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## STOP DICTATING; WE ARE ALL EQUAL - KING



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III applauds the pledges of continued support for the fight against HIV and AIDS which were made by speakers at the Private Round Table Discussion on HIV/AIDS progress in Africa, which was hosted by the George W. Bush Institute and PEPFAR on Wednesday afternoon at the Plaza Hotel in New York. (Pic: Len Mohale - State Photographer) SEE PAGES 2, 4, 5

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# ESWATINI'S NINE KEY CHALLENGES FOR UN

STORIES BY KING'S OFFICE  
CORRESPONDENT  
New York, USA

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III has presented nine key focus areas needing the urgent attention of United Nations Secretariat and Member States.**

He described these pointers as achievable through the adoption of a multilateral approach which was in line with the theme of the session: 'Galvanising multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion'. Speaking at the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly on Wednesday, the King placed conflict, climate change and poverty alleviation and the exclusion of Taiwan at the top of his concerns making recommendations on the action required of the UN body as a collective.

The focus areas are as follows;

**1. Stop dictating; we are all equal:** The King expressed concern that there still exist threats to peace and violent conflicts plus mass atrocities in different regions of the world.

He noted that some of these conflicts and other inhumane sufferings are sponsored by those who believe they have the right to dictate and impose their ideologies on other nations of the world. He has called upon the UN to act swiftly and discourage such behaviours.

"We are all equal, irrespective of country size and economic power," he said.

**2. Bridge the gaps, promote collective action:** The Head of State noted that most contemporary challenges such as terrorism, climate change, migration, transnational organised crimes and many others, could be effectively addressed without multilateral cooperation. He recommended inclusion and participation of all Member States through cooperation, dialogue and reforming existing organs where needed.

"We therefore implore the UN General Assembly to play its role in bridging the gaps and promoting collective action."

**3. Include Taiwan:** His Majesty the King has observed that the United Nations' bid of leaving no one behind will remain elusive if the organisation continues to deprive other nations of the world the opportunity to play a pivotal role in the UN affairs.

"We firmly believe that Taiwan is



**MBUBE:** His Majesty addresses a high level political forum on Sustainable Development Goals at the Trusteeship Council Chambers of the United Nations headquarters on Wednesday. (Pic: Len Mohale-State Photographer)

essential to the full implementation of the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development." He said the inclusion of Taiwan was a crucial step in realising the pledge, as stipulated in the preamble of UN General Assembly resolution 70/1 adopted on September 25, 2015.

"We call upon the UN to once again uphold the principle of universality and its multilateral efforts towards total inclusion, and to allow Taiwan to participate in relevant exertions on a dignified and equal footing."

**4. Support African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA):** His Majesty the King said the continental free trade area initiative launched by Africa needed the full support of the UN as it would propel the continent towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). "Likewise, with the anticipated launch of the Ae-Trade platform in the next few weeks, we are confident that these will usher a new era in the lives of our people," he said.

**5. Invest more in SDGs to end poverty:** Ingwenyama told the General Assembly that poverty alleviation required more investment. He said this was necessary to build strong societies and social protection systems that would ensure the inclusion of special interest groups affected by poverty.

"Whilst we have a responsibility to channel a significant proportion of national expenditures into social protection programmes, developing countries actually need financing of the SDGs to transform their economies and social fabrics," he submitted.

**6. Set up regional disaster funds:** His Majesty the King said UN member countries needed sound contingency plans to combat climate change. He recommended the setting up of permanent regional disaster funds to help cushion against the effects of natural disasters and set-up sub-regional humanitarian hubs that will be equipped to respond swiftly to disasters.

**7. Reassess allocation of development assistance:** The King said Middle-Income countries like Eswatini were facing a decline in official development assistance due to this categorisation which is frustrating development and poverty reduction efforts. "To this end, we strongly advocate for reassessment of the reality on the ground when official development assistance is allocated to countries most in need."

**8. Provide assistance to educators:** The King said no nation can develop past its educational capacity, particularly that of its teachers and there was, therefore, a need to render the necessary assistance to countries that need help in developing the attribute of their educators.

**9. Multi-sectoral response for the youth:** The King submitted that we are a youthful world, with more than half the global population under the age of 30. He said this requires a comprehensive, coordinated and multi-sectoral response to encourage the labour market to absorb the growing young working class, ensure that they are appropriately trained for the needs of our markets and increase their opportunities to start their own businesses.

## Eswatini emulated on Malaria Fund launch

**THE launch of the Malaria Fund initiative drew applause at the UN General Assembly.**

His Majesty the King informed the General Assembly that the fund was necessary to address the funding needs in the fight to eliminate malaria.

"In my capacity as the chairperson of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA), I am delighted

to announce that we launched the End Malaria Fund early this year, a public private partnership to close the funding gap and end the disease by 2022.

"We pleasantly note that following the setting up of the Malaria Fund in Eswatini, many more African countries have followed suit, and are actively launching similar funds," he said.

### SEVEN OF THE BEST ON SDGS

**THE country has made significant progress in seven of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

One of these is the drop in the overall level of poverty from 69 per cent in 2000 to 58.9 per cent in 2017. His Majesty the King has told the United Nations. The SDGs were adopted by the United Nations on September 25, 2015 and are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. Addressing a high level platform on Sustainable Development Goals, His Majesty presented the following update:

**SDG 1: Poverty reduction:** the trends indicate a reduction on the overall level of poverty from 69 per cent in 2000 to 58.9 per cent in 2017. We also have social protection programmes, in the form of grants for orphaned and vulnerable children, elderly and people with disabilities.

**SDG 2: Ending hunger and achieving food security:** Eswatini has introduced an input subsidy programme for farmers to boost production of staple food – maize, feeding programme in schools as well as promoting irrigation and water harvesting.

**SDG 3: Ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing for all:** Life expectancy has grown to 58 years in 2017 from 37 years in mid-2000. On HIV/AIDS, with support of development partners, we have rolled out a full programme

and achieved outreach at 84.7: 87.4: 91.9 respectively on ending AIDS by 2030 as set by the UN.

**SDG 4: Inclusive and equitable quality education:** Eswatini introduced free primary education, access to early childhood care and development education and the literacy rate improved to 95.3 per cent for women and 91.8 per cent for men.

The country has made investments into technical and vocational education training (TVET).

**SDG 5: Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls:** A new law has been enacted to protect women and girls in particular against domestic violence (SODV) Act.

**SDG 13: Climate change:** Policies are in place to address issues of disaster and adaptability to the changing environment.

**SDG 17: Partnerships towards attainment of SDGs:** Eswatini is working with development partners in agriculture, water and sanitation, health and infrastructure.

The King said further progress in this regard was being hindered by the challenge of limited resources but steps were being taken to address it. "The kingdom is looking forward to convening a donors' conference in the near future with the main objective of resource mobilisation for the SDGs and you are all invited to come and share your expertise with us," he urged.

## MORE SUPPORT FOR FIGHT AGAINST HIV

**THE positive developments in the fight against HIV/AIDS being recorded in Eswatini, has put her in good stead for continued donor support.**

This is the assurance taken from a private roundtable discussion on HIV and AIDS progress in Africa, which was hosted by the George W. Bush Institute and PEPFAR (US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) where His Majesty the King was a guest.

The event took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Plaza Hotel in New York. Among those present during the discussion was the former President of the USA, George W. Bush as well as philanthropist billionaire Michael Bloomberg. Bush, Bloomberg and PEPFAR pledged to continue their support to the drive of turning the tide against the health challenges facing Africa, in particular in matters involving HIV and AIDS.

According to the local health team attending the United Nations 74th Session General Assembly, the Kingdom of Eswatini has benefited immensely through funding from PEPFAR that has pumped in

over US\$500 million since 2007 and the American government remains the largest supporter of this country's HIV and AIDS response.

The success realised by Eswatini from this support includes the reduction of new HIV infections by 44 per cent since 2014, with over 80 per cent of people living with HIV now on treatment, while over 90 per cent of those now virally suppressed.

New initiatives with the support of PEPFAR include reaching out through faith and traditional communities, an initiative that has seen Eswatini awarded \$8 million to leverage these powerful networks and structures as part of the important pillars of the HIV response.

In addition, through PEPFAR support, cervical cancer screening and the treatment of pre-cancerous lesions for women aged 25-49 living with HIV has rapidly scaled up in the country over the past few months.

The country is now on track to screen more than a quarter of all eligible women by the end of September, and all eligible women by next year.

## His Majesty meets UN Secretary General

**HIS Majesty the King and the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres held private talks on Wednesday.**

This was shortly after the King had delivered the country's statement in the General Assembly debate.

The UN released yesterday that the Secretary-General commended Eswatini for its leadership in taking steps to tackle developmental challenges faced by the Kingdom. The Secretary-General and King Mswati III also discussed Eswatini's implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The UN provides strong support to the kingdom through its Resident Coordinator

and country team to integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in national planning processes. The local delegation has submitted that among the results of this support includes the poverty reduction levels, decline in the prevalence of stunting among children under five years, improved access to water and electricity in urban and rural areas and helping the country record, for the first time in 2017, zero cases of polio, disability and death from tetanus, whooping cough and measles.

However, there are concerns around underfunding which is threatening the successful implementation of the SDGs.

The kingdom is also seeking support

from the UN to establish a permanent regional disaster fund, to help cushion against the effects of natural disasters, as well as at SADC level for a sub-regional humanitarian hub equipped with emergency response equipment, tools and skilled personnel to provide expertise, advice and capacity building to Member States. The strong relationship between Eswatini and the UN has seen the kingdom offer land for the construction of the UN common premises which host a state of the art infrastructure.

Meanwhile, His Majesty also held bilateral talks with the President of the Republic of Ireland Michael Higgins.



## Warm to hot weekend expected

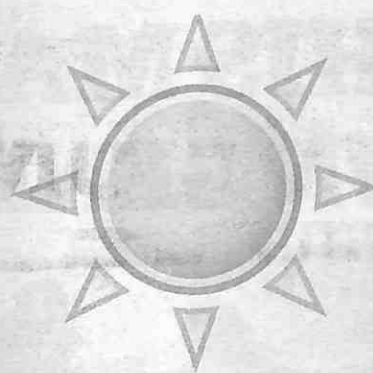
BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

THROUGHOUT the week it was cold, drizzling with light rain showers experienced in some parts of the country.

However, the weekend's weather patterns show a rise in temperatures making it warm and hot.

Sunday is expected to be the hottest day of the week with temperatures reaching 36 Degrees Celsius. Today morning fog is expected becoming sunny and warm in the Lowveld. Temperatures will start from 7 degrees Celsius rising to 28 Degrees Celsius. Tomorrow temperatures will rise making the day warm to hot in the lowveld.

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# 'WE WERE PROVOKED'

STORIES BY BONCIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

PUBLIC Sector Associations (PSAs) claim the violence which saw 17 of their members getting injured was a result of provocation by the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS).

In a press conference convened yesterday at SNAT Centre in Manzini to update the media on the latest developments on the strike, National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) President, Oscar Nkambule stated that the chaos was unfortunate as it was not the intention of civil servants to end their march on such a note.

However, he blamed the incidents on the police who allegedly mingled with the protesting civil servants.

### Distance

It is said that the police failed to keep the 100 metre distance between them and the protestors, as per the law.

"The civil servants were infuriated by that the police mingled with them when they should not. This was intentionally done so as to portray the protestors as unruly," Nkambule said.

On this note, it was said that the police then fired rubber bullets on everyone, including people who were inside their

...come forward, lodge a complaint - police



Swaziland National Association of Teachers President Mbongwa Dlamini, SNAGAP Secretary General Dumile Dlamini and NAPSAWU President Oscar Nkambule during the press conference yesterday. (Pic: Bongciwe Dlamini)

vehicles.

This is said to have resulted in 17 civil servants being injured in the process.

### Prodding

To prove that the police were deliberately prodding the civil servants, the PSAs leadership said people who were not even part of the strike were shot at.

Police's Chief Information and Communications Officer Senior Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said

the PSAs should follow the law and lodge a complaint.

"We are expecting them to lodge a complaint so that their claim can be investigated."

"There is no way we can know whether what they are saying is true, until a proper investigation can be done, but it will be done once a formal complaint has been lodged with the relevant structures," she said.

## PSAs meet to discuss way forward

"WE are not backing down!"

This was asserted by the Public Sector Associations during a press conference that was held yesterday at the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Centre yesterday.

The PSAs leadership said after the mayhem that happened in Mbabane on Wednesday, the civil servants were not giving up on the fight.

According to SNAT President Mbongwa Dlamini, they PSAs leadership had been locked in a meeting with government's negotiating team as arbitrated by the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC).

The meeting that was deemed fruitless by the PSAs leadership is said to have lasted for hours and it was adjourned in the afternoon.

Dlamini said this meeting seemed like a waste of time, since government's attitude did not give them hope that an

amicable resolution would be reached.

However, he stated that they were meant to meet again at 5pm yesterday, still with the aim of reaching a resolution with their employer pertaining to their 7.85 per cent cost of living adjustment (CoLA) demand.

Even so, Dlamini said civil servants were still to have a big meeting today with the purpose of forging a way forward. In the meeting that is scheduled to start at 10 in the morning at SNAT Centre, other members of the public who wished to participate were invited.

In addition, the SNAT president said government seemed angered by the civil servants' strike, which he said was not helping the situation because the PSAs would never back down until they got what they want.

He said they would continue protesting because they knew that money was

available in the country.

"We can even show them where the money is just like we did on Wednesday," it was said.

Dlamini clarified that by participating in the strike action which he said was ongoing, civil servants were to stay away from work for as long as it took for government to eventually give in.

"People should stop blaming us for everything that is happening but should direct their suggestions to government, because it was the reason that civil servants were participating on strike action," he said.

Furthermore, Dlamini clarified on the allegations that civil servants were harassing their colleagues who were at work since the strike began.

He said they were in fact not harassing anyone but were only reminding their colleagues of their right to protest as allowed by regulations.

## WEATHER UPDATE

Today	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 7/22	8/23	10/25	9/24	11/26	8/28
Tomorrow	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 11/27	12/28	14/30	13/29	15/31	12/32
Sunday	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 14/31	15/32	17/34	16/33	17/35	14/36

## Cops have picture of baby snatcher

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

FINALLY the police have an image of the woman who supposedly vanished with a newborn baby boy last Tuesday.

Technology played a huge role in identifying a woman that stole the baby.

It is reported that the woman disappeared with the baby on Tuesday at the Mbabane Bus Rank.

The woman is said to have accompanied the 22-year-old from the Mbabane Government Hospital after she had given birth to the child.

It is reported that she walked the 22-year-old mother to the bus rank.

Upon reaching there, she asked her to hold the baby for her as she entered the public restrooms.

When she came out of the restrooms the woman was nowhere to be found together with the baby.

She also went with the new mother's bag which had her cellphone

as well as all her child's particulars.

In the picture the woman is spotted with the 22-year-old mother passing by the stores at the Swazi Plaza.

The Royal Eswatini Police Service is seeking the public assistance in locating the supposed baby snatcher in the picture (red arrow).

She was wearing a black boob tube lace dress or skirt with white sneakers.

### Baby

The baby was wrapped in a maroon or pinkish mini blanket.

She is estimated to be between 25 to 30 years.

Anyone with information please contacts Hhohho Regional Crime Branch Officer (RCBO) Senior Superintendent Sikhumbuzo Fakudze at 7603 3862 or Mbabane Desk Officer Assistant Superintendent Derrick Makhanya at 7608 9712 or the investigating officer Constable Somabizini Ginindza at 76671176 or police emergency line 999.



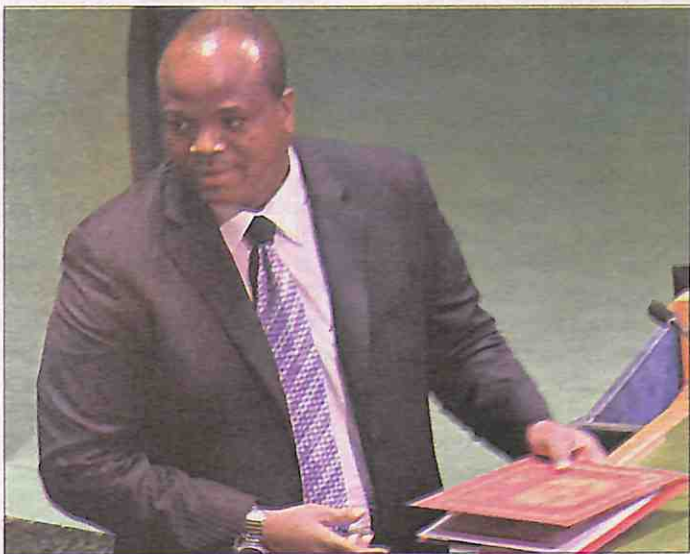
HELP US FIND HER: The suspected baby snatcher (pointed with arrow), was wearing a black boob tube lace dress or skirt with white sneakers. The baby was wrapped in a maroon or pinkish mini blanket.



# HIS MAJESTY AT 74TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III leaves the Assembly Plenary Hall after his address at the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. (All Pics: Len Mohale - State Photographer)



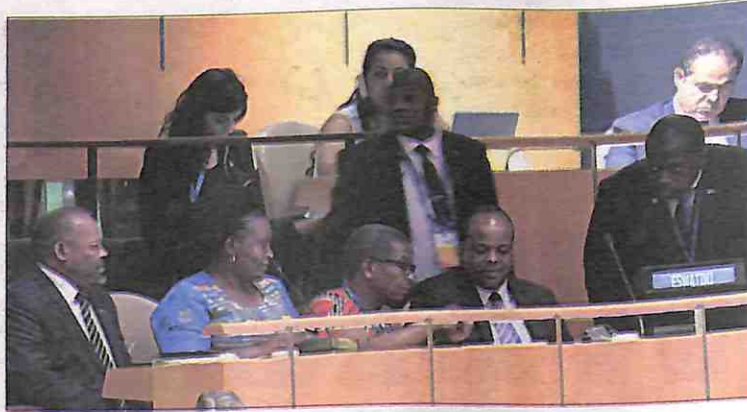
**LEAVES:** His Majesty prepares to leave the podium after delivering his address at the UN General Assembly.



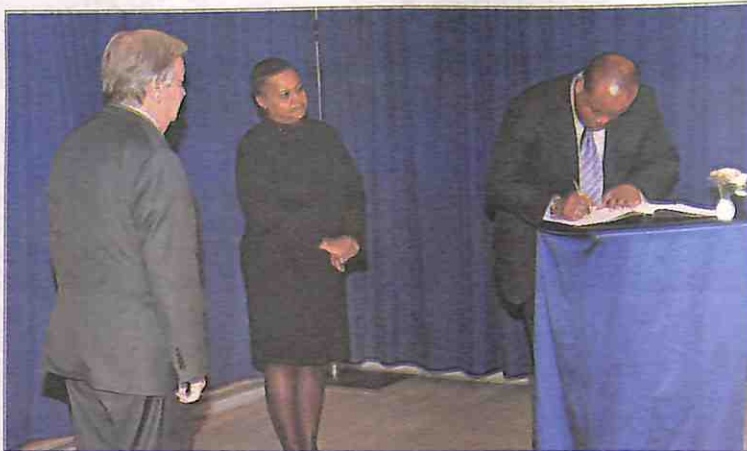
**DELIVERING SPEECH:** The King delivers the country's statement at the UN General Assembly.



**PARTICIPANTS:** Participants at the high level political forum on Sustainable Development Goals listen to an address by His Majesty the King, who spoke on localising the SDGs.



**BRIEFING:** King's Private Secretary Mbongeni Simelane engages the King shortly before His Majesty's address at the Un General Assembly, while Foreign Affairs Minister Thuli Dladla and Economic Planning Minister Dr Tambo Gina look on.



**SIGNS:** The King signs a visitor's book as United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres (I) looks on. This was after their meeting at the UN Secretariat building on Wednesday morning.



**HERE WE GO:** United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres invites the King into his offices for private talks.



**SPEECHES:** His Majesty addresses a high level political forum on Sustainable Development Goals at the Trusteeship Council Chambers of the United Nations headquarters on Wednesday.



**MOST WELCOME:** His Majesty and the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres pose shortly before holding private talks on Wednesday.



**ALSO THERE:** Inkhosikati LaNtentesa and Princess Ncobile seated in the VIP area shortly before the King addressed the UN General Assembly on Wednesday.



**LIBANDLA LENKHOSI:** Members of the local delegation at the UN General Assembly shortly before the address by His Majesty the King.





**DISCUSSION:** Former President of the United States of America George W. Bush addresses the Private Round Table discussion on HIV/AIDS progress in Africa, which was hosted by the George W. Bush Institute and PEPFAR (US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief).



**ENGAGES:** His Majesty engages with billionaire Michael Bloomberg of the Bloomberg Philanthropies-one of the largest foundations in the United States through which Bloomberg contributes to the fight against HIV and AIDS, among other initiatives.



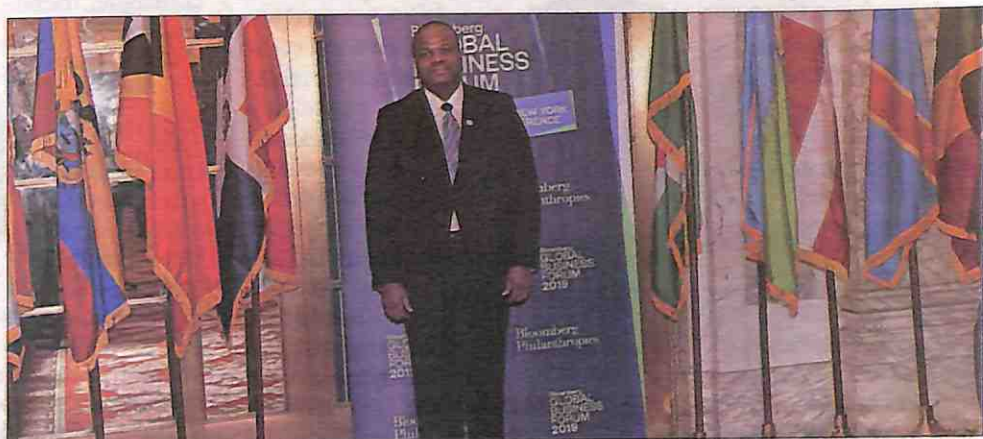
**TALKS:** His Majesty the King holds bilateral talks with the President of the Republic of Ireland Michael Higgins on Wednesday.



**YOU SEE:** President of the Republic of Ireland Michael Higgins stresses a point to his Majesty the King on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly.



**(L) GREETINGS:** President of the Republic of Ireland Higgins and His Majesty the King meet and greet shortly before holding bilateral talks on Wednesday.



**ARRIVES:** His Majesty the King captured on arrival for the Private Round Table discussion on HIV/AIDS progress in Africa.



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## Grade VI pupil arrested for SODV

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

IN yet another case of Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence, a Grade VI pupil has been arrested for the rape of a six-year old girl.

Charged for Contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act (SODVA), the pupil whose name has been deliberately withheld for ethical reasons, was arrested while attending classes on Tuesday in one of the schools in the Hhohho Region.

According to the charge sheet, the pupil (17) is charged with the crime of rape by contravening the SODVA in that upon the year 2018

to September 2019, the said accused person did wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent have sexual intercourse with a minor aged six years inside his room on numerous occasions.

Aggravating factors are that he inflicted physical and life time mental trauma to the complainant. Through his lawyer Mongi Nsibande, the pupil yesterday filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court. However the Crown represented by Ngcebo Lukhele indicated that the Crown is opposing the bail application and filed a notice of intention to oppose same. According to the pupil in his affidavit, he is a grade VI pupil who lives with his grandparents, in par-

ticular his grandfather and due to his age he has other responsibilities such as herding goats.

He submitted that on September 7, there were rumours circulating within his home area to the effect that he had allegedly raped the girl, such that some people at his parental homestead demanding answers from him, and fortunately he was not at home at the time.

He averred that on September 23 the Ebuhleni Police approached his grandfather to notify him that he (pupil) was formally charge with the offence of rape and advise that he (grandfather) brings him (pupil) to the police station.

"This rape allegation is a complete fabrication, according to the information I got from one

of my nieces and my relative, the complainant's mother, was told by another person that she suspected me of having raped her daughter on Friday September 6. She had thought that I was with the complainant in one of the houses at home," he submitted. He submitted that last Friday, the complainant was beaten by her mother and forced to admit that I raped her, before she was taken to a clinic for examination.

The pupil submitted that there is no evidence linking him with the alleged rape and has not been furnished with any medical report in relation with the charges preferred against him.



# Friends, relatives mourn death of Eswatini TV editor

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

COLLEAGUES and friends have mourned the passing away of Eswatini Television Editor-in-Chief Setsabile Sibisi, who died in South Africa on Wednesday.

Sibisi's colleagues and friends flooded social media with messages of condolences to her family. Some highlighted how shocked they were at the news of the passing away of a colleague, friend and relative. She was a journalist for almost 15 years.

Her death comes shortly after that of another woman in the media Philile Masango, who died in a car accident in June.

Sibisi joined the media as a sports journalist for Eswatini Television in 2004



RIP: Late Eswatini Television Editor-in-Chief Setsabile Sibisi.

