days the facility is hired for conferences, conventions, exhibitions and other events. The idea of developing a Convention Centre of international standard was strengthened by the need to reposition Namibia competitively in the highly-dynamic global environment, by creating a niche for the meetings, incentives, conferences and events (MICE) sector. Windhoek is one of Africa's most modern, safest and cleanest cities.

Namibia is strategically located and possesses numerous attractions, attractive for international and regional events. In addition to direct flights to and from numerous destinations (or via Johannesburg), the proximity to South

Africa and the frequency of flights between the two countries are added advantages.

## Durban International Convention Centre (South Africa)

Opened by Nelson Mandela in 1997, the Durban International Convention Centre (Durban ICC), formally named the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre Complex in 2006, offers 112 000 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space in South Africa's East Coast sub-tropical paradise. Composed of an arena, hotel, convention and exhibition centre, the Durban ICC has been the venue for major events like the 2000 and 2016 International AIDS Conference and the United Nations' COP17.

## Sandton Convention Centre

No list of Africa's convention centers would be complete without the Sandton Convention Centre, found in Africa's economic hub, Johannesburg. In 'the richest square mile in Africa', the Sandton Convention Centre has 22 000m<sup>2</sup> of floor space spread over four main levels with multiple venues ranging from an intimate 10-seat function room to the grand Pavilion which can comfortably cater for 4 500 cocktail guests.







By Sibusiso Dlamini

### SUNDAY PODIUM

# VISION 2022: ARE WE ON THE RIGHT TRACK?

It's only about two months till we get into a new year – 2020. Just last month, our beautiful kingdom was celebrating 51 years of independence and it was time to congratulate His Majesty King Mswati 111, Indlovukazi and the entire Eswatini nation on this milestone.

In light of that milestone, I have taken this time today to evaluate whether we are on the right track with His Majesty's dream of attaining First World status by the year 2022.

It is a hard question to answer (Vision 2022: Are we on the right track?) and it needs one to critically analyse the situation in the country.

Ever since His Majesty shared his dream a number of citizens were excited about it, with a number of companies being actively involved in the development of the kingdom. Development is a process and it takes time, just like the cliché saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day". In as much as it is a process, there should be evidence of progress. I personally feel that YES & NO we are on the right track.

It is no lie that Eswatini has been developing rapidly but the government continues to overlook important sectors like the health and education sector. As I'm writing this piece, the Prime Minister (PM) must be worried sick about the country's economy, especially with the civil servants up in arms for the CoLA.

Our education system is in shambles and so is our health sector. Again, not so long ago, there was a shortage of food in various schools around the country. Service delivery has not improved that much, we have had an issue of passports for a while, the elderly grant is still too low and corruption is still on a high.

These are some of the things that are derailing us as a nation on the road to 2022.

On the brighter side there has been major developments that are certainly going to elevate the kingdom of Eswatini. The KMH

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International Airport is one of the first steps towards Vision 2022, even though many considered it not to be a viable investment but in the long run it will be. The five star hotel and ICC being built in Ezulwini is another major step towards 2022- it may

seem like a bad investment but it will prove viable in the future.

If as a nation we work together we will certainly attain First World status by 2022.

As Emaswati, we should take the initiative and kick-start development ourselves instead

of waiting on government. Let us support local which is part of nation development. We are years shy away from 2022 and it is upon us to unite and fulfil His Majesty's dream, and it's all on young people to take action.

## ...5 HURDLES THAT USUALLY CRIPPLE THE YOUTH

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

It has been noted in this day and age of social media and all that young people are faced with problems that trouble them emotionally, and ends up crippling their development and successes. We then decided to sit-down and discuss these issues;

**1. Avoiding deep and meaningful connections like close friendships** - Ultimately the human experience is about connecting with other people. Connection is what provides value and meaning to our lives. We are wired for it and research proves just that. People with strong social ties are always healthier and have a lower risk of death.

Additionally, it seems that friendships can even help you fight cancer. As a young person who is trying to develop himself being in a relationship decreases the risk of depression, suicide and substance abuse. Last week, we learnt that strong family ties are one of the primary reasons the people of Japan have incredible longevity despite

being one of the poorest prefectures in the world.

**2. Being idle all day** - You might want to stand up for this. Sitting all day doing nothing has more harmful effects than you might expect. Besides the obvious health effects, mentally it's a problem as well. You can't train your boring to be lazy and not think the whole day. Get up and do something, even it's a volunteering.

**3. Not stopping just to breathe** - Just a few months ago I was talking to a friend who is a yoga instructor in one of the gyms in the capital city and she told me, "I think people love my class because it is the only time in their entire day when they just sit and breathe." That really provided some interesting food for thought.

From the time we wake up until the time we go to bed, do we ever get some time to just sit and breathe? I rarely do myself, so I'm also a culprit. And that's a shame because the benefits of mindfulness and meditation are huge. I'm not a fan so I even if you don't do the actual meditation, just

get something to do that relieves you of stress and anxiety.

**4. Not joining a religion or becoming part of a community** - This is an interesting fact coming from someone who always opines strongly about religion, but what I want to be clear is that we all have a spiritual side of us that also needs to be fed the same way we feed our physical bodies. You could choose which religion you choose, but then we all know that people with strong faith often release control of their struggles and worries to higher power, which can help to relieve anxiety and stress.

For example, I have a mother who has been in this one Bible studying group for decades. That is where she also gets a strong source of community and friendships. Her closest friends have been formed with fellow believers and has lasted them for decades. The bottom line is that we all need a sense of belonging and community in our lives.

**5. Ignoring your creative abilities** - "The sad thing about not following your dreams is that it will haunt you," said one Jermaine

Cole. This is a fact, because expressing yourself creatively reduces stress and this subsequently strengthens your health and well-being. That means the likelihood of depression is reduced, so the best thing for you is to tap into your creative abilities, don't bury them in the 9 to 5. If you aren't lucky to do what you love to earn a living, make sure that you do what you love on your leisure time so that it doesn't haunt you.

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BY MUKELO TEMBE

## THE HEART'S INTENTIONS

# CHOOSE GOOD FRIENDS

*Surround yourself with smart, dedicated people - to build something isn't a one-man show. It's more important to have smart people who really believe in what you're doing than really experienced people who may not share your dream. Niklas Zennstrom*



**T**he thing is somebody cares. I know your best friend seems really busy all the time and sucks at texting, but she still loves you and she talks to you more than she talks to anyone else, I mean and you're the only breath of calm she has on this planet.

The boy in your science class loves seeing what music you're listening to on your headphones - he has the same taste and wishes he had the nerve to ask you about it. Your English teacher loves the insight you have on your papers. Somebody cares. The person who lives down the street from your house notices when you are sick because they don't see you stomping your way to the school bus - it's how they know it's time to get their breakfast ready.

Somebody is looking for you at the party, even if they don't know they're really looking for you - but when you don't show up, some part of them is disappointed. Somebody is looking for you in the library, in the spot where you eat lunch, in front of that one step you always seem to trip on. I know your parents are a complicated couple and there's drama between your friends and your love life is sort of shaped like a constant question and everybody seems all caught up in their own lives and their own happiness and nobody really notices, but somebody always cares.

Every face in your dream is someone you have met, and that means that you are in a million's stranger's heads.

## Mistakes

They see you when they go to bed, and somebody cares. Somebody still thinks about you even though you were just a person with a nice outfit or good eyeliner or a great smile or because you were having one of those moments that are so charmingly human in nature or because they regret not asking if you needed help when you fell or because they wonder what you were thinking about or drawing or writing or just because you're alive, and that makes you fascinating. Somebody cares.

A part of being an adult is living with regret and not allowing it to consume you. The older you get, the more mistakes you've made, opportunities you've missed, people you've disappointed. And every day you have to remind yourself to be kind and forgiving of yourself. You accept and the love you got from the past and make you understand that it's all a part of the process. Then you move on and live your best life, knowing now as old as you feel today, you'll never be this young again. Get some real friends who will support you, inspire you, accept you and love you as you are, wholeheartedly.

Normalise giving your friends forehead or even little mouth kisses. Normalise stroking your friends' hair. Normalise sitting on laps. Normalise cuddling up and spooning with friends to take naps.

## Affection

Normalise 'I love yours. Normalise cooking for your friends when they are sick, or just because. Normalise holding hands with friends for safety, comfort or just because the pressure is nice. Normalise tight pre-sure hugs that last a little longer. Normalise platonic affection.

You all deserve someone who isn't embarrassed to love you and tells all their friends rased to love you and saves your selfies, good and about you and saves your selfies, good and bad to look at when they miss you and loses sleep to talk to you and tells you how much they love you. I hope you all find that!! Cherish everyone that moves to stand with

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**Allow yourself to be loved by friends, by family, by significant others, by everything, by yourself. You deserve to be cherished and appreciated by people who want you in their lives**

you, elevate you, and make moves with you. Those are the people you need in your life to become your best, and that is the type of person you need to become in your relationships. Friendships/relationships, I think it's important to ask the other person how they like to be comforted.

## Relationship

Much like the love languages, everyone responds differently to certain actions during times of stress. Some may like advice or words of affirmation while others may need

a hug or someone to just nod and listen. Asking them how they want to be comforted shows that you care about them and want them to feel acknowledged when they're upset.

I love seeing best friends goofing around in public. I love seeing couples laughing together. I love seeing little children walking hand in hand with their parents. I love seeing dogs running happily back to their owners. I love seeing closeness and positive relationships, and knowing all that love is out there.

Allow yourself to be loved by friends, by family, by significant others, by everything, by yourself.

You deserve to be cherished and appreciated by people that want you in their lives. Don't let the fear of what could happen stop you from embracing the love being offered to you - sun-florally.

Note to self: you are an intelligent woman. Forgive yourself for all the times you were stupid and naive. You are a woman of heart. Forgive yourself for the times you were soft when you should have been hard.

If you have a friend with depression you need to put pride aside and double text and check on them. If they cancel plans and shit

be empathetic. Even if they keep you on read just show them. You love them and are there for them. Get some real friends who will support you, inspire you, accept you and love you as you are, wholeheartedly.

Help your insecure friends. Remind them that you love them. Randomly give them compliments. Text them spontaneously, don't give up on them just because they've given up on themselves. Help your insecure friends! Check on your circle. Finding real genuine, easy-going, good hearted people is difficult. Good energy is a rare gift. If it ever comes your way, or if you hold it, guard it with everything you know how to. There's a whole world trying to destroy what is unique to you.

If you are a young thing I have one piece of advice for you;

Being enthusiastic and happy about things you love is more important than being apathetic and snide. You will go so much farther in life spending energy on and talking about something you love than wasting energy on only complaining about or making fun of something you don't focus on mocking others for being genuinely excited about something. Focus on the things and people you love.



# Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

## MBEKI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD MAIMANE'S RESIGNATION

**J**OHANNESBURG - Former president Thabo Mbeki has weighed in on recent developments in the DA, calling them concerning.

Mbeki said he understood Mmusi Maimane's resignation, in particular, to be linked to racism.

"In this context, I wish to emphasise that, consistent with our Constitution, all our registered political formations have an absolute obligation, practically, to contribute to the national effort to make ours a non-racial country.

"It would be a matter of the greatest concern if it were, in fact, true that our country's official opposition, the DA, is going through a leadership crisis because of a hegemonic ascendance of a racist tendency which seeks to assert policies to that end, thus to sustain colonial and apartheid social relations," said Mbeki.

Former DA leader Maimane and former federal chairperson Athol Trollip resigned on Wednesday, after Johannesburg mayor Herman Mashaba stepped down on Monday.

The resignations come in the wake of former DA leader and Western



Former President Thabo Mbeki.

Cape premier Helen Zille being elected federal council chair of the party today.

On Thursday, Maimane also announced that he had resigned from the DA and Parliament. Mbeki said SA would gain nothing from any negative movement, in any of the country's political parties, towards policies based on racism.

"The DA has an imperative obligation to reassure the nation, practically, unequivocally and transparently, that it is conducting and will conduct itself in terms of all its internal and public policies and programmes, in a manner which truly helps to transform SA into a non-racial country.

*Timeslive*



Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

## Public Protector officials axed

... 'because of FSCA investigation' and 'to settle scores'

**J**OHANNESBURG - The Public Protector's suspension of four high-ranking officials and its axing of CEO Basani Baloyi was seemingly over a Financial Services Conduct Authority (FSCA) report that is being taken on judicial review.

Even though Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane told the SABC that three of the officials were suspended for sabotaging investigations, former senior investigator for quality assurance, Isaac Matlawe told News24 that they were targeted for other reasons.

Matlawe said Sekele and Mogaladi were being punished for being close to former Public Protector Lawrence Mushwana.

"Mkhwebane is hell bent on set-

tlings scores from the Mushwana era. She has an axe to grind against senior managers from the Mushwana era," he said. The dismissals also concerned the FSCA report - now on review in the Gauteng High Court in Pretoria - sources who have direct knowledge of the events told News24. One source did not know of a disciplinary hearing before the dismissal. The FSCA investigation involves a complaint by EFF leader Julius Malema against the FSCA's former director, Dube Tshidi.

Mkhwebane found that Tshidi misled Parliament and used his position to protect a compromised curator. She instructed the FSCA to take corrective action against him. *News24*

## John Steenhuisen, Zwakele Mncwango in running to lead DA

**C**APE TOWN - Former DA chief whip John Steenhuisen and KwaZulu-Natal provincial leader Zwakele Mncwango have emerged as frontrunners to replace Mmusi Maimane.

DA Federal Council Chairperson Helen Zille said the interim leader of the party would be elected next month and the special federal council would also elect the interim chairperson.

Maimane resigned this week following a bruising meeting of the federal council. Athol Trollip, who served as chairperson, also quit.

Steenhuisen told the media this week he had been approached about the position of leader.

Steenhuisen made the comments after he resigned as chief whip in Parliament. His deputy, Jacques Julius, is acting chief whip.

The term of the leader of the DA is linked to that of the chief whip.

Mncwango said he was consulting with colleagues to help him decide whether or not to run for the position that was left vacant by Maimane.

DA leader in Limpopo Jacques Smalle said the party's federal council would sit on November 17 to elect someone to temporarily lead until the next national conference in April next year. *News24*

## THE DA'S TROUBLES ARE DUE TO POOR ELECTIONS PERFORMANCE

**C**APE TOWN - It has been a devastating week for the DA.

So devastating, that the party had little constitutional precedence to guide it through the simultaneous resignations of both its leader, Mmusi Maimane, and chairperson of the party, Athol Trollip following the dramatic resignation of Herman Mashaba, the mayor of Johannesburg.

Much has been written about the causes of the DA's troubles: weak and indecisive leadership; the Patricia de Lille spat; a messy water crisis in Cape Town; policy confusion; an undisciplined party running amok on Twitter are but a few. Fundamentally, the DA's leadership troubles are a direct result of a poor poll result in May and the continuing voter erosion suffered



Mmusi Maimane and Athol Trollip who have since resigned from DA.

at the hands of the Freedom Front - and to some degree, the ANC as well.

There should be little surprise that when a party does poorly at the polls it looks inwards, often with damaging consequences. When the party was winning (as the DA was for much

of the past decade), everyone wanted to be part of it and it sucked them in gladly. There has been much reference this week to the suggestions that racism has played a part in the DA's internal meltdown. The argument suggests that a deliberate plot

by white members in the party to undermine the transformation project is at the root cause of the resignations and resultant recriminations.

It is true that race has played a part in the DA's decline. But, simply ascribing this to a pre-mediated and orchestrated plot to undermine emerging black leadership is an argument that fails to address much bigger macro-political trends at play. If truth be told - and race aside - the DA's downward spiral had three distinct threads to it.

First, the party rode the crest of the wave over the past decade on the back of the negative effects of the Jacob Zuma years. The 2016 local government election result saw the DA score, not necessarily due to massive voter shifts, but due to large-scale ANC poll stay-aways. *News24*

## FORMER ACTING CEO KOKO BACKS SHIVAMBU

**J**OHANNESBURG - An opinion piece on what the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) proposes as a five-point plan to save struggling energy utility Eskom by the party's Deputy President Floyd Shivambu has earned the backing of former acting Eskom CEO Matshela Koko. According to Shivambu, the EFF's plan is as follows:

"Eskom should standardise all coal prices and only pay the prices determined by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA).

"Eskom should fundamentally review all power purchase agreements (PPAs)

with independent power producers (IPPs) with the aim of exiting these nonsensical contracts.

"The government should assemble a highly skilled panel of engineers from all over the world to investigate the delays in the completion of the two major power stations, Kusile and Medupi.

"The government should issue requests for proposals from private developers of nuclear power stations, which should necessarily use a build, operate and transfer model to illustrate how they will use their own money

to construct nuclear stations, operate them for a period not exceeding 25 years, transfer skills and thereafter hand over to the state.

"The government should massively invest in renewable energy projects."

The full column can be on IOL. Koko took to Twitter following the column to express his approval.

"I agree that the proposed recovery plan by the [EFF] to [save Eskom] is rational and sensible," he tweeted. "It actually makes a good read," he added. Koko has made it clear that he does not support what is currently going

on at his former employer, particularly President Cyril Ramaphosa and Minister of Public Enterprises Pravin Gordhan's efforts to save Eskom.

At a media briefing in December, 2018, Gordhan requested managers who were no longer employed at the energy utility to refrain from commenting on developments at the energy provider, in what was almost certainly a reference to Koko, who has been outspoken in his criticism of Eskom and government's plans to save it on social media since leaving the state-owned enterprise. *Citizen*



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LINGERIE ISSUE

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**WOMAN'S  
INDULGENCE**







## EDITOR'S NOTE:

**L**ingerie! What comes to your mind when you read the name 'lingerie'?

Probably something that has to do with sexual enhancement, I know right. We are wrong! When I shared with my team that I wanted to do a lingerie issue, they were asking me what do I know about lingerie? I said, I know nothing but I'm so keen to know more about lingerie hence compiling this issue.

Trust me you, as a gentleman who is very particular on physical presentation, I've learnt so much about lingerie when compiling this issue.

Now I understand how wearing the right lingerie can transform certain aspects of woman's life. They may be small, but they can contribute to the overall happiness and contentment of a woman.

Believe it or not, when your lingerie fits you properly, it can alter how you physically carry yourself as a woman. Your shoulders stay up straight, your back is up, and your hips have that little groove. You won't be slouching or adjusting or hunching over with pain when your body is supported the right way. What's more is that when your lingerie fits you well, added bulk and bulges that don't really exist will disappear.

I've also learnt that wearing a beautiful, well-fitting set of lingerie, whatever that means to you ladies, makes you feel good! There's no denying that. Regardless of whether or not anyone sees it, you do, and that can be enough to add a little perk to your step when the softness and the lovely fabrics hit your skin.

It is reported that you put on that lingerie and feel pretty, your mental state of mind can become inflated with positive vibes and energy.

Confidence emits from everyone and most find it one of the most attractive qualities of a person. So the sexual boost isn't just about how hot you look in the right lingerie, but also about how your confidence exudes out for others to admire.

Ladies, SCENE truly cares about improving your knowledge about lingerie to know what's out there for you. We want to show every woman, regardless of her size, shape, budget, and personal taste, that she can be in quality, presentable, and pleasant lingerie that suits her lifestyle, her body, and her desires.

Hence on the same and the next pages gives you a glimpse of why lingerie is a girl's best friend. On Page 4 and 5 we have views from girls on what lingerie is to them.

To our gents today, I've compiled fashion tips on man bags. Every man needs a man bag in his wardrobe. You can not put everything in your pockets. It doesn't look good nor attractive at all.

On another note, South African celebrity chef Mr Gwej is here. He will be serving mouth watering food for foodies as they fine dine with him today at the Sunday Series. Thanks to Red Note Africe Director Khetsiwe Dlamini. Let's go and dine with Mr Gwej after buying that lingerie ladies and you gents, you better get her a lingerie and yourself a man bag.

Till next week, enjoy the read!

Ayanda

# REASONS WHY SEXY LINGERIE IS WOMEN'S BEST FRIEND

**L**ingerie of a superior quality is a necessity no matter the price.

Ladies, if you tend to save your best beautiful lingerie for special occasions or solely for your partner, then you're missing out on feeling fabulous everyday.

No matter what your reason, for somebody else or for yourself, lingerie stays there and will make you feel powerful. It has the power to completely transform how you feel about yourself and your body.

With that said, we have compiled few reasons why lingerie is said to be girl's best friend.

## GORGEOUS LINGERIE IS A GREAT CONFIDENCE BOOSTER

Even though no one else can see it, you know that you are wearing it. Wearing beautiful lingerie can give you huge confidence boost, so the next time you go for a job interview, wear your best lingerie. You'll be surprised at how confident it will make you feel.

You want to feel sexy on weekdays? Try our Cute Wirefree Sheer Lingerie Bra, Panty Set.



## PRETTY LINGERIE IMPROVES THE ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP

Baggy Flannel pyjamas might well be warm and cosy, but they won't do a lot for your love life. Wearing attractive lingerie at bed-

## MEN'S FASHION TIPS:

# EVERY MAN SHOULD OWN A MAN BAG!

**A**s a man, you need different types of bags depending on where you're going, what you're transporting and who's going to see you along the way.

The same goes for all accessories, including sneakers and watches. You need a rotation if not a full-blown collection.

With that said, below we present every stylish type of bag to carry home from your next trip to the shops.

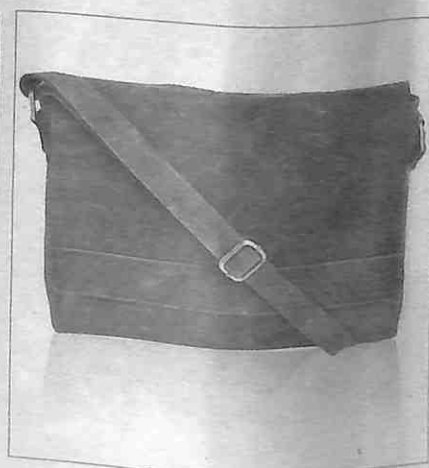
## Backpack

Like sneakers and baseball caps, the backpack is one of those once-sloppy afterthoughts that have become considered, coveted purchases in the last decade. It's the most versa-



tile design on this list, but also the only one where you can conceivably buy three and get use from them all.

Depending on your lifestyle, it could be a smart backpack for the business-casual commuter, a rugged companion for weekend pursuits or a training buddy for your gym kit. Adopted by virtually every style tribe on the planet, your old school bag is officially all



grown up: a genuine menswear classic. Leather styles work best for the office, and many come with an internal laptop sleeve. Going to the gym? You'll need extra compartments. Getting on the bike? Look out for reflective panels.