These are some of the messages from Sibisi's friends and relatives

Bonginkosi Mlandvo Mkhonta - May her soul rest in peace.  
Gcebile Shabangu - Awu yebonine, Yoh 2019 a bad year.  
Tado LaVilakati - May your soul RIP sister. We will remember you. See you in the morning.  
Thandeka Prom Mthy Mwelase - Rest in Power MaSibisi.  
Thulani Ntshangase - May her soul rest in everlasting peace.  
Leendiwe Temar Sibisi - Sad news travel very fast. Akalale ngekuthula waMahlase.  
Mpumie Steenkamp - Sad very Sad May her soul rest in eternal peace. Aye kubuhlungu..kakhulu.  
Nonhlanhla Mahlobo- May her soul rest in eternal peace waSibisi. Kwaze kwaba buhlungu bo!

and worked her way to the top. Some of her colleagues at Eswatini Television Authority described the deceased Editor-in-Chief as a fierce and passionate someone, who did not joke around when it came to the news space. At the time the publication visited her

family home her mother, Lindiwe Sibisi was away on other commitments.

According to a family member, who was found at her home, the news of the death of their daughter came hard on the family.

Her aunty stated that the family was busy arranging for her body to be brought back to the country as she passed away in South Africa.

"At the moment the family is busy gathering and has not yet official met so it is too early to share any details," she said.

Meanwhile, a lot of condolences poured in all over social media.

## Manzini Municipality owed E56m in rates

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

THE fiscal challenge experienced by Eswatini and the world over, has negatively impacted organisations' revenues.

The Manzini Municipal Council was not spared from this as it is owed over E56 million in rates. This was communicated to ratepayers during annual general meeting (AGM), that was held at The George Hotel yesterday.

The meeting was graced by the Mbabane City Council's Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo, Matsapha Town Clerk Lucky Sukati and the Manzini Regional Administrator Chief Gija, to mention a few. When the financial statement was presented, it was said that the Council was owed E56, 662, 447 in rates. This was an increase as compared to last year where E54, 736,958 was owed.

This trend was attributed to that some ratepayers have failed to pay presumably due to the current economic situation. Another reason that is said to have contributed to the ratepayers failing to settle their outstanding fees, was the increase in tariffs which started in the beginning of the 2018/2019 financial year. The Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Lungile Dlamini, in her presentation, said there was a three per cent increase since April 1, 2018. Also, the rates debtors' trend as observed in the last five years has shown that from 2015 until 2017, the Council was owed



REMARKS: Manzini City Council Chief Executive Officer Lungile Dlamini making her presentation.

between E24 million and E39 million respectively. It is said E39 665 million, E23 662 million and E24 730 million was outstanding in rates, since 2015 up until 2017.

In addition, according to the report, the Council is said to have also incurred, bad debts. About E1, 914 million is said to have been written off during the 2018/19 financial year.

Regarding the payment of rates, concerned citizens were reminded to utilise the available payment availed by the Council.

These include cash payment and direct deposits, debit and credit card payments, debit and stop order payments, electronic financial transfer payments and mobile money pay. In cases that a rate payer had challenges in paying his or her rates, the Council welcomed them to engage the organisation so as to arrange how they could settle the fees.

When the rate payers were given

an opportunity to make their suggestions and/or ask questions, one of them Trevor Simelane from Ward 5 asked that the Council to stop increasing the rates for some time, in order to allow those with outstanding fees to make means to pay.

Simelane said some ratepayers needed to be extensively engaged by the Council in order for them to remember that they had outstanding rate fees to be settled. He said some ratepayers ended up failing to pay because they opted to pay the rates yearly rather than in monthly instalments, only for them to be unable to raise the funds before the due date.

The ratepayers also suggested that the Council should consider other ways of generating income, rather a suggestion was that the Manzini city should have recreational facilities, where the public would be made to pay or even have a city hall where private functions can be held at a fee.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The residents, business community, rate payers, service providers and stakeholders are hereby invited to the presentation of the annual performance report and audited financial statements of Hlathikhulu Town Board. The audited financial statements are now open for public inspection without payment as stipulated in section 103(3) of the Urban Government Act, 1969 during Council's business hours. For further information feel free to call our offices at 2217 6135/2217 6591.

Venue: Magistrate Court room-Hlathikhulu  
Date: Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Time: 2:00pm

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# Late Sikhakhane's wife wants will declared null

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

**WIFE to the late businessman Alfred Sikhakhane Dlamini has run to court, where she has filed an urgent application seeking an order declaring the late businessman's last testamentary will null and void.**

She is further seeking an order that the estate of the Matsapha-based businessman be distributed *ab intestato* (without a valid will).

Solani Florah Dlamini (born Mndzebele) one of the deceased's living spouses together with 10 of her children who are all cited as applicants in the matter have taken the executor of the deceased's estate, Manzini-based lawyer Siphos Madzinane and four of the deceased's other wives who have been cited as respondents to court as they want the deceased's will to be nullified.

The matter yesterday was brought on an urgent basis by the applicant's legal representative, Mbabane-based lawyer Thandeka Hlabangana of Hlabangana and Associates law firm.

According to the widowed Florah in her founding affidavit, the deceased's four other wives have been cited by

• *She has filed an urgent application at the High Court seeking an order that the deceased's estate be distributed ab intestato (without valid will).*

virtue of the fact that they have a direct interest in the winding up of the deceased's estate, likewise, the deceased's children who are applicants in the matter have also been cited because of having the same interest in the matter.

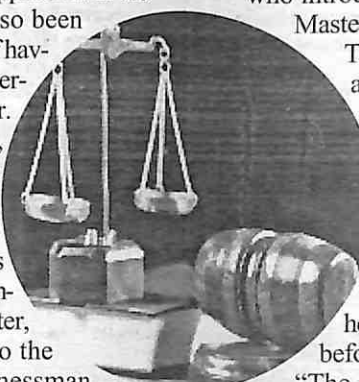
Meanwhile, Thembi Alloyee Cebe (born Dlamini) who has been cited as the seventh respondent in the matter, is a daughter to the deceased businessman according to Florah.

Giving a background of the matter before court, Florah submitted that her husband passed away on August 18 and was subsequently buried on August 24, 2019. She submitted that on September 3, a next of kin meeting was held at the offices of the Master of the High Court based in Manzini, whereupon the deceased's last testamentary will was read in her presence and the

deceased's children stating that the meeting was chaired by one Master's office official identified as a Mdluli, who introduced herself as Assistant Master of the High Court.

The first applicant (Flora) averred that when the testamentary will was read, Mdluli indicated that anyone who had an objection should raise same within a period of seven days and that she did lodge her objection before that period lapsed, hence the present application before court.

"The present application is all about the testamentary will of the deceased, the deceased in his testamentary will contravened Section 11 and 12 of the Will's Act of 1955," Florah submitted. She informed the court that she was married to the deceased in terms of Siswati Law and Custom in February 1957 at Logoba and the said marriage took place at the deceased's parental homestead at Mhlaleni after being smeared with red ochre (*libovu*).



## 'Deceased wrong to give my homestead to other wife'

IN her further submissions, the applicant informed the court that the deceased (her husband) had no right to take her homestead situated at New Village and give it to any of his other wives.

This she submitted because according to the will, the deceased has given the New Village homestead to the sixth respondent Gladys Gcinaphi Dlamini (born Mbuyisa). She submitted that in terms of the Siswati Law and Custom, one cannot take a homestead of another wife and give it to another even if she were to pass on.

"The deceased has no right to take my homestead and give it to his other wife, the sixth respondent, in terms of the Siswati Law and Custom even if I were to die, another wife cannot reside in my homestead but only my children," she submitted.

She further argued in her affidavit that the deceased cannot disown her and her homestead which is vested in her and that as stated previously, she and the deceased were given the New Village plot as compensation for the construction of the Manzini-Matsapha Highway, hence this is still her homestead.

She stated that in view of the provisions of the contravention of

the Will's Act, questionable in capacity of the testator to devolve property, he has no exclusive right over or does not own the properties and further submitted that the will cannot have provisions where certain clauses are severed, hence the will should be declared null and void and the estate distributed *ab intestato*.

The matter is pending before court before Judge Maseko and more papers are yet to be filed as the respondents are also expected to file their papers following the urgent application filed yesterday morning.

The deceased owned business around Matsapha and other properties which now form part of the estate.

**"The deceased has no right to take my homestead and give it to his other wife, the sixth respondent, in terms of the Siswati Law and Custom even if I were to die, another wife cannot reside in my homestead but only my children"**

## Wife wants Executor Madzinane removed

IN her further prayers in the urgent application, the applicant (Florah) is also seeking an order that the first respondent (lawyer Siphos Madzinane) who is the executor of the deceased's estate be removed from the position of executor.

According to the notice of motion, an order is sought that the first respondent is hereby forthwith removed as testamentary executor in the estate of the late Sikhakhane Alfred Dlamini EM 252/19.

She is further seeking an order directing the first respondent to forfeit all benefits and or statutory reimbursement to which he is entitled to in terms of the provisions of Section 54 of the Administration of Estates Act of 1902.

In her founding affidavit, she averred that her husband, the deceased contravened sections 11 and 12 of the Wills Act in his testamentary will in that he nominated and appointed the first respondent Madzinane as executor of the estate and further appointed Madzinane's law firm, Madzinane Attorneys to duly assist him (Madzinane)

in executing his wishes as outlined in his will.

She argued that Section 11 of the Will's Act provides that 'a person who attest the execution of any will or signs in the presence and by direction of the testator, or the person is, is the spouse of such person at the time of attestation or signing of such will or any person claiming under such or his spouse shall be incapable of taking any benefit whatsoever thereafter.'

Meanwhile, she added that Section 12 of the Act provides that "if any person attests the execution of any will or signs a will in the presence and by the direction of the testator under which such a person or his spouse is nominated as executor, the administrator, trustee or guardian, such nomination shall be null and void."

It was for that reason that she submitted that in essence this means that anyone who attested to the execution of the will if nominated as executor, such nomination is null and void, hence is calling for the removal of Madzinane.

She stated that Madzinane

and the law firm attested to the execution of the will of the deceased as the law firm prepared and attested the execution of the will, and has been duly appointed to assist Madzinane to execute the wishes of the deceased and further render legal services to the estate having performed the services, and will issue a statement of account.

She submitted that it is common cause that the first respondent operates and manages the second respondent alternatively that the two are one person.

"The first respondent attested to the execution of the deceased's will and as such his nomination as an executor is null and void, both the first and second respondents cannot be executors nor can they benefit from the said will," she submitted.

She stressed that the contravention of the Will's Act which governs the execution of wills, specifically bars such nomination and as such the first and second respondents cannot be issued with letters of administration in view of the contravention of the Act.

### THE APPLICANTS:

- Solani Florah Dlamini (nee Mndzebele)
- Richard Mphosho Dlamini
- Ncamiso Dlamini
- Nkosingiphile Dlamini
- Siphos Dlamini
- Xolile Dlamini
- Dlanisambe Dlamini
- Lungile Dlamini
- Mthunzi Dlamini
- Thuli Dlamini
- Sibongile Dlamini

### The respondents:

- Siphos Madzinane N.O
- Madzinane Attorneys
- Salom Dlamini (nee Meyama)
- Dumsile Ntombikayise Dlamini (nee Gina)
- Makhosazana Dlamini (nee Nkambule)
- Gladys Gcinaphi Dlamini (nee Mbuyisa)
- Thembi Alloyee Cebe (nee Dlamini)
- Master of the High Court
- Attorney General



### VACANCY

**JOB Title:** Training and Communication Officer

**LOCATION:** ICAP Mbabane Office, Eswatini

**REPORTS TO:** Programme Coordinator

#### Overview:

ICAP-Eswatini, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, and with funding from the United States Government is conducting a number of research studies and surveillance activities. The ICAP portfolio includes various health systems strengthening (HSS) activities and clinical trials to respond to pertinent research questions in the HIV response. ICAP recently completed the second Swaziland HIV incidence measurement survey (SHIMS2), and is implementing the Eswatini HIV recent infection surveillance program (EHRIS). The EHRIS activity will entail continuous surveillance and characterization of recent HIV infections, towards identification of potential recent infection hotspots and appropriate intervention.

#### Overall job functions:

The Training and Communication Officer will liaise with the Program Coordinator to lead and coordinate development, adaptation, revision of training materials, and manage EHRIS trainings including refresher trainings. He/She will also lead the generation and implementation of a communication strategy to inform, advocate and position EHRIS Program activities with stakeholders and the public.

#### Roles and Responsibilities:

- Directly liaise with the Program Coordinator on training planning and implementation.
- Support the Program Coordinator in developing and regularly updating the EHRIS training plan, materials and schedule trainings as applicable.
- Compile and maintain updated training materials, records and reports for the EHRIS Project
- Lead training communications and provide updates during internal meetings as well as to stakeholders
- Lead training preparatory activities and associated logistics, including booking of venues, organizing invitations and sending reminders for trainings to relevant stakeholders.
- Develop and organize refresher trainings as needed during the EHRIS program implementation.
- Lead development and translation of EHRIS communication tools including brochures, leaflets, booklets and other materials meant to communicate surveillance activities to stakeholders and the general public.
- Coordinate EHRIS stakeholder engagement activities including sensitization and feedback meetings.
- Support Program Coordinator to review appearance of media articles about the program that could potentially impact the project, inform investigator as needed and support the response plan.
- Carry out other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

#### Qualifications:

- Candidate should hold a degree in communications, health policy, public health, social sciences, nursing or a related discipline.
- A post-graduate qualification will be an added advantage.

#### EXPERIENCE:

- 5 or more years of experience in implementing trainings and communications programs. Previous experience in HIV research communication is an advantage.

#### How to Apply

Interested applicants should send their application and resumes named after their surnames by email with a subject line "Training and Communications Officer" to [icap-jobs-swaziland@columbia.edu](mailto:icap-jobs-swaziland@columbia.edu) Closing date for applications to be submitted: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 17:00pm.

Please do not attach any certificates when submitting on line. Only short listed applicants will be contacted with preference given to qualifying Swazi nationals. Please consider your application unsuccessful if you don't hear from us 3 weeks after the closing date.



# INDLOVUKAZI PRESENTS LEAGUE

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Lobamba

HER Majesty the Indlovukazi yesterday presented Eswatini League of Churches with a donation of E110 000 at Lobamba National

## Church.

Delivering the good news on behalf of Her Majesty was Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini to the league's leadership.

"The Queen Mother has sent me to present this gift to you as she promised earlier in the year. It will be a great structure and I am tempt-

ed to request an office space. She urges you to finish within the promised interval. Nkhosi! Ndlovukazi! Mhlekezi!" said the PM.

## Contribution

The money is a contribution towards the completion of construction of the structure which will also house the League's offices.

The Queen Mother had pledged E100 000 in April to the League when they went to bid her farewell after Easter services.

She said she was happy with the report that League of Churches' President Samson Hlatshwako gave about the construction stages.

"This contribution is my contribution so that the process is quickened and you indeed ensure that everything is completed. I shouldn't sit back and watch when something of this magnitude is constructed. There are also calendars for every Pastor present here today," said Indlovukazi then.

## Thank you for your prayers - PM

PRIME Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini has thanked the different denomination for their prayers.

He said it was important to pray for the country.

"We believe that there is so much peace in the country because of your prayers. I am happy to see that you are loved by Their Majesties.

"Pastor Moses Warren read a very profound scripture especially the part where it states that as much as many trust in different anchors including chariots, 'we trust in the Lord'," he said.

Warren added that even in the Old Testament Kings consulted with prophets. He urged the leaders to also pray for Their Majesties and adhere to their advice as they were anointed by God for the nation for such a time.

Moreover, Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruise' Ngcamphalala echoed the PM and said the country will prosper if Christians prayed.

## Praised

He praised the PM for the initiative of having monthly prayer meetings and pledged E1 000 to be collected by Mavovo Mkhontfo, the League's Secretary.

Meanwhile, Pastor Warren read the Bible in the book of Psalms. He said God will prosper Their Majesties and the nation to an extent of reaching the first world status by 2022.

He wished for the Prime Minister to work well with his cabinet so that Eswatini recovers from the ailing economy. He also urged the church leaders to pray for God's anointed and appointees by Their Majesties.

"We trust in God and only Him. May He scatter all our enemies as we come to them in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth!

Greater is He who is with us than the one in the world so we will conquer everything and be victorious," he said.

## Structure will be completed by Easters 2020

ESWATINI League of Churches President Samson Hlatshwako has promised that next year, the structure will be completed by Easter services.

He also asked the PM to thank Their Majesties for the kind gesture. He said God will bless and increase them as they continue taking care of their 'children'.

"We will put more effort towards the completion of this building. We also appreciate the fact that Their Majesties make promises and keep them.

We also thank Their Majesties for giving us a go ahead of constructing the offices here next to the national church," said the League's President.

Hlatshwako also appreciated Board of Trustees member Mavovo Mkhontfo for his immense contribution by assisting and even going an extra mile.



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## PLANNED POWER OUTAGE NOTIFICATION

Kindly note that there will be power interruptions on our electricity lines due to routine maintenance as per the following schedule;

DAY:	DATE:	MAINTENANCE BY (DEPOT):	AFFECTED AREAS:	DESCRIPTION OF WORK:	PERIOD:
Sunday	29 Sep	Stonehenge	Mbabane Government Hospital, Nurses Houses, Kia Motors, B3, Mbabane Burial, Cash Build	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Monday	30 Sep	Nhlangano	Jcjo	Transformer Uprating	10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	Mvakwelitje, Manganganeni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
Tuesday	1 Oct	Pigg's Peak	Maphalaleni, Bumeni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Manzini	Bulunga, Gilgal, Mphosi, Mhlaleni, Sibisisweni, Phonjwane	Service Connection	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Mhlume	Matfuntini, Njunjwini	Transformer Uprating	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Hluti	Siphambanweni, KaMathunjwa, Mpandesane, Matsanjeni Future Firm	Project Construction	9:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.
		Hluti	Ngolofweni, Mhlosheni High School, Mabhudlweni and surrounding areas	Line Relocation and Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Nhlangano	T-Junction, Casino MTN, Casino Hotel, Evelyn Baring Teacher's Quarters, Farmer's Training Centre, Makhukhula, Mayor Farm, Nsongweni, Mbangweni, Khiza and surrounding areas.	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.
		Madlangempisi	Milba Phansentsaba, Mantjonga, Esidambelweni, Enkhokhokweni, Ngawini, Elukhetseni, Ebhodlwane, Mbuluzi Barracks, Ejabulane, Emvelo MTN	Pole Replacement	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Sihlangwini High School, Sihlangwini Primary School, Emalaynini Lamasha	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
		Elangeni	Nsukumbili, Ntsintsa, Mdlunkhulu Primary School and surrounding areas, Sitseni, Kasiko, Ecasini, Mvutsini Ekula and surrounding areas	Reconductoring and Project Construction	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	PTS, Maqobolwane, Mpolonjeni, Shopping Complex, Umphakatsi, New Life School and surrounding areas.	Routine Maintenance and Reconductoring	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Wednesday	2 Oct	Manzini	Zakhele, Two Sticks, Lidwala, Skom and surrounding areas, Gundvini, Etindiladini.	Reconductoring	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Mhlume	Lonhlahane	Reconductoring	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Hluti	Mabheleni, Bhejisa	Underground Cable Installation	9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
		Madlangempisi	Maguga, Nyonyane	Project Construction	9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Mgangadvu	Underground Cable Installation	9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
		Nhlangano	Salem, Upper Salem, Magele	Transformer Uprating	9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
		Elangeni	Ngome, Masutsane, Mlangwe, Etangomeni, Nyonyane	Reconductoring and Project Construction	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	Thembelihle, Nqoboza Street, The Castle Hotel, Mbuluzi Water Pump, Beverly Hills,	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Siteki	Sigcaweni, Tjedze, Khuzwayo, Mabondweni	Gan Isolator Installation	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Thursday	3 Oct	Pigg's Peak	Mahebedla, Longadvumi, Lujingela, Majotini	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Manzini	Mdumezulu, Lwandle, Mahahheni, Sidzakeni, Sikheleni, selusekwane	Routine Maintenance and Golder Uprating	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Hluti	Part of Kanzameya, Dumako	Project Construction	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Nhlangano	T-Junction, Casino MTN, Casino Hotel, Evelyn Baring Teacher's Quarters, Farmer's Training Centre, Makhukhula, Mayor Farm, Nsongweni, Mbangweni, Khiza and surrounding areas.	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Hluti	Tindvulini, Somtombi, Mngayi Primary School, Mngayi MTN	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Pigg's Peak	Maguga, KaNcesi, Sibovini, Kufikeni Primary School, Kufikeni MTN and surrounding areas	Dual Line Stringing	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Partly Sinceni	Closing Span	10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Elangeni	Nkhanini below KaCalakancane, Nkhanini to Dip Tank, Sitjeni	Reconductoring and Project Construction	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	St Marks Area, Kent Rock Area, Ext 4	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Siteki	Mzilikazi, Kajezi, Ntamakuphila, Flame Tree Park, Siteki Town	Line Relocation	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Friday	4 Oct	Nhlangano	Phola	Transformer Uprating	9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	Mahebedla, Mbuluzi	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
		Siteki	Mkhuljane, Ndzangu, Bhumaneni, Njingameni	Line Relocation	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Sunday	6 Oct	Manzini	Manzini Catholic Building, Salesian, St Theresa, Fitness Zone and surrounding area	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

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# OF CHURCHES WITH E110 000

**PRAYER:** The Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini making his remarks at the E 110 000 gift presentation from Her Majesty the Queen Mother, yesterday at Lobamba National Church. He is flanked by the Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard Mabuza, Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David Ngcamphalala, ELOC President Bishop Samson Hlatshwako, Bishop Mavovo Mkhontfo and Thulani Dlamini. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)



**FOR YOU:** Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini presenting the 'gift' from Indlovukazi to Eswatini League of Churches President Bishop Samson Hlatshwako.



**INYANG'ENKULU:** Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala singing before welcoming the PM.

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## Man assaulted, stabbed by sister and nephew

A man who was assaulted by his sister and stabbed by his nephew can now rest assured that justice has been served, as the mother and son were on Thursday, convicted under the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act.

Jabu Dlamini and Sandile Sigudla pleaded guilty after they were charged with contravening the SODV Act, after they were found to have assaulted and stabbed Jabulani Dlamini, who is Jabu's brother and Sigudla's uncle. According to their charge sheet, the mother and son committed the offence on December 26, 2018 at eNyonyane in Ezulwini.

Evidence led by Jabulani stated that on the day of the incident, Jabu assaulted him with a broom after which, Sigudla then stabbed him with a knife three times. Jabulani sustained several stab wounds due to the assault. During their sentencing before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu last Thursday, the mother son duo elected to remain silent when they were given a chance to defend their case. In its closing submissions, the prosecution stated that by electing

to remain silent, the duo aligned themselves with the commission of the crime, and prayed that the court find them guilty without a reasonable doubt.

In mitigation, Jabu stated that it was not her intention to hurt her brother when she assaulted him.

"Your Worship, this incident should not have occurred in the first place. It was a mistake and I sincerely apologise to the court, and to my brother, for having assaulted him. I plead with the court to be lenient in my sentencing as I am unemployed, with five children who need to be maintained," Jabu stated.

On the other hand, Sigudla pleaded for leniency from the court as he stated that he was a very sickly man, who needed constant medical attention. Sigudla further informed the court that he was employed as a contractor, as he dropped out of school in Grade Six. After stating their mitigating factors, the court sentenced Jabu to serve 10 months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E1 000. Sigudla was subsequently sentenced to pay a fine of E3 000 and in default of payment, serve one year.

## 'SHE WAS UNFAITHFUL EVEN BEFORE MARRIAGE'

STORIES BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A man fully committed to his wife, was beyond heart broken, when he discovered that she had been adulterous throughout their marriage.**

This was revealed by Sibusiso\*, who was granted a final decree of divorce from his wife at the Mbabane magistrate's court on Wednesday. As the plaintiff in the matter, Sibusiso was represented by attorney Vusi Thomo of Thomo and Maziya Attorneys.

While leading his evidence in his application for divorce, before she deserted her matrimonial home, Sibusiso's wife explained to him that she made a mistake by marrying him, claiming that she had been in a relationship with her lover for too long to end their relationship.

The former couple are said to have been married on May 2, 2014 at District Commissioner's offices in Nhlanguano.

After the consummation of their love, the couple went on to establish their matrimonial home in Mbabane.

They are said to have lived there in marital bliss, until only seven months after they had been married, that Sibusiso

discovered that his wife was having an affair.

"My wife was a student at ECOT, where she resided during the week and would then come home on weekends. She started coming home less frequently and this was when I noticed a change in our relationship. When I confronted her about her shorter visits home, she would tell me to mind my own business," Sibusiso stated.

Sibusiso further led evidence to the effect that one day, when his wife left her phone inside the house and she left to braid her friend's hair, he decided to peruse through her phone to get to the bottom of her bizarre and distant behaviour.

"I perused through her social media accounts and found messages from her lover and when I confronted her, she told me that the messages wrote themselves. I knew then that we needed to fix what went wrong in our relationship," Sibusiso declared.

Sibusiso claimed that, as they were of the Jehovah's Witness faith, he was obligated to report his wife's adultery. However, such intervention by the church and their families proved futile, as his wife would be seen with her lover only a week after

pledging to change her adulterous ways. "That was when she informed me that she had been in a relationship with her lover even way before we were married. She claimed to have been so in love with him, so much that she could not bear to end her affair with him," Sibusiso recalled, solemnly.

Fortunately for him, presiding Magistrate Lenhle Zulu informed Sibusiso that the court was satisfied that the evidence he led before the court constituted adultery as grounds for divorce.

\*(Not his real name).

"I perused through her social media accounts and found messages from her lover and when I confronted her, she told me that the messages wrote themselves"

**A theft suspect was left amused after Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati revealed in court, that he used to be a smoker in his heydays.**

Sanele Dlamini appeared before the court on Tuesday, where he stood accused of stealing a driller.

When Magistrate Vilakati questioned Dlamini on whether he had stolen the machinery to feed his smoking habit, Dlamini responding to the negative, saw the magistrate beckon him to examine his hands, to determine whether there were visible dagga stains on his fingers.

When the magistrate noticed a telling stain on Dlamini's fingers, he revealed

## I used to be a smoker - Magistrate Vilakati

that he could never be duped by a 'closet' smoker.

"Dlamini, I used to be a smoker when I was younger so there is no way that you could ever lie to me and tell me that you do not smoke dagga.

### Result

That stain on your thumb is as a result of the 'juice' which is secreted when you have reached the remnants of the joint.

It stains your fingers and is a sign that you smoke dagga frequently.

This also suggests that you stole the driller with the intention to sell it to buy dagga," the magistrate revealed.

### Charge

According to his charge sheet, Dlamini was charged with the offence of theft, when he was found to have stolen a driller belonging to one Sibusiso Nkambule.

In his mitigation, Dlamini pleaded with the court to be lenient in his sentence when he claimed that he would change his ways and return to school, as he had dropped out when he was

in Form 2.

After hearing his mitigation, the court sentenced Dlamini to serve two years in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E2 000.

Half of Dlamini's sentence was suspended for a period of a year, on condition that he was not to commit a similar offence during this time.

**PRESIDING Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati .**



BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

## EU, World Bank help NDMA drought preparedness programme

**THE National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), is developing and implementing a national drought preparedness and resilience programme with the help of European Union (EU) and World Bank.**

This was done during a one day workshop which was held at the Royal Villas. It was attended by NDMA officers, Deputy Prime Minister's Office, EU delegates, and World Bank. It came about after recognising the need that Eswatini has to change the way it manages drought.

Thus, NDMA with the financial support of World Bank and EU, the Agency hosted the workshop which was aimed at sharing information on the country's drought preparedness programme.

It also afforded an opportunity for stakeholders to give feedback on a recent drought capacity and needs assessment, demonstrate the utility of a prototype composite drought index developed in partnership with the National Drought Mitigation Centre, demonstrate the cross-sectorial and multi-disciplinary nature of drought mitigation and planning.



**WORKSHOP: Nathan Engle Senior Climate Change Specialist with the World Bank Climate Change Group (CCG) and the Water Global Practice (GP) addressing the audience on Disaster Resilience. (Pics by Nonduduzo Kunene)**

It would also create a platform for collaboration for drought stakeholders and scientists to work together to develop national capacity for the sustainability

of a drought monitoring and early warning system in Eswatini.

The programme would focus on building resilience to increasing frequency and

severity of droughts. NDMA Chief Executive Officer Russell Dlamini said the programme would include developing a drought monitoring and early warning

systems, as well as developing a framework that will allow a comprehensive countrywide assessment of potential climate and disaster risks.

It would also explore the development of drought policies that focuses on risk reduction, complemented by drought mitigation or preparedness strategies and plans at various levels of government to improve coping capacity of the country and to manage drought and other related hazards and risks.

### Workshop

Dlamini said after the workshop, there should be an inter-linkage amongst relevant sectors and stakeholders for drought early warning, preparedness and long term resilience building.

He added that the workshop would enhance national data networks and information sharing and delivery systems for improves drought preparedness and drought understanding.

Dlamini said Eswatini was prone to recurring droughts that negatively affects the national food security, water availability and power generating leading to significant human suffering and loss of livelihoods.



# Bennett presents retiring principal with two cows

STORIES BY STARSKY MKHONTA  
Nhlanguano

**MBABANE businessman Walter Bennett has presented retiring Salem High School Principal George Dlamini with two cows.**

The businessman applauded Dlamini for the work he had done for the school since he arrived over 20 years ago.

The businessman was a guest speaker during Dlamini's farewell function held last Friday.

Bennett said he was impressed on his first visit to the school in 2000, where he had come to officiate in another function.

He said the cleanliness and tidiness of the pupils impressed him the most, adding that he found the country's flag hoisted within the premises.

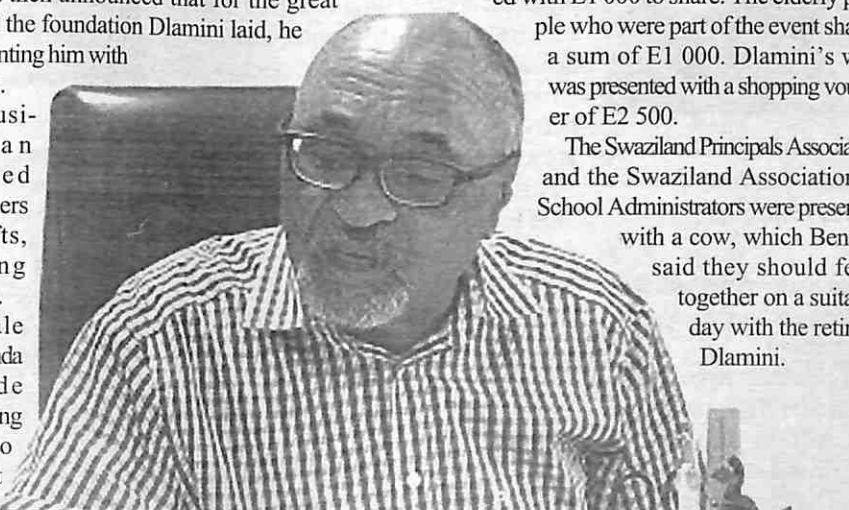
"I was around 44 years then and when I came here nearly 20 years ago, there were things I took into consideration. I have turned 64 now and I am still impressed. I vividly recall what really impressed me and 20 years down the line, I have found the school still sparkling clean. This is an indication

that under Dlamini, cleanliness has been a culture. I am told that apart from that, the school excels in the academic front, since 2000, it has managed to produce impressive results. We applaud Dlamini for that," said Bennett.

Bennett then announced that for the great work and the foundation Dlamini laid, he was presenting him with two cows.

The businessman showered many others with gifts, including hard cash.

A female pupil Ayanda Nsibandwe who is doing Form Two was almost in tears when



PRESENTS: Mbabane businessman Walter Bennett.

Bennett presented her with E1 000 for reciting a poem.

Another female pupil Simphiwe Zwane, who impressed Bennett in the Ummiso dance session pocketed E500. The Ummiso team was presented with E1 000 to share. The elderly people who were part of the event shared a sum of E1 000. Dlamini's wife was presented with a shopping voucher of E2 500.

The Swaziland Principals Association and the Swaziland Association of School Administrators were presented with a cow, which Bennett said they should feast together on a suitable day with the retiring Dlamini.

## Developing school required lots of sacrifice-retiring principal

**RETIRING Salem High School Principal George Dlamini says developing the school to what it is today has not been easy, it required sacrifices and commitment.**

"It has not been easy and I would like to thank everyone who made my stay a memorable one here. I should point out that what this school achieved in all the years I spent here has been a joint effort. It was not George or Mamba but all of you have been players in improving this

institution. For a leader to succeed, he must be supported," said Dlamini.

Dlamini added that he had to take hard decisions when he arrived in the school, which he said were necessitated by the vision he had.

### Worked

He said he worked with over five school committees while he was the principal, and they were all supportive, hence almost all the goals he had were achieved. "I arrived here and out-

lined my programme of action.

"I unpacked the vision I had and requested everyone to come on board.

### Support

"From pupils, teachers, support staff and parents with the community at large, all of you have been good to me and I am bowing out with my head high," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said he will always cherish the time he spent in the school.

## Immigration officer arrested for harassing female traffic cops

STORIES BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

**AN immigration officer has been arrested for allegedly harassing two female traffic officers, obstructing them from executing their duties.**

Sambulo Dlamini (32) who is based at Lomahasha Border Gate appeared before Acting Magistrate Cebile Ngwenya on Wednesday after he was charged with two offences.

On the first count, he was charged with contravening Section 11 as read with Section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007.

### Charge

According to the charge sheet, the accused person being a passenger in a Toyota Corolla sedan, it is said he wrongfully and unlawfully interfered with Constables Celimphilo Mkhwanazi and Teyise Nsibandze by grabbing a breathalyser while the officers were executing their duties upon one Samkelo Dlamini.

The accused person is said to have taken the breathalyser and threw it away.

On the second count, the accused person is charged with contravening Section 41 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act 67 of 1938. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully resisted arrest which was being effected on him by the two officers. Particulars of the charge included that he allegedly fought

## Maphungwane duo arrested for robbery

**TWO men from Maphungwane have been arrested for robbery, house breaking and theft charges, which they are alleged to have committed around the same area.**

Kwanele Ndzimandze (23) and Richardo Groening (28) appeared before Acting Magistrate Cebile Ngwenya after they were charged with three counts. Of note was that the accused persons have become regulars in the same court, as they usually appear for similar cases of robbery and house breaking. In the matter before court, the accused persons were co-charged with robbery on the first count.

They were alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully robbed one Nomkhosi Myeni of items valued at E2 800. The accused persons were said to have hit the complainant with a crowbar on the head, before threatening to stab her with a knife if she resisted to their demand. Fearing for her life, the

complainant gave in to the accused persons' demand. They managed to take away cash amount to E2 200 and a cellphone.

On the second charge, the accused persons are said to have broken into a shop of Thulani Matsenjwa and stole various items valued at E1 462.

On the third count, the first accused person faced a charge of contempt of court. He was said to have failed to present himself before court where he was expected to have a trial on another matter.

At the time of his arrest, the accused was said to have been out on bail following his previous arrest.

The accused persons were not asked to plead to the charges. In the meantime, the Crown filed an application to have the accused persons remanded into custody. Prosecutor Thobile Motsa stated that the rown was opposed to bail due to the fact that the accused persons were repeat offenders.

with the police and refused to be taken to the police station.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused pleaded guilty on the first count. He, however pleaded not guilty on the second count, saying he did not fight with the police. The Crown which was represented by Prosecutor Thobile Motsa filed an application to have the

matter postponed to a later date for trial. Motsa said the Crown was not opposed to bail. Upon consideration of the matter, the court ruled that the accused person be remanded out of custody on his own recognisance. He was, however warned not to interfere with witnesses. The matter returns to court on October 4 for commencement of trial.

## MPs offer to pay school fees for outstanding Swazi National pupil

STORIES BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI  
Manzini

**TWO Members of Parliament (MPs) have offered to pay school fees for a Swazi National High School pupil who received many awards at the school's speech and prize giving day.**

Siphelele Fakudze, who is in Form Three received the offer from Members of Parliament Robert Magongo and Nokunceda Bujela.

This was after Fakudze received seven awards of excellence.

He also got free wireless internet at his home in Matsapha, by the school's sponsor Jenny's Internet to be able to do academic research.

The parliamentarians said they were impressed with the awards the pupils had received, thus they decided to help him with his school fees.

"Tell your parents that they should not worry about next year's school fees, because we will handle all the costs," they added.

The event also saw former teachers that had played a role in improving the school being honoured. On that note, Principal Brian Dlamini said he was impressed with the pupils improvements in their academic work, and was confident to say that Swazi National would be amongst the schools that will produce the best results in the country. Dlamini added that parents should be proud of their children's achievements.



TO HELP: Member of Parliament Robert Magongo.

## Sec. to cabinet advises parents

**SECRETARY to the Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini has advised parents to enrol their children in fully accredited institutions of higher learning.**

Dlamini is a former pupil of Swazi National High School.

"Most parents want their children to be better than them academically, hence I acknowledge the sacrifices that you made," he said. Dlamini encouraged parents to support their children when they fail to gain entry into institutions of higher learning as only five per cent would be admitted into government supported institutions. He added that parents should ensure that they send their children to institutions that were fully accredited.



# Items worth E40 000 stolen

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

...as new Lubombo Mall broken into

ITEMS worth over E40 000 have been stolen at an Asian shop located at the newly-completed Lubombo Mall.

The Asian businessman has been left making speculations after his newly-established shop became the first one to be broken into at the mall which normally has three night-watchman on guard.

The shop was broken into at around 0057 hours on Wednesday.

Three men wearing balaclavas were seen through the closed-circuit television (CCTV) as they entered the mall. One of the men remained at the main entrance point, while the other two proceeded to the shop which is situated adjacent Boxer Stores.

Upon reaching the door, the two men off-loaded a brown bag which was carried by one of them.

A crowbar and another unidentified working tool were retrieved from the bag.

As seen on the CCTV, the two men started working on the door as they tried to force it open.

While still at it, the third man was seen coming from the main entrance, presumably to check if the door had already been open.

A few seconds later, the man returned



**CONFIRMED:** Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati.

to the main entrance to make sure that there was anyone coming to disturb their intended mission.

The door was eventually forced open, after the men used different working tools to open it. All three men are seen entering the door and starting to loot various items. The items which were mainly electronics, were loaded into a large black bag. The men proceeded and opened all available drawers, presumably looking for money. Interestingly, the men seemed to be in no hurry as they took their time walking around the shop, choosing the best

items and loading them into the bag.

They eventually left the shop after spending over an hour inside.

Speaking during an interview, the owner of the shop, Zahoor Ahmed said the break-in appeared to be a well-planned crime, which had been specifically meant to kick him out of business.

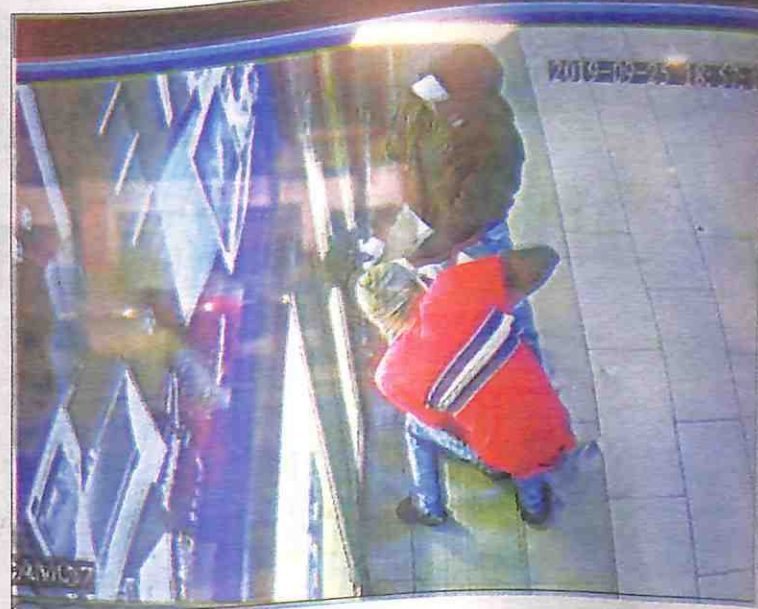
Ahmed disclosed that before this break-in, another shop which he operates within the town centre was also broken into about three weeks ago. "I strongly believe that I am being targeted by some people out there, who are also businesspeople," he said.

Furthermore, Ahmed said he was also left with questions on how the security guards were unable to notice anything while the thugs remained inside the shop for over an hour.

According to Ahmed, the break-in was eventually noticed by a newspaper driver who had come to make a delivery at around 4.30am.

The driver is said to have called one of the managers of the mall to report that one of the shops had its door open.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the break-in. Vilakati said police were investigating the matter, and there have been no arrests as yet.



**LOOTING:** The three men as shown by the CCTV cameras as they broke into the Asian shop within the Lubombo Mall.



## PROPOSED IMPORTATION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED MAIZE FOR COMMERCIAL MILLING

The Applicant:  
National Maize Corporation (PTY) LTD  
P.O. Box 1775  
Matsapha

Wishes to import genetically modified (GM) white maize for the purpose of commercial milling. An application for the "import for food, feed, processing and placing on the market" has been submitted to the Eswatini Environment Authority. Further information can be obtained from the office of the Biosafety Registrar at the Eswatini Environment Authority. Any person who wishes to object or comment to this importation of GM white maize for commercial milling may do within 28 days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Objections and/or comments should be mailed, emailed or hand delivered to:

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## WORLD TOURISM DAY 2019

*'Tourism and Jobs: A better future for all'*

# 'TOURISM AND JOBS: A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL'

World Tourism Day 2019- Official message by Minister for Tourism and Environmental Affairs

Minister Moses Vilakati

World Tourism Day is commemorated each year on September 27, with celebrations led by UNWTO.

Its purpose is to foster awareness among the global community of tourism's social, cultural, political and economic value and the contribution of the sector can make in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals. In 2019, in line with UNWTO's overarching focus on skills, education and jobs throughout the year, World Tourism Day will be a celebration on the theme *'Tourism and Jobs: A better future for all'*.

Tourism's role in job creation is often undervalued. This is despite the fact that tourism generates 10 per cent of world jobs and is included in Sustainable Development Goal 8 for its potential to create decent work.

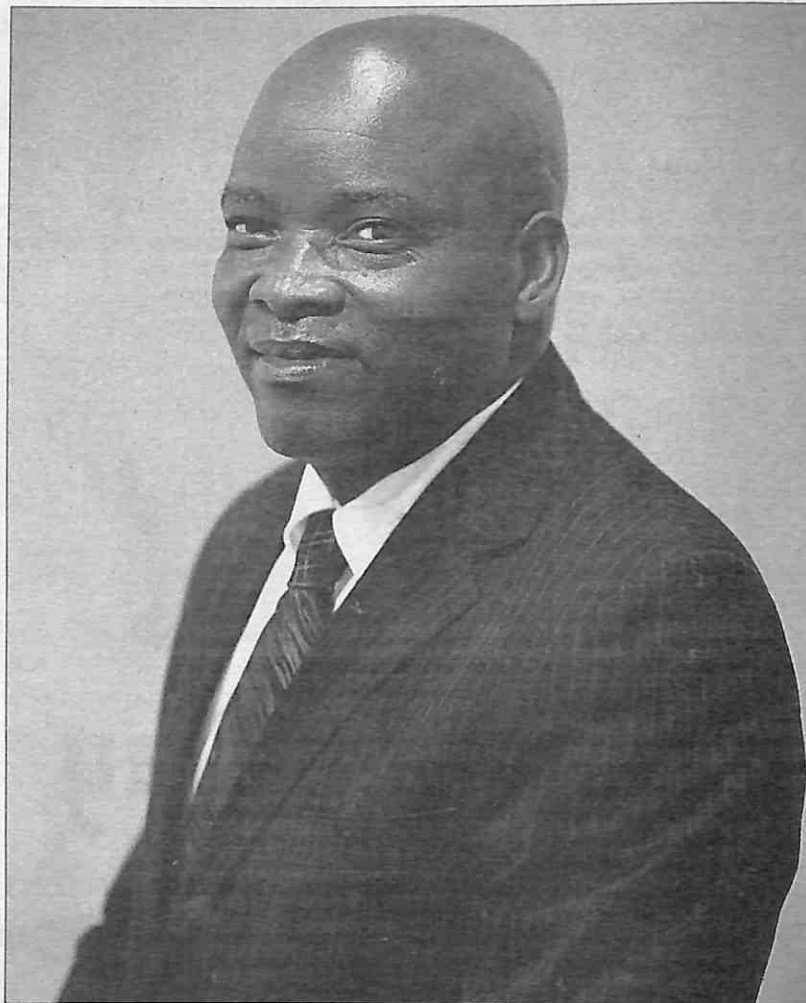
New policies are needed to maximise tourism's potential to create more and better jobs, especially for women and youth. New policies are also needed to reflect and incorporate ongoing advances in technology.

Policies and actions should be geared towards addressing the current mismatch between tourism skills that are taught and those that tourism employers need.

This requires a holistic approach to the future of work in tourism, with heightened cooperation between all actors, including the public and private sectors.

According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), global unemployment remains high, reaching more than 190 million in 2018. All sectors and countries, therefore, need to create the conditions for more and better jobs. Embracing new technology can play a key role in achieving this goal.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are now the major job creators in tourism. ILO research



shows that around half of tourism employees work in enterprises of fewer than 10 people, while around three-quarters work in enterprises of fewer than 50 people.

Tourism MSMEs are also an important source of innovation and economic diversification, helping to shape socioeconomic development in destination countries worldwide.

However, access to finance, prohibiting business regulations and inadequate skills are major constraints faced by all MSMEs including those operating in the tourism sector.

The tourism sector employs more women and young people than most other sectors. Women play a leading role in tourism entrepreneurship. UNWTO research shows that the global rate of women entrepreneurs in 'hotels and restaurants' (36 per cent) is comparatively higher than in all sectors combined (22 per cent).

Furthermore, tourism creates jobs in rural and remote areas, not only directly but also indirectly through the preservation and restoration of traditional activities.

Often it is one of the few viable economic sectors in these areas.

By providing opportunities for women, youth and rural communities in a variety of roles, tourism contributes to several SDG target areas surrounding empowerment of vulnerable groups and more equal and inclusive societies. More inclusion strengthens tourism's power to unite people across cultures in a celebration of diversity, increasing overall social resilience.



## The future of work

World Tourism Day 2019 - Official message by Secretary-General, UNWTO

Zurab Pololikashvili

Tourism can help us build a better future for everyone.

Around the world, the tourism sector is leading source of employment, supporting many millions of jobs and driving economies forward, both at the local and the national level.

At the same time, it is a catalyst for equality and inclusivity. In many places, tourism employment gives women, young people and those living in rural communities the chance to support themselves and their families and to integrate more fully into wider society.

The true potential of tourism, both as a creator of jobs and as a driver of equality and sustainable development, is only just being realised. Providing decent work opportunities and contributing to developing professional skills are at the heart of this.

Well managed, the continued growth of our sector will encompass countless opportunities and

allow tourism to live up to its global social responsibility to leave no one behind.

Not one single economic, social or human activity prospers in isolation.

For this reason, governments and stakeholders from the public and private sectors are increasingly working together to manage tourism in a responsible and sustainable manner and to ensure its enormous potential is properly realised.

Just as new technology is changing the way we travel, so too is it changing the way we work. Tourism is leading the way in providing workers with the skills and knowledge they need for the jobs of tomorrow.

Embracing this creative spirit, including through effective collaboration with partners in the technology sector and in academia, will drive the creation of more and better jobs.

As we celebrate World Tourism Day, let us recognise the transformative power of tourism. Together, we can realise tourism's potential to build a better, more equal future.



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'Tourism and Jobs: A better future for all'

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### THE FUTURE OF WORK

Creating and ensuring equitable employment is essential to increasing social inclusion, peace and security. The potential of every economic sector to provide decent jobs, should be utilised to its fullest.

The emergence of new technologies has led to the development of new forms of work that are rapidly changing production processes worldwide. This both provides opportunities for, and puts pressure, on existing employment, welfare and education agendas. Making the new wave of technological breakthroughs, as inclusive as possible will require considerable investment in training and skills for life and work. Everyone should have a chance to develop their full potential so as to benefit from the new technological era.

To do this we need to examine the impact of technological change on socio-economic growth, jobs and inequality. We also need to provide tools and skills to those who are looking for a job and to those whose jobs are at risk of automation.

On the occasion of its centenary in 2019, the ILO released 'Work for a Brighter Future: Report of the Global Commission on the future of Work'. This landmark report takes note of the forces transforming the world, technology, climate change, demography, globalisation, to call for a human-centered agenda for the future of work.

By placing people and the work they do at the centre of economic and social policy and business practice, the path towards growth, equity and sustainability consists of three pillars of action:

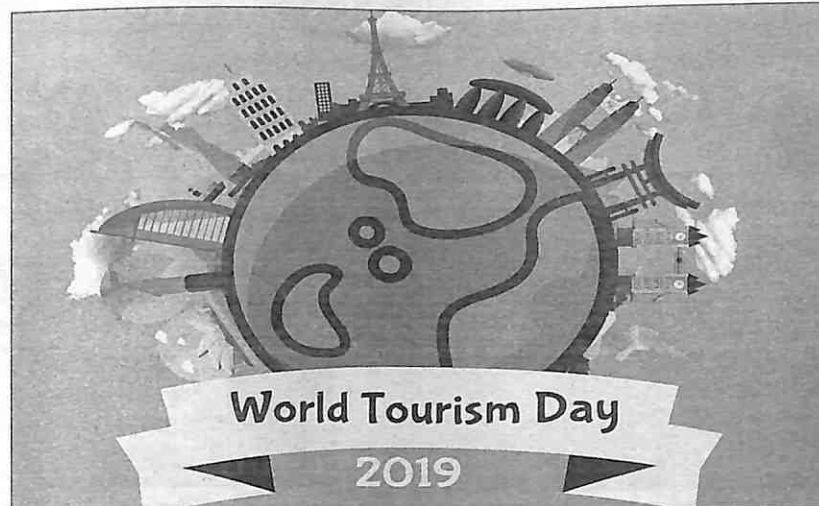
- Increase investment in people's capabilities
- Increase investment in the institutions of work
- Increase investment in decent and sustainable work

Tourism is a leading people-to-people sector, with growth rates outpacing world economic growth and international trade. It is one of the main global export categories and with such a high impact on human workforce, it serves as a natural ally of ILO's human-centered agenda for the future of work.

### TOURISM AND JOBS

Tourism is a major source of employment, because of its labour-intensive nature and the significant multiplier effect on employment in related sectors. It is estimated that one job in the core tourism sector creates about one-and-a-half additional or indirect jobs in the tourism-related economy. Overall tourism accounts for one in ten jobs worldwide.

The ILO estimates that 'accommodation and restaurants', together with 'private sector services', will create jobs at the fastest rate among all sectors in the economy over the next five years. Tourism has proven to be a resilient economic activity. In each of the seven years following the global economic crisis of 2010, the number of worldwide international tourist arrivals grew at



four per cent or above.

Tourism is a contributor to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a target in Goals 8, 12 and 14. The sector's contribution to job creation is specifically recognised in Goal 8, target 8.9. This state: "By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products".