## Weekend Bag

You can't roll up to your rented chateau without an obscenely good weekend stowed



time, not only makes you look attractive for your partner, but it also tells him that looking nice for him is important to you. We have Hey Watch Me Now Floral Eyelash All Over Lace Sexy See Through Sheer White Lingerie Set that is truly hot and sexy for both partners.

#### WEARING LINGERIE IS EMPOWERING

There's a sensation we all get when wearing your best lingerie. This feeling that comes from deciding to do something just for yourself, as you've worked hard to treat yourself to something special. Choosing to slip into beautiful underwear enhances your allure, which is truly empowering.

#### A TESTAMENT OF SELF-LOVE

Many single women make the critical mistake of assuming that only 'smug married' deserve the best things in life. But by avoiding lingerie and other elements of self care, you demonstrate to yourself that you don't matter. This will not set you up for happiness as a single, nor is it an appropriate mindset if you're looking to land a significant other. If you make the effort of a person falling head over heels, you'll increase your odds of actually securing the type of relationship in which you might wear lingerie.

#### ACTS AS A MOOD BOOSTER

Struggling to get out of bed in the morning? The right lingerie will infuse new pep into your morning. The resulting positive attitude will lead to greater satisfaction throughout the day.

#### MAKES YOU FEEL FEMININE

We live in such a masculine world, so even if you have to show that side of yourself at work, wearing lovely lingerie underneath lets you embrace the power of femininity. It is not as smooth as T-shirt bras, but there's something magical about a lacy bra that makes you feel feminine and sexy. When you feel feminine, you tap into that magnetic feminine power of yours.



## IT IS IMPORTANCE TO KNOW TYPES OF LINGERIE

panty with four straps that hold up the stockings. You can wear it under skirts or dresses. The socks sit snugly on your feet. A garter belt is a great starter for anyone just dipping their toes in the world of lingerie.

#### CAMISOLE

Camisoles are practical and functional, but they don't have to be boring. A fully laced cami with a matching panty takes your intimate game to the next level. Wear it under shirts when you go out or tease your partner with it at night. Either way, it's a must-have in every woman's wardrobe.

#### MATCHING SET

A few good matching sets are an essential in every woman's wardrobe. There's something incredibly sensual about matching sets that lifts your mood instantly. They are heavy on the pocket but worth the money.

#### CORSET

Corsets reduce the size of your waist and camouflage any unwanted bulges. The lace ties enhance your figure and give it definition. Wear a corset like a regular top or cover it up with a sheer or transparent dress that does not take away the look completely but hides it just enough.

#### BUSTIER

A bustier is not very different from the corset, except that it focuses on lifting your bust. It works like a push-up bra and makes your breasts look well-rounded. The hook and eye closures

sharpen the shape further.

#### TEDDY

A teddy looks like a swimsuit. It is a pleasurable fusion of a cami (or a bra) and a panty. You get them in a two-piece design made with fabrics like lace, satin, lycra, and leather. They are (usually) not padded but have enough underwire support.

#### NIGHTGOWN

Nightwear needs to be soft and soothing and also sensual. Up your game with gratifying lingerie. A satin gown is incredibly comfortable for sleeping and otherwise too. You can choose to wear short nightgowns or full-length ones with two- or three-piece sets under them. Your choices are endless.

#### NEGLIGEE

It stays true to its name and is a total knock-out. If you're trying to shop for lingerie and not sure what might impress him, a negligee is your answer. It is sexy, feather-light, and sits smoothly on your skin.

Everybody is unique and deserves attention, pampering, and indulgence. Being aware of your body type is a crucial piece in this puzzle. If you have any questions about lingerie, write to us by dropping a message in the comments section below. Until then, love yourself and happy shopping!



**L**ingerie is the first thing you put on in the morning, so it shouldn't come as a surprise that good lingerie can really set the tone for your day.

There's no question that wearing a lingerie set you love can make you feel beautiful and pulled together. After all, the first rule of looking good is feeling good. The right lingerie set, as mentioned above can give you that extra boost of happiness and confidence, whether it's for date night, a formal occasion or any day you want to make a little special. Whether you're looking for your very first set or you love exploring costumes, there's lingerie out there that'll make you feel great about your body and yourself. Let's have a quick look on the below types of lingerie.

#### GARTER BELT

A garter belt looks complicated, but it's not. It is something you need to try at least once in your life. It comes with a corset or lace bra and a

in the limited boot space of your Jaguar F-Type. Of course, they also work for train journeys to see mum and dad. Whatever your travel plans, a weekend bag suggests a man of taste and leisure, not to mention practicality when it comes to packing enough underwear.

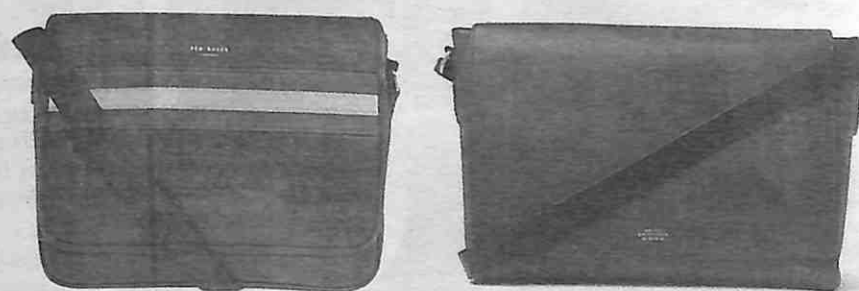
#### Briefcase

There's a stereotypical image of a bowler-hat-wearing British gentleman somehow carrying an umbrella, a briefcase, a newspaper and a smoking pipe all at the same time. Admittedly, it's a bit of an outdated concept. However, his leathery receptacle is still as relevant as ever.

A trusty briefcase is the city worker's best friend. It's smart, it's practical, and if you buy a good one, there's no reason it can't last you a lifetime. Besides, nothing ruins that Bond-like aura quite like a bulky backpack slung over the shoulders of your suit jacket, making this sleek alternative the perfect accompaniment to tailoring.

#### Gym Bag

Whether you're a seasoned lifter or a spin-class first timer, it can be all too easy to dream up reasons not to go to go for a workout. Things as trivial as being unable to find matching socks, or not having sufficient battery on your phone can feel like a cue to quit. So what- ever you do, don't let a tattered, moth-bitten gym bag serve as another excuse to stay under the duvet.



A sturdy sack is essential for getting your towel, trainers and protein from workspace to free weights in one piece. Another key tool in your fight to free the rippling abs and walnut-crushing glutes that you just know are lurking under there somewhere.

#### Cross-body Bag

Here's an inconvenient truth for anyone who thinks streetwear is just pretentious hype and/or overpriced irony: the cross-body bag is probably the most practical everyday bag on this list. Unless you carry a laptop or gym equipment with you, the accessory formerly known as a bum bag is perfect for what most of us actually carry around these days: phone, keys, wallet.

It's true that, at least while they're still fresh,

the cross-body bag adds a flash of unexpectedness to an outfit. But now that designers like Virgil Abloh at Louis Vuitton are finding ways to pair them with everything from tracksuits to tailoring, the smart money is on this type of bag soon enjoying something close to the backpack's ubiquity.

#### Messenger Bag

Until recently, the messenger bag was still synonymous with paperboys and sloppy, middle-aged commuters. But designers right now like few things more than taking once-naff-but-practical items and making them cool again (see bum bags for further details).

As such the modern messenger bag keeps its utility but adds some aesthetics. Great for transporting laptops, paperwork and the odd

lunchbox – and keeping your hands free as you do it – you can now tailor this type of bag to your style. From statement branding to normcore commuter, retro sportswear to luxury leather, well, you get the message.

#### Beach Bag

We don't remember when the beach became a fashion show, but these days swim shorts are as tailored as your formalwear. Your accessories can't be letting the (sea)side down, can they? The best beach bags will stow everything from your sandwiches to a change of clothes and, because they're often massive, they might be the first thing people see. For that reason, play it safe with shore-friendly colour combos like navy and white.

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## LINGERIE

# AN INDULGENCE EVERY GIRL DESERVES

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he words underwear and lingerie are sometimes used interchangeably, but there are a few differences between the two.

Technically, all lingerie is underwear, but not all underwear is lingerie. Underwear is worn for practicality and comfort by both genders, while lingerie is typically worn by women because it is attractive. Lingerie is an indulgence every girl deserves single or not.

Lingerie is a bit more expensive. It is often made from more expensive material, such as silk or lace. Another difference between underwear and lingerie is the intricacy of their designs. Regular underwear is typically quite simple, while lingerie is usually a little more detailed. We have a few ladies who share their sentiment about lingerie.

**'Lingerie makes you feel good inside, outside'**

Ayanda Maphalala defines lingerie as a sexy piece of underwear that makes you feel and look good inside and outside.

"Lingerie is the first thing you put on in the morning; you need to love it. In order to love it, you need to look great in it and

know you look great. That comes from fit and style, but also attachment to certain pieces. It begins with loving what you're wearing. I promise the right lingerie set will make your day."

Whenever Ayanda wants to boost her confidence, she goes for lingerie.

**'Lingerie is a lightweight garment for women'**

"Lingerie is lightweight, fashionable undergarments for women.

"When shopping for lingerie, there are so many things to look out for! There is of course the technical standpoint, does it fit correctly, are the fabrics high quality, is the construction solid but going beyond that is the garment.

"That is where beautiful laces and silks, special embellishments, unique design, and construction come into the picture," shares Nosipho Mkhalihi.

She says she wears lingerie occasionally especially on Valentine's Day so she looks sexy and appealing for her partner.

"Lingerie can be a weird, confusing world full of intimidating jargon and unique terminology but lingerie is also a beautiful, complex, fascinating niche, one where the finest of details matter and where learning the origins of a garment can be just as exciting as actually wearing it.

Lingerie doesn't have to be impossible to understand. Knowing just a few key concepts and terms can help you be a more informed consumer. Now go forth, and discover the lingerie of your dreams."

**'Lingerie makes me feel sexy'**

"Lingerie is a sexy costume or rather underwear worn by women to show off their bodies either at night





or at any point of the day when they feel cozy," shares Kwazi Mkhalihi with SCENE.

She says she only wears lingerie when she wants to feel beautiful without clothes, especially when she is expecting her man.

"In fact, if your favourite panties and bras make you feel beautiful and give you confidence, then you should wear them as often as possible. Wear them to work, wear them out, and wear them when you're just hanging with your honey as long as you're comfortable, there's no time when lingerie should be specifically excluded from your clothing choices.

"Once you've purchased lingerie that you love, you want to ensure it lasts a long time. After all, certain pieces can be expensive! While you should always check the tags on your specific items, it's generally best to hand wash your nicer panties, bras, and nighties. Even on gentle modes, washing machines can damage the fragile fabric. It's also a good idea to hang dry your lingerie. If washing and drying your pretties this way isn't an option, consider purchasing a separate washer/dryer bag to place them in."



#### 'I only wear lingerie on special occasions'

"Lingerie is more than just putting on a bra and matching panties way more. Women know how to wear lingerie in a way that boosts self-esteem, enhances personal style, and, yes, adds a touch of seduction and sensuality to life.

"I only wear lingerie at night or on a special occasions with my partner.

"First and foremost, lingerie is for you.

"That's important to an extent, you're the one actually wearing the items.

Sure, your significant other will get to see you in it for a little while, but the primary goal will probably be getting you out!

"Your lingerie is the first thing you put on in the morning and you reap the benefits from it all day long. When you pick the right pieces, you feel beautiful, sexy, powerful, and in control.

"Finding that kind of confidence begins with loving the bras and panties you own. If you think it looks great and it makes you feel great, then it absolutely is great," shares Pearl Masuku.

# WHAT THE COLOUR OF YOUR LINGERIE SAYS ABOUT YOU

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our lingerie drawer is bursting

with colours – blacks, red, whites and all the other colours of the rainbow.

But did you ever think of the signal you send to the others wearing a certain underwear colour? So, today with SCENE we have compiled the colours and what signals it sends to the next person or what it says about you.

#### Black, colour of authority, power

Black is certainly the most seductive. The other colours are sexy too, but nothing screams out like black lingerie. Black absorbs energy to the maximum. It's warm and active. It's well used in lingerie to stimulate seduction.

Commercially, black is a timeless fashion colour. It is associated with slenderness.

People think black makes their bodies look thinner.

It is also a colour of authority, power, and for the more dramatic black-creativity.



#### Red, colour of emotions

Stimulates circulation, sensuality. It's the colour of emotions. It evokes feelings of passion, love, and sexuality. This colour draws attention just like the bull to the matador. It evokes both love and rage. Down side is that it makes the wearer look a little heavier and stimulates the appetite. This colour has many biological responses including a quickening of the pulse and an increase in breathing. Wearers of the red lingerie colour will get great reactions, attention, and feel confident.

#### White, symbolises sterility

White is the sum of all other colours in the spectrum, reflects light and is considered a summer colour. The lingerie colour meaning of white is innocence and purity. White also symbolises sterility. White has a very spiritual meaning- divine light, light of perfection, light of Christ and Buddha consciousness. This may be due to the fact that white reflects light. Wearers of white underwear do not want to bring unwanted attention. They want to come across as pure, innocent, and spiritual. With this lingerie colour you must be diligent and keep it clean.

#### Nude, colour of a white person's flesh

Nude means being without clothes. It also means the colour of a white person's flesh. The colour nude is becoming more and more popular. It has many names including skin, tan, toffee, light brown, etc... Nude is an earthy colour that is abundant in nature and is a part of who we are. It symbolises reliability and structure. It is perfect for office settings. Women who wear this lingerie want to fit in. They do not want to be noticed for what they are wearing. They want to be natural and do not want to draw unwanted attention. It is a conventional colour that is meant to blend in and not be seen. It is one of the top three lingerie colours.

For a little more excitement, you might try the colour chocolate. It is earthy and a dessert at the same time.

#### Pink, a very feminine colour

Pink is a very gentle and calming colour that stimulates feelings of innocent romance, in contrast to the lusty emotions linked with red. Pale pink draws energy and relaxes making its wearers more approachable; this makes pale pink a wonderful colour to wear on a date! It makes him at ease, energised, and the feeling that you are somewhat innocent. Pink is a very feminine colour. Women love pink. Hot pink is an attention grabber but pale pink appeals to your softer side.

#### Purple, feminine and romantic appeal

Purple is a colour rarely found in nature – a fact that instantly draws attention to anyone wearing it and sometimes makes it appear artificial. Purple has traditionally represented luxury, royalty, wealth and sophistication; purple is a colour of power also has a feminine and romantic appeal, especially lighter shades. If the wearer wants to feel elegant, try out lingerie that is purple in colour.

#### Blue, very peaceful like the skies above and a calm sea

Blue is one of the most popular colours. After all, it is found so many places on our planet: from the sky to the ocean, to baby blue eyes, to the forever-fashionable blue jeans.

Blue usually produces the opposite emotional response of the colour red; blue stimulates a chemical reaction in the body, producing feelings of peace and tranquillity. In lingerie, it evokes peace yet royal blue evokes a bit of boldness. You do not hide it a blue bra with clothing. However, without a shirt, a nice blue is very peaceful like the skies above and a calm sea.







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WHAT'S  
IN A  
NAME?

**W**hat's in a name?

Plying their craft under a pseudonym is a popular practice among DJs and producers in the country.

Unusual aliases have ironically become the norm, with established names in the dance world.

Artists reasons for using stage names vary: some simply like the way the word sounds, others have stranger or more complex backstories.

We've compiled the origin of a few DJs' names, read on to find out more.

NYD



**M**y full names are Nhlanhla Yakhe Dlamini, hence the NYD. That's how DJ Khwephe Mentored and gave me that Stage name. I used to be a dancer before I became a deejay

backing up them gents, lol. A cousin of mine Pieter Penning (who now works with EBIS) introduced a software called Traktor for mixing music and taught me the basics of how you go about mixing music. I used to sleep for about four to five hours and spend the rest of the day on my computer perfecting my craft. Bro I was playing what we call now commercial music back then... but as soon as I got to know CD players I chose to play afro and soulful house till now. We have an upcoming song produced by Slotta titled 'Nyd & Toniq feat LomaSoul titled 'Breeze' coming up early next year but already podcasted on Moneni Sessions 24. We want to wait for the Amapiano hype to tone down then we release it. We planning on making a video too.

**T**he name Master-Jack comes after the name Jekwa which in Siswati means a clever bird.

Haha. So this other time, I was with a friend of mine called Qing-Qong, we were having a conversation about something I cannot disclose right now and I kind of gave him a solution to the discussion and out of the blue he said "Wena ungu Master-Jack". The name stuck because we always said it was high time the Jekwa name graduate to Master-Jack. Since then to date, I have been called Master-Jack.



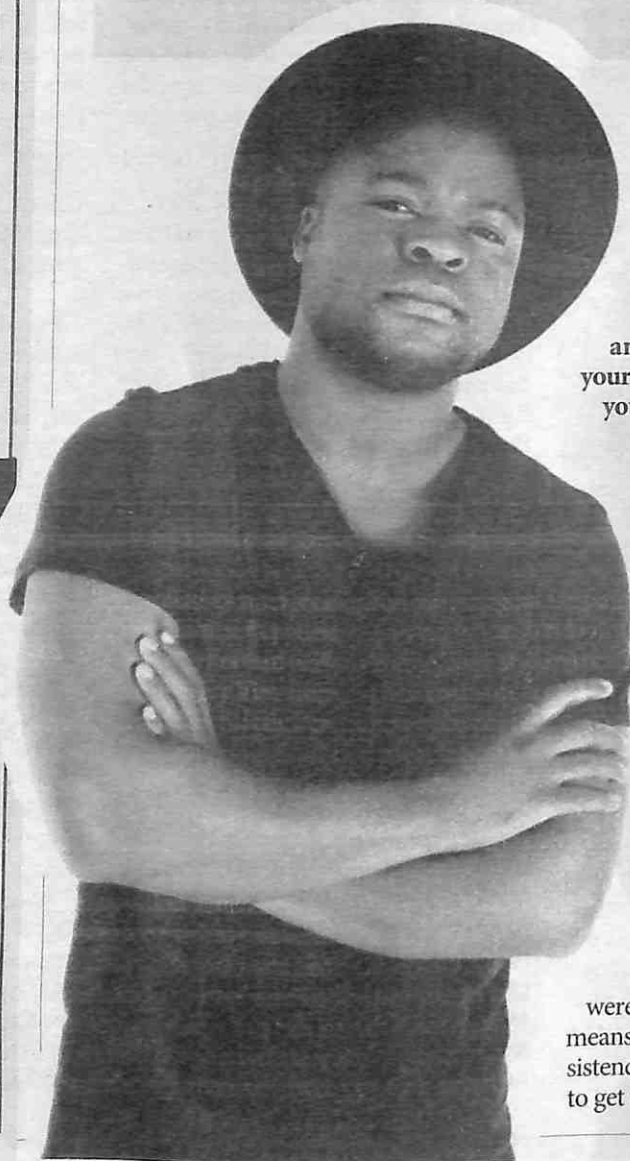
# SCULPTURED LIKE FINE ART

*Sculptured  
MUSIC*



**W**illy 'SculpturedMusic' Lubisi who is known for his consistency in releasing hits, the Spruitview born DJ turned into a producer, has over the years allowed the house music industry to eat from the palm of his hands with his dance floor hits.

Tracks like 'Mangwane' and 'Fast Lane' were only the beginning of what the multi-talented spinner had to offer. To date Lubisi has released two albums, 'Brighter Days' and 'Breathe Again' with a few EPs under his belt. Tracks like 'Sing My Blues' from his East Blues EP, which is one of my favourites marked him amongst the best in South Africa, a nation blessed with a generation of good producers. Dubbed the national anthem, Sculptured music earlier this year released the track 'Sad To Think' with a hard-hitting deep house track straight for the dance floor, where he sampled Gladys Knights - Neither One Of Us. Beat On Beats had a chat with the producer to find out more on his journey in the house music industry.



**G**ood Day. First and foremost congratulations on your recent award. Well deserved. May you briefly tell us about yourself?

Thanks for having me, much appreciated and thank you with regards to the award. Hailing from Spruitview on the east of Gauteng, Willy Lubisi aka SculpturedMusic already has an established track record, having made appearances on labels such as Soul Candi, Stay True Sounds and many more.

**Winning South African Dance Music Award's best producer for 2019 means your hard work is greatly appreciated. What does this award mean for you?**

It actually means the beginning for me, because it made those who weren't watching notice me now. So it means the hard work starts now. It's consistency and the hard work that made me to get that award.

**When and how did you get into music?**

I think it's about 10 years now but you start counting when you see something happening. You don't really count the learning stage lol. I think like most people. Getting hold of House Afrika Volumes to Fresh HouseFlavors and becoming intrigued by what's coming out and how it's being made. I first started out as a DJ, so I would say that's where my love for this genre began.

**You recently visited the Kingdom of Eswatini during Oscar Mbo's birthday tour. How was the experience?**

It was actually my first time in the Kingdom of Eswatini and I enjoyed myself immensely. The crowd there is so open minded, which allowed me to explore and take them on a journey. It is always a pleasure for any DJ when the crowd reacts to new music that you're trying out. That was the reaction I got from the crowd.

**What do you think has been the key moment or turning point for you career wise?**

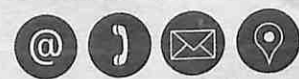
Making sure I release music of highest quality. Sticking to my lane and always evolving as a producer. I mean there's nothing new under the sun of music, everything has been done so I'm just interpreting it my own way, bring the old and the new together.

**What inspires you, in life as well as in music?**  
I'm inspired by many things. I'm self-motivated and that's key for me. I'm inspired by every





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hard working individual out there. With regards to music, I'm inspired by a lot of gospel and old school house music which is where it all started. Being open-minded when it comes to music has also gone a long way in me acquiring my inspiration.

**South Africa is regarded as the home of house music. Why do you think its popularity has grown so much?**

House music started in Chicago and found refuge in South Africa, but when I look beyond our country we still have a long way to go. I mean the way other countries fill up venues and do festivals within house music, its breath taking. I believe we still have a long way to go. House music was the main focus, commercially back in the days and we need to appreciate legends like Vinny da Vinci, DJ Christos, The late DJ Monde, Fresh and Mbuso to name a few. They actually pioneered to what is house music in South Africa and we just took the torch running with it.

**How much do you know about the house music scene in Eswatini and what's your view on it?**

Honestly I don't know much about the house music scene in Eswatini, but there are a few guys that I've come across, I know they like it very deep. Judging from my recent visit, Eswatini has something special to offer and SwaziBoy Entertainment, have and are still doing a good job in creating a culture for the house music industry.