Tourism's voice at the UN level is mirrored in other global development and policy fora.

The 26th Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government concluded in November 2018 with a high-level political declaration on sustainable development in which tourism plays a key supporting role. The commitment includes UNWTO as the designated global partner and marks the first time the tourism sector has been featured in a top-level multilateral cooperation agenda. More recently, the G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration from June 2019 singles out tourism's contribution to global economic growth and inclusive and sustainable development, "Tourism accounts for a significant share of the world's GDP and is expected to continue to be an important driver of global economic growth. We will work to maximise the sector's contribution to the creation of quality jobs and entrepreneurship, especially for women and youth in the creative industry, economic resilience and recovery; the preservation of natural resources through sustainable tourism planning and management and the achievement of inclusive and sustainable development."

However, despite representing 10 per cent of the world's jobs, tourism's role in employment generation and entrepreneurship is often underestimated and undervalued in policy formulation and implementation.

A mismatch between available qualifications and workplace reality is one of the major factors impacting tourism employment and talent development. The gap between education and skills/knowledge needs, and the resulting shortages of labour with 'future-proof' skills, continues to dent economies and harm job creation prospects. Moreover, tourism suffers from important challenges related to attracting and retaining talent and the improvement of working conditions.

### TOURISM JOBS AND THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

Globalisation, technological progress and demographic change are trends that, together, have redefined the tourism sector and how it functions. At the heart of our now hyper-connected, hyper-informed world is a digital-led revolution in markets, as well as in the demand for skills and the characteristics of tourism jobs. Recent years have seen the emergence of digital breakthroughs, including new platform tourism services (the so-called sharing or collaborative economy), big data and geo-localisation.

MSMEs key to decent work in tourism Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are now the major job creators in tourism. ILO research shows that around half of tourism employees work in enterprises of fewer than 10 people, while around three-quarters work in enterprises of fewer than 50 people. Tourism MSMEs are also an important source of innovation and economic diversification, helping to shape socioeconomic development in destination countries worldwide.

However, access to finance, prohibiting business regulations and inadequate skills are major constraints faced by all MSMEs including those operating in the tourism sector.

The main challenge related to MSMEs, then, is to create an enabling environment that at once improves their economic prospects, overcomes barriers to decent jobs, and ensures that MSMEs' economic activities are environmentally sustainable.

Promoting jobs for all in tourism – youth, women and rural communities

The tourism sector employs more women and young people than most other sectors.

**We will work to maximise the sector's contribution to the creation of quality jobs and entrepreneurship, especially for women and youth and in the creative industry**

Just under half (47 per cent) of people working in tourism are between 15 and 34 years of age, compared to a third (32 per cent) of workers in the tourism sector as a whole.

Women play a leading role in tourism entrepreneurship. UNWTO research shows that the global rate of women entrepreneurs in 'hotels and restaurants' (36 per cent) is comparatively higher than in all sectors combined (22 per cent).

Furthermore, tourism creates jobs in rural and remote areas, not only directly but also indirectly through the preservation and restoration of traditional activities. Often it is one of the few viable economic sectors in these areas.

The explicit mention of tourism in Goal 8, target 8.9 of the SDGs recognises its transformational potential on livelihoods and prosperity in rural communities, both through providing access to decent employment and through reviving traditional local industries.

By providing opportunities for women, youth and rural communities in a variety of roles, tourism contributes to several SDG target areas surrounding empowerment of vulnerable groups and more equal and inclusive societies. More inclusion strengthens tourism's power to unite people across cultures in a celebration of diversity, increasing overall social resilience.

Despite these benefits tourism provides, it must also address serious challenges surrounding employment for all of these groups globally: One is a large gender pay gap. In tourism, women are on average paid 20-25 per cent less than male workers for comparable skills. Women are often over-represented in non-standard forms of employment.

Women also suffer segregation in terms of access to education and training. Low-skilled women often find themselves in the most vulnerable jobs, at risk of poor working conditions, inequality of opportunity and treatment, violence, exploitation, stress and sexual harassment.

Temporary and part-time jobs are particularly common among women, young people, and the less-skilled who are employed in tourism. They can often lead to decent work deficits, including inadequate social security coverage, low wages and income inequality, and poor working conditions.

The tourism sector's variable demand cycle, with irregular working hours and unpredictable shifts, poses additional challenges for those (of any gender) trying to reconcile work and family responsibilities. At the same time, however, this flexibility may also provide opportunities to individuals wanting to combine a job in tourism

with another occupation.

### A POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR DECENT TOURISM JOBS FOR ALL

New policies are needed to maximise the potential of the tourism sector to create more and better jobs, while reducing the risk associated with an increasing skills mismatch.

There is a longstanding tradition of the tourism sector working in isolation from other key economic sectors. The way forward is for a more holistic approach to the future of work in tourism, with clear links to other sectors that are important for economic development.

The major ongoing changes and challenges around tourism employment require a new approach to skills development and education, policies for innovation and job creation.

### POLICIES SHOULD:

- Encourage the progress of innovation in tourism that fosters job creation and entrepreneurship, particularly among women, youth and rural communities, through;
- Establishing tourism innovation centres, incentives and programmes to connect start-ups, leading companies, investors and governments;
- Developing research on the changing demand for skills due to the digital revolution;
- Creating initiatives that promote innovation and technological skills development in tourism;
- Bring together educational institutions, the private sector, governments and technology partners to review educational programmes and help create the skill sets needed for future work opportunities, including soft skills;
- Further bridge the gap between available qualifications and workplace skills needed, by supporting opportunities for appropriate industry experience, such as internships or scholarships, along with specialised education and training;
- Include technology stakeholders in national tourism policy coordination structures and mechanisms, in order to ensure an holistic approach that accounts for innovation and job creation;
- Include tourism as a key sector in both national and multilateral agenda for employment, education and skills creation, and overall economic development, highlighting tourism's capacity to deliver on the objectives of creating more and better jobs.

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# SIBEBE RESORT

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*Sibebe Resort is said to be the best Swazi owned holiday destination lying adjacent to one of Southern Africa's most impressive geological features, the majestic Sibebe Rock. This immense three-billion-year-old volcanic slab rises to a height of 1,488m and covers some 16,500ha and is the world's largest granite dome.*

**Chalets** We have spacious thatched Chalets and our rooms have an African touch and a 5 star feel! They are designed to keep you warm in winter and cool in summer. We have rooms suitable for individuals, couples as well as families at very reasonable rates.

## Conferencing

The Sibebe Resort Conference Room can accommodate up to 200 delegates and is designed to meet all your conference needs. It is the perfect venue for weddings, meetings, team building sessions, seminars, training and workshops. A private function/dining area is made available to conference groups.

## Restaurant

Sibebe Resort offers an a la Carte menu (buffets on arrangement) with tasty breakfasts, light meals, pizza, sea foods, umgqembe and hearty dinners. An assortment of desserts is also available. Open daily from 07:30 until 22:00. This restaurant is very

suitable for corporate lunches/dinners, birthday parties, bridal parties, family gatherings, romantic dinners. A meal at Sibebe Resort is highly recommended

## VIP Lounge

For smaller groups (20 - 60) that want privacy our exclusive VIP area provides a stunning upmarket venue overlooking our pool area set up with a variety of beautiful couches and a dinner table. We have couches set up on the deck outside if you wish to be outdoors and enjoy the cool breeze by the pool side.

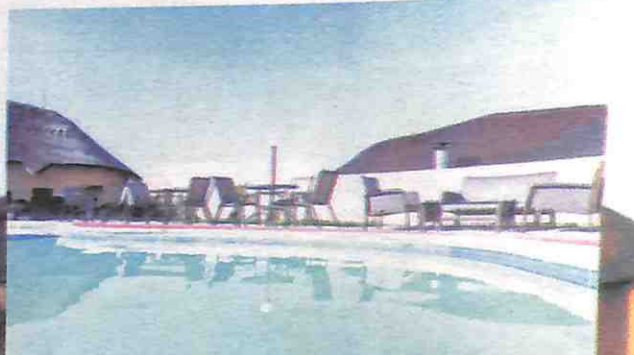
## Swimming pool

Enjoy our outdoor swimming pool which is located close to our conference center. To ensure that our guests continue to enjoy our pool despite cool climate that prevails at the resort, we have a heating system. Another huge swimming pool that will have water slides is under contraction at the back side of the VIP lounge overlooking the valley for stunning

views. This will be one of its kind in the country and it will be operational very soon.

## Conclusion

Sibebe Resort is indeed the place to visit this summer for a unique experience and best scenery. We invite all corporates to book their end of year parties with us. For Christmas and the entire festive season we are cooking something special that will suit all kind of people and we present Sibebe Resort as the destination of choice for people who know a good thing when they see one. We remain committed in creating employment for the local youth and women as we continue training and developing skills for the young people from local communities. We have also been helping the youth from colleges and universities through our intern program and some of and some of the youth who interned with us are now employed by the resort.



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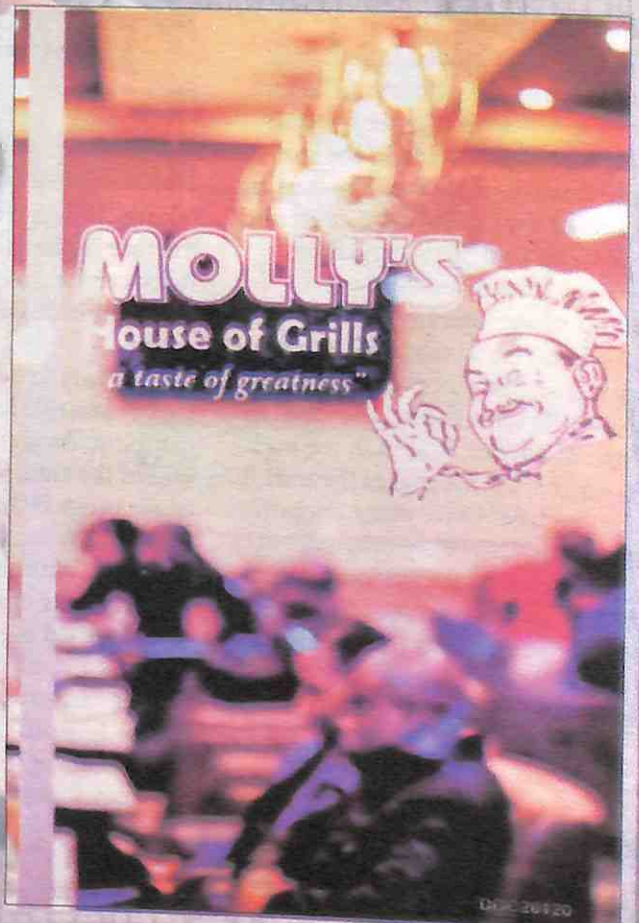
Molly's House of Grills is a classy restaurant that serves food of great taste. We pride ourselves with the best chefs in the country and assure your friendly service at all times. Molly's House of Grills is one of the consistent employers and offer decent employment opportunities to the local people. From humble beginnings Molly's has grown to be a recognised power house in the country's eatery and catering industry. That has been witnessed through the opening of new branches. Molly's House of Grills was established in Mbabane about 10 years ago and now has branches in Manzini (Riverstone Mall), Sibebe Resort and Mbabane (The Bridge Retail Centre).

The public has termed Molly's House of Grills 'The finest eatery in the city', and we have earned a good reputation on service delivery and good quality over the years. We use nothing but the freshest ingredients and we maintain strict quality control by producing most of all our food in-house. Only specialist products are sourced externally and, in such cases, only the finest suppliers are selected.

All our branches are suitable for corporate dinners/ lunches, family gatherings, birthday parties, bridal parties and we also provide outside catering services to organized groups, NGOs, weddings, corporate meetings, etc. We are the most reliable service provider

All our branches are well positioned for local and international tourists as the Mbabane branch is located along the main road from the city to the Ngwenya border post and tourists coming through Ngwenya border can sit for a meal at the restaurant before entering the city. The Manzini branch is at the biggest shopping mall in Manzini and very accessible making it very suitable for

both local and international tourists. Our branch at Sibebe Resort is actually at a tourists destination site and almost on the pic of the largest granite rock in the world. We are here to serve the tourism industry and we are dedicated in playing our role in ensuring decent employment through tourism and economic growth for the country.

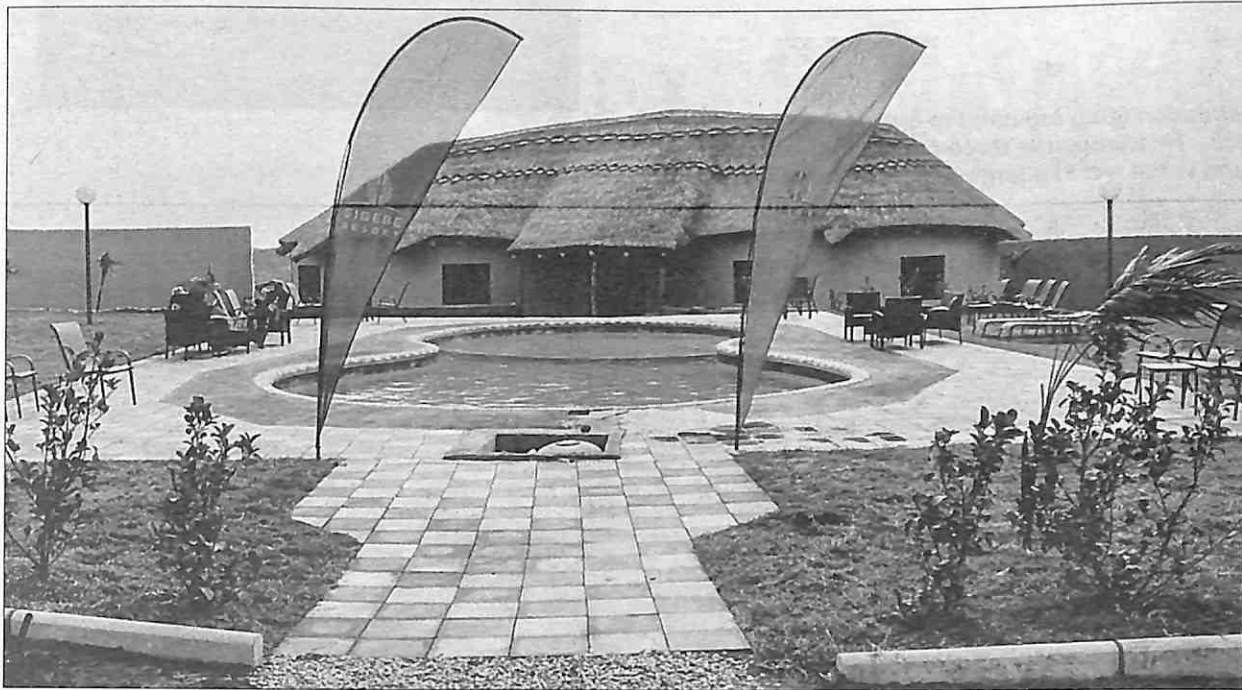






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# SIBEBE RESORT - THE DESTINATION OF CHOICE

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

The Sibebe Rock, located north of the capital city Mbabane, is one of Southern Africa's most impressive geological features and this therefore makes the Sibebe Resort arguably one of the country's must-see sights.

Here are some of the activities you can get up to.

### SIBEBE HIKING

The Sibebe guided hiking trail takes about four hours and is for people who want to keep fit and who are able to walk in the variable terrain of Sibebe. The starting point of the trail is at Mbuluzi and is a steep rocky trail which has several features to look out for such as cave paintings.

As you rise in altitude, the breathtaking scenery of rocky, smoky blue hills with the veld covered in a green carpet, is seen in the background and this makes the trail worthwhile. Once at the endpoint of the trail there are magnificent views open to the surrounding lowlands and parts of Mbabane can be viewed. On this trail there is a breath



taking cliff edge viewpoint, where the face of the majestic Sibebe Rock can be observed clearly and is a 20 minute walk from the resort.

On the way to this point is a rock shelter suitable for overnight camping. As you approach the end of the trail, there is a castle kopje range 30 minutes from the Resort is by far the richest in biodiversity. Within the piles of rocks are networks of small caves that were formed over thousands of years as a result of chemical weathering processes on the joints of the igneous intrusions. The Castle Kopjes are splendid for rock climbers.

### ADVENTURE CAVING

There are a series of caves found around the resort, however



40 minutes from the venue, are caves that have traces of human habitation such as rock barricades that were constructed to shield the inhabitants from the wind and wild animals. These caves are under very big rocks and there is an ecstatic thrill when entering into these caves.

### ADVENTURE NATURE WALK

The micro climate of Sibebe is cool and wet due to its altitude. During overcast and rainy days, wetness of the drifting clouds can be felt on the face as you move around.

Within the castle kopjes 30 minutes away from the resort, are dense forests of native and rare species. While on this jungle walk in the pristine forest the path has to be negotiated with the dense

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### CULTURE WALKS

Sibebe Resort is flanked by two rural communities and visitors are allowed to take walks in the villages, visit some homes and experience first-hand the Swazi way of life. Depending on the season, visitors will be given the opportunity to participate in the homestead activities such as ploughing, winnowing, weeding, fetching water and other rural activities.

### TRADITIONAL GAMES AND DANCES

Cultural preservation is the most important aspects that we want to encourage. You will be given the opportunity to experience traditional lolo negotiation simulation, folklores and storytelling, traditional craft exhibitions and lessons. As part of promoting Environmental ethics in fashion and design, we host Eco-fashion exhibitions where we reward young budding designers in their eco-friendly designs.

### BIRD TRAILS

This is a short and easy walk about 30 minutes away from the resort. The trail passes through shrub vegetation, scattered trees, pockets of thick bushes settlements and farms. The best season for this trail is between September and March which is the breeding season of most indigenous bird species.

### TREE PLANTING

Every visitor who visits the resort is given the opportunity to leave a mark in the Environment. We have a tree planting programme for the Sibebe Resort visitors, where each individual plants a tree and gets to name it during their stay. The visitor is encouraged to visit their tree

periodically. The trees planted are mostly the indigenous species of the area, as our aim is to afforest the ecosystem around the Sibebe Resort.

### ROCK ART SITE

Around the resort we have one rock art site which is about 25 minutes away from the Resort. This is by far the most valuable piece of archaeological evidence of the existence of Bushmen around the area.

### HIDEOUT CAVES

There are a series of hideout caves around the Sibebe area and one of these is about 25 minutes away from the resort. The opening of this cave is not very pronounced and it can be mistaken for a single large rock. The entrance is about 1.2 metres and you will have to crawl in and as you enter the space and it opens up to a height of about 2 metres covering over 300 square meters.

### SIBEBE ROCK SHELTER

This is a verandah shaped rock feature situated 30 minutes away from the resort. It is one of the sites where archaeological excavations were made and where stone age tools were found. People in the nearby homes respect this area and it is used as a ritual site for both traditional and religious ceremonies.

### QUAD BIKE SAFARI

The ride is on the undulating to rugged and can be done by anyone who is comfortable on the quad bikes which are provided for at the resort.

### TEAM BUILDING EXERCISES

Sibebe Resort is the ideal place for organisational team building sessions. They offer a wide variety of fun games, games that require team work, skill, individual effort, physical strength all tailor made to suit your group's needs.

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# Sun International Hotel and Casino - Eswatini's luxuriousness at its best

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

Eswatini might be on one of the continent's smallest countries, but it's a country with a lot to explore when it comes to tourism.

With the diversity and the unique variety of the country's tourist attractions, the Ezulwini Valley is known for its luxuriousness.

Located between breath-taking mountains and rolling plains, the Royal Swazi Sun Casino is one stop to enjoy excellent dining and entertainment options.

Seeing that we are already in the Spring season, a season that everyone looks forward to, where we finally say goodbye to winter with all your cold breezes and dryness and say hello to the sunshine and the trees coming back to life as they welcome the embrace of the sun.

There are more hours in a day which makes one even happier.

The temperatures are moderate and everything is ready. Spring is about coming out to play to party, in all spring is about delightful moments. This is the season on how to plan on how to spend your next warm months.

The Royal Swazi Valley is the best place to be during this season as it provides the highest level of best service to its guests. It offers breath taking views, fun and tranquility. You can enjoy their scrumptious buffet from their breakfast, lunch and dinner at affordable rate or order from their pool menu. It's mainly made of two Hotels, Lugogo Sun Hotel and Royal Swazi Spa Hotel and both hotel are minutes' drive from each other.

They boast of different activities which include golf, swimming, gym and spa, squash and tennis.

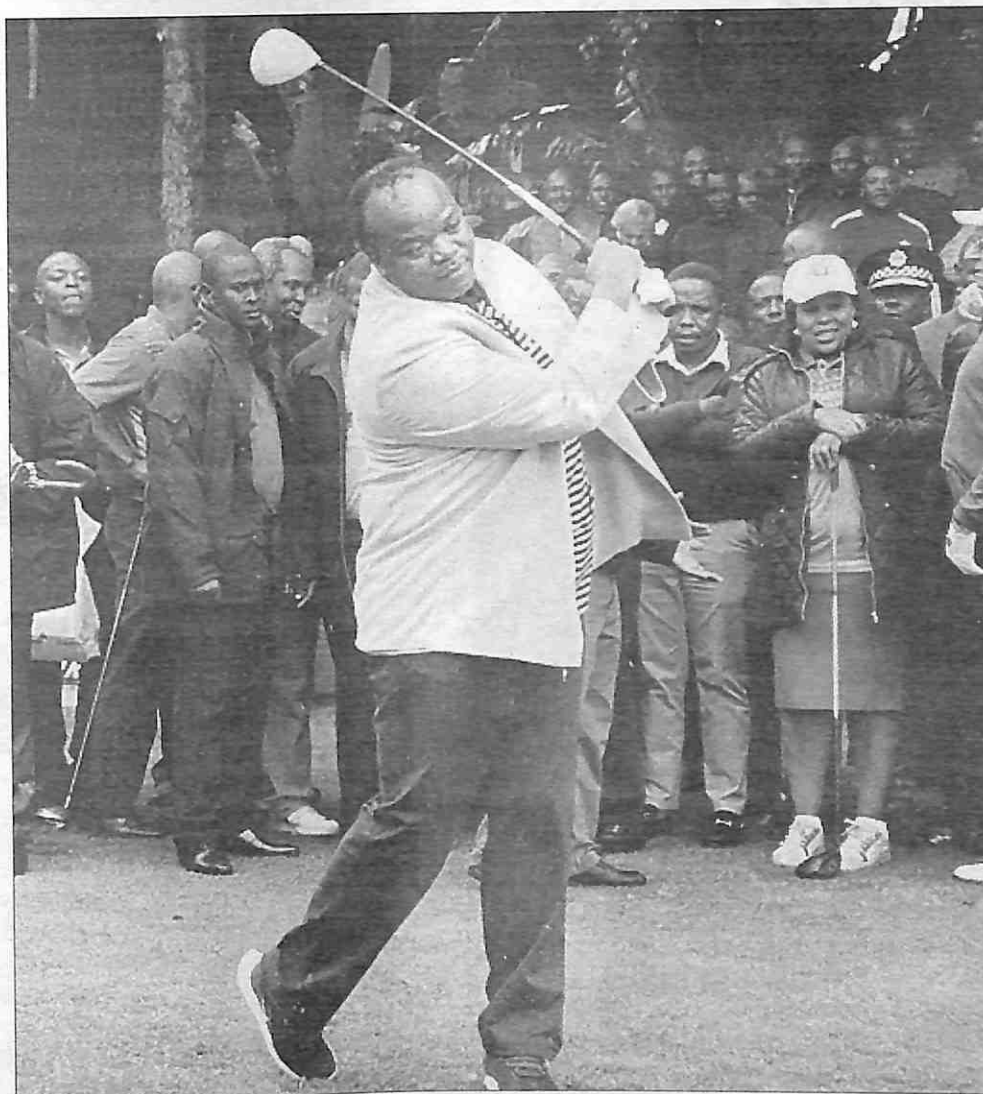
Created in the heart of the Kingdom of Eswatini the Royal Swazi Spa Hotel consist of The Conventions, large Banquets and International Golf championship.

The large spaces around the hotel, different types of trees and the scenery, including the pool and Jacuzzi and mountains gives you the thrill that you have arrived in the heaven of Eswatini.

The Lugogo Sun Hotel caters for different types of guests from individual, conference and as well as sports groups.

Breakfast and dinner is served at the Ilanga Terrace Restaurant with a live performances on Tuesday and Thursday at dinner time by

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the hotel pianist. You can also enjoy your sunny days outside by the pool and enjoy affordable pizzas.

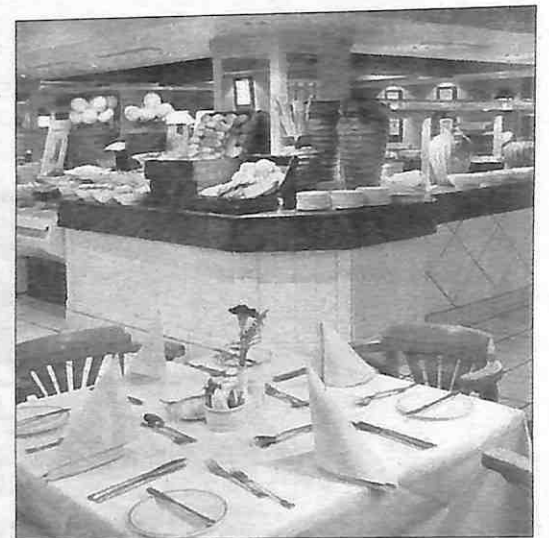
There is also entertainment for children every day at the Kamp Kwena where they can enjoy themselves with fun-filled adventures and enjoy swimming too under supervision of trained staff.

One of the country's most important sporting and tourism events are hosted at the

Royal Swazi Valley during this time, this being the King's Gold Cup.

This event attracts the best golfers in the region and has over the years grown from a sponsorship of only E350 000 to over E2 million with the latest edition.

This tournament is the brainchild of His Majesty King Mswati III, who always comes out to the greens for the tee-off as well as the official prize giving ceremony.



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# GLOBAL VILLAGE GUESTHOUSE ESWATINI

Global Village Guesthouse is the biggest guesthouse in Eswatini proudly with 34 astonishing rooms with different setups and sizes, with extensive facilities. It is tucked in the suburban area of Madonsa Township in Manzini and is very close to the Central Business District at 2km. It is close to Mavuso Exhibition Centre at 1.5 km away.

## ACCOMMODATION

Global Village Guesthouse, offers heavenly yet affordable B&B accommodation in Eswatini in 2018 as well as Self Catering. It is one of the modernized guesthouses in the country with 34 Executive, modern furnished rooms. The rooms are en-suite, decorated in style and exclusively furnished with fine fabrics and stunning paintings, equipped with air conditioning, DSTV, Wifi, Ironing facilities & Hair Dryer on request.

Global One Apartment has 14 incredible ensuite rooms with 22 beds, which are non-smoking and without balconies but from all the rooms one can have a remarkable view of the surrounding.

There is a Main Conference Hall, cozy Nile Bar, Restaurant, Kitchen, Swimming Pool and administration Offices. The apartment is located Phemphefwane Street, Madonsa Township.

Global Home is loved mostly by guests because of its serene and luxurious feel, it is 300 meters from Global One with 9 ensuite rooms, all tiled, located on Thomasdale street with One impeccable and luxurious king Suite ensuite with Jacuzzi, separate shower, well designed mirror finish dressing room, flat screen, mini bar fridge, a cozy couch. There are also 8 baronial rooms with two twin Double Beds in each room, very spacious and suitable for group bookings. Global Village affords complete privacy and total exclusivity, suitable for

- o A tourist base from which to explore our wonderful Eswatini
- o Travellers passing through Eswatini en route to Mozambique
- o Travellers passing through Eswatini en route to Kruger National Park
- o Businessmen and women requiring a serene and safe environment.
- o Family groups
- o Conference delegates

## ALL ROOMS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING

- Satellite DSTV
- Direct dial lines only at Global One
- Air conditioning
- Coffee and tea stations
- 24 hour room service
- Global Village affords complete privacy and total exclusivity, safe environment with a 24 hour security.

## OUTDOOR VENUE:

With its sparkling pool area, linked to the fully licensed a-la-carte restaurant, and the surrounding grassed terrace, this outdoor venue is suitable for weddings and private parties for large groups of people

## RESTAURANT

Our 34-seater restaurant is popularly known for its incredible and scrumptious pizza and many other dishes. There is an ala carte menu which is mostly for individuals or smaller groups and a buffet menu mostly for big groups. There is a variety of dishes suitable for parties, weddings and conferences.

Should one also wish to dine at our exquisite restaurant, there is also a breathtaking poolside area where one can relax and enjoy a twist of creativity and specializes in classic fusion cuisine and the mix of traditional African delicacies.

## BAR

Our Nile Bar is small, cozy and well-stocked bar complemented by friendly and welcoming bar staff. It is open for all our guests where one can relax and enjoy. The bar is accommodating with a great drinks' selection, great tunes playing in the background. Guests get to enjoy a full bouquet of DSTV channels on a big screen.

## CONFERENCE HALLS

The guesthouse has four amazingly, exquisitely designed conference venues of different sizes, which are suitable for small and big groups.

## CONFERENCE VENUES

- A 120-seater (main), 20 seater (bar conference), 30 seater (Global home), 10 seater (Global Two and 1 boardroom)
- o Well-Functioning air-conditioning
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### Prizes are as follows:

The campaign applies to individual cash customers purchasing return air tickets to any destination. Individuals who purchase RET/RT tickets within the stipulated time automatically qualify for the promotion. Runner Up Prizes will be announced at the end of each month.

Ts & Cs Apply

- ✓ **Main Prize:** 3 nights for 2 people sharing in Cape Town including return flights from OR Tambo Airport, airport transfers, all meals, Cape Point, Table Mountain, and Two Oceans Aquarium = **worth E15,000**
- ✓ **1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up Prize:** 2 nights for 2 people sharing in Sun City Cabanas Hotel including all meals, entry into the valley of waves = **worth E8,000**
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Prize:** 1 night for 2 people sharing at Hilton Garden Inn Mbabane including dinner and breakfast = **worth E3000**



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# PHUTFUMANI COURIERS AND FREIGHT SERVICES - THE ESWATINI BRAND

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Phutfumani Couriers Services focuses on customer satisfaction, which is achieved through the use of highly professional, experienced and customer centric staff, deployed to assist customers on their courier, freight, customs clearing and warehousing needs.

### Focus on Customer Service

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### Reliable and Transparent

With Phutfumani, you will not have to wonder about the treatment and safety of your items, our track record gives our customers peace of mind to be able to send us their parcels and know that they are in good hands.

This is possible through the proactive reviews of Phutfumani's policies and procedures to make sure that the company continuously positions itself to be the most effective and efficient

**“At Phutfumani we know nobody likes complicated or inconvenient services. That is why we offer our customers a variety of platforms to communicate with us and give us instructions concerning their deliveries.”**



courier service year in and year out.

Additionally, communicating openly with our customers and being transparent about their parcels is vital to us.

We actively communicate with our customers (and when appropriate their recipients), about their deliveries. Whether they encounter traffic delays, a mistyped address, or notifying them that their delivery has been completed, we share this information so that they are always aware where their parcels are until they reach their final destination.

### Ease of use

At Phutfumani we know nobody likes complicated or inconvenient services. That is why we offer our customers a variety of platforms to communicate with us and give us instructions concerning their deliveries. Customers can email, call our agents or visit us physically at Phutfumani Couriers or any Post Office across the country and give us instructions about their deliveries. Additionally, our tracking system helps our customers to track their parcels during the entire process and are notified upon completion, an effort to seamlessly fit into our customers workflow.

### Professionalism

Our staff members are uniformed, polite and have customer service top of mind.

With a fleet that consists of all types of vehicles to transport even large loads, we make sure that our vehicles are in good condition, clean and well kept, because businesses that use our services, not only view us as a service provider but as an extension of their brand.

We are able to accommodate customers delivery needs even on the busiest days because at Phutfumani we know that business does not stop at 17:00 hours and will be available to you after hours and on weekends to ensure that your parcels get to where they need to be, whenever they need to get there.

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- Special deliveries - Phutfumani Courier and Freight Services collect parcels after hours, public holidays and weekends on special request.
- Track and trace - Customers are able to track their parcels from point of collection to the delivery.
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- Contract customers can schedule for pick-ups and deliveries.
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- Track and trace for international deliveries.
- Cost saving and time saving

### INSURANCE

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### WHERE TO FIND US

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## ON THIS DAY

...SEPTEMBER 27

1779 - John Adams was elected to negotiate with the British over the American Revolutionary War peace terms.

1825 - George Stephenson operated the first locomotive that hauled a passenger train.

1894 - The Aqueduct Race Track opened in New York City, NY.

1928 - The US announced that it would recognise the Nationalist Chinese Government.

1938 - The League of Nations branded the Japanese as aggressors in China.

1939 - After 19 days of resistance, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered to the Germans after being invaded by the Nazis and the Soviet Union during World War II.

1940 - The Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis was set up. The military and economic pact was for 10 years between Germany, Italy and Japan.

1954 - The 'Tonight!' show made its debut on NBC-TV with Steve Allen as host.

1962 - The US sold Hawk anti-aircraft missiles to Israel.

1968 - The UK's entry into the European Common Market was barred by France.

1970 - 'The Original Amateur Hour' aired for the last time on CBS. It had been on television for 22 years.

1973 - US Vice President Spiro Agnew said he would not resign after he pled 'no contest' to a charge of tax evasion. He did resign on October 10th.

1979 - The Department of Education became the 13th Cabinet in US history after the final approval from Congress.

1982 - Italian and French soldiers entered the Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps in Beirut. The move was made by the members of a multinational force due to hundreds of Palestinians being massacred by Christian militiamen.

1983 - Larry Bird signed a seven-year contract with the Boston Celtics worth \$15 million. The contract made him the highest paid Celtic in history.

1986 - The US Senate approved federal tax code changes that were the most sweeping since World War II.

1989 - Columbia Pictures Entertainment agreed to buyout Sony Corporation for US\$3.4 billion.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Lil Wayne (Rapper)  
September 27, 1982  
(37 years old)



Simona Halep  
(Tennis Player)  
September 27, 1991  
(28 years old)



## WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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## PART I

## PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

*Short title and Commencement*

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Consumer Credit Act, 2016.

(2) This Act shall come into force on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires –

'advertisement' means any written, illustrated, visual or other descriptive material, communication, representation or reference by means of which a person seeks to bring to the attention of all or part of the public the nature, properties, advantages or uses of, conditions on, or prices of –

(a) goods to be purchased or otherwise acquired;

(b) any available service; or

(c) credit to be granted;

'affordable housing' includes any housing provided in terms of a housing scheme determined by the Government, low income earner housing assistance measure or any other measure or arrangement designed to –

(a) facilitate access to credit for housing or housing delivery in the rural community; or

(b) rehabilitate or upgrade existing housing stock, or related local authority infrastructure and services, for the benefit of low income earners and rural communities, low density populations and communities, or other persons who cannot independently provide for their own housing needs;

'agreement' includes an arrangement or understanding between or among two or more parties, which purports to establish a relationship in law between those parties;

'annual percentage rate' means the annual cost of credit prescribed as an annual rate in terms of section 39;

'arm's length' means a transaction where each party to the transaction preserves its independent ability to bargain and the parties have acted severally and independently in forming their bargain;

'Authority' means Financial Services Regulatory Authority established under section 3 of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority Act, No. 2 of 2010;

'collection costs' means an amount that may be charged by a credit provider in respect of enforcement of monetary obligations of a consumer under a credit agreement, but does not include a default administration charge;

'company or body corporate' includes a partnership or association but does not include luholiswane or group savings scheme;

'company or body corporate related to another company or body corporate' means –

(a) one of them has direct or indirect control over the whole or part of the business of the other; or

(b) a person has direct or indirect control over both of them;

'confidential information' means personal information that belongs to a person and is not generally available to or known by others;

'consumer', in respect of a credit agreement to which this Act applies, means –

(a) the party to whom goods or services are sold or otherwise acquired

under a discount transaction or hire purchase agreement;

(b) the party to whom money is paid, or credit granted, under a pawn transaction;

(c) the party to whom credit is granted under a credit facility;

(d) the mortgagor under a mortgage agreement;

(e) the borrower under a secured or unsecured loan;

(f) the guarantor under a credit guarantee; or

(g) the party to whom or at whose direction money is advanced or credit granted under any other credit agreement;

'consumer credit information' means information concerning –

(a) the credit history of a person, including applications for credit, credit agreement to which the person is or has been a party, pattern of payment or default under that credit agreement, debt re-arrangement in terms of this Act, incidence of enforcement actions with respect to that credit agreement, the circumstances of termination of that credit agreement, and related matters;

(b) the financial history of a person, including the past and current income, assets and debts of the person, and other matters within the scope of the financial means, prospects and obligations of that person, as defined in section 81(1), and related matters;

(c) the education, employment, career, professional or business history, including the circumstances of termination of any employment, career, professional or business relationship, and related matters of a person; or

(d) the identity, including the name, date of birth, identity number, marital status and family relationships, past and current addresses and other contact details, and related matters of a person;

'continuous service' means the supply for consideration of a utility or service, other than credit or access to credit, or the supply of such a utility or service combined with the supply of any goods that are essential for the utilisation of that utility or service by the consumer, with the intent that, so long as the agreement to supply that utility or service remains in force, the supplier will make the service continuously available to be used, accessed or drawn upon –

(a) from time to time as determined by the consumer; and

(b) with any frequency or in any amount as determined, accessed, required, demanded or drawn upon by the consumer, subject only to any total use or cost limits set out in the agreement;

'court' means the Magistrate's Court established in terms of the Magistrate Court Act, 1938 or a Small Claims Court established in terms of the Small Claims Court Act, 2012;

'credit', when used as a noun, means –

(a) a deferral of payment of money owed to a person, or a promise to defer such a payment; or

(b) a promise to advance or pay money to or at the direction of another person;

'credit agent' means a person licensed as a credit agent under section 71;

'credit agreement' means an agreement defined in section 20 of this Act;

'credit bureau' means a person licensed as a credit bureau under section 66;

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'credit facility' means an agreement by a credit provider and a consumer pursuant to a credit agreement between the credit provider and the consumer to supply goods or services or grant credit to the consumer at any time the credit is needed by the consumer and either to –

(a) defer the obligations of the consumer to pay any part of the cost of goods or services, or to repay to the credit provider any part of an amount granted to the consumer; or

(ii) bill the consumer periodically for any part of the cost of goods or services, or any part of an amount granted to the consumer; and

(b) charge a fee or interest payable to the credit provider in respect of the deferred amount or billed amount not paid within the time provided in the agreement.

'credit guarantee' means an agreement in terms of that agreement, a person undertakes or promises to satisfy upon demand any obligation of another consumer in terms of a credit facility or a credit transaction;

'credit insurance' means an agreement between an insurer, on one hand, and a credit provider or a consumer or both, on the other hand, in terms of which the insurer agrees to pay a benefit upon the occurrence of a specified contingency, primarily for the purpose of satisfying all or part of the liability of a consumer to the credit provider under a credit agreement as at the time that the specified contingency occurs, and includes –

(a) a credit life insurance agreement;

(b) an agreement covering loss of or damage to property; or

(c) an agreement covering –

(i) loss or theft of an access card, personal information number or similar device; or

(ii) any loss or theft of credit consequential to a loss or theft contemplated in subparagraph (i);

'credit institution' means a credit provider licensed to provide credit in terms of this Act;

'credit life insurance' includes cover payable in the event of death, disability, terminal illness, loss of employment of the consumer, or other insurable risk that is likely to impair the ability of the consumer to earn an income or meet the obligations under a credit agreement;

'credit provider' means a person licensed as a credit provider under section 63;

'credit' means an agreement in terms of which payment of an

amount owed by one person to another is deferred, and any charge, fee or interest is payable to the credit provider in respect of –

(i) the agreement; or

(ii) the amount that has been deferred;

'debt counselling services' means the financial service of –

(a) evaluating a consumer for over-indebtedness;

(b) assisting the parties to a credit agreement to develop and agree on a plan to bring payments under a credit agreement up to date when a consumer is in default;

(c) assisting a consumer to achieve a re-arrangement of one or more obligation under a credit agreement; and

(d) negotiating on behalf of a consumer with a credit provider on re-payment terms under a credit agreement;



# BUSINESS UPDATE

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## SBC Ltd revenue up by 12% increases to E142m

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE SBC Limited Financial services retail group Revenue as of June 30 2019, grew by 12 per cent, increasing to E142 million from E127 million collected in June 2018.

SBC Limited is an investment holding company offering retail financial services through its subsidiaries.

According to the SBC Limited and Subsidiaries Group Results for the six months released by the Eswatini Stock Exchange (ESE), the growth was driven by the equivalent growth in the loan book, but a 0.5 per cent decline in yield in the Eswatini regions was offset by an increased contribution from the higher yielding Lesotho loan book which now comprises 29 per cent of the overall loan book compared to 23 per cent in the prior equivalent period.

The Group's financial review show that SBC increased its level of disbursements to E215m from E158 recorded in 2018.

Disbursements, net of rollovers, in Eswatini amounted to E127m from E96m in 2018, a 32 per cent increase over the equivalent prior period ("prior period") mainly due to the introduction of the high net worth individual product and the extension of the maximum loan term to 72 months.

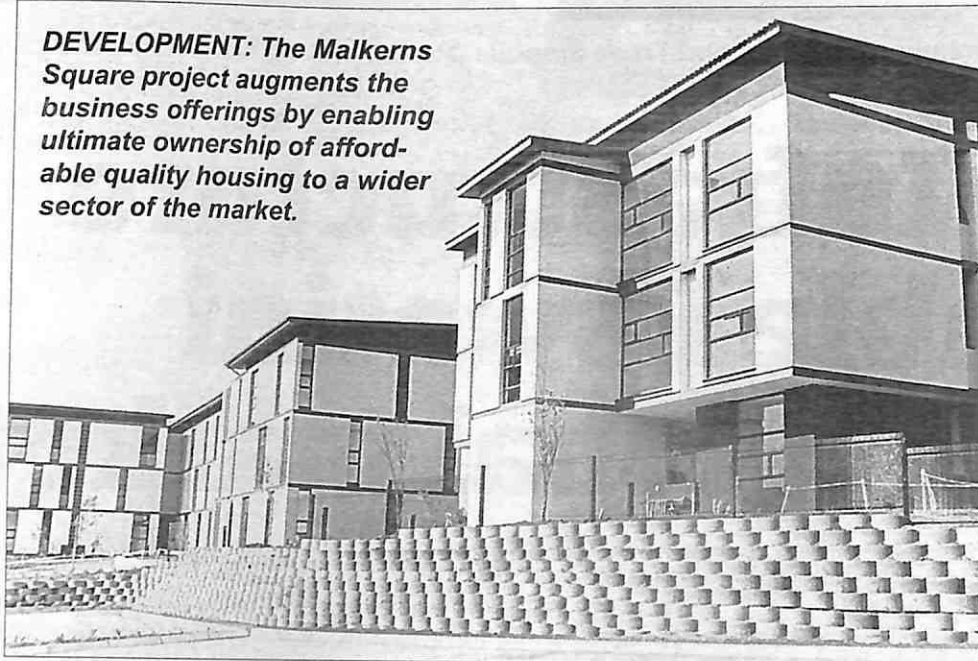
The result was that the average gross loan book grew by 12 per cent over the average gross loan book in the equivalent period to 30 June 2018, in the prior year.

On the other hand, the review highlighted that, in Eswatini, operating costs were up only one per cent. This was in part due to a strong collections performance over the period which improved the book ageing and allowed provisioning levels to reduce. Other costs were contained within inflationary levels.

"Finance costs at E77m from E67m increased by 15 per cent over the prior period and predominately arose from interest on notes issued under the listed medium term note program and other promissory notes issued by subsidiary, Select Limited

"If one carves out the interest costs relating to the housing project, finance costs reduce to E71m, an increase of 9 per cent over the prior year which can be attributed to the aggregated impact of the loan book growth, a decline in the average cash

**DEVELOPMENT:** The Malkerns Square project augments the business offerings by enabling ultimate ownership of affordable quality housing to a wider sector of the market.



and related party balances and the interest rate environment which has been relatively steady," reads part of the statement.

It also showed that profit before tax declined by three per cent over the prior period to E27m from E28m in the previous year.

The overall result is that earning per share for the six months to June 2019 was unchanged from the prior year equivalent period at 20 cents. The statement of changes in equity included a E207k adjustment in the current year relating to the adoption of IFRS16: Leases.

**Malkerns represents the Group's initial step towards fulfilling this social need as a first world living standards development that meets the demands of the modern family and homeowner.**

The report further noted that the SBC continued to deliver on its strategic intent by evolving its value proposition, products and financial solutions to suit stakeholder expectations. This value proposition targets the retail sector in both the Kingdoms of Eswatini and Lesotho where they trade under the "Select" and "Lesana" franchises respectively.

"These financial solutions are predominately incremental housing loans, but the wider product suite incorporates education and consumer loans, all structured towards improving the livelihood of our clients, their families and the broader Eswatini and Lesotho communities.

It was also highlighted that the Malkerns Square project ("Malkerns") augments the business offerings by enabling ultimate ownership of affordable quality housing to a wider sector of the market. "Malkerns represents the Group's initial step towards fulfilling this social need, as a first world living standards development that meets the demands of the modern family and homeowner. The development will also incorporate a retail centre whose construction will commence shortly. The retail centre will incorporate a supermarket, a pharmacy, a notable brand fast food outlet, together with certain other supporting line shop offerings complimentary to the Malkerns residential offering," it read.

## UNESWA awards two companies with over E400 000 tender

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE University of Eswatini (UNESWA) has awarded two companies with a tender contract worth over E400 000.

The precise amount of the tender is E471 890 respectively and the two companies to be sharing this tender are Manyatsi Nhleko (PTY) LTD who received a tender worth E304 290 and Swaziland Consulting Engineers who received a tender worth E 165 600.

This is according to the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPPRA)

Name	Nationality	Proposed Contract Sum INCL. VAT over 3 years	Total Evaluated Score (%)
Manyatsi Nhleko (PTY) LTD	Swati	E304 290	100 percent
Swaziland Consulting Engineers	Swati	E165 600	100 percent

which stated that the company was awarded the tender in terms of section 45 of the Public Procurement Act No. 7 of 2011 (the Act), following a competitive bidding process.

Both these companies are local and have been tasked with quantity surveying and engineering services for UNESWA.

In bidding for the contract, the companies received an evaluation score of 100 per cent and were up against five other Eswatini companies. These are Ngwenya Wonfor & Associates, Quantec, Ed Simelane and Associates, ITML Consulting Engineers and Ma Consulting Engineers.

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### VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 26 SEP 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.9898	15.0398
British Pound/SZL	18.5341	18.5959
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.1577	7.1796
Swiss France/SZL	15.1244	15.1672
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3566	1.3716
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1211	10.1563
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.3113	11.3456
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.4183	16.4730
Gold	1,508.7975	
Oil	63.3	

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**REMARKS:** Acting PS in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Singizile Dlamini making his remarks at Sibane Hotel yesterday, while the Taiwanese delegation looks on.

# Quality Infrastructure to enable Eswatini compete in global market

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

AN internationally recognised quality infrastructure is important for the Kingdom of Eswatini, because it will enable the business community to compete fairly on the global markets.

The assertion was made by Acting Principal Secretary (PS) Singizile Dlamini in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade during the wel-

coming of the Taiwanese delegation at Sibane Hotel yesterday.

The main purpose of this visit is to build technical capacity in the areas of standardisation, metrology, accreditation and inspection. The team will also be conducting a series of trainings for the Quality Institutions personnel and Industry at large.

The PS said the technical assistance from Taiwan was very important to Eswatini, because the Quality Infrastructure here was still in its infan-

cy and needs to be developed up to the level where it can be competitive and comparable with the international best models.

## Delegation

"I understand that you are a third delegation to come to the Kingdom since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the area of Quality Infrastructure Development, between the Ministry of Economic Cooperation through the Bureau of Standardisation, Metrology and

Inspection (BSMI) of the Republic of China on Taiwan and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, through the Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID) Department in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

"I hope that during this technical visit the delegation from Taiwan and the various Quality Infrastructure Institutions of Eswatini will have time to deliberate on how the activities that are covered in the Cooperation, will complement the Economic Cooperation

Agreement which was recently signed between the Kingdom of Eswatini and The Republic of China on Taiwan," he said. He said these activities were envisaged to assist Eswatini businesses to comply with international standards, hence help them benefit from the Economic Cooperation Agreement amongst other agreements. "May I take this opportunity to extend my greatest appreciation for the technical assistance that the Republic of China on Taiwan is rendering to the Quality Institutions in the Kingdom of Eswatini and hope that this will continue to happen," he said.

The delegation comprises Yi-Shen HUNG, Deputy Director Li-Yuan YANG, Section Chief, Tsung-Hsing HSIEH, Secretary, Shun-Chieh LEE, Associate Technical Specialist Chia-Chien YU, Officer Pu-Hsien LI, Deputy Director, Ho Hsun CHIN, Accreditation Officer, Ming-Chao HSIEH, Accreditation Officer, Shu-Fei TSAI, Senior Researcher, Jr-Rung CHEN Engineer.

## Farmers applaud Seed Potato Production Project

BY BAHLE GAMA

FARMERS from all over the country applauded and praised the Seed Potato Production Project after taking a tour at the Malkerns Research Center on Wednesday.

The seed potato program is sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and Taiwan International Cooperation Development Fund (ICDF).

Interviewed during the field day the farmers expressed delight in acquiring more knowledge in the production of potato seeds and its availability in the country, as they have been importing these seeds from neighbouring countries.

The farmers also disclosed that they would be farming potatoes in the next farming season as it was now convenient for them to purchase the seeds within the Kingdom.

This is what some of the farmers had to say:

**1. Velenkhosi Dlamini (25) Vegetable farmer from Nkhungiwini.**

"As a young farmer I am very pleased with what I have seen during the tour and has helped me to know about potatoes, as I only knew that potato farming did not exist in the country, we were only importing potatoes. Seeing



**INTERVIEWEES:** Velenkhosi Dlamini, Nora Mhlanga and Gcinaphi Malinga.

that the seed production to the end product, is all done here in Eswatini is amazing.

Our soil is not suitable for a lot of crops as it is quite acidic and requires manure and other stabilising elements, but it turns out it is very good for potato farming as none of those elements are needed the most to purify the soil, hence when the next farming season comes I will ensure to plant potato

seeds. I am very sure that potato imports are costly to government, so it would help a great deal if we farmers produce them in the country as they will also have value and also generate income for us internally to an extent that we could end up exporting the potatoes."

**2. Nora Mhlanga (63) Maize and Rice farmer from Emvembili**

"I have recently just begun the pota-

to farming, however, I am facing a lot of challenges in terms of farming ware. Government has provided us with land but my major challenge is the availability of tractors to help assist with the farming.

Today I have learnt a lot about potatoes and the process that is undergone to produce the best seeds for us as Emaswati, meaning that it will be very convenient for us as farmers to pur-

chase these seeds without the hassle of travelling longer distances, compared to when we have to travel way past the borders.