**What is your production process?**

Kick and bass sets the mood for me. It all starts from beat boxing bass in my head and recording it in my phone so I don't forget it in case I'm not home. But bass and kick is very important to me, it's the start of the groove.

**What do you have coming up in**

*Music in performance is a type of sculpture. The air in the performance is sculptured into something we call music*

**terms of releases?**

Well I am currently working on my new album which will be released mid-November.

**'Sad To Think' was at some point regarded as the National Anthem of South Africa and it was also well received this side. Were you surprised by the reception the track received?**

Totally surprised, I mean the track has a weird very bass groove which I fooled around in studio with Tshepo King and left it at that. But I'm guessing it's because it's something the crowd has never heard before that spiked the interest of the track. I'm still surprised that till today the track is still continuing to reach more people with its weirdness.

**If you were to pick one song from your previous project as a favourite, which one would it be and why?**

'Overflow' for me is by far my favourite even though you can't pick your children lol. But that track touches people on the dance like I've never before. It makes people connect with their spirituality and feel so emotional, all of that happening at the club.

**SculpturedMusic - Its That East Vibe will be featured in Kid Fonque's latest compilation. You must be excited?**

Yea very excited. It has been a very special journey in my life and more doors keep on opening. On that track I was experimenting once again pushing myself to limits and exploring different sounds. I get bored easily hence each year I try to reveal a new me when it comes to music.

**You recently performed at the Spring Fiesta, What About Soul Stage. Can you take us through that experience?**

Wow man one of my 2019 highlights by far. Was my first time playing there? I mean playing amongst the best, it is every DJ's dream otherwise why are you even in the industry if that's not your ambition. I played most my new tracks coming out on my album and the floor went crazy. I still have flash backs from that day.

**Who do you look up to in the house music scene and why?**

It's difficult to pin-point one person that I look up to as different people do different things. Even in music there is quite a lot from DJs to producers who serve a different purpose.

**According to you, what's the perfect set? And how do you usually prepare your sets?**

My perfect set is when I get people dancing to music they are not familiar with and still get down. I don't normally prepare my set as I buy music almost every day. I just get to the venue an hour early to see where the crowd is at and take it from there.

**What advice would you give to upcoming producers who look up to you?**

Find what you like and explore the hell out of it. There's too many of the same things out there and you won't stand out by doing the same thing. It is cool to learn, but eventually you'll need to find your own style if you want to stand out.



## THE BROTHERINE EP

**T**he Brotherine EP is more of an introduction to what is yet to come, it's a story about an African bedroom studio producer who has super powers to heal human kind with musical sounds.

I only worked with NelsonX and Lunga Sky because I wanted to introduce my pure sound with minimal collaborations on the production side.

### \*Intro\*

The intro is taken from the series called "Into The Badlands Season 3" and is about a pilgrimage which is the whole EP itself from first track to the last. I've been inspired by the series since it's all about the battlefield, which we all are in.

### \*Fire\*

Is about the driving spirit burning within all of us. That unyielding will in each person. That force

that wills you towards what you truly want in this life, that is fire!

### \*Black Jesus\*

Is the African messiah, Pilgrim himself on the "Into The Badlands Series". It's an Afro Tech Sound

### \*Silence\*

Is about the search for the promised land (pilgrimage). It's an Afro Tech Sound with some Gcom elements in it.

### \*Outside Looking For You Ft. Lunga Sky\*

Is about someone who's in search for his or her better half for happiness only to find that he needs to find himself before he starts looking for someone else.

### \*Sun Is Down (Africa Bambaata)\*

Is a feel good track inspired by Africa Bambaata - Funky Heroes. This is the moment when they find what the were in search of. It's a victory song.

### \*Black Jesus Too (NelsonX EDM VERSION)\*

Everyone is having a good time.







# MR GWEJ ARRIVES FOR SUNDAY CULINARY SERIES



**T**he intimate Sunday Culinary Series for foodies prepared by South Africa's renowned cook Mr Gwej, affectionately known for his mouth watering culinary expertise and passion for serving exclusive dining sessions in secret locations in Johannesburg sold out within three weeks.

Mr Gwej said he could not wait to have people taste the food he will prepare.

"I love cooking and baking, I make a mean cheesecake and I cannot wait for people to taste that," he said.

He also said he loved cooking for people and having the opportunity to cook in a different environment was something he always looked forward to.

"I already love the scenery of the Kingdom and as it is my first time in the country, I cannot wait to share my amazing dishes with the people of Eswatini."

Today, host "the man with the pots", at a secret location to be

revealed to ticket holders of the first of its kind Sunday series featuring fine dining paired with beverages suitable for the set three course meal of the day.

According to a statement shared by the Brains behind this new to market concept, Khetsiwe Dlamini mentions how her passion for succulent flavours, food and dinning has brought to life the Sunday Culinary experiences.

She expresses how the series aims to bring a variety of international flavours and culinary expertise to the local market in both the food and beverage category through offering dining experiences in the backdrop of uncommon venues and spaces.

If you missed the first series you can stay on the lookout for the next event which is billed for early December.

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The company's mission is to provide 360 mar-

keting services to corporate and private clients to support brands in disrupting the market and deliver memorable campaigns.

Khetsiwe Dlamini is a creative like no other. Her dynamism, attention to detail and curiosity has made her a force to be reckoned with in her industry. This results driven marketing professional possesses the enviable skill to concurrently coordinate a myriad of tasks to perfection.

Her professional career began in the Kingdom of Eswatini at House on Fire in 2011 where she worked as events manager. She also provided event support for the world renowned MTN Bushfire Festival for three years.

Her consummate professional conduct saw her deliver a number of successful campaigns and events including Simonsberg Cheese and Wine Nights, Parmalat Yoghurt relaunch, Umcenge Low fat launch, Castle Milk Stout Unplugged, Flying Fish Beach Festival and The road to Castle Lite Unlocks.

Dlamini is known for being a great team player with the ability to lead as well as this dynamic professional has been a part of various diverse local and international teams. One of her innate skills is the ability to quickly build and sustain relationships with staff, clients and industry partners.

Dlamini has a proven track record in marketing strategies to increase category market share.

By Nokwanda Sibandze



# Analysis & opinion



WITH Mbongeni Mbingo

## OH THE ABSURDITY



The least said about this little publicity stunt that this man from Dvokodvweni and his Member of Parliament have played on the entire nation the better.

It is clear even to a child what this truly is – nothing but a poor attempt to score political points at the expense of the right-thinking members of the public.

This despicable sham of a petition should never have seen the inside of the august House, and that it did leaves me perplexed, to say the least. It leaves me to wonder if this was orchestrated to achieve some other political agenda we are yet to see, or if the House of Assembly was hoodwinked by both the MP and his friend.

The truth will come out I am sure, but for now we can only pray that parliamentarians wake up from the hypnosis that the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act 2018 is a law meant to deal with men. I can safely conclude that that is how this thing happened right under their noses, and they played into it because deep down they share the same views as Simanga Lukhele. The idea that Parliament would be petitioned on a law that it passed is bemusing, never mind the manner it was tabled. Lukhele conspired with his Member of Parliament, Mduduzi Magagula to have this petition tabled in Parliament. They concocted their plan that this would work if it was tabled and the House was forced to debate it.

This is a plan intended to derail all of the good work that has gone into the Act, which took years to be passed into law. I must hasten to say of course that I would not want to be understood to be saying that the SODV Act is perfect, or that it does not have its issues – particularly with misinterpretation. However, it is our law now. The ship sailed when the Bill was passed into law and His Majesty the King assented to it. The logical thing to do now is to seek to bring this matter before courts. Yet, to the little I understand of the sham by the two people of Dvokodvweni, that is not even what they want. What they want is for consultations. What they claimed they were looking for was to open the debate once more. I am gobsmacked. Open the debate for what, I asked myself?

Yet, Parliament, in all its wisdom, entertained this nonsensical petition – for a good solid week, wasting taxpayers' money in sitting allowances. I have a good mind to suggest that the MP from Dvokodvweni should not be paid his sitting allowances for these three sittings, for he does not deserve them.

Instead, Lukhele should pay him – him and their funders, because it is clear to me that this was a political agenda whose outcome we will know some other day.

We must dismiss the claim that Lukhele acts on behalf of the public, nor too that he acts on behalf of the people of Dvokodvweni. In fact, this matter once more exposes this issue of a right to recall a Member of Parliament – in addition to the criticism that MPs do not consult with their constituencies, yet they are known to claim that they represent the people.

### Representation

Even if we are a direct representation in terms of the system of governance, it does not mean that there is no constituency that the legislator represents. There is an Inkhundla whose people should be engaged before an MP claims to know what the people want.

I want to know if Lukhele and the MP sat at an Inkhundla meeting and there was a resolution that Parliament should be petitioned against the SODV Act. I want to know the basis for that meeting, in addition to the reason for it to be called.

Incidentally, Lukhele claims to have been concerned by the story of a man whose ex-girlfriend reported him to the police, who swiftly arrested him. Because of this incident – among thousands we have had by the way, many of which have been widely reported, Lukhele thought this was one incident too many. He then conspired with his MP to take a petition to Parliament.

Well, I guess they deserve each other. But, the MP must be ques-

tioned on his role as a representative of the constituency of Dvokodvweni, especially in relation to the women of that area who have suffered in silence because men cannot be held accountable. Are those women who have been sexually assaulted not part of his constituency? Are the little girls who have been raped and abused in the hands of abusive men and fathers not part of his constituency? Who speaks for them when a man can lead you as an MP to turn his back against so many women who have suffered terribly over the years?

I dare say that this MP does not deserve the title one bit. Instead, if the people of Dvokodvweni know what he has done to them, they would vote him out and then he would continue which his charade with his friend.

### Perfect

I am compelled of course to address this myth that the SODV Act is targeted at men, as claimed by Lukhele and his colleague. Of course this law is not perfect, but how much it is not may also vary from individual to individual. What is true is that the majority of cases are reported against men, because as the Women and the Law Eswatini Chapter has rightly pointed out, a majority of men are perpetrators of gender-based violence.

However, we must question what kind of society Lukhele wants to live in; a society of emotionally damaged people who have suffered domestic violence and sexual assault, with men who have got away with the horrific things they get up to against their own children, sisters, wives and soci-

ety?

What Lukhele wants; a society of men who puff their chests at getting away with harassment and forcing themselves on our women just because they are men?

Anyway, he must not answer that. I am sure it was deliberated at their meeting in Dvokodvweni when they hatched the plan to derail this beautiful country of ours from the cause of ensuring that this country is a just society. What I find difficult to deal with however, is how parliamentarians look at themselves in the mirror after this – and if at all they are worthy of the tag themselves.

How did they not dismiss this and order MP Magagula to advise his friend to take his case to the ministry of justice, or the courts?

How do they allow a petition *nje* in the first place? How do they allow themselves to be misled into this, even to the point of concluding that we need a report after 60 days. What report?

I am certain there are many laws that need to be reformed that are pending before the House. Instead of wasting time on a new law that is just a year old, MPs would do best to get themselves acquainted with those, before they turn around and bring in petitions once those are passed too. As for the SODV Act, it may very well be that MPs are themselves as aggrieved as Simanga Lukhele. MP Magagula's conduct tells the story of a legislator who cannot defend the Act, and his colleagues have just demonstrated as much.

Perhaps, it is not Lukhele we should be concerned with; it is the august House itself.

## COMMENT

### Visit Eswatini

The rating by the travel guide firm Lonely Planet is a big deal. Not only because it places this country in the top five of the best tourist destinations, but purely because it places us among the best tourist destinations in the world. It is, therefore a rating we should be pleased with.

However, it is also important that we take this rating forward, and do something with it. Tourism could be our biggest export, and through it Eswatini could achieve some great things.

We have known for decades that this country has a wow factor; that we have a beautiful story and that we can charm the world if we took this tourism thing seriously. We have known that people who visit this country have never stopped talking about the experience that we give them. We have known that our cultural activities, such as Umhlanga and the Incwala make us unique. We have known that our scenery is among the best in the world.

### Uniqueness

So, ask yourself then, why isn't this country marketing its Eswatini story? Many countries, Malaysia for example, market their country's uniqueness vigorously, and are willing to invest in tourism. Yet, for this country we seem to want to rely so much on others to do the marketing for us. For a while now, we have known that the Bushfire Festival places this country on the world map. But, do we tap into that? Does the Bushfire festival, or the others, get the government exposure? When our artist Sands was riding the crest of the wave with his 'Tigi' and was in every music challenge internationally, did we maximise on this? Have we ever considered to place a clip on the likes of CNN, for instance, marketing the beauty of this country? Are our cultural events on the world's international media? These are no brainers. But, we all know the responses too.

Eswatini has a unique selling point, yet it appears that we actually do not even realise this.

Perhaps, this rating by Planet Lonely is the Launchpad we have needed to take ourselves seriously. The rating, which presents us as a country that rewards visitors with wildlife, mountain views, valleys of pineapples and unmatched crafts would be a waste if we did not make use of it.

What we should do is to start spreading the word, and tourism, domestically. All of us need to sell this story to not just tourists, but to ourselves, for we should know what it is that we are selling to the world. If all of us embrace tourism and ride on the back of this rating, Eswatini can become the best tourist destination in the world – and for once, we will be making headlines for all the right reasons. We need to start singing that 'Visit Eswatini' song.





By Comfort Mabuzza

**O**ne hopes those behind the so-called petition to re-open the debated Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act 2018 enacted Bill have clean hearts and motives.

Emaswati who tirelessly labour for gender equality are extremely disappointed that after such hard labour, attempting to ensure we have a better law enacted, where our women are given due respect and accorded human dignity, we find ourselves playing marble games, where the august House allows such debates that lower women dignity in particular. We certainly are not impressed about the post-postment or deferment whatsoever of the debate. There is just no justification for allowing this SODV Act to be debated again in this fashion after so much progress. Having taken over a decade for the civil society and women's rights organisations, in particular to have this matter resolved and endorsed through a form of a legislation that better protects people from domestic and sexual violence in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Unless you have no emotions and feelings, the high rate of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Eswatini, calls for a humane approach and greater sensitivity, as nearly half of Emaswati women continue experiencing sexual violence and exploitation one way or the other. Approximately one in four females in Eswatini experienced physical violence as a child, with almost 18.8 per cent of youth aged between 18-24 years having been coerced into sexual inter-

## WHO HAS BEWITCHED EMASWATI NOW, AFTER ENACTING SUCH A GOOD LAW?

● Every time this country is seen making so much progress in as far as women's protection is concerned, it is very disturbing that we allow ourselves to take so many steps backwards. Sometime one sits and wonder if we value women's lives and protection in this kingdom.



course before they turned 18, now this calls for action not mere sympathy, hey. How can we allow these emotional and mind games? *Buphi nje buntfu neluvelo nebakitsi lana?*

### WOMEN'S LIVES TAKEN CHEAPLY

Every time this country is seen making so much progress in as far as women's protection is concerned, it is very disturbing that we allow ourselves to take so many steps backwards. Sometime one sits and wonder if we value women's lives and protection in this kingdom. Emaswati should begin to value women as full people deserving respect and human dignity. There is just no justification whatsoever, to allow people to gamble with the lives of our sisters in particular. No sane person should dare entertain people whose agenda seems to be clouded with controversy and basically treating our sisters as second grade cit-

izen. Let us show a high level of respect and ensure that our sister's lives matter. Not one single woman should feel vulnerable and exposed in a country that claims to be a constitutional democratic kingdom.

### WOMEN ARE FULL CITIZENS

Every time we debate issues and one has a feeling that there is a section of Emaswati who think women are second grade citizens. Why there seems to be that unfortunate feeling that they must beg for attention and approval of men for things that constitutionally and legally are entitled to as citizens of this kingdom. They should not be made to feel like they owe any other Liswati to enjoy fundamental freedoms and constitutional provisions that promote equality and respect. They are citizens of this great nation and have contributed so much to what Eswatini has become.

Those who are quite knowledgeable of the country's development, must be concerned that there are people who still feel like they control the advancement and gender equality progress. This has to stop as we begin to respect women as full citizens deserving human dignity and respect.

### HOW DID WE GET BACK HERE?

When you engage the law enforcing agents, and the reports that police are generating yearly, one cannot run away from the reality that we are dealing with a national crisis of greater proportion, and it just hurt so deeply to see that we still have citizens playing games and dice with women's lives here.

There is so much increase in domestic violence cases over the years, which if we were a humane society, we should have acted long time ago. Going back to 2009, when the SODV Bill was



JOY NDWANDWE'S LEADERSHIP ZONE

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY #IDP #DECOLONISE

**I**ndigenous people's day was internationally commemorated on October 14th 2019, the theme was 'We are fighting alongside to end racism, colonialism and oppression.'

Thus requiring the acknowledgement of the brutal history of colonisation of indigenous peoples and recognise that they continue to face modern day colonialisation, land theft, plundering of resources and destruction of communities. This reminded me of tagging along with a friend in Canada who was visiting Native Reserve for research, at that time I was not connected to my old soul. Such that I saw them as victims, and I did not realise that I was part of indigenous peoples who were systematically negated by colonialism.

My current research on indigenous people's dignity, has been enriched by indigenous knowledge of indigenous people such that, I commemorate indigenous peoples day. As an indigenous person born in Africa, who missed the opportunity to learn from the source during my visit to Native Reserves, I was blind and disconnected to my soul, too blind to see the God within all those

souls filled with negative emotions, all I saw was their alcoholism yet they were numbing their pain. In retrospect, their indigenous knowledge has enriched my scholarly works, when reading their researched books, these brought clarity into my research contextualised as indigenous people's dignity. Reading indigenous peoples' books from North America and Australia specifically has affirmed my scholarly argument on how indigenous governance systems were rooted within indigenous people's dignity.

### INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

The indigenous knowledge from indigenous people was systemically negated through Western education and religion, this being a global phenomenon. This structural violence remains as the most brutal history of colonisation, evidently a strategic entry point for land and mineral capture. When people's indigenous knowledge is destroyed, they become vulnerable and open to manipulation and exploitation. Evidently, this was the success story of colonialism, which has left indigenous people conflicted and living problematic lifestyles. It was this understanding and world view that enriched my research as indigenous people have embarked on the journey to bringing their power back through knowledge. In North America, proximity to the academy was evident in their writ-

ings, as their indigenous knowledge has academically researched and articulated.

Indigenous people's knowledge is based on an imagined or remembered experience, this is understood as absence, not a void, creating opportunity to reimagine knowledge emerging. This insightful lesson immersed my research of indigenous people's dignity with the ability for knowledge to emerge. Thus enabling indigenous knowledge to surface from mythology, as indigenous peoples' mythologies were brutalised and yet they were presenting an opportunity for knowledge creation. There is no knowledge void within indigenous knowledge, as indigenous people understood how the universe works, its movement and its occurrences. This knowledge preserved within indigenous knowledges, predominately coded and conveyed through mythologies, through words, dance, songs and musical instruments.

This indigenous thought process was brutalised by colonialism, and yet mythologies created stories that preserved knowledges. Thus, in acknowledging the brutality of colonialism endured by indigenous people, let us reflect on our mythologies that suffered structural violence. Today, we lack the spirit of inquiry that was embedded within our indigenous knowledge, as Western science refused to venture into this knowledge paradigm. Therefore, how can

we hope to innovate when the core of our innovative thought process was brutalized, yet this offered a non-dogmatic openness embedded within indigenous knowledge. Today we have been educated in dogmatic thought processes evidence of the structural violence embedded within colonialism. We defend and protect this dogmatic thought processing and yet our indigenous context is non-dogmatic openness, which offers indigenous knowledge new inspiration.

### INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE, DANCE AND MUSIC

Indigenous knowledge is embedded within language, dance and music, which colonisation brutally suppressed and in the name of religion we all continue to brutalise. How can we innovate when we continue to suppress our inner visions that are embedded within indigenous languages, dances and music? As these three indigenous contexts are critical in merging the external and internal for innovation process to be evoked within our souls. This is the core of indigenous people which has been brutalized through structural violence, such that we continue to follow and not lead in innovation. Thus, let us reflect on what indigenous knowledge expanding knowledge scope enabling innovation to emerge.

Indigenous languages, dances and music are



first introduced to Parliament, we should even be more ashamed that it has taken us almost 10 years for this to go through finally. After the initial process was debated and went through in 2012, the SODV Bill of 2009 did not receive Royal Assent, which is required as the final step for any bill to be enacted into law in Eswatini, before Parliament was dissolved for the general elections in 2013.

This was again re-introduced following the appointment of a new government which had to be re-introduced to the SODV Bill and the procedure of enacting the bill into law had to start all over again in 2015. Finally, the SODV Bill received Royal Assent. It was then passed into law and now known as the Sexual Offences & Domestic Violence Act. We were so happy, that finally much progress made. One prays that whatever is going on in the minds of those wanting to open the debate again it is for good intentions and nation building. Now to then hear some Emaswati wanting to take us back to have this Act re-opened for debate and engagement, when we thought much progress has been made - what a discouraging development and setback.

### THE ROLE OF GENDER CONSORTIUM

We should appreciate the work done by the Gender Consortium, who had tirelessly lobbied the government to have the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill enacted which dates back to 2001. We highly appreciated that over this long time many participated engaging Parliamentarians, Senators, international institutions, lawmakers, magistrates, non-profit organisations, traditional leaders, local community members and survivors of gender-based violence and sexual abuse to champion this cause.

All were trying their level best to get the country move forward, but then to have some crazy people drag this in the mud, and call for it to be re-opened for debate, it certainly destroys all such the good intentions.

These previous legal instruments failed to meet the international and human rights standards demanded today in a modern society. For example, the definition of rape within this legal framework was only described as a male perpetrator and female victim.

There was no definition of rape that included a male perpetrator and a male victim or a female

perpetrator and a male victim. As such, these types of sexual assault would be considered cases of 'indecent assault' rather than rape in the previous legal system. This weak legal system, instead of safeguarding the most vulnerable, fostered a culture of violence and immunity within Eswatini, whereby perpetrators were often never convicted of their crimes. Whereas Section 50 of the SODV Act stipulates that the court is not to draw any inference from any delay in reporting or from previous inconsistent statements.

### WHAT IS CONTAINED IN SODV ACT

The SODV Act makes the act of rape gender neutral, whereas the previous laws narrowly defined rape as a forced sexual act of a male perpetrator and female victim. Now to think of it, all other forms of rape were considered 'indecent assault' if there was some form of delayed reportage of the same. We were celebrating the progress that so much progress was being made, we are now back to square-one, what a shame. The SODV Act attempted to criminalise marital rape and other domestic violence offences. When one reflects deeply, we certainly have allowed these serious issues to become yet another game and it defeats the advocacy initiatives and the great strides. We dealing with full human beings deserving respect and human dignity here. No one person should be allowed to call shots and treat women as second class citizens.

### RESPECT WOMEN PLEASE

The nation deserves better and how one wishes more respect shown to such national development efforts meant to uplift and show respect to women. What is unfolding in the august House presently is not progress at all. While there is nothing wrong in engaging more the Act with the view of learning and adding more knowledge by members of Parliament, one has a gut feeling, there are sinister ulterior motives behind this petition. Come to think of it, where was this member when the debate on the bill was being held, when it was still a bill? Lest we forget, Emaswati women play a great role in the national development agenda and deserve much more respect. Those who continue to play dice and treat issues affecting women cheaply must be exposed. Show respect for women - *Watsintsa bafati watsintsa imbokodvo!*

### CONCLUSION

the basis for transformation and change, as whatever is sung, danced to through music is declared.

In retrospect, we affirm Western thoughts and culture embedded in the language, dance and music that we have accepted as dominant culture. Most importantly, we affirm negative messages that have been recorded as popular culture, as we are brutalising our own environment. As the popular music, lyrics and dance is not only vulgar but manifest in the endemic negative behaviour that have become present day cultural mantras. Indigenous people with all their spiritual gifts of language, dance to music using them to perpetuate sexual violence and domestic abuse, brutalising all communities of indigenous people.

In chaos theory the butterfly effect is embedded within the indigenous languages, dances and music of indigenous people. As mantras and music rooted in language, and dance have always been the catalyst for change and transformation.

Hence, there is a dance with lyrics and music for everything within indigenous peoples communities, sun dance, moon dance, rain dance, corn dance and death dance. The list is endless as indigenous people create within time and space, for knowledge to evolve, with lyrics revealing the time and space in which that dance was preserved. This self-organising and creativity within indigenous people was brutalised, and we the educated and religious elite are continuing to brutalise it. As we are products of structural violence of colonialisating but we have no right to deny the future generation the opportunity to develop the inner vision towards innovation.

In conclusion, I watch as the moon fades in anticipation of Incwala where I participate in the butterfly effect using indigenous language, dance and music. Incwala creates opportunity to sing the lyrics of my indigenous language, *kuyeyeza*, dance towards the rain dance, whilst evoking my innovative thoughts. As I affirm my being part of the global indigenous people, who acknowledges that structural violence occurred and continues to occur. This becomes my motivation for research in indigenous knowledge towards the establishment of an indigenous knowledge hub to provide opportunity for the future generation. Thus, creating academic and community engagement spaces for indigenous knowledge to crack open the dogmatic thought processes with non-dogmatic thoughts for new knowledge dimensions to emerge. One outstanding aspect to my healing paradigm as a member of indigenous people globally is using my voice and hands in playing instruments. Indigenous opera, is my gift from God and playing instruments from my soul is part of my healing paradigm that I will use when I am ready. When God blesses with healing gifts He gives all, my hands have been writing as part of healing, and they will soon play instruments as part of healing with my voice. In essence, indigenous people must rise to heal their children and the children of colonizers, as they need to heal. Music becomes the unifying and healing paradigm that brings God the Supreme Being into the room for all brutality and structural violence to reconcile. Indigenous people are healers in all aspects, and it's an honour to contribute this article towards all healing from brutality and structural violence.

## FINDING TRUE HAPPINESS



By Lisa Mongelli

The pursuit of true inner happiness should be the one most fundamentally important thing in all our lives, and yet we constantly and continually pursue material gratification and the stress that comes with it.

We mistakenly think if we have enough money and material security, we will be happy. So we chase more money, a fancy car, a bigger house, an expensive watch, designer clothes, designer furniture; all the while losing sight of this one vital truth happiness comes from within you. Money can buy you material things and to have a healthy relationship with money is very important. Yes, money can make you comfortable and having more money always gives you choices. So whoever says money can't add to your happiness is mistaken; but the things it can never buy you are spiritual knowledge enlightenment, and true inner equilibrium.

Material things certainly can add to happiness but they can never really make you happy. Have you ever known someone with so much money, and, yet their life was an emotional wasteland? Living a life of emotional poverty is not wealth, and God knows living such a life will never make you happy no matter how much money you have. How many mega wealthy people have taken their lives or passed on in despair because of loneliness, and lack of emotional connection? Many of these sad people spent their lives seeking love in a milieu of materialism, only coming up empty. They were looking for the right thing in the wrong place. They were looking for happiness in the only way they knew it might exist; through money. Money will never buy you real happiness, love or friendship, it just isn't possible.

Life was meant to be abundant on all levels, why is it that so many quote unquote spiritual people are sick and broke?

Just like why are so many people with money lonely and unhappy? Living in the joy of life means embracing, declaring and attracting all things to you that encompass that word Abundant. That includes love, robust health, and material prosperity. There is no trade off

one does not cancel out the other.

Creation intended us to live abundantly on all levels, and to have all the things that make us truly happy.

Look around you and observe nature. Nature left to its own divine plan never struggles, the forest grows and nature functions without effort, worry or strain. The Bible says the birds of the air toil not for God feeds them. The Universe is on tap ready to provide us with not only what we need but what we want. Allowing yourself to receive all that Creation intends for you, has everything to do with believing you deserve all the wonderful gifts the Universe has in reserve for you. If you can't embrace being worthy of receiving God's abundance, it is going to be pretty difficult to get it. Remember, as you believe so is it, a negative mind set especially when it comes to yourself is a sure fire way to remain without. Gratitude even for the little things boosts the positive frequency, and assists you in attracting, and creating the parallel that sends you back more of what you really want. The Universe is always functioning at maximum capacity to provide you with your highest good.

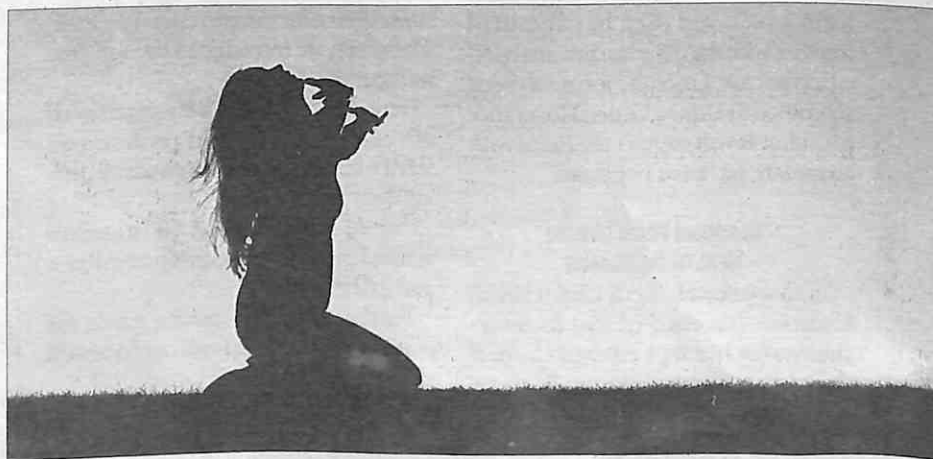
Allowing yourself to be happy has a lot to do with being in the moment or living in The Now. If you can't see yourself having what you want right now, there is a great likelihood you will never have it. Projecting your life's desires and dreams into a future that may never come does just that push it into a future that you may never realise; the honest truth is the future is always right now, so understand if you want a happy life, a good job, a loving partner it is not in the future you will find these things it is in today. Choosing to be happy gives you an edge on life's blessings why? Because feeling good always but always gives you back more of the same. Choosing to feel joy and participating in the creative vibration of life plants the seed of positive intention which when empowered through gratitude insures you achieve your heart's desire. Attitude is everything with the right frame of mind the impossible can be achieved.

Visualising what you want and empowering that desire with positive thoughts and feelings kicks your intention into high gear.

Being happy and grateful about what you want and having the faith to know it has already happened sets the materialisation process into motion, and the universe then conspires to help you realise your intention, and in my experience it can happen at an amazing speed.

To have unwavering faith is to believe that what you want has already happened. Know you are worthy and it is possible for you. Above all else allow yourself the feelings of Happiness at already having received it.

Remember the universe will always give you the best life you are prepared to give yourself. Choose to be happy, choose to be grateful and have faith that under Grace all is possible. God bless you enjoy your Sunday. Please do write and let me know your thoughts. You can write me at [lisamongelli30@gmail.com](mailto:lisamongelli30@gmail.com)





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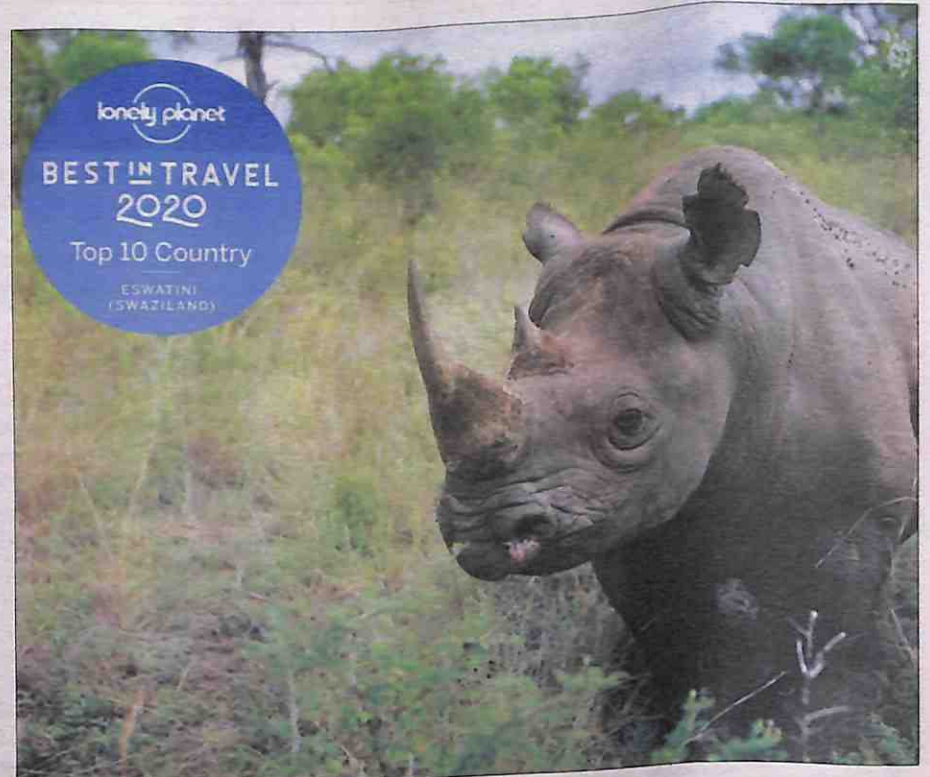
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## WHAT ESWATINI'S TOP RATING MEANS

**T**oday's article comes at the height of euphoric celebrations following a major hierarchical shift in the who-is-who of tourism, after the Kingdom of Eswatini was named one of the world's top countries for travellers in 2020 by world leading travel authority Lonely Planet in its Planet's Best in 2020.

This publication is itself a collector's item, as it features the best of the best travel destinations, trends, journeys and experiences to have in the year ahead.

Now, this is no fluke or some marketing gimmick – Lonely Planet is a world-leading travel publisher, a globe-spanning digital travel media company and the world's number one travel guidebook brand. They have been providing both inspiring and trustworthy information for every kind of traveller since 1973. They reach hundreds of millions of travellers each year online and via their mobile products and help them unlock amazing experiences. Over the past 40 years, they have printed over 145 million guidebooks, as well as countless other titles showcasing the wonders of the world for travellers of all types. Without a doubt, the experts cannot be wrong.

To put this development in perspective, first it is important to note that never before has our beloved kingdom been mentioned in the same breath as England, Bhutan and others, streets ahead of all its African counterparts. It is mind-boggling that, all things being equal, Eswatini is officially the best travel destination in Africa right now.

This power shift has significant implications for a country that, all along, had remained under the shadow of its neighbours, with tour operators only including it as a subsidiary destination for tourists originally traveling to bigger countries in the region. Lonely Planet has now officially approved Eswatini as a stand-alone destination, and as destination marketers, with the full backing of the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs and industry players, we are committed to leveraging on

this stamp of approval as a Launchpad for our marketing efforts going forward. This accolade completely changes the marketing narrative from a 'me too' to a 'must-see' destination. For now we celebrate, but we realise that our work is cut out for us.

Commenting on destination Eswatini's new ranking, Lonely Planet said, "Petite, pleasant and packed with culture, adventure and legendary wildlife, the newly named Kingdom of Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) is one of Southern Africa's most underrated (and least visited) destinations."

"The varied landscapes within its parks and reserves provide one exciting revelation after another, whether it's zip lining, trekking, white water rafting or mind-blowing rhino encounters.

Mix in a pervading sense of peace and enthralling cultural festivities and you'll be smiling all the way home," they continue, unsurprisingly suggesting that travellers, "get here in 2020 to ensure yourself a front seat."

Not to be missed experiences in Eswatini recommended by Lonely Planet's experts include the following:

- Watching a crash of almost a dozen wild rhinos bathe, lounge and drink at one of the many secluded waterholes within Mkhaya Game Reserve.

- Spotting zebras, elands, wildebeests, warthogs and more while on a short stroll, day hike or challenging multi-day trek in the rough mountain terrain of Malolotja Nature Reserve.

- Observing one of the continent's greatest cultural events, the Umhlanga Reed Dance, which is held at Ludzidzini Royal Residence at Lobamba.

Tom Hall, Lonely Planet's VP of Experience, said, "Eswatini offers mind-blowing wildlife watching, stunning scenery, adrenaline-boosting activities and colourful traditions, yet it has remained relatively undiscovered. Visitors in 2020 can experience the wonder of Eswatini ahead of the crowds as a new international airport and improved infrastructure make the country more accessible."

Eswatini features fifth in the list of top countries for 2020, which is hardly surprising when the country has so much to offer. As one of the last monarchies remaining in the whole of Africa, the traditions that originate from centuries ago still continue within this laid-back

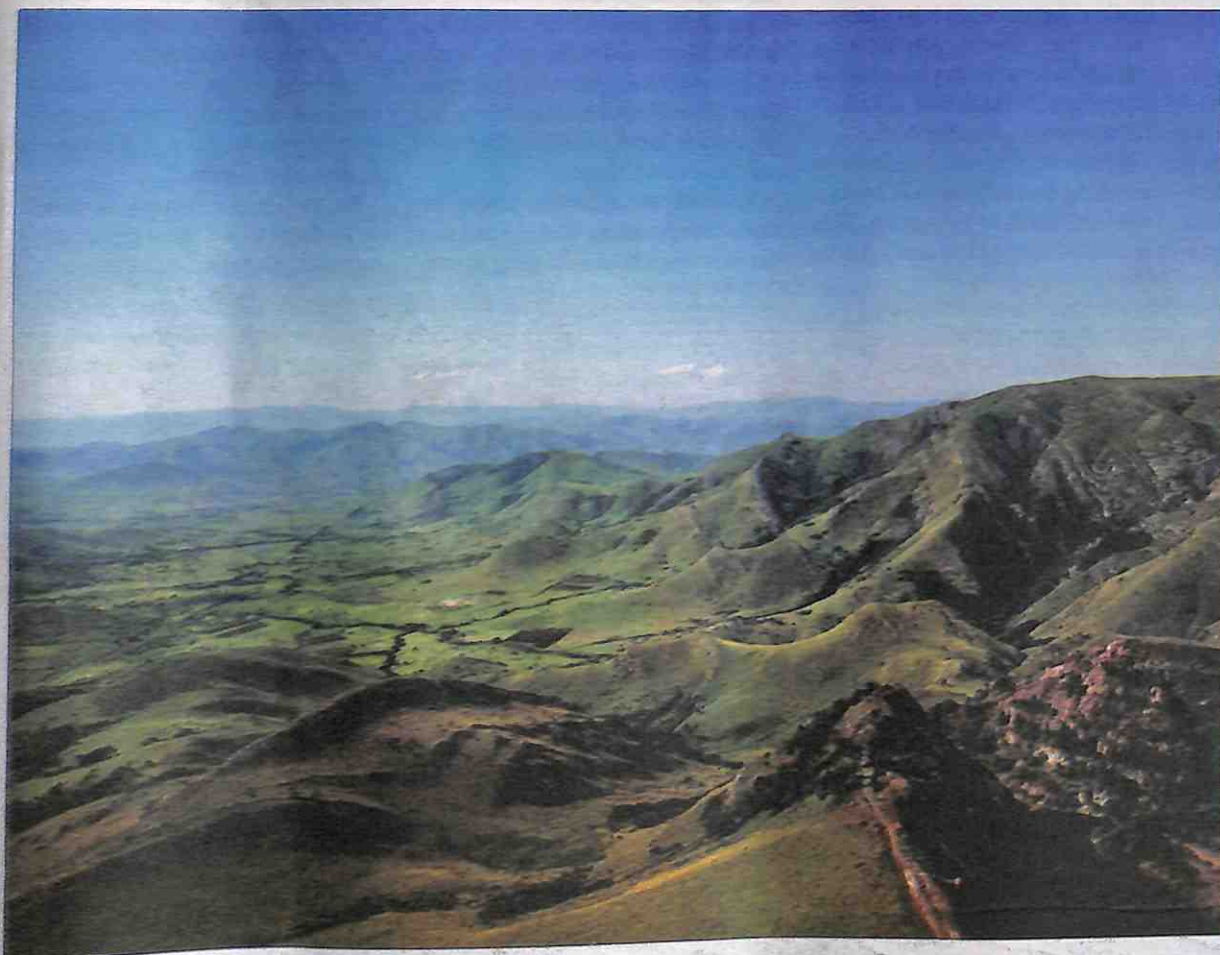
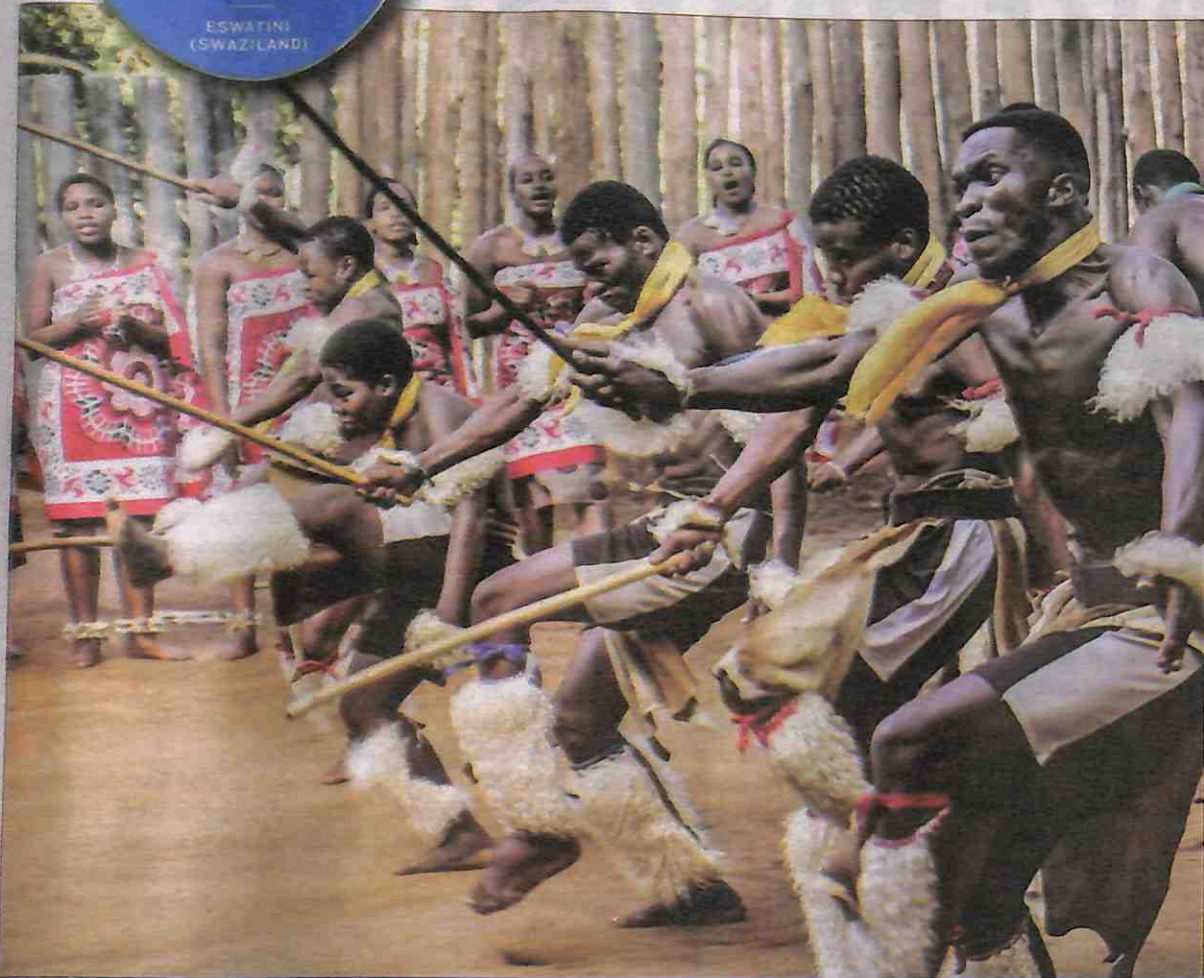


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Group Editor of Lonely Planet Magazines, Peter Grunert, recently travelled to Eswatini for six days and his trip was packed full of some of the country's must-see's.

As well as staying at a community-run camp in the remote Lubombo Mountains and experiencing rural life and traditions in Eswatini, Peter also spent time at all three of the country's Big Game Parks, including the famed Mkhaya, known for offering some of the best rhino experiences in Africa. Eswatini Tourism Authority repre-

sentative Kelly White said, "As an underrated yet up-and-coming African country, it's an honour to have Eswatini named as one of the world's top countries for travellers in 2020 and for it to be featured in Lonely Planet. This is an accolade that the country truly deserves and we're confident it will encourage more people to visit in the coming years."

To celebrate the launch of Best in Travel 2020, Lonely Planet has released a new version of its flagship Guides app, with the top 10 cities available for free.

## The Top 10 Countries

1. Bhutan
2. England
3. North Macedonia
4. Aruba
5. Eswatini
6. Costa Rica
7. The Netherlands
8. Liberia
9. Morocco
10. Uruguay

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## NOT A ONE-MAN SHOW: PART 1



BY BONGEKILE MATSENJWA

On the 11th of October, the world commemorated the 'International Day of The girl Child'.