We are very grateful to Taiwan and the ministry for such an initiative.

**3. Gcinaphi Malinga (36) Potato Farmer at Ngwempisi**

"We have recently started farming potatoes and we are a group of five. We began in March with the assistance of an extension officer, however one of us retired and there was only four of us left in the scheme.

This project is very helpful to us farmers as everyone knows that potatoes are more like a stable food in the country now.

The Republic Of China in Taiwan and the ministry of agriculture helped us a lot by providing us with information and farming equipment like trucks until harvesting time.

Today's field tour has encouraged us to work hard and now we know that we are on the correct path to improve ourselves and the country's economy. One of the major challenges that we faced so far was that our farm manager resided far which inconvenienced a lot of things and we hope it will be sorted.

As much as Taiwan is putting tools down in the project we are grateful for bringing it to the country and we hope that the ministry will continue assisting us as farmers".





# SBC Limited and Subsidiaries

## Group Results

for the six months ended 30 June 2019

(Incorporated in the Kingdom of Eswatini  
Reg. No. 473 of 2011)  
ISIN Code: SZEE00031031 Share Code: SBC  
Listed on the Eswatini Stock Exchange

### INTRODUCTION

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The Malkerns Square project ("Malkerns") augments the business offerings by enabling ultimate ownership of affordable quality housing to a wider sector of the market. Malkerns represents the Group's initial step towards fulfilling this social need as a first world living standards development that meets the demands of the modern family and homeowner. The development will also incorporate a retail centre whose construction will commence shortly. The retail centre will incorporate a supermarket, a pharmacy, a notable brand fast food outlet, together with certain other supporting line shop offerings complimentary to the Malkerns residential offering.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

SBC increased its level of disbursements to E215m (2018: E158m) for the period due to disbursements in Lesotho which grew to M89m (2018: M42m) on the back of sales infrastructure expansion both through new offices and the benefits of the mobile loan acquisition system. Disbursements (net of rollovers) in Eswatini amounted to E127m (2018: E96m), a 32% increase over the equivalent prior period ("prior period") mainly due to the introduction of the high net worth individual product and the extension of the maximum loan term to 72 months. The result was that the average gross loan book grew by 12% over the average gross loan book in the equivalent period to 30 June 2018 in the prior year.

Revenue grew by 12% to E142m (2018: E127m) driven by the equivalent growth in the loan book but a 0.5% decline in yield in the Eswatini regions was offset by an increased contribution from the higher yielding Lesotho loan book which now comprises 29% of the overall loan book compared to 23% in the prior equivalent period.

Operating expenses increased by 7% to E61m mainly due to a 23% cost escalation in Lesotho to support a 46% escalation in revenue in that region. In Eswatini operating costs were up only 1%. This is in part due to a strong collections performance over the period which improved the book ageing and allowed provisioning levels to reduce. Other costs were contained within inflationary levels. Other income reduced by 6% to M23m as a result of the relative levels of cash and amounts due by related parties during the period.

Finance costs at E77m (2018: E67m) increased by 15% over the prior period and predominately arose from interest on notes issued under the listed medium term note program and other promissory notes issued by subsidiary, Select Limited. It also carries out the interest costs relating to the housing project, finance costs reduce to E71m, an increase of 9% over the prior year which can be attributed to the aggregated impact of the loan book growth, a decline in the average cash and related party balances and the interest rate environment which has been relatively steady.

Profit before tax declined by 3% over the prior period to E27m (2018: E28m). Excluding the housing segment where the valuation is an annual event, profit before tax increased 11% to E34m (2018: E31m) mainly as a result of a 56% increase in profit before tax in Lesotho.

The overall result is that earning per share for the six months to June 2019 was unchanged from the prior year equivalent period at 20 cents. The statement of changes in equity included a E207k adjustment in the current year relating to the adoption of IFRS16: Leases.

### OPERATIONAL REVIEW

The Group has continued its measured expansion drive towards capturing wider distribution channels to the identified client base. The loan management system (ILS) with its mobile capability and flexibility has enabled the delivery of product remotely to our clients, without having to capacitate through additional brick and mortar. The system's capabilities incorporate segmentation, product suiting and flexibility of products and solutions tailored to our client's needs. This has also brought with it improved management controls and collections capacitation, whilst maintaining compliance, market and regulatory expectations.

Economic environments have seen tightening, especially within the Eswatini jurisdiction, whilst in Lesotho, the improved infrastructure has seen improved sales performance and increased market penetration and visibility for the Lesana brand. Housing remains a key focus area for the Group with the first 54 residential units in the process of being rented. The sentiment from the market is very positive and the momentum of the uptake of these units is set to improve. The construction of the next 93 units is steadily progressing and the staggered completion of these units is expected to unfold from the end of 2019.

### PROSPECTS

The Malkerns Square development is beginning to generate new and alternate revenue streams with the completion of the initial 54 units. Additionally, the soon to be completed 93 units will attract a new and diversified clientele. Furthermore, the commencement of the construction of the retail centre will bring demand and increased opportunity. Of the 93 units under construction, the Group is intent on offering some of these units to the market for sale under the recently launched Sectional Titles Act, thereby creating enabling financial solutions to qualifying clients through Select. The retail centre is also expected to be open for business by beginning of second quarter of 2020.

The Lesana business continues to improve its growth leveraging its infrastructure and the Group remains intent on capitalising on this opportunity to grow the loan book in that jurisdiction. This is complemented by a collaboration with Habitat for Humanity which provides added value services to our housing loan clients.

With the formal lender institutions, continually finding inroads into the wider retail loans market competition continues to increase. The need to evolve internally therefore, remains critical to the ongoing sustainability of this business, as supported through our mobile offering which offers an interim advantage. This coupled with periodic product reviews and a number of planned system enhancements are key components to addressing the ever-changing business environment.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The white set of the condensed interim financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2019 have been reviewed by KPMG Chartered Accountants (Swaziland), who have expressed an unmodified review conclusion. A copy of the unreviewed auditor's review report is available for inspection at the company's registered office together with the condensed financial statements identified in the auditor's report.

The auditor's review report does not necessarily report on all of the information contained in this announcement. Shareholders are therefore advised that in order to obtain a full understanding of the nature of the auditor's engagement they should obtain a copy of the auditor's report together with the accompanying financial information from SBC's registered office.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The directors and management of SBC Limited confirm their continued commitment to the principles of openness, integrity and accountability as advocated by sound principles of Corporate Governance contained in the King Reports.

By order of the Board

T Dladla, Chairperson

## HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE PERIOD

Loan book growth of 12% ▲ Revenue growth of 12% ▲ Headline earnings increased 1% ▲ First rental units in Malkerns complete

Figures in Emlangeni

	6 months to 30 June 2019 Reviewed	12 months to 31 December 2018 Audited	6 months to 30 June 2018 Reviewed
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Revenue	141,561,631	260,957,458	126,880,208
Operating expenses	(60,596,402)	(117,314,160)	(56,486,819)
OPERATING PROFIT	80,965,229	143,643,298	70,393,389
Other income	23,182,447	54,152,367	24,778,556
Finance costs	(177,267,004)	(138,643,585)	(67,436,474)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	26,880,672	59,152,080	27,735,471
Taxation	(7,801,378)	(17,254,702)	(8,851,831)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	19,079,294	41,897,378	18,883,640
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	19,079,294	41,897,378	18,883,640

TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:

Owners of the parent	19,076,571	41,894,732	18,840,516
Non-controlling interest	2,723	2,646	43,124
	19,079,294	41,897,378	18,888,640
Basic (cents)	20	39	20
Diluted basic (cents)	20	39	20

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	30 June 2019	31 December 2018	30 June 2018
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investment property	155,523,949	130,365,735	96,812,714
Property, plant and equipment	6,197,918	6,028,187	1,836,199
Right of use asset	4,042,315	-	-
Goodwill	209,448,253	209,448,253	209,448,253
Amounts owing by related parties	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
Deferred tax asset	7,904,512	6,937,395	11,791,035
Loans and advances	739,110,571	665,209,109	618,828,712
	1,122,227,518	1,037,988,679	958,716,913

CURRENT ASSETS			
Amounts owing by related parties	354,086,631	297,860,104	281,140,436
Current tax receivable	199,069	4,963	236,352
Work in progress	18,535,293	7,000,000	-
Loans and advances	233,537,103	221,762,877	243,617,492
Trade and other receivables	20,467,013	16,015,705	13,650,089
Cash and cash equivalents	50,743,469	117,982,606	69,197,231
	677,568,578	660,626,255	607,841,600
TOTAL ASSETS	1,799,796,096	1,698,614,934	1,566,558,513

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Share capital	348,329,629	348,329,629	348,329,629
Retained earnings	87,376,960	68,507,417	75,858,337
	435,706,589	416,837,046	424,187,966
Non-controlling interest	26,241	23,518	393,336
	435,732,830	416,860,564	424,581,302

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other financial liabilities	713,122,678	732,572,570	607,044,145
Lease liabilities	2,533,273	-	-
Deferred tax liability	9,746,804	11,700,061	12,164,784
	725,402,755	744,272,631	619,208,929

CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts owing to related parties	1,583,336	1,376,967	4,708,675
Other financial liabilities	628,968,995	521,799,203	509,692,739
Lease liabilities	1,723,562	-	-
Current tax payable	465,137	1,186,118	3,097,851
Trade and other payables	5,919,481	13,119,451	5,269,017
	638,660,511	537,481,739	522,768,282
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,364,063,266	1,281,754,370	1,141,977,211
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,799,796,096	1,698,614,934	1,566,558,513

	30 June 2019	31 December 2018	30 June 2018
SHARE CAPITAL	9,649	9,649	9,649
Balance at the beginning of the period	9,649	9,649	9,649
SHARE PREMIUM	348,319,980	348,319,980	348,319,980
Balance at the beginning of the period	348,319,980	348,319,980	348,319,980
RETAINED EARNINGS	87,376,960	68,507,417	75,858,337
Balance at the beginning of the period	68,507,417	58,181,187	58,181,187
Adjustment relating to the adoption of IFRS16	(207,028)	-	-
Dividends declared	-	(29,998,448)	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	19,076,571	41,894,732	18,840,516
Movement on acquisition of NCI	-	(1,570,054)	(1,163,366)
NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST	26,241	23,518	393,336
Balance at the beginning of the period	23,518	1,656,150	1,656,150
Movement for the period	2,723	(1,632,632)	(1,262,814)
TOTAL EQUITY	435,732,830	416,860,564	424,581,302

	30 June 2019	31 December 2018	30 June 2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash used in operations	(62,792,207)	(26,821,041)	(43,246,255)
Interest income	23,126,197	47,671,105	22,445,764
Finance costs	(177,267,004)	(138,643,585)	(67,436,474)
Tax paid	(11,636,839)	(12,111,603)	(6,417,307)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(128,569,853)	(129,905,124)	(94,654,272)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,287,920)	(6,014,928)	(1,282,455)
Sale of property, plant and equipment	56,950	5,276	-
Expenditure incurred for investment property	(25,158,214)	(41,270,735)	(13,629,718)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(26,389,184)	(47,280,387)	(14,912,173)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from other financial liabilities	210,703,985	365,686,253	46,412,229
Repayment of other financial liabilities	(122,984,085)	(203,410,400)	(21,771,265)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-	(3,203,780)	(2,469,304)
Dividends paid	-	(20,495,722)	-
NET CASH GENERATED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	87,719,900	138,576,101	22,171,660
TOTAL CASH MOVEMENT FOR THE PERIOD	(67,239,137)	(38,609,410)	(87,394,785)
Cash at the beginning of the period	117,982,606	156,592,016	156,592,016
TOTAL CASH AT END OF THE PERIOD	50,743,469	117,982,606	69,197,231

### 8. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

	30 June 2019	31 Dec 2018	30 June 2018
Segmental reporting			
Operating profit	81,485,326	138,247,138	70,634,460
Profit before tax	33,983,427	60,492,028	30,454,873
Taxation consolidated	(19,754,635)	(18,525,006)	(9,657,142)
Profit for the period	24,228,792	42,167,014	20,797,731
Gross advances to customers	1,011,184,997	929,608,193	899,366,082
Impairment provisions	(30,457,323)	(36,636,207)	(36,919,878)
Net advances	977,647,674	896,971,986	862,446,204
Total segment assets	1,744,977,283	1,655,713,049	1,525,141,703
Borrowings	1,343,675,009	1,255,748,740	1,121,445,559
Total segment liabilities	1,354,190,839	1,249,847,069	1,129,701,531

\* The segments are aligned with management's approach to business. As a result in the increased investment in housing it is now appropriate to identify housing as a distinct segment from the existing consumer lending business.

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NOTES

### 1. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial results have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), IAS 34, in the manner required by the Companies Act of Eswatini. The accounting policies and methods of compilation applied in these financial results are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 other than in relation to the following accounting policy changes which became mandatory in the current period:

- IFRS16 Leases sets out principles for recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases. IFRS16 includes a single model for lessees which results in almost all leases being included in the statement of financial position. The Group has adopted IFRS16 adjusting for the prior year impact on retained income in the Statement of Changes in equity but not restating comparatives.
- Other changes include Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation - Amendment to IFRS9, Amendments to IFRS3 Business Combinations and IFRS11 Joint Arrangement: Annual Improvement to IFRS2015 - 2017 cycle, Amendments to IAS12 Income taxes: Annual Improvements to IFRS2015 - 2017 cycle, Amendments to IAS23 Borrowing Costs: Annual Improvement to IFRS2015 - 2017 cycle and IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments.

The accounting policy changes did not have a significant impact on the Group Results.

The financial results have been prepared under the supervision of the Group Chief Financial Officer, Mr R Zoio.

### 2. HEADLINE EARNINGS

#### 2.1 EARNINGS PER SHARE (CENTS)

Headline	20	39	20
Diluted headline	20	39	20

#### 2.2 RECONCILIATION BETWEEN BASIC AND HEADLINE EARNINGS

Basic earnings	19,076,571	41,894,732	18,840,516
Fair value gain on investment property	-	(4,286,200)	-
Headline earnings	19,076,571	37,608,532	18,840,516

#### 2.3 NUMBER OF ORDINARY SHARES OF E0.0001 EACH IN ISSUE

Actual	96,490,000	96,490,000	96,490,000
Weighted average	96,490,000	96,490,000	96,490,000
Diluted	96,490,000	96,490,000	96,490,000

### 3. LOANS AND ADVANCES

Advances	1,011,104,997	923,608,193	899,366,082
Impairment for credit losses of loans and advances	(38,457,323)	(36,636,207)	(36,919,878)
	972,647,674	886,971,986	862,446,204

### 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Select Limited, a subsidiary of SBC Limited, provided surety for an overdraft and short term loan facility from CFC Stanbic Bank Kenya to Select Management Services Limited (Kenya) ("SMSK") of KES215.0 million (2018: KES215.0 million) by placing E39.5 million (2018: E38.3 million) on call with Standard Bank South Africa. With effect from 1 January 2018 Select Limited is recovering the net carrying cost from SMSK.

A guarantee was issued by Select Africa Finance Limited, the holding company of SBC Limited, to Select Limited for R20.0 million.

### 5. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

#### 5.1 HELD AT AMORTISED COST

Medium term notes	799,470,379	704,271,111	612,077,071
Term loan	135,332,887	109,560,390	83,487,247
Promissory notes	407,288,407	440,540,272	421,172,566
	1,342,091,673	1,254,371,773	1,116,736,884

#### 5.2 MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

The Group raises funds through Promissory Notes and Medium Term Note Programmes (MTNs). The MTNs are listed on the Eswatini Stock Exchange in the name of Select Limited, a subsidiary of SBC Limited, and had an available facility of E 237,555,691 as at 30 June 2019 (2018: E 37,671,576). On 5 February 2019 a new approval for E400,000,000 was received.

### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with holding company and fellow subsidiaries:

Administration and advisory fees	(19,878,930)	(38,951,144)	(19,096,317)
Group life and funeral cover	(6,122,123)	(12,028,984)	(5,845,940)
IT infrastructure	(960,333)	(1,454,233)	(539,900)
Net interest income	20,894,838	39,047,092	16,917,426
Insurance claims recovered	2,817,626	4,187,626	2,406,556

There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party receivables or payables. The Group has not recorded any impairment of receivables relating to amounts owed by related parties during the period.

### 7. CASH USED IN OPERATIONS

Profit before tax	26,880,672	59,152,080	27,735,471
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	1,116,236	806,179	271,247
Bad debts written off	4,587,329	13,131,047	6,230,504
Loss/ (gain) on exchange differences – unrealised	15,683	(554,254)	(797,834)
Fair value gain on investment property	-	(5,912,000)	-
Interest received	(23,126,197)	(47,671,105)	(22,445,764)
Finance costs	77,267,004	138,643,585	67,436,474
Gain on disposal of assets	(54,998)	277	-
Impairment for credit losses of loans and advances	1,821,116	1,532,301	1,815,972
Changes in working capital:			
(Increase) in trade and other receivables	(4,451,308)	(3,531,075)	(1,165,459)
(Decrease) in trade and other payables	(7,199,970)	(1,233,284)	(9,083,718)
Increase in work in progress	(11,535,293)	(7,000,000)	-
Increase in loans and advances	(92,084,123)	(106,562,600)	(75,419,940)
Increase in value in lease asset	(2,924,841)	-	-
Increase in lease liabilities	2,932,334	-	-
Amounts received from related parties	206,639	-	797,834
Amounts paid to related parties	(36,242,480)	(67,622,192)	(38,621,033)
	(62,792,207)	(26,821,041)	(43,246,253)



## Bankers advise customers to use digital services today

CAPE TOWN – Bank customers have been advised to make use of digital banking services as far as possible today to avoid any unplanned or illegal disruptions of branches, even though the planned banks strike has been deemed unprotected by the court.

The Banking Association of South Africa (BASA) said in a statement that banks would be operating as usual today and would be carefully monitoring the situation to ensure the safety of their

customers and staff.

"We expect the authorities and union to ensure the safety of customers and property, if any protest action goes ahead. Given the decision of the court, we urge SASBO to suspend any planned protest action and to engage with banks on the underlying issues facing our industry," said BASA.

The planned banks strike by trade union COSATU and banking union SASBO was stopped in its tracks by a Labour Court ruling on Thursday morn-

ing that deemed it unprotected following an application by Business Unity South Africa (BUSA).

### Accepted

The court accepted the view that Cosatu's notice to the National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC) of the protest had expired. Basa stated that the Nedlac notice had first been issued in August 2017 and could not be relied upon.

The bankers said the global banking industry was evolving in response to

economic pressures, digital innovation and, most importantly, the changing way their customers use and consume financial services.

"In part because of these global changes, many in the South African banking industry are having to restructure their businesses to ensure they remain sustainable and relevant to the needs of consumers.

"South African banks have also been having to manage in an economy that will remain weak for the foreseeable

future. The South African Reserve Bank predicts growth of only 0,6 percent for this year, and well under two per cent, through to 2021.

### Banks

"South African banks are painfully aware of the high rate of unemployment in the country. They do as much as possible to minimise job losses. Retrenchment is a last resort," said Basa.

At least 50 000 people were expected to take part in the strike that was called in the wake of moves by South Africa's big four banks to downsize by closing some branches and merging others.

*Business Report*

## SABRIC warns bank customers of rise in fraud

CAPE TOWN – The SA Banking Risk Information Centre (SABRIC) has warned businesses and their employees that criminals impersonating local chief executives and other executives could not come at a better time.

Cybersecurity expert at Mimecast Brian Pinnock said today's planned banking strike in which more than 50 000 banking staff were expected to abstain from work could leave consumers vulnerable and at heightened risk.

Mimecast is an international company specialising in cloud-based email management for Microsoft Exchange and Microsoft Office 365, including security, archiving, and continuity services to protect business mail.

### Research

"Our latest global research found that 33 per cent of South African firms experienced an increase in impersonation fraud involving CEOs and other executives over the past year, while impersonation fraud involving email-based spoofing of vendors or business partners increased by 38 per cent. Attackers are gaining access to a wealth of online information to build complex social engineering activities that prey on people's natural trust of known associates," said Pinnock.

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### Fraud

Pinnock said impersonation fraud could be very difficult to spot. "One of the most popular ways of doing this is when criminals use non-western characters that appear similar to letters in the English alphabet to trick recipients into believing they're interacting with a trusted partner, colleague or manager. Local companies have seen a 37 per cent increase in this type of impersonation fraud in the past year."

He advised employees to cultivate habits

that would limit the ability of cybercriminals to trick them into risky behaviour.

"Always double check the validity of emails by taking a close look at the email address and domain.

Ensure your IT department has adequate security measures in place, and encourage your business to conduct regular cybersecurity awareness training."

The bankers association said the global banking industry was evolving in response to economic pressures, digital innovation and, most importantly, the changing way their customers used and consumed financial services. *Business Report*

## Truworths strikes R600m deal

JOHANNESBURG – In a statement yesterday Truworths (JSE: TRUD) said that it has successfully concluded an agreement with Standard Bank to provide a pound-denominated loan of £32.5 million (around R600m) to refinance its struggling UK shoe retailer Office.

"The board advises that the funding has been obtained on favourable commercial terms based on the strength of the Group's balance sheet, and is secured by a guarantee furnished by the Truworths operations in South Africa," Truworths said.

The loan of £32.5 million, together with £10.5 million of Office's existing cash reserves, will be used to settle its existing pound-denominated debt of £43 million. Earlier, Truworths said that a large part of the debt was due next year.

*Fin24*

## Nampak stops disposal of its crates, drum business

DURBAN – Diversified packaging company Nampak has stopped the disposal of its crates and drums business after restructuring and securing a contract from a major soft drinks manufacturer for a period of three years.

Last year the group announced it was selling the crates and drums business and in the year to end September 2018 it reported the business as a discontinued operation.

However, in the 11 months to end August trading update released yesterday, the group said: "The upside potential of this operation, as a result of the new contract and a restructuring of the business to reduce labour cost, has resulted in the crates and drums businesses being withdrawn

from a proposed disposal process."

The business is housed under the Plastics South Africa division.

However, the group said the overall Plastics South Africa division continued to experience lower sales volumes in a tough trading and economic environment in the country.

But it added that a new and focused senior management team for this division was now fully staffed and operational efficiencies had improved at the liquid bottles business at its Isando plant after the consolidation of its Industria operations into this plant. However, Metals South Africa results were expected to be moderately down due to Divfood experiencing a challenging year.

*Business Report*

## SAA pilots threaten first-ever strike

JOHANNESBURG – The South African Airways Pilots' Association says that a majority of its members are in favour of going on strike to force change within the struggling national flag carrier.

The association yesterday shared the results of internal survey of its members, which it said was carried out by an independent service provider.

Four out of five pilots (516 out of a total of 635) responded to the survey. Of these 90 per cent said they were in favour of 'engaging in protected industrial action to enforce a higher standard within SAA,' said SAAPA.

"It needs to be understood that the decision to embark on industrial action is not one that the pilots of SAA will take lightly. Indeed, if such a strike is embarked upon, it would be for the first time in SAA's

80-year history," Saapa said in a statement.

"The pilots of SAA and the leadership of SAAPA cannot allow SAA to continue as if it is business as usual. Our numerous engagements with the Company have not yielded outcomes that give us confidence in the future of the airline."

### Secured

The debt-laden airline has secured a R5.5bn capital injection from National Treasury to continue functioning, and says it may need up to R21.7bn in total to break even by 2020/21. The association said that among the demands it had previously shared with SAA leadership was the appointment of a skilled permanent CEO who has experience in turning an airline around, the appointment of an active or retired pilot to the airline's board. *Fin24*

## OMNIA SHARES DOWN DESPITE RIGHTS OFFER

JOHANNESBURG – The share price of Omnia Holdings slid six per cent despite it announcing it had raised R2 billion via a rights offer, which would be used to repay its debt.

The share price dipped to a low of R25.07 at 11.45am yesterday. The heavily indebted JSE-listed diversified chemicals group said it had completed the rights offer of 100million new ordinary Omnia shares at a subscription price of R20 per rights offer share.

The rights offer was fully underwritten by a number of asset management companies whose clients were shareholders of Omnia, including Allan Gray, Coronation, Foord, Kagiso, Old Mutual and Prudential.

Omnia in June secured a R6.8bn bridge-loan, while net interest-bearing borrowings was at R4.4bn at the end of March. Debt ballooned

after the the group last year acquired international bio-pesticide, nutrients and soil conditioner manufacturer Oro Agri for US\$100million (R1.49bn). In addition, R695m was spent to construct a new nitro-phosphate plant.

The company said that the remainder of the bridge debt facility not settled via the rights offer proceeds, and which was secured through Omnia's main debt lenders, was expected to be refinanced into a debt package.

Seelan Gobalsamy, the Chief Executive of Omnia, said: "We have reached a major milestone on our way to implement the turnaround plan by stabilising Omnia's financial position. We will now continue to focus on addressing the businesses' performance and lead Omnia on its next growth phase."

*Business Report*





# Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

## Ex-KZN police spokesperson jailed for fake Matric certificate

**KWA-ZULU-NATAL** -Former KwaZulu-Natal police spokesperson Vincent Mdunge, who was jailed over a fake Matric certificate, has been granted parole, the Department of Correctional Services said on Wednesday.

"Mr Mdunge participated in relevant correctional programmes and was further assessed by our special

services experts who, among others, include social workers and psychologists in order to determine his suitability for parole placement," said department spokesperson Singabakho Nxumalo.

"The parolee will complete the remainder of the sentence in the system of community corrections, and must comply with a specific set of

conditions.