This was a day declared by the United Nations since 2012 as the day of the girl child and it is aimed to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.

Why? Nearly 25 years ago, some 30 000 women and men from nearly 200 countries arrived in Beijing, China for the Fourth World Conference on Women, determined to recognise the rights of women and girls as human rights.

The conference culminated in the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: the most comprehensive policy agenda for the empowerment of women. Since then, women have continued to lead this movement that ensure the upholding of equal rights, influences and equal rights of girls in families, nations and communities. As a result, girls are now perceived as powerful agents of change and participating fully in all areas of life. WOMANDLA!

On the 16th of October 2019, the statue of Queen Labotsibeni was unveiled. She was the wife of ngwenyama Mbandzeni and mother of Bhunu Heli Mahlikho Ngwane III and grandmother of King Sobhuza II.

She was proclaimed the Indhlovukazi (Queen) after the death of her husband in 1889 and ruled for 36 years, first as the Queen Mother and then as the Queen Regent as King Sobhuza was too young to rule. She was the first queen to rule the nation and did exceptionally for 36 years.

Through her outstanding intelligence, ability, character and experience she bravely led and defended Eswatini. She trained King Sobhuza II in his role and laid a foundation which ensured that the Eswatini political institutions of power and control paralleled those of the British until 1968 when British colonial rule was terminated.

Women in Eswatini and abroad continue to make great impact in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) industry. In the country, we have the likes of HRH Princess Sikhanyiso the youngest minister in the history of Eswatini and is successfully



RH Princess Sikhanyiso.

leading the ministry of information, communication and technology (ICT). Sethule Maziya, a civil engineer, is a co-founder and managing director of Simple Construction, a construction company that has built several homes and houses for the people of Eswatini. At just under 30 years, Sethule Maziya has established herself in the construction business and her company has been affiliated with the big guns of construction such as Inyatsi Construction. Nothando Masebula an electric and electronic engineer has recently launched Alubestam Automation, a company that implements open automation systems based on PC control technology.

Their product range covers industrial PCs, I/O and Fieldbus Components, Drive Technology and automation software. These women are creating employment opportunities for the nation of Eswatini and developing technologies that will surely take the country to the level of the First World. WATHINT' ABAFAZI, WATHINT' IMBOKODVO

The 23th of June is marked as the International Women in Engineering, an international awareness campaign to raise the profile of women in engineering and focuses attention on the available opportunities for girls in the engineering industry. Why do we need more women in STEM? When more women work, economies grow. Women's economic empowerment boosts productivity, increases economic diversification and income equality in addition to other positive development outcomes (International monetary fund, 2018).

"Women are leaders everywhere you look -- from the CEO who runs a Fortune 500 company to the housewife who raises her children and heads her household. Our country was built by strong women, and we will continue to break down walls and defy stereotypes.

Nancy Pelosi

If you would like to get involved in assisting to close this gender gap in STEM, please contact me on [bongekile@womeng.org](mailto:bongekile@womeng.org) and let us work together to raise more females in STEM.





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### WHY DOES NMC REFUSE TO ACCEPT MAIZE WITH A HIGH MOISTURE CONTENT?

**O**ne of the most critical physiological factors in successful grain storage is the moisture content of the crop.

High moisture content leads to storage problems because it encourages fungal and attracts insects; respiration and germination. However, moisture content in the growing crop is naturally high and only starts to decrease as the crop reaches maturity and the grains are drying and getting ready to be harvested. In their natural state, the seeds would have a period of dormancy and then germinate either when re-wetted by rain or as a result of naturally adequate moisture content.

# ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MAIZE HARVESTING



Another major factor influencing grain spoilage is temperature. Grains are biologically active and respire during storage. One of the products of respiration is heat, and reducing the temperature of the crop can help diminish the rate of respiration, thereby lengthening the storage life by lessening the possibility of germination. Another major temperature effect is on the activity of insects and fungal problems. With lower temperatures, the metabolic rate of insects and fungi decreases and consequently so does the activity causing grain spoilage. A damp or warm spot in grain will increase the rate of respiration. In addition to heat, another product of respiration is moisture. The heat and moisture from such a 'hot spot' can spread by convection, encouraging moulds and bacteria, which in turn respire and give off more heat and moisture. It's therefore becomes a

self-generating process. Insects activity also increases with a rise in temperature.

If grain moisture content is too high, even the best aeration equipment and monitoring management will not keep the grain from spoiling, it only delays the inevitable.

### HOW DO I ADEQUATELY PREPARE FOR HARVESTING?

Currently, most of the maize grown in Swaziland is harvested by hand. Considering the need for a farmer to keep the cobs clean, to dry the cob immediately and avoid infestation of the harvested cobs, a farmer makes the following preparations:

- Make sure the drying place or equipment is clean and disinfected, ready to receive the cobs.
- Remove old grain and dirt from anything that will come in contact with the good or new grain. This includes harvesting tools, carts,

wheel barrows, bags and baskets, etc.

- Where possible, fumigate them to kill insects or their eggs. This is done in order to avoid infection of new grain by insects and their eggs.

- Organize enough labour to reap and carry the cobs to the drying place timeously

The National Maize Corporation also offers the services of a combine harvester. However, it is currently best suited to large sized fields.

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER HARVESTING?

After harvesting, the greatest enemy of grain is moisture. Wet grains attract insects and mould. Therefore, the grain must be dried as soon as possible after harvesting. Drying is the systematic reduction of crop moisture down to safe levels for storage, usually 12 per cent-14 per cent moisture content. It is one of the key post harvest operations since all down-stream operations depend on it.

This is particularly so in some regions of Uganda where humidity and rainfall remain high during the harvesting season resulting in delayed harvest which also constrain the actual drying of the grain.

Drying permits the escape of moisture from grain moisture to an acceptable level, which can sustain very low metabolism.

The enzyme activities and grain tissue respiration is reduced to a very low level, thus inhibiting sprout-

ing/germination. During drying, the dry air rapidly takes moisture away from the grain, especially if the air is moving and has got low humidity. Grain can be dried in a crib before shelling and on tarpaulins after it has been shelled.

How Can I Efficiently Store My Grain Before Selling to NMC?

A good storage structure should:

- Provide protection from common storage loss agents such as insect pests, rodents, moulds, birds, etc.

- Maintain an even, cool and dry storage environment. The maize should be placed on pellets above the floor to avoid cold conditions that may lead to moulds

- Should not allow re-wetting of grain by either moisture migration or rain.

- Offer reasonable protection from thieves.

- Be simple and inexpensive to construct using, where possible, locally available materials and skills.

- Be easy to clean and repair.

- Grain should be protected from rodents

The National Maize Corporation also offers storage facilities to large scale farmers and/or farmer groups at a very reasonable rate.

We hope we have been able to adequately respond to burning questions one might have with regards to the harvest period.

We wish you a happy and safe week ahead as well as a productive harvesting season.

**A**s Emaswati, we have over the years failed to prevent sexual violence and in process left thousands of victims turned survivors to deal with the consequences on a daily basis.

Not only do we have survivors who struggle to come to terms with what happened to them; there unfortunately also exists children born out of these sexual violence situations and they have to live with the negative effects that come from the circumstances leading to their conception.

The fact that one in three women has been sexually abused is one-too-many. It means possibly about 200 000 women, which when quantified using that about half the population comprises the fairer sex, have had an encounter with sexual violence in their lifetime.

This means about 20 per cent of the population has to deal with the after effects of having been violated in their lifetime. In as much as the country has safe spaces for those who need to be accommodated due to prevailing threats in their families and offers counselling services, not every survivor gets to be assisted as some suffer in silence.

If a survivor support system, which is the family and community, cannot offer them

support, where are they expected to be comforted? Often; the only time their plight is spoken of is immediately after the ordeal. Thereafter, no one cares if they have healed of their emotional scars or how they are coping and are

expected to deal with the nightmare memories on their own. It becomes their cross to bear.

### CHILDREN

What then becomes of the children birthed

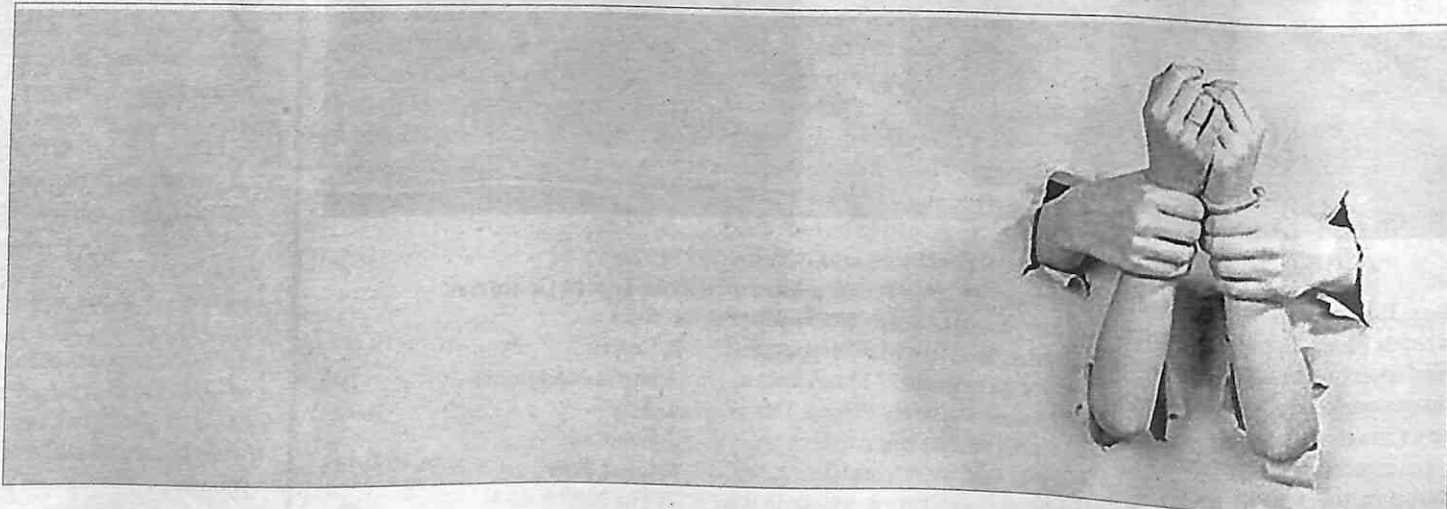
after rape? Most often, children who result from rape situations are never told about their conception and are carted off to live away from their mothers.

Because of the insistence of Emaswati to quick-



**It takes Eswatini**  
to end sexual violence against children

## WHY SEXUAL VIOLENCE NEEDS TO END - A YOUNG PERSON'S PERSPECTIVE







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# WHAT AWARDS MEAN TO OUR QUEST

**L**ast Friday, Junior Achievement Eswatini scooped two awards at the Customer Service Excellence Awards 2019.

The organisation won for the best Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) with Customer Service, while our Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha won the award for Young Innovative Leader.

We are an organisation that strives to ensure that the programmes we deliver to the youth are of the highest quality standards as per our vision.

The awards, therefore support and encourage us in our quest to create a better future for the youth of Eswatini.

They validate that indeed the programmes that we are sharing with the youth have a national impact, such that they have been recognised by these independent bodies judging at the awards. While our greatest reward goes beyond awards, our greatest reward is to see young people excelling in business and also becoming entrepreneurs. We are hopeful that our programmes are inculcating that entrepreneurial spirit in the youth.

We thank those members of the public who nominated us in the initial stages because it is through that nomination we then got a chance to proceed, to the next stage that we could be judged against some of the best organisations in the country. We do not think of ourselves as any better than the rest, but we simply appreciate that we have been given such a recognition. It is our deepest wish that from here going forward, even more companies and organisations will buy into the JA Eswatini vision to develop our youth. Through more participation of other stakeholders in

this initiative, we will be able to reach out to much more youth than we are currently servicing, as such programmes require funds in order to be executed with excellence.

This award is, therefore not ours but also belongs to all those who have contributed and still contribute to the JA Eswatini story. We celebrate our awards with you. We also dedicate it to the young people who have dedicated themselves to our programmes such that some of them are now even internationally acclaimed alumni with sustainable businesses and contributing to the development of the country.

This year also marked a decade since the first ever JA Company of the Year Programme was piloted. In 2010, the Junior Achievement Company Programme competition was piloted and Eswatini was well represented by Lusoti High School who produced chalk, an innovative product which won them the regional competition champion title. This was a huge milestone for JAE to have achieved at African Regional level. In October 2010 Eswatini represented by Lusoti High School won the inaugural Company Africa Region Competition held in Nairobi, Kenya.

Our vision is clear and it is to be a Center of Excellence, a preferred partner and leader in youth entrepreneurship and work readiness. And our mission remains to instil an entrepreneurship culture into In and Out of School Youth and empower them with economic and financial literacy, while exposing them to the workplace.

To all JA Eswatini staff, you have committed to empowering youth with entrepreneurship skills with so much dedication and excellence. You have all been behind



the success of the organization. Congratulations to JA Eswatini for standing out as the best NGO in the Customer Services Awards.

## JA SHARES ON CUSTOMER SERVICE

We are honoured by the invitations to various national events and forums happening off late in which we have been given a chance to contribute and participate with other organizations.

In the build up to the Customer Service Excellence Awards there was a conference in which the JA Eswatini leader Siboniso Madlopha was among the guest speakers.

One of the questions we shared was how we use customer service as entrepreneurs to get more business and create lasting impressions with our clients.

Sticking to the theme of the Magic of Service, we were asked to tackle the topic of how we use the magic of customer service to improve incubated entrepreneurs? Our executive director shared that as a young entrepreneur, you do not have leverage over large number of customer, so you must sell the experience of the goods you are delivering to your customers.

"Sell them the experience which will set you apart from the giants.

Make those follow-up after sale calls to your customers. This will give you an edge over bigger entities as a young business," the executive director shared.

We will continue to share our experiences and technical support with the rest of the country as we work together to create an economic freedom for young people.

We thank everyone who continues to support JA Eswatini and also invite others to contact our offices to find out about ways that we can collaborate and work together in our quest to push for the entrepreneurial development of the youth of Eswatini.

ly forget about sexual violence, the children are left with so many unanswered questions pertaining why they grew up with only one parent, why they were not loved as other children, why their identity remains obscured no matter how good they try to be and why they experience unfathomable hardships.

A young man might question why his mother never seemed to care for him over the years. The fact that his mother gave birth to him at the age of 14 whereas his father was an adult never registers as something which should be questioned for what it really is.

That he was conceived through sexual violence and was given up to be raised by his paternal family simply because her family could not bear the effects of the violent encounter is never admitted and he grows up feeling not loved by the mother who birthed him.

When eventually the mother makes peace with her situation and reaches out, instead of finding a child ready to love her, she will most likely be met by hostility fostered by the per-

ception that she actually abandoned him, as nothing was never said about the circumstances of his conception.

There is never any support for both mother and child to help them get through the ordeal so that they can salvage their relationship as they could soberly wish to do were they assisted to heal and reach an understanding of sorts.

## Develop

Due to the negative stories the child grows up with about his mother, he might even develop an aversion for females to the point where he turns out to be abusive later in life.

In a situation where a mother in an abusive situation gets to know that her own daughter is being sexually violated by her partner, without proper structures in place where she will be supported and assisted to recognise abuse for what it really is, she will most likely start victim-shaming.

It is common for the mother to then view the sexually violated child as a threat to her

relationship with her partner instead of embracing the child and protecting her.

It is unfortunate that the child might resort to start acting out and as a defence mechanism become defiant and the mother may also look at this as deliberate petulance directed at her as could possibly be done by an equal.

Without support for the mother to identify that she too was emotionally and physically abused by her partner, whatever the child does can be viewed as a deliberate attempt to peeve her and agitate her at every turn.

On the other hand, a child who starts acting up after being raped and initiating sexual encounters might be looked at as promiscuous by choice, whereas these are the effects of the initial violence encounter which she or he can never process and defeatedly accepts that sex should be his/her power tool.

Instead of recognising that the child is actually displaying signs of having been traumatised, the community and parents, who consciously choose to quickly forget the child's

sordid ordeal, soon label this child with the most disturbing name.

The community and family are usually more willing to recognise the child as delinquent but shy away from speaking out against his/her violent sexual encounter.

The failure to embrace and restore the dignity of sexually violated men, women and children will set the country back as survivors will become victims for life if and when we don't prioritise helping them deal with issues and effects of sexual violence. Don't count yourself out we all have a role to play!

**It Takes Eswatini To End Sexual Violence Against Children Campaign Is A National Campaign led by World Vision Eswatini, to part and play a role contact, nontobeko\_mbuyane@wvi.org**

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## TRUMP IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

**W**ASHINGTON - A US intelligence officer's whistleblower report alleges the US president pressured Ukraine to help his 2020 election campaign.

The impeachment inquiry of US President Donald Trump gained momentum this week as a top US diplomat in Ukraine linked the president to a pressure campaign aimed at forcing President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate the 2016 and 2020 US elections.

Tensions escalated between House Democrats leading the inquiry and Republicans trying to defend Trump. Republicans attempted and failed to censure Representative Adam Schiff, who is leading the Democratic impeachment inquiry.

"What the Republicans fear most is the truth," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement on Monday as the House defeated the Republican censure motion by a vote of 218-185.

"The president betrayed the oath of office, our national security and the integrity of our elections, and the GOP has not even tried to deny the facts," she said.

Meanwhile, Democrats were handed a victory on Friday as a federal judge ruled the Department of Justice must hand over grand jury evidence from the investigation of former Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

Since September 24, the Democrat-



US President Donald Trump.

led House has been pursuing the impeachment inquiry. It was sparked by a US intelligence officer's whistleblower report that alleged Trump and his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, pressured Ukraine to help his 2020 election campaign.

Here are six things that happened this week related to the inquiry.

1. Diplomat links Trump to pressure campaign

William Taylor, a top US diplomat in Kyiv, stunned House members by telling impeachment investigators that Trump directed that military aid to Ukraine be contingent on the country publicly announcing investiga-

tions of the president's Democratic rivals.

In a 15-page statement delivered behind closed doors on Tuesday, Taylor chronicled an "irregular" effort led by Giuliani to force Zelenskyy to open investigations into former Vice President Joe Biden and the role of his son, Hunter, on the board of gas company Burisma.

Trump also wanted Ukrainian officials to open an investigation into unsubstantiated claims of Ukrainian, not Russian, cyber-interference in the 2016 US presidential election, according to Taylor's statement which was provided to US media. AP

## Over a million protesters demand Chile president's resignation

**S**ANTIAGO - More than one million people took to the streets in Chile Friday for the largest protests in a week of deadly demonstrations demanding economic reforms and the resignation of President Sebastian Pinera.

The leader told the thronging masses that he had "heard the message" in a post on Twitter, characterising the protests in a positive light and as a means towards change.

Demonstrators carrying indigenous and national flags sang popular resistance songs from the 1973-90 Augusto Pinochet dictatorship era as the country, usually seen as one of the most stable in Latin America, grapples with its worst violence in decades.

### Dream

Santiago's Governor Karla Rubilar described it as "a historic day" on Twitter, praising "a peaceful march... representing the dream of a new Chile." Rubilar said more than a million were demonstrating around the country, while Santiago's town hall put the number of people marching in the capital at 820 000, citing police figures.

For the past week, Chileans' pent-up anger has spilled over in the form of protests against a socio-economic structure that many feel has left them by the wayside, with low wages and pensions, costly health care and education, and a big gap between

rich and poor.

Pinera, a conservative billionaire, wrote on Twitter that "the massive, happy and peaceful march today, where Chileans demanded a more just and supportive Chile, opens great paths for the future and hope."

"We have all heard the message. We have all changed. With unity and help from God, we will travel the road towards a Chile that is better for all," he said.

Pinera apologised earlier in the week for failing to anticipate the outbreak of social unrest and announced a raft of measures designed to placate people, such as increases in minimum pensions and wages.

He also announced a plan to end a deeply unpopular state of emergency and to lift a nighttime curfew, although both of those are now into their seventh day.

On Friday he called on legislators to "urgently approve these projects rather than arguing and debating so much."

Francisco Anguita, a 38-year-old artificial intelligence developer attending the demonstrations, told AFP the protests would probably "be the biggest ever. We're asking for justice, honesty, ethical government."

"It's not that we want socialism or communism: We want fewer private enterprises, more state," he said. BCC

## LEBANON PROTESTERS DIG IN AFTER NASRALLAH'S SPEECH

**L**EBANON - Demonstrators in the Lebanese capital say their demands are "clear" and they will keep protesting until the government falls, disregarding a speech by Hezbollah's leader who warned that the protest movement risked pushing Lebanon into "chaos" and "God forbid" civil war.

In a televised address on Friday, Hassan Nasrallah said a government resignation would create a power vacuum which could lead the country into civil unrest "similar to what's happening in the region".

"Under the current monetary and economic situation and the fragile political climate and all the targeting that is happening internationally and regionally, void will lead to chaos, void will lead to destruction," Nasrallah warned, conjuring fears of Lebanon's 15-year civil war that came to an end in 1990.

"We do not accept the fall of the presidency nor do we accept the government's resignation and we do not accept, amid these conditions, holding early parliamentary elections." Aljazeera

## Vietnamese families fear relatives among Essex lorry dead

**L**ONDON - British police arrested on Friday a fourth person in connection with the deaths of 39 people found in the back of a truck near London, amid signs that some of the dead may be Vietnamese.

As forensic experts began the process of identifying the victims, at least two Vietnamese families said they feared their relatives were among the victims.

A 26-year-old Vietnamese woman Pham Thi Tra My sent a text message to her mother saying she could not breathe at about the time the truck container was en route from

Belgium to the United Kingdom.

"I'm sorry Mom. My path to abroad doesn't succeed. Mom, I love you so much! I'm dying because I can't breathe," she said in the message, according to her brother Pham Manh Cuong. Human Rights Space, a civic network based in Vietnam, said Tra My had gone to China and was planning to reach England via France.

Another Vietnamese man, Nguyen Dinh Gia, said his son told him two weeks ago he planned to travel to Britain from France, where he had been living illegally since 2018.

His 20-year-old son Nguyen Dinh

Luong said he would pay 11 000 pounds (\$14 000) for the journey.

But Gia got a call several days ago from a Vietnamese man saying, "please have some sympathy, something unexpected happened", he told AFP news agency.

"I fell to the ground when I heard that," Gia said. "It seemed that he was in the truck with the accident, all of them dead." He has asked Vietnamese officials to help identify his son, who was believed to be looking for work in a nail salon in the UK.

Aljazeera

### BRIEFS

#### Mexican town turned to war zone

**MEXICO CITY** - Sinaloa is home to a powerful drug cartel of the same name and its jailed kingpin, Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman. The bullet holes splashed across the walls are an unnerving reminder to residents of Culiacan: There is no telling when the narco violence that terrorised the Mexican city last week could return.

People in Culiacan are used to living alongside drug traffickers. It is, after all, the state capital of Sinaloa, home to the powerful drug cartel of the same name and its jailed kingpin, Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman.

Reuters

#### Court bans publishing police details

**HONG KONG** - A Hong Kong court has banned people from publishing a wide range of personal details about police officers and their families, including photos, in a bid to halt "doxxing" by pro-democracy protesters.

The temporary injunction, uploaded on government websites overnight, was criticised by some yesterday for its broad wording and for further shielding the identity of officers as they clash with protesters.

The semi-autonomous Chinese city has been battered by nearly five months of seething pro-democracy rallies in which police and protesters have fought increasingly violent battles.

AFP

#### Rinkevics sees Brexit extension

**LONDON** - European Union leaders are willing to delay Brexit past the October 31 deadline, but have not agreed on how long the extension should be, Latvia's Foreign Minister, Edgars Rinkevics, said yesterday.

"There has been unanimous agreement that we need to extend the Brexit discussion. There is a big discussion of what is the best deadline, and I wouldn't make drama out of it," Rinkevics told the BBC in a radio interview.

Rinkevics added that he expected EU ambassadors to decide on Monday or Tuesday, and did not see any need for an emergency EU summit to discuss the issue.

Reuters

#### Crunch time for married priests

**VATICAN CITY** - Catholic bishops gathered at a special Vatican assembly to vote yesterday on whether to recommend Pope Francis to open the priesthood to married men or create female deacons, issues that are taboo for traditionalists. The ballot comes at the close of a three-week "synod" on the Pan-Amazonian region which highlighted the challenges facing the region, from the destruction of the rainforest to the exploitation of indigenous peoples and a scarcity in priests. The pontiff is expected in the coming months to address the issues raised with a document which could have repercussions not only for the vast, isolated territory, but the whole of the Roman Catholic Church.

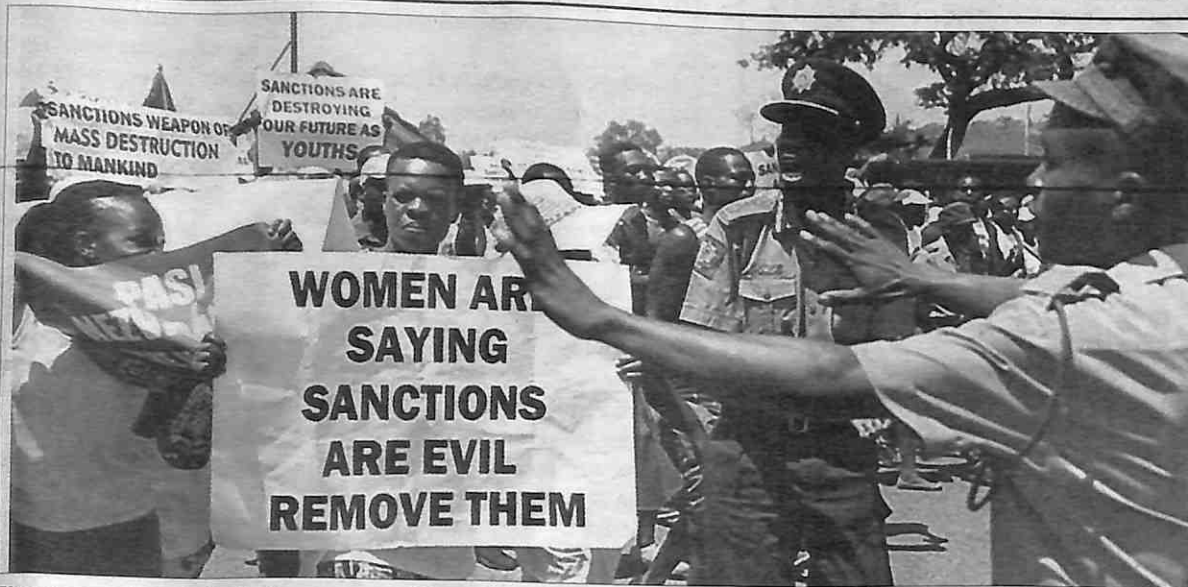
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Thousands of Zimbabweans rallied on Friday in support of President Emmerson Mnangagwa's call on the US and the EU to lift sanctions on Zimbabwean leaders.

## US SANCTIONS ZIMBABWE'S OWEN NCUBE OVER PROTEST CRACKDOWN

**USA** - The United States has imposed sanctions on Zimbabwe's state security minister over what it says is credible information of his involvement in 'gross violations of human rights'.

The State Department said on Friday it would deny entry into the US to Owen Ncube.

"We are deeply troubled by the Zimbabwean government's use of state-sanctioned violence against peaceful protestors, and civil society, as well as against labour leaders and members of the opposition leaders in Zimbabwe,"

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement.

"We urge the government to stop the violence, investigate and hold accountable officials responsible for human rights violations and abuses in Zimbabwe," he said. Zimbabwe has seen numerous anti-government protests this year, mostly brought about by the failing economy which has rendered nearly five million citizens dependent on aid.

There have been a number of reports of torture and abductions as authorities try to crack down on such insurrection. The United Nations special rap-

porteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association expressed concern about 'excessive military force' in Zimbabwe, in a report released late in September.

Last month, doctors took to the streets after Peter Magombeyi, their union leader and one of the organisers of an effort to demand higher wages for state doctors, went missing.

Ncube said at the time that Magombeyi's case was being treated as a disappearance, not an abduction, as his colleagues have alleged.

*Aljazeera*

### MOZAMBIQUE ELECTION:

## Opposition says results 'rigged'

**M**APUTO - Mozambique's opposition has called for the results of recent elections to be annulled.

Opposition parties said the vote was rigged, after the governing FRELIMO party won in every province,

including areas where the opposition usually dominates. A close-run race had been expected and some observers and many Mozambicans have said the results are unbelievable.

*Aljazeera*

## Botswana's governing party wins tight election

**G**ABORONE - The Botswana Democratic Party, which has governed the country since independence in 1966, has retained power in one of the most competitive elections in the country's 53-year post-independence history.

It retained its parliamentary majority, winning at least 29 of the 57 contestable seats in the National Assembly.

Botswana has a first-past-the-post electoral system in which a simple majority is required to win government. The southern African nation has a population of 2.2 million, of whom 900 000 were registered to vote.

The Botswana Democratic Party was uniquely vulnerable in this election. The party faced a surging opposition as well as the fact that it had been weakened by an internal split between former President Ian Khama (66) and the newly-elected President Mokgweetsi Masisi (58).

Khama handed the presidency and party leadership to his then vice president Masisi in April 2018, planning on a smooth succession of leadership.

But, the relationship turned sour the following month when Masisi fired the intelligence agency chief Isaac Kgosi, an ally of Khama. A year later, Masisi overturned Khama's ban on hunting elephants.

Khama subsequently quit the Botswana Democratic Party and endorsed the opposition, a manoeuvre that risked cleaving votes from the ruling party's heartland in the Central District where Khama is leader of the Bamangwato chieftainship. Khama is the son of Sir Seretse Khama, the first President of an independent Botswana. His father led the country from 1966 to 1980.

Two major factors affected the outcome of the poll. The first was the crippling divisions in the ranks of the opposition parties. The second was that the ruling party clung to power through, among other things, Masisi's direct appeal to populism.

This included promising the military, police, and prison workers salary increases and ambitiously pledging to deliver new jobs by building electric cars in Botswana. The party also benefited from the use of state media. *News24*

## EGYPT, ETHIOPIA 'AGREE' TO RESUME TALKS ON MASSIVE NILE DAM

**CAIRO** - Egypt and Ethiopia's leaders have agreed to restart the work of a committee aimed at brokering an agreement on the operating terms of a giant hydropower dam, an Egyptian presidency spokesman said.

The apparent breakthrough on

Thursday was announced after a meeting between Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on the sidelines of a Russia-Africa Summit in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. It came after a long-running diplomatic spat between Cairo and Addis Ababa over the Grand

Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) on Ethiopia's Blue Nile escalated in recent days, with bellicose rhetoric prompting a mediation offer from the United States.

The Egyptian foreign ministry on Wednesday said Cairo had accepted Washington's overture for a meeting

of foreign ministers from Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan, the third nation affected by GERD, on the US\$5bn infrastructure project. It did not state a date for the talks, or if the other nations had agreed to attend. But in his statement on Thursday, el-Sisi's spokesman made no mention of a mediator but said the

technical committee would resume its work 'in a more open and positive manner, in order to reach a final vision on the rules for filling and operating the dam'. Ethiopia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs meanwhile confirmed el-Sisi and Abiy had held 'discussions' over the project in a post on Twitter. *AP*

### BRIEFS

#### Uganda moves to allay fears over 'Kill The Gays' law

**NAIROBI** - Uganda has sought to reassure sexual minorities that they are safe, saying it has no plans to introduce the death penalty for gay sex after reports of rising homophobic attacks.

LGBT+ rights campaigners in Uganda have expressed concerns about a spate of attacks after a minister said earlier this month that the government planned to reintroduce a bill colloquially known as 'Kill the Gays'.

In a statement on Thursday, President Yoweri Museveni's office denied that and said attacks on LGBT+ people should be reported to police for investigation so that perpetrators could be 'brought to book'. *Reuters*

#### Almost one million people affected by floods in Sudan

**JUBA** - Rains are likely to continue for another four to six weeks and put more people at risk. Nearly one million people in South Sudan have been affected by heavy flooding, according to the United Nations. Severe floods have devastated large areas of the country since July, submerging entire communities and forced hundreds of thousands from their homes, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement on Friday. It added that an estimated 908 000 people were affected, including internally displaced people, refugees and their host communities in a country already hit by years of ruinous civil war that caused mass displacement and wrecked its economy.

#### Mashaba shares CoJ and JMPD 'slide' dividing crime up into African nationalities

**JOHANNESBURG** - A table sees crime in Johannesburg allocated to people from the nations Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Outgoing Johannesburg mayor Herman Mashaba shared information divided up into columns for five African countries - Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe - with statistics on how much crime, and which types of crime, the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) has documented as being committed by people of these nationalities. Mashaba accompanied the info, which appears to be a photograph of a page of a document *Citizen*

#### Mnangagwa labels Western sanctions a 'cancer'

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa on Friday described Western sanctions as a 'cancer' sapping the economy, and his supporters denounced the measures during marches held around the country. In Harare, many stayed away from the demonstrations, saying they were a distraction from the president's mishandling of the economy, which is plagued by 18-hour daily power cuts and shortages of foreign exchange, fuel and medicines. Mnangagwa has so far failed to unify the country since taking over from the late Robert Mugabe, who was ousted in a coup in 2017. *Citizen*





## ENGLAND'S HISTORY BOYS!

**Y**OKOHAMA - England have made it to the Rugby World Cup final after beating the reigning champions New Zealand in a thrilling 19-7 match.

Tens of thousands of rugby supporters descended on Japan's Yokohama as the two pre-tournament favourites met for the World Cup semi-final.

Cheering supporters clutching pints littered the city's streets before taking their places in the stands of the 72,000-seat International Stadium.

There were crusaders and knights pitted against giant kiwis and Maori warriors, all hoping to watch their side progress to the final which will also be held in Yokohama.

As always, the All Blacks put on a passionate Haka - which was roared

on by the huge Kiwi contingent - but the Englishmen stood defiant in an unusual reverse v-shape and accepted the challenge. Britons in the rafters also tried to drown out the wails of the All Black 15, with a stirring rendition of *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*.

Manu Tuilagi got England off to a storming start as he finished off relentless forward pressure from close range to make it 5-0 in the first two minutes.

It was the quickest try the All Blacks have conceded in rugby World Cup history, with captain Owen Farrell increasing the lead to 7-0 with his conversion.

George Ford added to the score with a penalty just before half time, leaving the score at 10-0, then another after the break to make it 13-0. Defending

champions New Zealand were always going to be a tough test for Eddie Jones' men, but the coach seemed confident as he urged his team to 'make the script'.

The All Blacks and England have battled it out three times before in world cups, with the Kiwis winning every match.

New Zealand, which has not lost a World Cup game since a quarter final defeat to France in 2007, is aiming for an unprecedented third consecutive title and takes a six-game winning streak against England. No other team has won two World Cups in a row.

England is aiming to reach the final for the first time since 2007, when it lost to South Africa.

*Daily Mail*

## Springboks with the weight of a nation on their shoulders

**J**OHANNESBURG - The Springboks go into today's Rugby World Cup semi-final against Wales knowing that this is much more than just two groups of grown men chasing an oval ball around a field.

For the Springboks it is far bigger than that as they turn their eyes from Japan to South Africa and knowing what a place in a third Rugby World Cup final would mean to their country.

"I have seen what winning a World Cup does for our country," said captain Siya Kolisi.

"I am old enough to remember the 2007 World Cup [he was 16] and I remember what it did for the country then and I know what it will do for the country now".

"It just shows that when we decide to work

together for one goal as a team or a country, we can make anything happen. We can achieve all our dreams or goals. That's why we want to give our best this week and hopefully do the same in the final."

Kolisi said the team was grateful for the support they had received in Japan, and also from back home.

"We're proud of our people back home and the people who came last week to support us," he said.

"We know so many people want to be here but can't make it and we just want to say that we really appreciate it. We are doing this for them - for South Africa. We're doing it for all the people back at home."

Standing in their path is a Wales team that briefly held the No. 1 world ranking this year and is aiming for its own piece of history by reaching the final for the first time.

"We know we're facing a tough opposition but all we can do is focus on what we do best and what got us here," said Kolisi. *Daily Mail*



## Madrid 'desperate to land Paul Pogba

**M**ADRID - Zinedine Zidane is reportedly ready to pull out all the stops to sign Paul Pogba and may offer £85 million plus Gareth Bale to do so, according to Eldesmarque.

Zidane has been looking to offload the Welshman since taking the job, and has been desperate to sign Pogba.

Real Madrid were unable to meet United's hefty £180 million valuation of the Frenchman over the summer, especially after signing Eden Hazard from Chelsea in a deal that could rise to over £150 million. Real Madrid splashed out over £300million during the transfer window, but Zidane still wanted Pogba as his top priority.

Pogba is currently out injured with an ankle problem and did not travel to Belgrade for United's Europa League match in midweek.

He spent time in Dubai doing some warm-weather training during the international break to try to regain fitness,

but did not recover in time. Further adding to recent transfer speculation, Pogba was seen meeting with Zidane while in Dubai.

Over the past few months, Pogba has made little secret of his desire to play for Madrid, admitting several times that Zidane was his role model as a youngster.

Bale has secured a full-time spot in the Real Madrid starting team but has only managed to score two goals so far this season, adding to Zidane's frustrations.

Bale nearly departed Real Madrid for China over the summer but the move was blocked by club president Florentino Perez.

However, now it appears Perez is more on board with the idea of a swap, if they can convince Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and United. Pogba's current contract with the club runs until 2021.

*Daily Mail*

## Mbappe is Messi, Ronaldo's natural successor

**P**ARIS - Kylian Mbappe is the heir to Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo's Ballon d'Or throne, according to Marseille boss Andre Villas-Boas.

The Paris Saint-Germain star came fourth in last year's competition following a starring role in France's World Cup win, and the 20-year-old is on the 30-man shortlist for the next edition. Villas-Boas is looking for a way to contain Mbappe as his Marseille side travel to Paris in a Ligue 1 glamour tie on Sunday evening, but the former Chelsea and Tottenham boss wasn't sounding overly optimistic about his side's chances. "He is the natural successor of Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo for the Ballon d'Or," he said of Mbappe.

"The squad PSG have is incredible, it's also well put together this year. (Mauro) Icardi has adapted well.

"With the injuries to (Thomas) Meunier and (Ander) Herrera, I do not know what (Thomas) Tuchel is going to do. He also has (Angel) Di Maria, who is in incredible form.

"The difference between the two teams is gigantic, but we aren't going to Paris to be part of a PSG party. We are going to try and win the game. You have to sweat for the badge but it is also important to finish the match without any injuries or suspensions."

While Mbappe's continued rise suggests a Ballon d'Or is a question of when rather than if, he would have to win it this year to match the record of the Brazilian Ronaldo, who first

won the then-FIFA World Player of the Year award aged 20, back in 1996. Mbappe will turn 21 in mid-December, with the winner announced earlier in the month.

Mbappe has started this season in good form, with six goals and four assists in eight appearances for PSG in all competitions. After notching 39 and 17 respectively in 43 games last year, he will likely pick up some votes this year again - but the feeling persists that he would have to move to a more competitive league if he is to scoop the game's biggest individual prize.

Messi and Virgil van Dijk are among the favourites for this year's award, with Messi beating the Liverpool defender to FIFA's The Best award in September.

In 2018, Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric became the first man other than Messi and Ronaldo to win the award in over a decade.

*Goal*



## Time running out for Emery to show progress at Arsenal

**L**ONDON - Arsenal fans would be forgiven for having flashbacks as the Gunners needed two late Nicolas Pepe free-kicks to see off Vitoria Guimaraes in the Europa League on Thursday.

Empty seats at the Emirates, grumbles from those who were there and calls for the manager to go, it was very reminiscent of the final years of Arsene Wenger's tenure before the Frenchman finally stepped aside in 2018. Unai Emery was the man chosen to succeed Wenger as the first new Arsenal manager since 1996, but the club could

be looking at another appointment soon with the Spaniard showing little sign of having improved the club's fortunes over the past 17 months.

Emery's first season ended in disappointment.

Arsenal blew two chances for a return to the Champions League, winning just one of their last five games to finish fifth in the Premier League and then losing the Europa League final 4-1 to Chelsea.

Often derided by fans for a lack of investment, the club's American owner Stan Kroenke backed Emery with a

surprising splurge in the summer transfer market. Pepe was signed for a club record £72 million fee from Lille, Kieran Tierney and David Luiz brought in to improve a faulty defence and Spanish international midfielder Dani Ceballos loaned from Real Madrid. Yet, a 1-0 defeat at newly-promoted Sheffield United on Monday had all the bad hallmarks of Wenger's final days as Arsenal were blunt in attack despite dominating possession and undone at a set-piece for Lys Mousset's winner.

*AFP*





## South African SOCCER

### Arrows clinch back-to-back wins

**D**URBAN - Golden Arrows struck late in the second half to earn themselves a 2-1 victory over Polokwane City at the Sugar Ray Xulu Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Arrows highlighted the return of Zolani Nkombela and Neverdie Makhubela from the Telkom Knockout win over City, who once again missed talisman Jabulani Maluleke.

Abafana Besthede wasted no time to state their case as Knox Mutizwa leaped to a Lindokuhle Mtshali free-kick to nod past George Chigova.

City almost immediately drew level four minutes later from a quick counter-attack involving Vusimuzi Mngomezulu, but goalkeeper Edmore Sibanda smothered the effort.

The home side closed in on a second nine minutes before halftime, but with just Chigova to beat, Mutizwa failed to profit from Makhubela's turn over. City wasted a big chance to go level when Mohammed Anas fired off target from close range six minutes to the break with Sibanda well alert to the threat. Rise and Shine switched up their side at the resumption, as Mpho Mvelase made way for Ayanda Nkili with Abafana Besthede unchanged. City strongly pushed for the equaliser, but was met with a stubborn home defence who monitored every probable threat. Their persistent reap rewards 62 minutes gone when Salulani Phiri finished off a close range move after Arrows went to sleep at the back.

Rise and Shine had a tail up their sleeve following the equaliser, but poor finishing and decision-making amongst others blew up their chances.

Arrows looked poised for the winner and were rewarded at the death when Makhubela combined with Danny Phiri's rebound off a free-kick to beat Chigova.

The result puts Steve Komphela's side level on points with the Rise and Shine in fifth place, leapfrogging SuperSport United in the process.



# STELLIES LEAPFROG BUCS WITH NARROW WIN

**C**APE TOWN - Stellenbosch leapfrogged Orlando Pirates in the ABSA Premiership standings after defeating the Soweto giants 1-0 at the Cape Town Stadium yesterday afternoon.

A suspension to Happy Jele saw Alfred Ndengane re-called to Pirates side from the Telkom Knockout win over Stellenbosch FC, who welcomed back Boy de Jong and Robyn Johannes in particular.

Pirates missed a big chance to go ahead inside 14 minutes, but Tshegofatso Mabasa fired wide from the far side following a through ball through to the area.

However, the hosts hit the front on 21 minutes when Iqraam Rayners pounced on poor defensive work from Ndengane to send Wayne Sandilands the wrong way from 18-yards out.



Sandilands kept the score-line down three minutes later after denying Waseem Isaacs with a double save in quick succession following good work from Rayners.

Pirates maintained pressure for the equaliser as the half began to wind down, however Stellies entered

the break in front.

#### Change

The Buccaneers introduced a double change following the restart, as Kabelo Dlamini and Gabadinho Mhango replaced Fortune Makaringe and Augustine Mulenga respectively.

Pirates strongly pushed for the equaliser as Stellies looked to absorb the pressure, but a long range strike from Lorch was their only meaningful threat on 60 minutes. Seconds later, De Jong was forced to go down and smother Mabasa.

Stellies nearly had a second 20 minutes to the end when Marc Van Heerden had a go from inside his own after spotting Sandilands off his line, but the latter railed back to palm for a corner.

Momentum swung back to the Sea Robbers who flashed the outside post on 78 minutes following a near post header from substitute Justin Shonga after a cross from Lorch.

Bucs were left frustrated once again when Mabasa headed off the right hand post following a cross from Paseka Mako.

## Nurkovic reveals Kaizer Chiefs frustrations

**J**OHANNESBURG - Having got back into the team and back among the goals, Kaizer Chiefs' Samir Nurkovic has admitted that it has been a frustrating time for him on the sidelines this month.

Nurkovic has made an immediate impact with the Glamour Boys since joining the club at the start of the season, becoming a regular under Ernst Middendorp before a head injury against AmaZulu meant that he was forced to miss their last two Absa Premiership matches.

But the 27-year-old returned to play hero against Cape Town City last weekend as he grabbed a late equaliser before their penalty shootout victory in the Telkom Knockout, and he's in contention to get his starting berth back

when the Amakhosi go into battle with Mamelodi Sundowns on Sunday.

Speaking to Chiefs' official website about returning to the side, the former KFC Komarno striker said, "It was a wonderful feeling to come back and score. I was out for three weeks and it was a challenging time for me. I just could not wait to get back onto the pitch and help the team as much as possible. I am happy to have contributed with a goal against City."