He will also be subjected to supervision until the sentence expires." Mdunge's parole was approved by the correctional supervision and parole boards with effect from August 20, which means he spent two of his five-year sentence in jail.

As a first-time offender, he was considered to have a 'positive support

system' and was placed on parole in line with Section 73 of the Correctional Services Act.

This law determines the minimum periods of sentence that must be served before consideration may be given to possible placement. "Offenders placed on parole are supervised throughout their parole period," Nxumalo said.

Mdunge will have to continue department programmes while on parole.

He was convicted in November 2014 of fraud and forgery for using a fake matric certificate to get his job, and to advance his career through studies at Unisa.

Mdunge was sentenced in May 2015 to five years in jail but after losing appeals in both the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal he only went to jail in August 2017.

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## Enough evidence for 45 matters against Motsoeneng

**JOHANNESBURG** -The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) has found sufficient evidence of financial irregularities at the SABC to initiate or join the broadcaster in civil litigation against its former chief operating officer, Hlaudi Motsoeneng.

In a briefing to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA), the SIU cited the awarding of a success fee to Motsoeneng, as well as appointments and salary increases awarded by him. It has also found evidence that indicated irregularities in the awarding of contracts to eight suppliers.

The SIU said the investigation had produced evidence adequate for it to initiate or join civil litigation instituted in the name of the SIU and the SABC in 10 High Court matters, to the value of just over R560 million.

"Court-ready evidence had been gathered and compiled in respect of 45 matters" according to a summary report of the meeting.

"This consisted of civil litigation that involved 10 matters, in some of which the SIU had made applications to join existing actions and applications, and the provision of evidence to the SABC to assist in defending one

civil matter. To date there had been 11 criminal referrals and 24 disciplinary referrals.

"The SIU had initiated interventions such as a special tribunal, a memorandum of agreement (with the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), and a regular follow-up and update on referred disciplinary actions that expedited progress."

The SIU said that in the second phase, matters being investigated included The New Age, the SABC security tender, the

irregular appointments of seven SABC officials, the irregular payment of bonuses to senior managers and the R31 million paid in bonuses to 3 124 staff. Under irregular expenditure, a R5 million South African Revenue Service penalty, as well as the validity of a sample of tax clearance certificates, including conflicts of interest, were being investigated. *Citizen*



GOING DOWN: Hlaudi Motsoeneng.

## DA to lay charges against Limpopo FF Plus leader for using k-word

**CAPE TOWN** - The Democratic Alliance's (DA) will lay criminal charges against Limpopo Freedom Front Plus (FF Plus) Leader Marcelle Maritz for using the k-word when referring to the APK Church as the 'Church without K\*\*\*\*rs'.

Limpopo NCOP Member, Beyers Smit and DA Limpopo Provincial Chairperson, Geoffrey Tshibvumo are expected to lay charges of crimen injuria and will be reporting Maritz to the South African Human Rights Commission

"The DA is of the belief that this horrific incident constitutes crimen injuria. It is also appalling that she would place such an indictment on the Church," said Smit in a statement.

"Furthermore, we will be reporting Marcelle Maritz to the South African Human Rights Commission and we've already requested that the Limpopo Legislature's Ethics Committee investigate this matter. Maritz was caught on video using the racial slur during a conversation. The FF Plus said they are aware

of the charges and has vowed to investigate allegations internally.

"Die voorval was glo sowat vyf jaar gelede terwyl die betrokke lid, me. Marcelle Maritz, nog 'n raadslid van die DA was." (The incident was apparently about five years ago while the member concerned Ms. Marcelle Maritz was still a DA councillor.) "Me. Maritz ontken dat sy die betrokke woord gebruik het en die VF Plus se leierskap sal die aangeleentheid daarom intern ondersoek om hom van die waarheid te vergewis." *IOL*

## ANC TO APPROACH ZONDO COMMISSION

**PRETORIA** - The ANC in Tshwane has expressed intentions to approach the Zondo Commission and expose corruption, malfeasance and maladministration since the DA took over the municipality in 2016.

This was according to the regional chairperson Dr Kgosi Maepa, who addressed journalists during a media briefing at Tshwane House yesterday morning.

Maepa blasted the DA-led administration for being riddled with maladministration.

He said: "When the DA took over, it used a ticket of clean governance."

So far residents of the City of Tshwane have experienced nothing more than a service delivery nightmare, untold corruption and malfeasance - the City has been damaged."

He said the Auditor-General of South Africa has documented all forms of poor governance associated with the DA since they have been in government from 2016 to date. "This includes the R12 billion GladAfrica corruption scandal, illegal appointments of people without qualifications and falsified CVs, reversal of employment equity," he said.

The multi-million contract was irregularly awarded to an engineering company called GladAfrica in November 2017, according to the AG report.

The company was appointed by the City to assist in the roll-out of infrastructure projects worth millions of rands.

He said the party was currently consulting with its lawyers to obtain a proper legal advice on how "to go about making a substantive submission to the Zondo Commission".

Pretoria News

## Woman falls 25m to her death while climbing in the Drakensberg

**JOHANNESBURG** - The body of a 40-year-old woman, who slipped and fell 25 metres while hiking Gray's Pass in the Drakensberg on Sunday, has been recovered from a narrow gully.

According to Mountain Club KwaZulu-Natal rescue convenor Gavin Raubenheimer, the recovery of the woman's body on Wednesday would have been done quicker and sooner if inclement weather didn't hamper their efforts. The search for the woman started late on Sunday, but the weather deteriorated on Sunday night and remained misty and rainy until Tuesday afternoon, said Raubenheimer.

The woman had been camping in the valley below Gray's Pass with two of her friends over the weekend. "On Sunday morning, they set out to climb Gray's Pass and then return

to camp. Two of the women did not go very far and turned to wait for their friend who decided to carry on to the summit of the pass," said Raubenheimer.

When she did not return, her friends sounded the alarm.

According to Raubenheimer, the woman had been spotted by another group of climbers as she was making her way down, but she never returned to her friends or camp site. KZN wildlife rangers, the SA Police Services (SAPS) and K9 Unit were all part of the search and rescue operation.

The weather only cleared on Tuesday afternoon, which enabled helicopters to join the search, and the breakthrough was made as she was spotted "in a deep, narrow gully and appeared to have fallen about 25m".

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# Focus on SA Scene

## Your Daily Mzansi News

### Ramaphosa's advice to teachers

JOHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa has urged teachers to pull up their socks in shielding learners from gender-based violence and sex pests who are among those responsible for teaching and protecting them in schools.

Ramaphosa was addressing the first



#### ● You are not supposed to be the lovers of your children who come to your school

day of the national congress of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU) in Johannesburg on Wednesday, where he reiterated his concern at the increasing levels of gender-based violence and sexual assaults in the country.

"A sad reality is that such heinous crimes also happen in schools and other places of learning. Educators are often the best placed to notice when learners are victims or are at risk and we urge you to speak out," Ramaphosa said. Ramaphosa said the culture of silence by teachers empowered and enabled perpetrators to continue preying on pupils.

"There are too many reports of sexual relations with learners and you know this. This abhorrent behaviour must be deci-

sively addressed and it must be stopped.

"As educators, your job is that of a parent to the children who come to your schools. You are not supposed to be the lovers of your children who come to your school," he said.

He called on Sadtu to take a stand and be at the forefront in stopping teachers from sexually abusing pupils.

Ramaphosa said government understood that some teachers were too stressed and overburdened to notice some of the problems. "We're going to do everything we can to improve teaching conditions and school safety through increasing school infrastructure, and ensuring that schools have proper fencing, burglar alarms and functioning relationships with the local police and other services," he said.

*Political Bureau*

### 'Don't use my name to please racists'

JOHANNESBURG - Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi has slammed DA leader Mmusi Maimane, saying he should not use his name 'to please racists'.

This is after Maimane used his Heritage Day speech to take a jab at Lesufi for criticising an Afrikaans 'university' that is set to open late next year.

Last week Lesufi said a 'race-based institution' would fail in SA and insisted that the university intended to segregate and remind the country of the past. "It's very important to understand where we come from, that there was a

certain language that was used to oppress people in this country," he said at the time. Last week Lesufi said a 'race-based institution' would fail in SA and insisted that the university intended to segregate and remind the country of the past.

"It's very important to understand where we come from, that there was a certain language that was used to oppress people in this country," he said at the time.

Weighing in on the subject, Maimane said Lesufi's comments sought to divide the nation. "I fear there are some that

want to divide us. I fear there are those who want to stand up ... that are spewing hatred against other people," said Maimane. "I heard even from Panyaza ... who is trying to shut down the language of other people. Remember one thing: if today they start to attack a language like Afrikaans, tomorrow they will be attacking isiTswana and IsiZulu."

He also warned that this 'attack' will put SA in jeopardy of losing the right to 'stand together'. Taking to social media, Lesufi reiterated that he would oppose a university that 'will exclude the poor'. He then warned Maimane: "Don't use my name to please racists. If you are scared of racists, that's not my problem." *Times Live*

### SABC chair tells of murder bids against execs

JOHANNESBURG - South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) Board Chairperson Bongumusa Makhathini says there have been attempts to murder officials working on cleaning out the rot at the broadcaster and that a smear campaign against Board members and senior executives is ongoing.

This was due to the investigations into illegal activities at the broadcaster, he said. Makhathini, who was speaking during a briefing to the Standing Committee On Public Accounts (SCOPA), on the progress made by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) in investigations into financial irregularities at the SABC, said the broadcaster was committed to recovering stolen money.

He said that the broadcaster would address the governance issues, and the binding remedial action stipulated by the public protector in 2014 would be implemented.

He referred to the ad hoc committee's findings, as well as those of the auditor-general and the SIU input, saying that in the past financial year the SABC had conducted 180 internal forensic audits.

A committee member called on the SABC to provide information on the 180 internal forensic investigations currently under way.

She then questioned why the SABC was doing these investigations on its own when they already had a viable relationship with the SIU.

*Citizen*

### CASTRATION WOULD END THE PROBLEM OF RAPE

DURBAN - If things were according to King Goodwill Zwelithini's way, alleged rapists would be castrated using a knife, but gender-based violence activists have warned against this kind of punishment, saying its would be a breach of law and human rights.

Addressing hundreds of his subjects during Umkhosi weLembe (formerly known as Shaka's Day) in KwaDukuza, North Coast, on Tuesday, the king said rapists should have their manhood chopped off.

Speaking in Zulu, the king said maybe it would be better if once a man was found to have raped, he should be handed to "men like us" to cut off his manhood.

"This would end this thing (rape),"

said the king, adding that 'this should be done in a way that would show the world that the Zulu nation does not tolerate this shame.'

Attempts to get the king's Spokesperson, Prince Thulani Zulu, to clarify the statement failed as he did not answer his phone.

Among those at the event were former IFP leader Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala and a number of provincial Cabinet members.

Zwelithini said it was disturbing that South Africa had highest rate of rape in the world. "Information shows that 41 per cent of people raped in the country are children, and of these crimes only four per cent are prosecuted." *Political Bureau*

**AGAINST VIOLENCE:**  
King  
Goodwill  
Zwelithini.



### ANC to approach Zondo commission over DA's 'untold corruption'

PRETORIA - The ANC in Tshwane has expressed intentions to approach the Zondo Commission and expose corruption, malfeasance and maladministration since the DA took over the municipality in 2016.

This was according to the Regional Chairperson Dr Kgosi Maepa, who

addressed journalists during a media briefing at Tshwane House yesterday morning. Maepa blasted the DA-led administration for being riddled with maladministration.

He said: "When the DA took over, it used a ticket of clean governance. So far residents of the City of Tshwane

have experienced nothing more than a service delivery nightmare, untold corruption and malfeasance - the City has been damaged." He said the Auditor-General of South Africa has documented all forms of poor governance associated with the DA since they have been in government from

2016 to date. "This includes the R12 billion GladAfrica corruption scandal, illegal appointments of people without qualifications and falsified CVs, reversal of employment equity," he said. The multi-million contract was irregularly awarded to an engineering company called GladAfrica

in November 2017, according to the AG report.

The company was appointed by the City to assist in the roll-out of infrastructure projects worth millions of rands. He said the party was currently consulting with its lawyers to obtain a proper legal advice on how 'to go about making a substantive submission to the Zondo Commission'.

*Pretoria News*



# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News



**SLAMMED:** Zanu-PF has accused EFF leader Julius Malema of demeaning the legacy of their late former president Robert Mugabe.

## Zanu-PF slams 'puppet of the West' Malema

**HARARE** - Zanu-PF has accused EFF leader Julius Malema of demeaning the legacy of Robert Mugabe and taking cheap shots at President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

Malema and party Spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi led an EFF delegation to the Mugabe residence - nicknamed 'Blue Roof' - in Borrowdale, Harare, on Monday to pay their respects.

They were granted a body-viewing and lunch at the Mugabe household, where they met his widow Grace and other close family members.

But it is Malema's utterances during a press conference that irked the Zimbabwean ruling party.

Malema spoke about 'chancers' who wanted to take charge of the Mugabe legacy while relegating his family to the sidelines. "It's an absolute nonsense that you think declaring a per-

...for cheap point scoring over Mugabe

son a national hero takes away the right of the family over the deceased. The family, especially the surviving spouse, has the last word," Malema said in reference to the standoff between the Mugabe family and government over the late president's dying wishes.

In response, Zanu-PF Spokesperson Simon Khaya-Moyo referred to Malema as a 'puppet' of the West, the same people that the late former president fought against. He also accused Malema of grandstanding. "In that regard, the party finds it reprehensible for Julius Malema to use such a solemn, sombre occasion to spew political propaganda and to score cheap political mileage," Khaya-Moyo said.

The war veterans' wing of Zanu-PF, which played an integral part in pushing Mugabe out of power in November 2017, accused Malema of being used by elements of G40, a grouping of relatively young politicians that were aligned to Mugabe on his last days in office. Meanwhile, Mugabe's body remains in the custody of his wife and family at Blue Roof. His nephew, Patrick Zhuwao, is on record saying that the late president told the family that his body should be under the care of his wife until burial.

One of Mugabe's nephews, Leo Mugabe, told TimesLIVE there was 'nothing to worry about' over the state of the late statesman's body.

"The body was embalmed in Singapore. *Timeslive*

## Dangote, Bill Gates, Mo Ibrahim raise concerns over climate change

**NEW YORK** - Renowned philanthropists Bill Gates, Mo Ibrahim and Aliko Dangote yesterday at the Africa Centre, expressed concern over the effect of climate change and the stereotypes on Africa that have hindered business opportunities in the continent.

Deliberating on the Future Business in Africa, at The Africa Center, the three entrepreneurs said the climate change is an issue that must be confronted headlong to minimize its effect on the continent.

African heads of state, business leaders and celebrities, including supermodel Naomi Campbell, were in attendance.

Bill Gates brought up the challenge of climate change saying

"Africa is where we are going to meet some of our toughest challenges. Sadly, the impact climate change, although Africa had the least to do to cause climate change. The actual difficulties will first be felt by the farmers of Africa," he said. He asked rhetorically, "Why is the continent where the availability of the labour is the highest, where the availability of land is the highest, where the production per hectare is the lowest, why can't it move not only to be self-sufficient but also to be a net exporter

Aliko Dangote spoke about Africa's rising wealth. He said: "Today when you look at it you are thinking about the five fastest-growing economies in the world - four are in Sub Saharan Africa." *This Day*

## Prince Harry travels to Botswana

**JOHANNESBURG** - Britain's Prince Harry was due to travel to Botswana yesterday to visit conservation and health projects on the next leg of his family's southern African tour.

Harry, his wife Meghan and their four-month-old son Archie landed in South Africa on Monday for their first overseas tour as a family.

They drew crowds of well-wishers on their first three days in Cape Town, where they visited non-governmental organisations working with vulnerable communities and the youth.

On Wednesday, much attention was focused on Archie, who sat on his mother's lap as the royal couple chatted with Nobel Peace Prize

laureate Desmond Tutu at Tutu's charitable foundation.

Harry, Queen Elizabeth's grandson and sixth in line to the British throne, has been visiting southern Africa for two decades for holidays and conservation work. Yesterday, he was to start a solo visit to Botswana while the Duchess of Sussex and Archie were to remain in Cape Town. Harry's visit to Botswana will begin at a conservation project where he will join school children to plant trees and raise awareness of the fragility of local ecosystems.

He will then visit a project run by his charity Sentebale which focuses on improving the mental health of young people affected by HIV. *Reuters*

## Bouteflika's brother sentenced to 15 years

**ALGIERS** - An Algerian military court has sentenced the brother of former president Abdelaziz Bouteflika and three co-defendants to 15 years in prison, the state APS news agency reported on Wednesday.

Said Bouteflika, widely seen as the real power behind the presidency after his brother suffered a debilitating stroke in 2013, went on trial on Monday alongside two former intelligence chiefs and

a political party head. Their convictions are the most prominent so far in a string of prosecutions of prominent politicians and businessmen over alleged graft launched since Bouteflika was pushed out in April after two decades in power.

All four defendants were convicted of 'undermining the authority of the army' and 'conspiring' against the state in order to bring about regime change, in the run-up to the ageing president's resignation in the face of mass protests earlier this year.

Prosecutors at the military court in Blida, south of Algiers, had asked for the maximum sentence of 20 years against all the defendants, defence lawyer Miloud Ibrahim said. Former defence minister Khaled Nezzar has said that as protests mounted against the veteran leader, Said Bouteflika met with the other defendants to discuss declaring a state of emergency and firing army Chief General Ahmed Gaid Salah. *AFP*



**BUSY DAY:** Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, helps to plant a tree at the Chobe National Park, on day four of the Royal tour of Africa, in Botswana yesterday.

## BRIEFS

### Three 'Plotters' refused bail

**GHANA** - Three persons picked up by State security agencies on suspicion of engaging in plotting to destabilise the country made their maiden appearance before an Accra Magistrate's Court yesterday slapped with five charges. These include conspiracy to manufacture arms and ammunition without lawful authority and possession of explosives and firearms without lawful excuse. The three suspects are Dr Frederick Yao Mac-Palm, Dornyah 'Ezor' Kafui, a local weapon manufacturer and Bright Allan Debrah Ofori aka BB or ADC, freight manager. Their plea was not taken by the court. *All Africa*

### More than 1 000 arrested after protests

**CAIRO** - Egyptian authorities have arrested more than 1 000 people, two rights groups said on Wednesday, in the wake of rare protests last week calling for the ouster of President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi. The Egyptian Centre For Freedoms And Rights said 1 003 had been arrested, while the Egyptian Centre For Economic and Social Rights reported the figure of 1 298 Detained. Two prominent academics were also detained on Tuesday, a lawyer and a relative said. Hazem Hosny, a Cairo University Political Science Professor, was arrested on Tuesday night in front of his home, his lawyer Tarek al-Awadi said on his Facebook account. *AFP*

### Abducted aid worker killed

**MAIDUGURI** - Boko Haram militants were yesterday reported to have killed an aid worker with an international aid group, Action Against Hunger (AAH). The killing was discovered through a video purportedly released by a faction of Boko Haram, the Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) on social media. The aid worker was one of the six humanitarian volunteers working for the aid group who were kidnapped in Borno State in July. It would be recalled that the Action Against Hunger (AAH) was banned from operating in Borno State by the military last week. *Daily Trust*

### WHO denies reporting Ebola case

**DAR ES SALAAM** - The government has held talks with the World Health Organization Country Representative Dr Tigist Ketsela Mengestu, over reports of Ebola outbreak in the country. During the talks between Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr Damas Ndumbaro, Dr Mengestu insisted that WHO has never reported that there was an Ebola outbreak in Tanzania. "WHO has never or has no evidence that there is Ebola outbreak in Tanzania," said Dr Mengestu in a statement released by the ministry. She reaffirmed WHO's commitment to continue to collaborate with the government on health issues. *All Africa*



# Focus on World News

## Global News

### 43 missing students still haunt Mexico on 5th anniversary

**SOUTHERN MEXICO** - Five years ago on Thursday, 43 students in southern Mexico who were on their way to a protest were detained by corrupt police who handed them over to drug-cartel hitmen.

Then they disappeared without a trace. Half a decade later, Mexico is still haunted by 'the 43', a case that drew inter-

national condemnation and stained the government of ex-president Enrique Peña Nieto. The investigation has been marred by allegations of official incompetence or even corruption. Misconduct - especially the use of torture to extract supposed confessions - has resulted in the release of 77 detainees, including the main suspect earlier this month.

New President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has promised to bring the case to justice, launching a truth commission. The new prosecutor general has meanwhile announced plans to reinvestigate 'almost from scratch'.

But it is uncertain whether the world will ever know what happened to the young men from the teacher training

institute in the rural village of Ayotzinapa, in the violent state of Guerrero.

"I don't think (a new investigation) will achieve a radically different result from the original," said Alejandro Hope, a security expert and former Mexican intelligence officer. "There are two facts that don't seem to be in doubt: The students were kidnapped by police and

handed over to the Guerreros Unidos cartel." What happened after that, he said, might remain a mystery forever. The students attended a college with a history of radical protest. They had a habit, among other rowdy behaviour, of commandeering buses to drive themselves to protests. Dozens of them did that on the night of September 26, 2014, traveling to the nearby city of Iguala and hijacking five buses for a march in Mexico City. **AFP**



## TRUMP HAS TO BE STOPPED

● Democrats defy impeachment risks

**NEW YORK** — Democrats are embracing an impeachment investigation that could jeopardise their House majority and alienate the very sub-urban voters who have warmed to the party in recent elections and will be vital to defeat President Donald Trump next fall.

But a growing consensus is emerging among anxious Democrats: The risks are worth it.

Democrats were emboldened by Wednesday's release of a rough transcript of Trump's July call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, which confirmed that the Republican president repeatedly asked a foreign power to investigate his leading Democratic political rival, Joe Biden.

"The guy has got to be stopped," said Democratic former Virginia Governor

Terry McAuliffe, who had previously urged Democrats to move cautiously on impeachment because the Republican-led Senate would almost certainly reject articles of impeachment.

"This is a president using presidential power to invite a foreign government to come into our country and interfere with our democracy," McAuliffe continued.

"This is too much." Democrats will face tremendous political peril over the next year, however — a fact underscored by a far more cautious approach from the Democratic governors of Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, who declined Wednesday to endorse House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's approach.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, a former congressman, called details of Trump's phone call 'deeply troubling,' but said impeachment may not be the way to go. "It may not be politically good to do because I think at this point I, like many Minnesotans, am so sick and tired of the dysfunction in D.C.," he told reporters.

**Associated Press**

### Johnson plans to suspend Parly again

**LONDON** - Plans to suspend Parliament again were being drawn up by Boris Johnson last night — just one day after his first attempt was cancelled by a Supreme Court judgment.

The prime minister told MPs he intends to press ahead with a Queen's speech in the coming weeks in order to bring forward a new agenda of domestic policies.

Mr Johnson, who brushed aside calls to apologise for his failed prorogation, said: "I think we need a Queen's speech. We have a dynamic domestic agenda."

Downing Street confirmed that a new Queen's speech to set out his policies, which would include plans for services such as the NHS and education, would require Parliament to be prorogued.

Asked when he might act, Mr Johnson said: "I will be informing (MPs) as soon as we have assessed the meaning of the court's ruling."

Speaking on ITV's Peston show last night, Mr Johnson confirmed he was undeterred by the Supreme Court's unprecedented decision.

He said: "I think the public should see what we want to do and I think it's a great shame that the opposition are sort of gridlocked. They don't want either to have an election. They don't want Brexit to get done." **Daily Mail**



PLANS: Boris Johnson.

### Jamal Khashoggi murder happened under my watch

**RIYADH** - Saudi Arabia's crown prince said he bears responsibility for the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi last year by Saudi operatives 'because it happened under my watch,' according to a PBS documentary to be broadcast next week.

Mohammed bin Salman, the king-

dom's de facto ruler, has not spoken publicly about the killing inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. The CIA and some Western governments have said he ordered it, but Saudi officials say he had no role. The death sparked a global uproar, tarnishing the crown prince's image and imperilling ambitious plans to diversify the economy

of the world's top oil exporter and open up cloistered Saudi society. He has not since visited the United States or Europe. "It happened under my watch. I get all the responsibility, because it happened under my watch," he told PBS's Martin Smith, according to a preview of a documentary, "The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia,"

set to air on Tuesday, ahead of the one-year anniversary of Khashoggi's death. After initial denials, the official Saudi narrative blamed the murder on rogue operatives. The public prosecutor said the then-deputy intelligence chief ordered the repatriation of Khashoggi, a Royal insider who became an outspoken critic, but the lead negotiator ordered him killed after discussions for his return failed.