"It was frustrating because it was a head injury. You feel good because you can run and do everything except play because I could not head the ball. I am happy now because that is behind me. I am back now, which is what is important."

Now, as they turn their attentions

to arguably the strongest team in the country, the Serbian thinks that the Glamour Boys have already proven themselves this season, saying, "I believe we have played a number of big games already and we will be ready for this match... Our two games against a good team like Cape Town City were tough games. For me every opponent is the same, not the same tactically or technically but they all good teams, and we need to prepare for them with the same intensity."

"We need to carry on doing things the way we have which has worked for us. We have respected every opponent and prepared well for each game and this game will be no different."

**Soccer Laduma**

## 'Pitso mind games just motivates Chiefs'

**P**RETORIA - Former Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns player Derrick Spencer finds Pitso Mosimane's mind games ahead of the big game amusing. The Sundowns coach has been making headlines lately about Amakhosi ahead of their ABSA premier-ship clash today at Loftus Stadium, claiming Chiefs have been benefiting from officials' decisions. Mosimane has also been saying they don't have to beat Amakhosi to be crowned champions again at the end of the season.

Spencer, who played for both sides in his day, laughs off Mosimane's comments and suggests Amakhosi have been in many tough battles and know

how to deal with such mind games.

"Mind games have been part of football for years [laughs]. Chiefs have been in tough battles in the past and they are used to this, it won't affect them at all. Instead it will motivate them to do better," Spencer tells **KickOff.com**.

"When I moved to Sundowns from Chiefs I used to get calls from former mates telling me Sizokukhombisa We will show you. It makes the game interesting."

Spencer doesn't agree with Mosimane saying they don't have to beat Chiefs and knows 'Jingles' wants to win on Sunday, especially after that humbling loss in the Shell Helix Ultra Cup.

"It's going to be a very interesting game, a tight one, especially coming from the encounter where Chiefs scored four past Sundowns," he reckons.



**Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane.**

"Pitso will want to beat them, this is a competition after all. Mind games or not, teams want to win at the end of the day."



## I DON'T DREAM ABOUT PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE

**L**ONDON - Jurgen Klopp is adamant that he does not "dream about the title", with the Liverpool boss aware that his side are going to have to "fight" to land a Premier League crown in 2019-20.

The Reds came agonisingly close to tasting top-flight glory last season, only to be pipped to the post by Manchester City by a solitary point.

Domestic disappointment was countered by European glory, with Klopp guiding his side to a Champions League

triumph in Madrid. The German insists he never concerned himself too much with claiming a Premier League title and is not about to change his ways.

"No, I don't dream about the league title," he told Sky Sports. "I didn't dream of the Champions League final and we won that!

"But we are working on it. We are in a better position than we probably would have expected before the start of the season. Are we already through? No. That's it.

"What we have created so far is a proper basis, and that's what we have to work with.

The hardest period ever will come again, November, December, crazy the games we play.

"We need to be lucky in some moments, we don't have influence on everything, but what we can influence is a specific performance in a specific game. That's what we try to do.

"We have to fight for it. There are no guarantees. It's allowed for everybody

else to dream, but somebody has to work. "Klopp and Liverpool are rightly proud of their efforts from 2018-19, but there is a determination within a star-studded group to ensure that focus remains locked on the future and not stuck in the past.

"It's a nice memory, was wonderful and was great, but it's history," added Klopp on a sixth European Cup success for the Reds.

"It's a nice part of life absolutely but nothing else changed really. Probably the best summer of my life.  
**Goal**



## MAN CITY CLOSE THE GAP ON LIVERPOOL

**L**ONDON - Manchester City moved to within three points of Premier League leaders Liverpool with a 3-0 triumph over Aston Villa yesterday afternoon.

Man City made five changes from their drubbing of Atalanta in the UEFA Champions League in mid-week, with John Stones partnering Fernandinho in the centre of defence, while Bernardo Silva, David Silva and Gabriel Jesus returned to the line-up.

After a quiet start to the encounter, Pep Guardiola's troops had a scare in the 22nd minute after Stones gave away possession to John McGinn, who unleashed a curling shot that was brilliantly saved by goalkeeper Ederson. City were struggling to get into their rhythm in the latter phase

of the first stanza but they should have been ahead with three minutes remaining of the first stanza after Raheem Sterling cut-back on the left wing to setup David Silva who sent his effort just wide of the upright. It took barely a minute inside the second stanza for the Citizens to finally break the deadlock, as Sterling slotted a low shot between the legs of goalkeeper Tom Heaton after being sent through on goal by Jesus.

The champions doubled their advantage in the 65th minute after Kevin De Bruyne's curling cross from the edge of the box evaded everyone in the crowded area inside the box and sailed past Heaton, with the goal getting the approval from the Video Assistant Referee. Ilkay Gundogan

got the third goal for Guardiola's men with 20 minutes remaining after powering home a half-volley from the edge of the box on a rebound from Bernardo Silva's blocked effort. However, the Citizens suffered another blow in their centre-back department, as Fernandinho was sent off after picking up his second yellow card for challenge on Keinan Davis.

The job was already done though with the sides both hitting the woodwork in the tail end, as the Citizens reclaimed their second position on the table, just three points behind leaders Liverpool, while Villa dropped slightly down to 13th.

**Daily Mail**

## Pochettino concerned by impact of Amazon's documentary

**L**ONDON - Mauricio Pochettino has admitted to being worried about the extra workload a new documentary centred on Tottenham will create for his staff.

Amazon cameras are in the process of capturing Spurs' 2019-20 season for the latest chapter in the All or Nothing series, which has previously focused on Premier League champions Manchester City.

The series takes viewers behind the scenes at the club and inside the dressing room on matchday.

The portrayal, unlike City's highly successful 2017-

18

campaign, could be unflattering for Tottenham, who have struggled badly for form in the early months of this season.

"When the club agreed the deal with Amazon, of course we were worried about it," Manager Pochettino said.

"Because it is not easy, not easy. It is tough to have the camera in your office, and then how you handle the situation to have the capacity to say, 'Okay, I am not in a good mood, but sometimes the camera is going to be there.'

"It is so complicated, it is another thing to worry about and of course that adds a lot.

"If we were busy, now we are super busy. To plan every day, everything, is not an easy job. That is why, when I told you I feel that I am not any more a manager, I am a coach, now I am like a producer. Being coach, manager and producer!"

Tottenham recorded a 5-0 Champions League victory over Red Star Belgrade in their last outing but could be eight points adrift of the Premier League's top four if results go against them this weekend.

While concerned about the internal effects of the documentary, Pochettino has fewer fears about the depiction of his team in desperate times, such as the humiliating 7-2 loss to Bayern Munich. "It's going to be the reality," he said. "It is like when we started to do the book [Brave New World: Inside Pochettino's Spurs] one season. It was the same risk.

"It is most important to live the reality, not to try to generate something that is fake or not real, and then what you are going to love, what the people are going to love to see, is that we are normal people working.

"We can win, we can lose. Like the book, I hope there is a happy ending. But if not, you are going to see another point of view, from a different vision."

**Goal**



Mauricio Pochettino.

## 'Arsenal will be in the mix for Vertonghen'

**L**ONDON - Arsenal being "in the mix" for Jan Vertonghen would be no surprise, says former Tottenham striker Darren Bent, with the Belgian defender heading towards free agency.

There has been no indication that the versatile 32-year-old will be committing to fresh terms at Spurs.

If no extension is agreed, then Vertonghen will be cleared to take on a new challenge in the summer of 2020.

It could be that he opts to remain in English football, with plenty of suitors expected for a proven and vastly-experienced performer.

Those at Emirates Stadium could make an approach, with Arsenal considered

to still be in need of reinforcements at the heart of their defence.

Bent believes a controversial switch makes sense for the Gunners, with Vertonghen tipped to follow in the footsteps of Sol Campbell by crossing the fiercest of north London divides.

The ex-Spurs frontman told Football Insider: "Jan Vertonghen, playing at the centre of the defence, are there too many more that are going to be better than him? "If you're going to take him on a free, Arsenal could do with him.

"If he's on a free don't be surprised if they're in the mix for him as well.

"I think it's a situation they [Spurs] need to address but at the same time I wouldn't want to see these players walk

away for nothing. "It's a difficult one, they're down to a free, they're obviously not going to sign new contracts so what do you do?" Vertonghen is not the only player posing that kind of problem to Tottenham at the moment. Fellow countryman and centre-half Toby Alderweireld is another to have entered the final 12 months of his current terms. Christian Eriksen is in the same position, with the Danish playmaker continuing to spark talk of interest from the likes of Real Madrid and Manchester United. **Goal**



# JUVE 'CONSIDERING £330M INVESTMENT IN KYLIAN MBAPPE'

**T**URIN - Juventus are reportedly ready to spend big in their push for Champions League success - with PSG star Kylian Mbappe a possible target.

At 20-years-old and already a World Cup winner, Mbappe is one of football's most exciting talents right now.

According to Tuttosport, Juve are considering parting with £330m to secure him for five years.

The Turin side are building a formidable squad for boss Mauricio Sarri, after the Serie A champions landed Cristiano Ronaldo last summer in a deal worth £100m.

Amid their run of eight domestic titles, Champions League

*...as Italian champions plot whopping £160m bid for Paris Saint-Germain forward*

success is the target - after five final defeats since their last triumph in 1996.

Italy could be an attractive move for Mbappe, with PSG making no progress in their push for European success.

## Champions

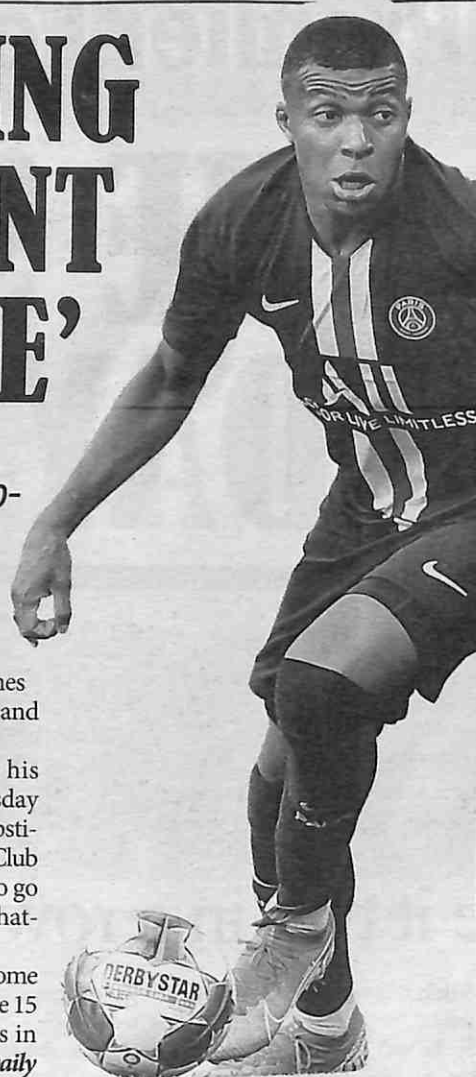
The French champions have crashed out of the round of 16 three seasons in a row despite their star-studded squad featuring Neymar, Edinson Cavani and Angel Di Maria.

Mbappe's start to the 2019-20 season has been injury hit,

only featuring in five of PSG's first 10 Ligue 1 games - still managing two goals and three assists.

The Frenchman was at his world-class best on Tuesday night, coming on as a substitute in PSG's 5-0 win over Club Brugge with 38 minutes to go and bagging a stunning hat-trick.

Those goals saw him become the youngest player to score 15 Champions League goals in the competition's history. *Daily Mail*



## Hornets equal club record 10 matches without win

**L**ONDON - The agonising wait goes on for Watford.

You have to go back to April 20, when they won 2-1 at relegation-bound Huddersfield Town, to find the last

time they experienced the sweet taste of victory in a Premier League match.

For the Vicarage Road regulars it's April 2 for a last home league success, a 4-1 win over another side destined for the drop in Fulham.

Now the dark clouds of relegation hang heavy over Watford and the omens get gloomier by the week. They have gone 10 matches at the start of this Premier League season without anything in the win column.

The last time this happened, at the beginning of their 2006-07 season, they ended up 20th and last, some 10 points adrift of safety. One small consolation is that they at least won game 11, so watch out Chelsea next week. Watford's winless state is almost unique in English football. You have to delve down to Corinthian Casuals of the Isthmian League Premier Division - the seventh level of the pyramid - to find another team without a league win so far. It's that grim.

This was another contest Watford controlled for long periods without being able to make it count.

Bournemouth keeper Aaron Ramsdale was required to make a couple of important interventions but Watford were also left grateful to their stopper, Ben Foster, for crucial saves to thwart Philip Billing, Diego Rico, Arnaut Danjuma and Ryan Fraser.

There has been some evidence that Watford are making baby-step progress under their returning manager Quique Sanchez Flores, borne out by their recent draws with Sheffield United and Tottenham.

While they set up in a surprisingly conservative 5-3-2 formation against the Blades in their last home fixture, strangling their creativity, they were full of purpose and aggression in the opening moments here.

Inside the first minute, Gerard Deulofeu's angled drive skidded off the soggy surface and Aaron Ramsdale, who committed his long-term future to Bournemouth this week, parried it out.

The ball couldn't have fallen more perfectly for Abdoulaye Doucoure, only 12 yards out, but he got it all wrong and skied his effort into the stand.

Watford continued to pour forward and forced a corner that Deulofeu whipped in wickedly and saw the ball bounce off the near post. Craig Dawson's follow-up was blocked by the alert Steve Cook.

But the hosts quickly ran out of steam, their momentum stalling when Tom Cleverley was forced off injured, and once Bournemouth settled there was plenty of space to exploit.

Not only did the Cherries expose Watford's three-man defence down the flanks but they made them look vulnerable from set-pieces too. Cook peeled away from Christian Kabasele far too easily to meet Fraser's corner and thundered a header against the crossbar. It was Foster who was far the busier of the two keepers from then on, making three significant saves before half-time.

*Daily Mail*

## Mousset's second half volley earns the Blades a deserved draw

**L**ONDON - It will take an awful lot to make up for a relegation and the time they have spent in the wilderness outside the Premier League.

But Sheffield United at least had the last laugh in their first league meeting with West Ham since the Carlos Tevez affair. It was 12 years ago that the Blades were relegated at West Ham's expense, with the Londoners breaking Premier League third-party ownership rules to sign Tevez whose last day goal sent the Blades down.

Neither the £20m compensation settlement or time have been healers for Sheffield United with the bad blood between the clubs providing the backdrop to their London Stadium meeting. So frustrating the Hammers by denying them a win after successive defeats will be a source of satisfaction for Chris Wilder and his players.

The cheers from the away end and boos from the home end and Andriy Yarmolenko's clear frustration at West Ham's missed chances after the full-time whistle at confirmed that.

Wilder displayed his happy knack of getting his subs right to earn Sheffield United a share of the spoils.

For the fourth time this season one of his players came off the bench to scores a decisive goal with Lys Mousset's equaliser coming six minutes after he entered the fray. After his winner against Arsenal his relegation to the bench was a surprise but, as has repeatedly been the case since he became Blades boss, Wilder was the one who proved to be right. *Daily Mail*

## Manchestrer United officials set to visit Saudi Arabia

**M**ANCHESTER - A delegation of Manchester United top brass are set to visit Saudi Arabia as rumours of a take over by the Gulf State's Crown Prince refuse to disappear.

Discontent surrounding United's ownership by the American Glazer family has been apparent since their takeover in 2005, paving the way for reports of a possible takeover by 34-year-old Mohammed Bin Salman.

Although they have attended in the past, an appearance by United officials at the Future Investment Initiative organised by the Saudi Royal Family's sovereign wealth fund later this month will do little to quash rumours of a purchase.

According to The Transfer Window podcast's Duncan Castles, the Glazers themselves have attended in the past and United

*...as rumours of takeover by Mohammed Bin Salman refuse to disappear*



**Ed Woodward has insisted that the Glazer family (Avram Glazer, right) do not want to sell.**

are set to be represented again at the conference in the Ritz Carlton in Riyadh in just over two days time.

Manchester United is valued at £2billion by the New York Stock Exchange and Mohammed Bin Salman could use part of the

Saudi Royal Family's £1 trillion wealth to become a major player on the football ownership scene.

He would join the likes of Manchester City's Abu Dhabi owners and the Qatari royal family behind Paris Saint-Germain.

*Daily Mail*

## Seagulls snatch unlikely last-gasp victory

**L**ONDON - Everton defender Lucas Digne scored a dramatic own goal deep into stoppage time to gift Brighton a 3-2 Premier League win at the Amex Stadium.

Digne slid home a cross from substitute Leandro Trossard in the fourth minute of added time after Albion striker Neal Maupay equalised in contentious fashion with the first Premier League penalty awarded with the use of VAR.

Substitute Dominic Calvert-Lewin looked to have earned the Toffees a first away win since March after Adam



**Substitute Glenn Murray celebrates Brighton's stoppage-time winner at the Amex Stadium.**

Webster's own goal cancelled out Pascal Gross' free-kick opener.

But the visitors were denied in sensational style as the Seagulls recorded successive home wins with two late strikes

which pile pressure back on Everton boss Marco Silva.

Referee Andrew Madley pointed to the spot in the 80th minute following a lengthy consultation with Stockley Park. *Daily Mail*





# MTN Premier League 2019/20

PREMIER LEAGUE



## THE SUPER SUNDAY IS HERE



BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**S**OCCER - The MTN Y'ello Sunday is back. Football lovers will be treated to another entertaining football that will surely keep

them at the edge of their seats for the entire afternoon.

### Rights

Bragging rights are at stake in today's match between capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini

Wanderers.

On the other hand, Young Buffaloes and Mbabane Swallows will be fighting for the E350 000 first round carrot. The games are not for the faint-hearted.



## Will Bull make it two in a row against Wanderers?

*Mbabane Highlanders vs Manzini Wanderers  
(4pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)*

**C**apital city giants Mbabane Highlanders will be aiming to record another victory when they take on their rivals Manzini Wanderers in what is expected to be an epic clash.

The last time the two met was in the EPTC Charity Cup in August, whereby the black and white glamour side won the final 3-1.

The interesting part is that Thabo

Koki' Vilakati is now with the capital city giants.

Surely, he will also want to prove a point against his former employers.

Also, the good thing to the Mbabane Highlanders supporters is that they will be welcoming back their captain Menzi Sithole, who had been out of action for six weeks due to injury.

Midfield dynamo Phumlani Ngwenya will be calling the shots in the middle of the park.

The former Green Mamba player is seemingly enjoying a new lease of life in the capital city giants. He scored the

winning goal against Malanti Chiefs a week ago.

He is also expected to give the team faithful something to cheer about in this tricky encounter.

South Africa hitman Josef Lekata is back from injury to face the 'Weslians'.

The former Amazulu player scored a brace in the EPTC final against the hub giants. However, 'Koki' Vilakati's charges will be up against a team that is seeking revenge.

The hub giants haven't forgotten what happened about two months ago at Somhlolo National Stadium. They will

be all out to avenge that defeat.

Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe's led side is also oozing confidence after beating Royal Leopard by a solitary goal before the FIFA break.

Ghanaian forward Johnson Mensah will torment the home side for the entire afternoon with his electrifying pace from the flanks, while Mpendulo Ngidi will marshal the middle-field.

Top striker Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze is once again back to haunt his former team.

It is a well-documented fact that, Ndzimandze always rises to the occa-

sion whenever facing his childhood team. Mbabane Highlanders defenders must monitor him before he causes havoc.

### Mbabane Highlanders

*Coach: Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati*

*Captain: Menzi Sithole*

*Key Players: Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze, Lindani 'Rio' Matsenjwa, Josef Lekata*

*Match Winner: Phumlani Ngwenya*

### Manzini Wanderers

*Coach: Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe*

*Captain: Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya*

*Key players: Mike Dombo, Fash Ndzimandze, Sanele Mkhweli*

*Match Winner: Johnson Mensah*

## Amathole aiming to brush 'Birds' aside

*Young Buffaloes vs Mbabane Swallows  
(2pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)*

**A**rmy side Young Buffaloes will be looking to edge Mbabane Swallows in this tough encounter and probably move to the top of the log standings.

The Phocweni-based outfit are favourites for the first round carrot that carries a mouth-watering E350 000 incentive.

Their main advantage is that they have also a game in hand. This is due to the fact that they were participating in the CAF Confederation Cup, where they had a promising campaign.

After a playing to a goal-less draw against Royal Leopard in a mid-week encounter, Dominic Kunene charges will have nothing in mind but to demolish the capital city giants.

Diminutive midfielder Wandile 'Skosh' Shabangu, who had a good game mid-week against Leopard will be all out to prove his prowess. The Sihlangu midfielder has a high work rate.

He has also what it takes to carry the day for his team. He is expected to make those trademark shots

at the edge of the box like he did against Royal Leopard, only to be denied by woodwork.

'Skosh' will be assisted by Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze upfront to outsmart the opponents.

The former Madlenya FC player has a knack for goals. He is also the leading goalscorer in the league with 8 goals. Surely, he will be looking to increase his tally in this tricky encounter. Veteran goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu will also be hoping to keep another clean sheet between the sticks.

However, a win will not be a stroll in the park for the army side, that will be up against Mbabane Swallows.

The capital city giants are also favourites for the first round carrot. Surely, they will be all out for a win.

The red and white glamour side is slowly but surely rediscovering their devastating form that made them a household name during the era of their late Director Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze, may his soul rest in peace. Zambian born mentor Honour Janza will rely on his experience d troops in the likes of Tony Tsabedze, Wonder Nhleko and Sandile Hlatshwako to do the job.

Dynamite midfielder Nhlanhla Ngwenya will be a key figure in this encounter. The former Ludzeldzwe Killers player is expected to boss the belly of the park and make those killer passes to the striking force.

Goal poacher Sandile Hlatshwako will be out to score those goals to catch

up with Saviola in the top goal scorers chart.

### Young Buffaloes

*Coach: Dominic Kunene*

*Captain: Nhlanhla Gwebu*

*Key Players: Wandile Shabangu, Alie Matse, Sihlangu Mkhwanazi, Fanelo 'Order' Mamba*

*Match Winner: Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze*

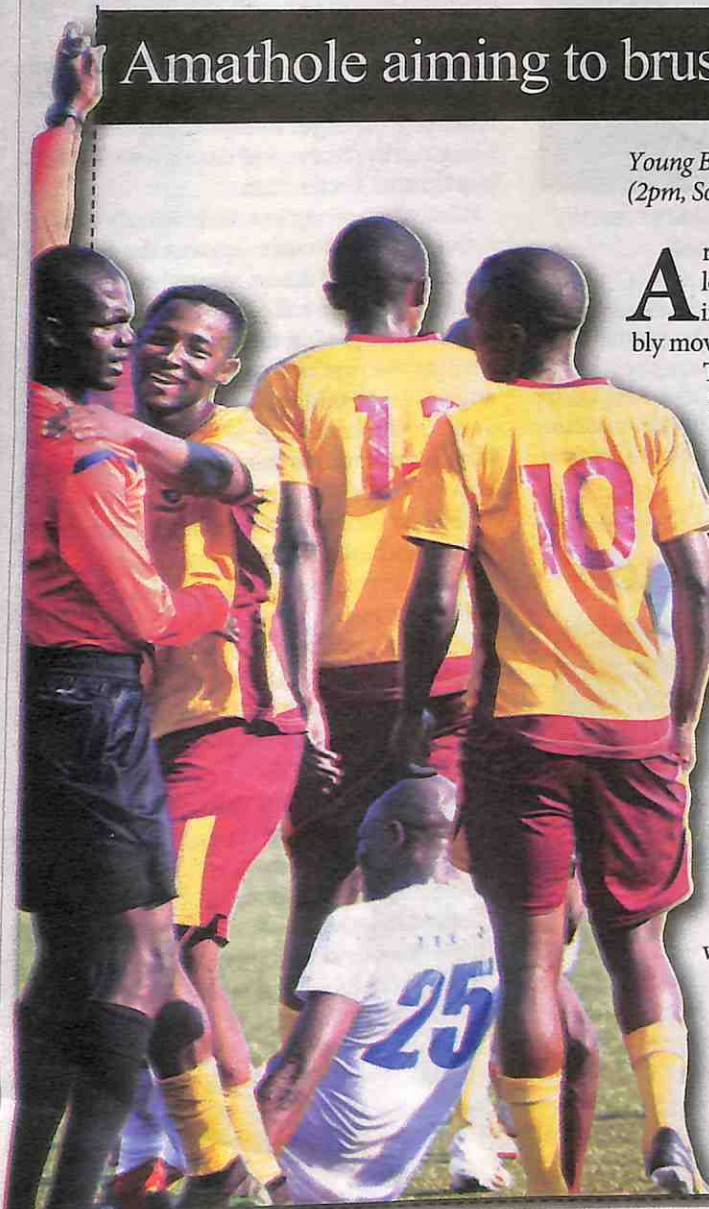
### Mbabane Swallows

*Coach: Honour Janza*

*Captain: Tony Tsabedze*

*Key players: Wonder Nhleko, Nhlanhla Ngwenya, Vusumuzi Zungu*

*Match Winner: Sandile Hlatshwako*







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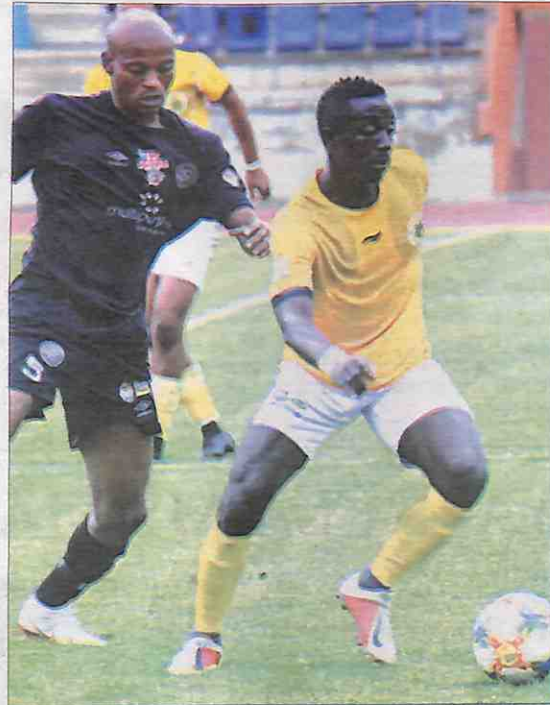
Mhlume Peacemakers' Sihawu Dlamini tries to mark on-form Moneni Pirates' Lizwe Zwane during the MTN Premier League match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Pirates won 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



Pirates players join the supporters as they celebrate their victory.



Peacemakers' Baba Seidou Blandja wins the ball from Pirates' Lizwe Zwane.



A Pirates defender Thabo Vllakati blocks Peacemakers' Richard Effah Yartel.



Moneni Pirates players celebrate their lone and winning goal against Mhlume Peacemakers.



Bandile Nxumalo and Fabrice Mopina in a tussle for the ball.



Peacemakers goalkeeper Innocent Obodai Adja jumps while Pirates' Lizwe Zwane closes in.



Moneni Pirates supporters in jubilation after the referee blew the final whistle.





Royal Eswatini Police (REPS) C team after they winning the State Security Category during the Letshego Shooting Tournament held at Mzimpofo yesterday. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



Some of the participants aim at the targets during the competition.

## REPS C WINS LETSHEGO SHOOTING COMPETITION

BY JONGILE XUBA

**S**HOOTING Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) C team scooped top honours as they won the state security team category of the Letshego Shooting E15 000 Tournament held at Mzimpofo yesterday.

The three-man team which consisted of Phinda Mlambo, Nhlanhla Sithole and Dumisa Bhembe managed to accumulate an impressive 711 points to take home the cup.

Runners up were Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) B team who finished on 699 points. The last podium spot went to another police team as REPS A finished third on 697 points. The non-state security category saw Central Bank Of Eswatini



Central Bank of Eswatini A team receive their trophy after finishing first in the Non-state Security category.

(CBE) A team win with 685 points. Matsapha Shooting Club A team were the runner-ups with 683 points.

In the individual categories Jabu Vilane topped the females with a score of 237 points.

### LETSHEGO SHOOTING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Teams		INDIVIDUALS	
First place - REPS C	711 pts	Females	
1. Phinda Mlambo		1. Jabu Vilane	237 points
2. Nhlanhla Sithole		2. Msizi Dlodlu	234 points
3. Dumisa Bhembe		3. Hloniphile Mavuso	222 points
Second place - UEDF B	699 pts	Males	
1. Samanisi Ngwenya		1. Nhlanhla Sithole	243 points
2. Mlondi Dlamini		2. Meshack Myeni	241 points
3. Sinenkhosi Shongwe		3. Gift Dlamini	240 points
Third place - REPS A	697 pts		
1. Bongani Sihlongonyane			
2. Jabu Vilane			
3. Gift Dlamini			
NON-STATE SECURITY CATEGORY			
First place CBE A -	685 pts		
1. Fana Ngozo			

She was followed by Msizi Dlodlu on 234 points as Hloniphile Mavuso finished third on 222 points. The males had Nhlanhla Sithole

crowned champion with 243 points. He was followed by Meshack Myeni on 241 points with Gift Dlamini claiming third on 240 points.



## REPS beat OlympAfrica as Inhlonhla Cup continues

BY JONGILE XUBA

**N**ETBALL Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) claimed a comfortable win over OlympAfrica as the Inhlonhla Netball Knockout Tournament continued yesterday.

Games were played at Zakhele Courts in Manzini and in the Women's league REPS managed to beat their opponents 53 - 23.

Meanwhile Mbabane Raiders won a close match against Vixens beating their opponents with a 57 - 42 score.

The scheduled match between Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) and Illovo did not take place as Illovo did not show up.

This meant UEDF were awarded the

win with a 75 - 00 score as well as the points.

In the men's league, UEDF had a rough test against newbies Vixens.

The match ended in the army side's favour as they edged Vixens 37 - 36.

With week five of the competition done teams will be looking forward to playing their last group matches and secure themselves a spot in the Knockout phase of the second annual tournament.

### RESULTS

Raiders	57 - 42	Vixens
UEDF	75 - 0	Illovo
REPS	53 - 23	OlympAfrica
UEDF (men)	37 - 36	Vixens (men)

## BYARS CLAIMS MAIDEN LOL TITLE

BY JONGILE XUBA

**G**OLF-Graham Byars won his first ever United Health Insurance (UHI) Leg of Lamb (LOL) Golf Competition played at Manzini Golf Course on Friday.

There was a field of 23 golfers on the day and Byars topped them all with a score of 18 points to claim his maiden LOL title.

Runner-up was Ivan Groening with 17 points as LOL captain Wakie Lawrence finished third with 16 points.

In fourth place was Dumisani Hlatshwayo who finished with 15 points on the count back. The last top finisher was Robert Mgcinah who also ended the day on 15 points placed fifth.

The competitions captain Wakie Lawrence commended the players for being able to play under the extremely hot conditions.

"We had some good golf today despite the fact that we were playing under the heat wave. Golfers did their best and we thank them for being part of our weekly competitions," he said.



United Health Insurance Leg Of Lamb captain Wakie Lawrence, this week's winner Graham Byars and United Health Insurance representative Patrick Gamedze during the presentation at Manzini Golf Club on Friday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

The United Health Insurance Leg of Lamb competition is a weekly tournament played at Manzini Golf

Course every Friday. The winners of the competition take home juicy meat prizes.

### UNITED HEALTH INSURANCE LEG OF LAMB RESULTS

1. Graham Byars	18 points	4. Dumisani Hlatshwayo	15 points c/b
2. Ivan Groening	17 points	5. Robert Mgcinah	15 points
3. Wakie Lawrence	16 points		



# LEOPARD, TAMBUTI SHARE SPOILS

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

Tambuti ..... (0)1  
R.Leopard.....(0)1

**S**OCCER - Tambuti played to a 1-1 draw against Royal Leopard in the MTN Premier League match played yesterday at Mayaluka Sports Ground.

The draw saw the police side on par with capital city giants Mbabane Swallows in the log table with 20 points.

There was nothing to write home about in the opening stages of the match as both sides lacked creativity. Tambuti suffered a blow when midfielder Muntu Mamba was showed a red card by referee

Thokozani Dlamini for violent misconduct in the 19 minutes in.

The referee also flashed another red card before the half hour mark to Royal Leopard right back Mlamuli Msibi. This was after the former National Under 20 player fouled Ugochukwu Ohakwe and denied him a goal scoring opportunity.

Neither side created a goal scoring opportunity until the end of first half.

## Substitution

Royal Leopard made a double substitution in the second half by bringing in Sifiso Matse and Bongani Ndzimandze for Junior Magagula and Melusi Mkhwanazi respectively.

On the other hand Tambuti coach Terisayi Changara brought in Muntu Mamba for Ohakwe.

Royal Leopard went ahead 83 minutes in through

Lungelo Tsabedze who capitalised on a rebound.

However, the Royal Leopard moment of joy was short lived a minute later when the home side scored the equalising goal through captain Muntu Mamba.

Referee Thokozani Dlamini ended the match after 90 minutes much to the disappointment of the police side who were hoping to dislodge Mbabane Swallows at the summit of the log standings.

## The teams

### Tambuti

Thubelihle, Andile, Sisekelo, Wandile, Machawe, Melusi, Ugo, Siyabonga, Mcebo, Roy, Reagan

### R.Leopard

Ncamiso, Muzi, Sibira, Sikhumbuzo, Bonginkosi, Mzwandile, Phumlane, Lungelo, Junior, Mlamuli, Melusi

## Mamba survive Sea Birds scare

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

Green Mamba..... (2)3  
Sea Birds .....(0)2

**S**OCCER - MTN Premier League defending champions Green Mamba survived a second half scare from Sea Birds as they overcame the stubborn hub side by 3-2 during a league affair which was played at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Despite the win, the Correctional services side had some nervous moments towards the dying minutes of the match as Sea Birds nearly spoiled their party with their spirited showing in the second stanza. The green and white ensemble still managed to secure their fourth league victory and jumped to the fifth spot in the standings after condemning the resilient opposition to their fourth loss of the campaign. Green Mamba were on the front foot in the opening half as it only took them 15 minutes to open scoring and this was through their Nigerian marksman Solomon Oladele.

The former Red Lions player blasted home an Mxolisi Mkontfo pass outside the box much against the run of play.

The goals seem to have rejuvenated 'Inyoka Eluhlazana' as winger Njabulo Tfwala forced a fine save from the opposition goalkeeper Lindani Mtsetfwa four minutes later.

The pint sized playmaker Thwala, doubled the score line 10 minutes before the breather with a curling shot which was provided by Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini. The strike handed Green Mamba a healthy advantage going into the breather.

The Caleb Ngwenya led charges continued where they left off in the first half as Njabulo Tfwala completed his brace after the hour mark with a stunner taken from the edge of the box. This was after receiving a low pass from 'Phindrix' Dlamini. The goal seemed to have brought some sense to Sea Birds coach Anthony Mdluli who brought in his two seasoned performers in Muzi Tsabedze and Wandile Nhleko for Darren Christie and Mthokozisi Gwebu. The change seem to have brought some self-belief to Sea Birds as Muzi Tsabedze pulled one back in the 76th minute with a sublime strike after combining well with Wandile Nhleko. Nhleko nearly caused a dramatic finish of when he made it 3-2 for Sea Birds in the 84th minute when he headed home a Muzi corner. It was too late for a comeback for Sea Birds as Green Mamba were victorious with the slender victory.

## The teams.

### Green Mamba

Mkhulisi, Manana, Gumbi, Thabo, Banele, Khethokuhle, Njabulo, Mxolisi, Mthunzi, Oladele(Ngcabi), Phinda (Claude)

### Sea Birds

Lindani, Siphelele, Sandumuzi, Mfundo, Sibusiso, Gcinizwi (Thabo), Ndimiso Darren (Wandile), Bhukumuzi, Xolani, Mthokozisi (Muzi)

## Milling beat Black Swallows to claim first win

BY JONGILE XUBA

Milling Hotspurs..... (0)2  
Black Swallows..... (0)0

**S**OCCER - Milling Hotspurs claimed their first win of the MTN Premier League after beating Black Swallows 2 - 0 at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

Second half goals from Lungelo Mngometulu and Lwazi Bhembe gave the Premier League rookies their first taste of victory.

Milling started on the front foot and had the opening chance of half when a quick combo play between Bandile Shongwe and Lungelo Mngometulu led to Shongwe hitting the post after eight minutes into the match.

Hotspurs looked to use home ground advantage as they dominated possession and chances in the opening 20 minutes.

Black Swallows' Mfundo Mkhabela had a pop from outside the box as he took his sides first chance of the match. Mbuso "Aubemayang" Mabuza was next to try and score for Black Swallows but his shot also went over. Milling's Lungelo Mngometulu almost grabbed a lead with his shot narrowly missing the goal post as he shot wide.

Teams went into the break level with Milling looking the most threatening and likely to score.

Milling picked up where they left off and got their go ahead goal. Lungelo Mngometulu headed in a cross from Bandile Shongwe to make 1-0 after 58 minutes.

Black Swallows could have got the equaliser from a corner but Amos Kusi missed the chance.

Shongwe broke free in the 80th minute facing keeper one on one but failed to convert his chance.

Hotspurs striking pair of Lungelo Mngometulu and Bandile Shongwe continued to cause prob-



Jubilant Milling Hot spurs players celebrate their first win in the MTN Premier League against Pigg's Peak Black Swallows.

lems for Black Swallows defence.

A number of their chances were saved by some good goalkeeping from Friday 'Pharas' Lukhele.

Milling doubled their lead and put the result to bed when Lwazi Bhembe fired in a low shot from about 35 yards in added time.

## The teams

### Milling

Mlungisi, Mhlonishwa, Futhi, Linda, Ncamiso, Bandile, Mancoba, Lungelo, Lwazi, Sikhumbuzo, Sandile

### Black Swallows

Friday, Nodi, Mphilo, Amos, Mxolisi, Siyabonga, Mfundo, Mbuso, Luaba, Allen, Lihle

## Pirates edge Peacemakers to maintain top four spot

BY JONGILE XUBA

Moneni Pirates..... (1)1  
Mhlume Peacemakers..... (0)0

**S**occer - Moneni Pirates continued their good form and remained fourth in the MTN Premier League log after they beat Mhlume Peacemakers 1-0 at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

A late first half strike from the on form Lizwe Zwane was enough to give the Buccaneers maximum points.

Both teams started the match evenly matched with none getting a clear advantage in the opening minutes.

It was the home side Pirates that took control of the game 15 minutes in.

Fabrice Mopina almost broke the deadlock when his flicked header tested keeper Innocent Adja.

The next chance fell to Njabulo Shongwe who broke free in the 26th minute to force save and corner. Pirates looked in total control of the game and it paid off as Lizwe Zwane scored a goal.

The goal came from a spilled Mopina header which went in the path of the October Player of the Month, who easily scored into empty net 39 minutes into the match. Pirates went into the break on top and with a one goal advantage.

Peacemakers could not find the right combination of passes to break the resolute Pirates defence in the second half.

Their best chance came when substitute Emmanuel Nsiah tried shooting from a distance which didn't even test the keeper. This did not deter or stop Pirates' attackers as Fabrice Mopina and Njabulo Shongwe continued to cause mayhem for the opposition defence.

The added pressure led to Peacemakers defender Sihawu Dlamini being sent off for a second bookable offence following a foul on Lizwe Zwane.

The last 10 minutes were a nail biting affair as both teams went back and forth in attack.

Moneni held out for the all-important win which sees them stay in the top half of the table as the first round nears completion.

## The teams

### Pirates

Romanus, Lwazi, Mthunzi, Thabo, Menzi, Takawira, Lizwe, Njabulo, Mbongeni, Fabrice, Sifiso

### Peacemakers

Innocent, Mancoba, Neliswa, Ntokozo, Sihawu, Baba, Gcina, Sibongiseni, Bandile, Banele, Richard



Mhlume Peacemakers' Sihawu Dlamini tries to mark on form Moneni Pirates' Lizwe Zwane during the MTN Premier League match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Pirates won 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



# MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Swallows	8	6	2	0	17	2	15	20
Royal Leopard	9	6	2	1	13	5	8	20
Buffaloes	7	6	1	0	17	2	15	19
Moneni Pirates	9	5	2	2	14	8	6	17
Green Mamba	9	4	2	3	15	7	8	14
Highlanders	8	3	3	2	7	6	1	12
Wanderers	8	3	2	3	11	13	-2	11
Tambuti	9	2	5	2	10	17	-7	11
Black Swallows	9	3	1	5	11	16	-5	10
Sea Birds	8	2	2	4	8	13	-5	8
Sundowns	9	2	2	5	9	16	-7	8
Peacemakers	9	2	1	6	9	14	-5	7
Hotspurs	9	1	3	5	5	13	-8	6
Malanti Chiefs	9	1	0	8	3	15	-12	3

## RESULTS

**Friday**  
Denver Sundowns 1-0 Malanti Chiefs

**Yesterday**  
Milling 2-0 Black Swallows  
Pirates 1-0 Peacemakers  
Tambuti 1-1 Royal Leopard  
Green Mamba 3-2 Sea Birds

**MTN National First Division**  
Callies 2-1 Rangers  
Tinyosi 1-0 Citizens  
Tycoons 0-2 Madlenya  
Movers 1-3 Killers  
Illovo 2-0 Vovovo

**ABSA Premiership Results**  
Golden Arrows 2-1 Polokwane City  
Stellenbosch 1-0 Orlando Pirates  
Highlands Park 2-0 Chippa United

**Premier League Results**  
Burnley 2-4 Chelsea  
West Ham United 1-1 Sheffield United  
Watford 0-0 AFC Bournemouth  
Brighton 3-2 Everton  
Manchester City 3-0 Aston Villa

**Spanish LaLiga Results**  
Real Valladolid 2-0 Eibar  
Leganés 1-0 Mallorca

**German Bundesliga Results**  
Bayer Leverkusen 2-2 Werder Bremen  
Bayern München 2-1 Union Berlin  
Paderborn 2-0 Fortuna Düsseldorf  
Schalke 04 0-0 Borussia Dortmund  
Hertha BSC 2-3 Hoffenheim  
Freiburg 2-1 RB Leipzig

## FIXTURES

**Playing today**  
Somhlolo National Stadium  
Swallows vs Buffaloes 2pm  
Mbabane Highlanders vs Wanderers 4pm

**MTN National First Division**  
Manzini Club Stadium  
Seven Dreams vs Umbelebele 1.30pm

**ABSA Premiership**  
Mamelodi Sundowns vs Kaizer Chiefs 3.30pm  
Baroka FC vs AmaZulu FC 3.30pm

**Premier League**  
Newcastle United vs Wolves 4pm  
Arsenal vs Crystal Palace 6pm  
Liverpool vs Tottenham 6.30pm  
Norwich City vs Man United 6.30pm

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## STUBBORN TAMBUTI HOLD LEOPARD

.. Lubombo side halts police service side's first round aspirations

## Pulisic makes his mark in the EPL with hat-trick

**L**ONDON - Christian Pulisic announced himself properly into English football with a devastating hat-trick as Chelsea recorded a seventh victory in a row.

Pulisic, who has been a slow burner following his move from Borussia Dortmund, was granted his first Premier League start since August following a couple of encouraging cameos as substitute.

And the 21-year-old American took full advantage with his first goals for the club, the perfect treble of right foot, left foot and head.

It was the first hat-trick of the youngster's career and those travelling fans you chanted U-S-A U-S-A didn't give a second thought to last year's hero Eden Hazard, now at Real Madrid and the player Pulisic was brought in to replace.



Willian added a fourth goal for the visitors who moved up to fourth place as a result.

And while Burnley were unusually generous in defence, Sean Dyche's side did give a good account of themselves during periods of the

game and tested Blues goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga before deservedly grabbing two consolation goals in the closing stages.

Sean Dyche celebrates seven years at Turf Moor next week but for his anniversary game he had to do with-

out striker Chris Wood sidelined with a hamstring injury.

Chelsea hadn't lost at Turf Moor since 1983 when their team included David Speedie and Peter Rhoades-Brown.

For the class of 2019, Frank

Lampard stuck with the homegrown kids who had beaten Ajax in midweek with the exception of Callum Hudson-Odoi, who was relegated to the bench with £58million winger Christian Pulisic drafted in for his first Premier League start since August. Chelsea started brightly with the away section in good voice singing their manager's name.

Willian, based wide on the right of a 4-2-3-1, shot over when well-placed on the edge of the box and Kurt Zouma survived a painful fall into the advertising hoarding. Once he returned to the pitch, he flattened Ashley Barnes with an aerial challenge much to the amusement of the Chelsea fans, who well remember the Burnley forward once dishing out the rough stuff to Nemanja Matic during an infamous game at Stamford Bridge.

After a slow start, Pulisic gave a glimpse of his pace and balance with a sweeping run from the left.

His pass to Mason Mount was an invitation to the youngster but he delayed too long and when his shot was finally delivered, Ben Mee had shuffled across to block.

Daily Mail