**Reuters**

## BRIEFS

### Forced to lick urinal in public bathroom

**HONOLULU** - A Honolulu homeless man fearing he would be arrested, reluctantly obeyed a police officer's orders to lick a urinal, according to a court document made public on Wednesday after a former officer pleaded guilty to failing to report the incident. And it wasn't the first time. Officer John Rabago had previously threatened another man he was questioning that he wouldn't be arrested only if he stuck his head in a toilet, the document said. Rabago, who remains on restricted duty, and Reginald Ramones, who left the department in August, were arrested and charged earlier this year with depriving a man of his civil rights. **AFP**

### Oldest mosque gets a facelift

**MAYOTTE** - At France's oldest mosque, a five-century-old edifice on the Indian Ocean island of Mayotte, the sound of jackhammers is broken intermittently by recitals by the faithful hunched over in prayer. The white-and-blue prayer hall at the mosque in Tsingoni, used five times a day, is plagued by crumbling ceilings, leaks, giant cracks and damp. "The humidity, the dust, the lack of ventilation, I can't stand it. I've developed allergies," complained Badirou Abdou, a local council representative who has prayed at the mosque since he can remember. **AFP**

### Student lay dead in dorm for months

**WELLINGTON** - The head of a multi-national company that manages a student hall in Christchurch where a young man reportedly lay dead for almost two months before being discovered says he is haunted by the question "How did we miss him?" Campus Living group Managing Director John Schroder told media yesterday that the company owed it to the yet unnamed student and his family 'to make sure we find out exactly what happened.' "If something needs to change in the way we operate our services we will do it," he said, according to the Stuff news website. **DPA**

### 'UK transgender man is child's mother'

**LONDON** - A transgender man who gave birth but did not want to be registered as the child's mother on the birth certificate lost a legal battle at England's High Court on Wednesday. Freddy McConnell, 32, was born as a woman but has lived as a man for several years. He was biologically able to get pregnant and give birth - and had legally become a man when the child was born in 2018. McConnell wanted to be registered as the child's father or parent. But Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division of the High Court, ruled against him. **AFP**



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## A JAZZY WEEKEND

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**WELCOMING** a jazzy weekend as we come to the end of the month of September, this weekend brings you more jazz events than any other week.

If you are a jazz fan, then you will definitely enjoy yourself this weekend.

Catch saxophonist Zwile at the Acoustic Night at Malendela's Restaurant.

You can also go enjoy jazz music at The Jazz Gallery with music by Sibusiso Malindzisa.

The first annual Eswatini Summer Festival will be taking place at Malkerns where you can get to see your favourite local and South African artists on stage. Catch Khaya Dladla also known as GC, DJ TOS, Busiswa, Mampintsha, Illa Penboy and many more.

The Spotlight is cutting yet another three contestants. Buy your MTN Pulse bundles and stand a chance to watch the live shows.

On Sunday, High Tea nad Ntjilo Ntjilo finals will be taking place. Whichever event you decide to attend, make sure you have the time of your lives and stay safe.

**Tonight**  
**ACOUSTIC NIGHT WITH ZWILE**  
**Where:** Malendela's Restaurant  
**Time:** 7pm

Come and enjoy jazzy music with saxophonist Zwile Bhembe, he will be soothing the guests with his fusion of jazz and pop entrance to the event is free, all you have to do is buy food, sit and enjoy.

**SIBUSISO MALINDZISA QUARTET**  
**Where:** The Jazz Gallery  
**Time:** 7:30pm

Sibusiso Malindzisa will jazz up the gallery tonight. Make sure you attend and witness Malindzisa featuring Itallo and Tlale Makhene. The pianist will also be joined by Sonnyboy Mbatha on bass, Junior Nkosi on Drums and Kgosana More on the saxophone. Entry fee is E150

**1ST ANNUAL ESWATINI SUMMER FEST**  
**Where:** Malkerns Country Club  
**Time:** 6pm

The first ever Eswatini Summer festival is here, bring out your dancing shoes and dance away to gqom tunes. The event will have artists like Busiswa, Illa Penboy, Distraction

Boys and many more.

Tickets to the show are selling for E150.

**Saturday**  
**THE SPOTLIGHT**

**Where:** Ezulwini Mahlelekhukhwini House

**Time:** 8am

The Top 26 have performed and the public has voted, this week 3 finalists will be going home.

They

remaining 23 will also

get a chance to perform for the judges. The public can continue to vote for their favourite artists, first watch the show on Eswatini TV on Sunday from 5pm to 6pm, then the public would have to SMS the contestant's number to 7768 using any MTN number or by visiting [www.mtnspotlight.com](http://www.mtnspotlight.com) Each SMS will cost E0.50.

**SUNDAY**  
**HIGH TEA**

**Where:** Emfuleni Lifestyle  
**Time:** 14:30pm

The second edition of the High Tea Event will be held at Emfuleni Lifestyle. Women are going to be empowered with talks, over tea, dishing good music will be Karly B.

**TALENT SHOW FINALS**  
**WHERE:** Happy Valley Hotel

**TIME:** 10am  
Come watch the final talent show at



Happy valley, the contestants will be judged by Sikelela Dlamini, Cleopatra Methula and Candy Litchfield. The competition is sponsored by Ntjilontjilo. Entrance to the event is E75 general and E250 VIP.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**LAV FEST**

**When:** October 5  
**Megasound Picnic**  
**When:** October 26  
**Daughter of the Soil**  
**When:** October 12

## New NOJA Gathering slated for November 9

BY DELISA THWALA

...Tsepo Tshola and Sands to headline event

**KITSI Music in partnership with Pigg's Peak Hotel and Casino launched a jazz gathering on Wednesday afternoon at the Pigg's Peak Hotel.**

The gathering dubbed 'Northern Jazz Gathering' was launched by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati's representative Maxwell Dlamini.

In his speech, the minister highlighted the importance of such events and that it always brings in numbers.

"It is with great pleasure that I officially launch NOJA, which is going to take place on November 9 here at Pigg's peak Hotel," said the minister.

He also highlighted in his speech that tourism will thrive after this particular event, and that they are more than happy to welcome people from as far as Mpumalanga and would like to urge everyone to use the road safely when coming in and going out," he said.

Kitsi Music CEO Sandziso Matsebula urged everyone to come to the event and have a good time and give their ear to mature jazz sounds.

"We promise nothing short of amazing. We have a few great artist



**ON BEHALF:** Maxwell Dlamini, who was speaking on behalf of the minister of tourism and environmental affairs during the launch of the NOJA show at Pigg's Peak Hotel on Wednesday.

lined up and with this event we seek to deliver high quality jazz for the ears," shared Matsebula

He also assured people that all events organised by Kitsi Music are to be made annual and they would not be once off.

**...FIRST EVENT IN PIGGS PEAK HOTEL IN 33 YEARS**

The jazz gathering will be the first event the hotel has hosted in 33 years. This was revealed by the

hotel's Sales Marketing Manager Leonard Shongwe during the launch. "We have had all sorts of events in the hotel but we have never had a jazz gathering here, this is going to be the first of its kind and we cannot wait to host people and go all out for everyone who will be coming through," confirmed Shongwe. He also mentioned that rooms would be made available to accommodate everyone. He said they were happy to have partnered with Kitsi Music for such a beautiful event.

The headlining acts for the jazz gathering will be singer Sands and Tsepo Tshola; this was revealed by Sands during the launch.

"Tshola and I will be the headlining acts, this is also a kick-off to our tour which will officially kick off in the Kingdom of Eswatini, then later Lesotho," shared Sands. Through an interview, Tsepo assured that he will deliver only the best for this tour and that he really enjoyed working with Sands.

"I am excited to work with Sands, whose immense success and talent at such a young age has given me great joy. I would like to celebrate music and life with Sands," Tshola said.

Tshola added that having a younger musician in the studio and on stage with him is also a part of working



**KITSI:** Kitsi Music CEO Sands speaks on behalf of the stable during the launch.



**HAPPY:** Leonard Shongwe, the Sales Marketing manager addresses the guests.

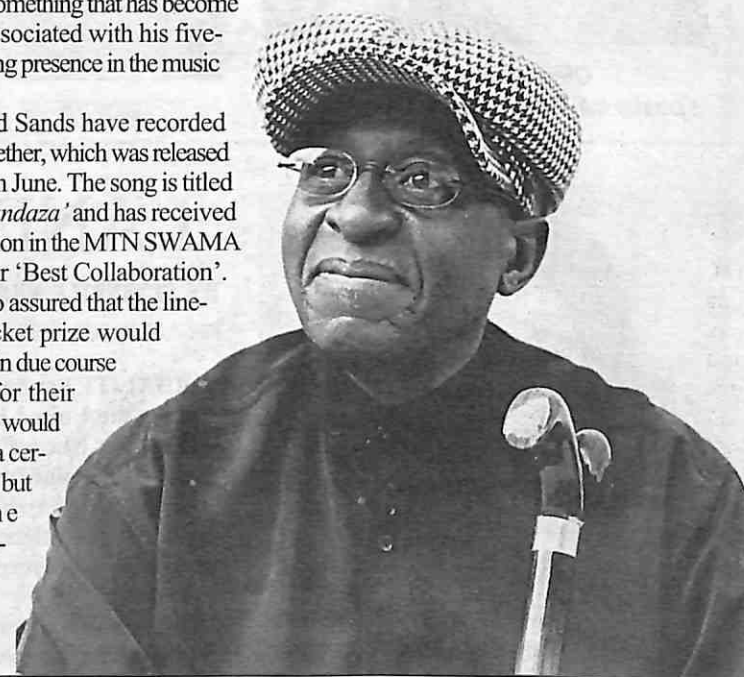


**WELCOME:** Thulani Motsa, the hotel's General Manager welcomes guests.

towards a legacy of good music - and even better live performances, which is something that has become closely associated with his five-decade-long presence in the music industry.

Tsepo and Sands have recorded a song together, which was released this year in June. The song is titled 'Ngiyathandaza' and has received a nomination in the MTN SWAMA awards for 'Best Collaboration'. Sands also assured that the line-up and ticket prize would be shared in due course and that for their lineup they would not target a certain crowd but everyone was welcomed.

**COMING:** Tsepo Tshola.





# CLEOPATRA JETS OFF TO TEXAS, USA

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

ESWATINI'S very own country music artist Cleopatra received a heartfelt farewell for her trip to Texas in the United States of America where she will contest for the Texas Country Music Awards.

The awards will be held from October 17 to 20.

Wishing the artist a safe trip was the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini and other members of the public.

The farewell function was held at Bethel Court on Wednesday evening. Members of the Eswatini Country Music Association also came in their numbers to support Cleopatra as she would be leaving for Texas.

Cleopatra won an international recognition for being the very first female artist in the kingdom to be nominated and invited to perform at the Texas Sound International Country Music Awards, to be held in Texas, USA.

She was nominated in the Entertainer of the Year, Female vocalist of the Year and Songwriter of the Year categories.

The farewell function also bid farewell to designers Lindelwa Ngwenya and Silindile Bhembe, who would be rep-



**SINGING:** Cleopatra performs at her farewell function held at Bethel Court in Ezulwini on Wednesday.

resenting the country in other countries. The minister, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, said they hope the artists are successful in their different journeys.

"As a ministry, we remain in awe of the continued growth and success that our artists and arts sectors as a whole have been enjoying over these last few years.

"This growth and success is under-

lined by such news of our artists taking their craft beyond the borders of our beautiful kingdom, to treat audiences far from here," he said.

## Immense

He also said they drew immense pride from the journey of Cleopatra who has been nominated and invited to perform overseas.

"We are similarly delighted to witness Ngwenya travel to showcase her

work in the French capital, Paris, one of the world's fashion capitals," he added.

ENCAC CEO Dlamini also made his remarks about how proud he was to see Emaswati getting international recognition and for raising the national flag high.

He said sometimes artists need to leave the country in order to make it because the country's population was



**SPEECH:** Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.



**REMARKS:** Eswatini Country Music Association President Elvis Jele makes his remarks.

small and not like the other countries.

Cleopatra said she would go out there and make the country proud. She thanked her family and everyone who helped her come this far, especially the ministry and Dlamini for always being positive about her trip.

Performances from Dusty and Stones kept the audience entertained and Cleopatra also gave the crowd a taste of her music.



**FAMILY:** Cleopatra's sister Nqobile speaks on behalf of the family.



**PERFORMANCE:** Dusty and Stones mesmerises the attendees at the function.



**WORDS OF ADVICE:** ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini gives wise words to Cleopatra.

## LANDO OFF TO UK FOR HER MASTER'S

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**SOCIALITE** Lando Dlamini has left for the United Kingdom to pursue her Master's Degree in Business Administration.

According to Lando after a long time of consistent search and rejections, she was accepted for two scholarships.

She stated that she was excited to finally have been able to be given

the opportunity to further her studies. She said the opportunity meant everything not only to her but also her child.

## Rich

Dlamini said she chose the UK because their Master's Programmes were rich yet all under a year, so for a single mother like her, this works out well.

"Many of you have been wondering about social media's well-kept secret and here it is. Your girl

is moving to England to the University of Sussex to study her Master's in Business Administration.

"I landed two major international scholarships and managed to bag these two scholarships worth close to E500 000," she said.

## Establish

Dlamini then mentioned that her course will go on for three years. She said when she comes back, she wants to grow her beauty business and also establish an institu-

tion for personal and professional development; which will also teach about mindfulness, wellness and holistic health.

She further said that her fans would be able to know more about her life through her YouTube channel.

Dlamini said it was through the channel that people would be motivated and learn not to give up on their dreams just because things are not working out their way.



**OFF TO UK:** Socialite Lando Dlamini.



## THE SPOTLIGHT:

# NOMALUNGELLO READY TO BE BLOWN AWAY

STORIES BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**SINGER** and Songwriter Noma-lungelo Dladla returns this week-end as the guest judge and she expects to be blown away.

The singer was the first guest judge of the competition for the Manzini auditions and she said she could not wait to see who, from her first judging experience, made it.

"I was told they are live at this point. So I have very high expectations at this point, I want to see musicality and the ability to work with others," she said.

Nomalungelo said the only advice she has for the remaining contestants was for them to keep their eye on the prize.

"Make sure you stay focused and just do your thing. A good song selection, a person who understands their voice, knows what sound goes with it, will definitely catch my eye," she said.

She said she was excited to see if any of the contestants are self aware.

## 'MTN promos continue on The Spotlight FB pages'

MTN Eswatini has continued to use The Spotlight Facebook pages to run some of their promotions.

This was said by MTN Eswatini Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko. Fans should be on the lookout for new promos on MTN Eswatini and The Spotlight Facebook pages.

The Spotlight is powered by MTN Pulse - a community, a lifestyle that

enables you to enjoy money-can't buy experiences on MTN.

Alongside The Spotlight competition, Maseko said the company will be treating its youth segment with cool treats designed for the youth and young at heart.

"We encourage the public to follow The Spotlight conversations on the MTN and The Spotlight Facebook

pages and stand a chance to win fabulous prizes under various promos that we will be rolling out on these platforms," he said.

public to use the remaining time before 5pm today, to make sure that they keep their favourite contestant on the competition.

### Important

"Voting is super important in this contest, and your vote counts. To vote for your favourite contestant, SMS the contestant's number to 7768 or you can vote on the website, [www.the-spotlight.co.sz](http://www.the-spotlight.co.sz)," he said.

Voting both through SMS and the

website costs E0.50 cents.

After last week's elimination, only 26 contestants

remain.

This week the competition will not be any different, as three contestants will reach the end of the road.

After surviving the second episode of eliminations and making it to the top 26, the hopefuls got another opportunity to show Eswatini what they have got. They delivered their performances accompanied by The Spotlight band.

## THE SPOTLIGHT TOP 26:

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## Come let's have a great time - Gadaffi

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**GENERATION:** The Legacy's actor Vuyo Dabula, well known as Gadaffi has confirmed his performance in the kingdom.

The actor will be at the Sibane Hotel on October 5 for the Black and Yellow party hosted by Illa Penboy.

Dabula stated that he was excited about his second visit to the kingdom as the country was his second home.

"Eswatini has a special place for me and I'm happy to have been there for the second time. I hope people have already bought tickets so we can together have a great time," he said.

Dabula was once

hosted by former Miss Eswatini Samukelisiwe Magagula for the Brotherhood Seminar in 2017.

He also got a chance to watch the Reed Dance as his Instagram was flooded with pictures of himself at the event from that year.

### Appeared

Vuyo Dabula is most famous for acting as Kumkani Phakade, brother-in law of Tau Mogale (Rapulana Seiphemo) in the soapie 'Generations; The Legacy'.

He is also renowned for his roles in various other series, including 'Yizo Yizo'.

Vuyo also appeared in 'Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015)' and he played the main role in the 2017 film 'Five Fingers for Marseilles'.

According to Illa the best dressed fan will win E10 000. Tickets are available at OK Foods, Sdeez, Sibane Hotel or call him to get your VIP ticket delivered while general tickets cost E150.

"Get your outfit ready. Runway models, live performances and clothing stalls", he said

COMING HERE:  
Legacy's actor  
Vuyo Dabula AKA  
Gadaffi.



## KIM's third edition Dance Ignition in December

BY DELISA THWALA

**BALLET** dancers Kids in Motion will host their third annual edition of the Dance Ignition in December.

This was confirmed by KIM's Director Velile Dube.

"We are hosting our third edition of our annual The Dance Ignition this December. The venue is still to be announced before this we will have an exam where our ballet students will partake in," said Dube.

She said the show would feature acts like last year, which

include KIM dancers and The National School of the Arts.

### Premiered

"They are bringing Bridges and Arches which premiered at The Joburg Theatre in July 2019. The choreographers of the production include Kitty Phetla and various other well-known choreographers," she said.

Dube said on the day before the show they would have the Head of Dance at the National School of Arts, Haydee Baker, take their dancers for their ballet exams because they want to make sure that their teaching

technique is in line with that of the National School of the Arts.

Haydee Baker is also a successful ballet dancer who has travelled the world and performed worldwide, but currently is the Head of Dance at the National school.

Dube said their mission at KIM is to produce internationally acclaimed dancers just as NSA has successfully done so. "With all these activities, we want our dancers to be healthy, practice healthy lifestyle but also make them the world's best dancers and probably most sought after dancers," said Dube.



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## Anele's 'unstoppable mission' for decent toilets in schools

**EASTERN CAPE** - TV and radio personality Anele Mdoda is all about building safe and hygienic toilets for children at underprivileged schools. With sanitation and toilets still a huge issue in SA, Anele's aim for the year is to build 20 new school toilets. She also set an ambitious goal of raising over R1m to build new toilets at one school through a crowd-funding campaign in partnership with Domestos.



HELPS: Anele Mdoda.

In an interview on 702, Anele explained that her motivation to start this campaign began when she heard the story of L u m k a Mkhethwa, the five-year-old girl who died last year in a broken pit latrine at her school in Bizana, in the Eastern Cape. "I don't think I will ever stop. It's not like it's a campaign where I will raise R1,1m and stop." *Times Live*

## K.O on claims he isn't giving talent a chance

**JOHANNESBURG** - Rapper K.O has hit back at suggestions that he is shutting doors to the industry and making it difficult for other rappers to come through, slamming those with 'entitlement' issues. It all started when the rapper took to Twitter to claim that it was time for a 'new wave of superstar artists, deejays, producers, manager, labels and execs'. His pleas got fans talking and they flooded the comments section with

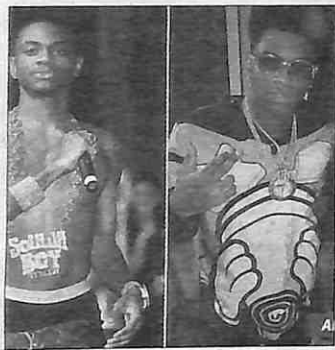


HITS BACK: K.O

their thoughts on the game at the moment and opportunities for young artists. One follower claimed that K.O was all tweet and no action, and should put people on. K.O hit back by bringing receipts of his work with young talent and said two new artists would be releasing through his label in a few months. "I've opened plenty doors for people in the past already, you just too blind to recognise that." *Sowetan*

## Soulja Boy's gained 50 lbs

**LOS ANGELES** - Soulja Boy's new drip has a lot more weight behind it 50 lbs. to be exact a result of him focusing on getting his life together and staying clean. Soulja's Manager, Miami Mike, tells TMZ the rapper started packing on the pounds after his last arrest, which led to him doing about three months in L.A. County Jail earlier this year. Mike says Soulja was only 130 lbs. when he started his sentence, but since then he's quit drinking and doing



KEEPS HEALTHY: Soulja Boy.

drugs of any kind. Most significantly, we're told he's cut out lean. We're told sippin' on lean almost constantly killed Soulja's appetite, but now he has a steady and healthy appetite and he's able to work out much more. On top of the health benefits, Soulja's manager says his lifestyle changes have helped the rapper's bank account because he used to spend an average of US\$500 to US\$800 per day on lean. *TMZ*

## George Clooney rides donkey alongside Brie Larson

**MADRID** - George Clooney's just sittin' around riding alongside Brie Larson and getting paid for it good work if you can get it! The movie stars were riding through the streets of Madrid on Wednesday Clooney on a beautiful white donkey, and Larson on what looks like a white horse, of course. Although it could be a mule. Forgive us we're no equine experts. Either way, they seemed to vibe well *TMZ*



RIDES: George Clooney and Brie Larson.

with the animals, and at one point, George even shared a moment with a chicken that wandered onto set. The actors were shooting a new ad for Nespresso. George has been its main spokesman since 2006. Over the years actors like Matt Damon, John Malkovich, Danny DeVito and Natalie Dormer have joined him for the spots and now you can add Captain Marvel to that list.

## Harry, Meghan take little Archie to meet Tutu

**CAPE TOWN** - After a long break from public life due to ill-health, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu met the Duke and Duchess of Sussex in Cape Town on Wednesday. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are on the last day of their visit to the city, and brought their five-month-old son, Archie, to meet Tutu. The cleric told the couple: "South



MEET: Desmond Tutu kisses Little Archie.

Africans adore you." They responded: "It is heart-warming." The couple had tea with Tutu and Archie had a heart-shaped biscuit with his name on it. One of Tutu's daughters, Thandeka Tutu-Gxashe, also attended the meeting at the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation's headquarters in the Old Granary Building. *Times Live*

## Amapiano doccie creator takes MTV to court

**JOHANNESBURG** - The brainchild behind M T V Base's highly publicised amapiano documentary pulled the plug on the Heritage Day TV special at the 11th hour through a court order. The creator of the documentary Behind the Amapiano Movement, Arthur Sebela, of production company New Slate Media on Monday obtained an urgent court order at the South Gauteng High Court in Johannesburg, stopping the music channel from



COURT ORDER: Amapiano.

airing it. As a result, the documentary, which was set to air on the channel on Tuesday at 9pm, was taken off the schedule. The much-anticipated documentary traces the origins of the popular emerging music genre with commentary by big names such as Kabza De Small, Major League DJz, Lady Zamar, DJ Zinhle, DJ Vinny Da Vinci, Killer Kau and Oskido. *Sowetan*

## Cassie, Alex Fine get married

**MALIBU** - Cassie and Alex Fine are officially husband and wife! They got married on Wednesday in Malibu, with Director Peter Berg officiating. Berg posted, "By the power vested in me long may you ride!" As you know, Diddy's ex-hooked up with Alex sometime after he became her trainer. Diddy believed they



UNION: Cassie and Alex Fine.

were romantically involved while he was still with her, although they deny that. Diddy was also angry because he paid Alex to train Cassie. Cassie and Alex announced in June that they were expecting their first child together. They got engaged on August 27, so no time to plan a big wedding. *TMZ*

## Screenwriter sues over 'What men want'

**HOLLYWOOD** - If you thought Taraji P. Henson's movie, 'What Men Want,' was a new take on 'What Women Want,' think again a screenwriter says it's really a rip-off of his script, and now he's suing Paramount. Joe Carlini says he wrote a screenplay entitled 'What the F Is He Thinking?' back in 2015, and shopped it around Hollywood but Joe admits he struck out. No one



SUES: Movie cover.

bit. In his lawsuit, Joe says he had meetings with reps for big-time production companies, including Weinstein, Montage and Bloom. He even spoke to several actors about starring in his movie. Yes, he dropped some names in the docs James Franco, Chris Pratt, Nick Swardson and King Bach. Still, it never took flight. Cut to two years later when, according to the docs, the film's producers get Taraji on board for their film. *TMZ*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



NEW CHOICES: Mabuyi.

While Slindile is safe, Mabuyi faces new choices. As the hunt for a fugitive continues, Qaphela is faced with the consequences of betrayal. Fenyang's gratitude prompts a surprising response.



TODAY

Lincoln and Claudette teeter on a cliff edge. Morongwa, Florence and Veronica's lives are rudely uprooted. Nina aims to take advantage of HD's latest crisis.



ADVANTAGE: Nina.



TODAY

Tendamudzimu pitches up and dredges up Senamile's past. Moliehi and KK have a funeral to plan. Poor Mpho has been summoned to judge Vho-Mukondeleli's chances at the competition.



DREDGED: Senamile.



TODAY

David double-crosses Khulekani. Khulekani makes Bash's death look like suicide. Lefa becomes absorbed in building electronics and Blossom is worried he doesn't have friends. She invites two boys for supper, not realising they are Lefa's bullies.



DOUBLE-CROSSED: Khulekani.









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## IFALAKHE: A TALE OF KINGDOMS, KINGS AND KIN

**THE all new series Ifalake premieres on Mzansi Magic this October!**

Mzansi Magic presents its brand-new series Ifalake, the jaw dropping, never seen before story of raging kingdoms, power-hungry kings and their deceptive kin! This spectacular series is set to enthrall viewers as a dramatic succession of events ensues due to an epic clash between two formidable nations.

Ifalake, created by Stained Glass Productions is the story of the powerful Okuhle tribe who wage war against the Khanya people who have been raiding their cattle and killing their women and children.

What makes the situation even more complex is that Khombindlela, the Okuhle king, finds his tribe on the brink of suffering harsh repercussions from

a prophecy that hangs over his head.

This prophecy not only threatens his lineage of the rule of his true heir but also gives him an unnerving task of ensuring it does not come to fruition – heavy indeed is the head that wears the crown!

"The series was set in pre-colonial Southern Africa, which adds a rich texture to the story and makes for, what we feel, is brilliant television," says Mmamitse Thibedi, Director from production house, Stained Glass.

"We've worked hard to create an intricate, intriguing plot that highlights the adverse effect of multiple twisted agendas and manipulation of power from the kings themselves and also from characters such as the king's wives – who have their own selfish ambitions," she

adds.

Starring Bheki Sibiba, Bheki Ngcobo, Chris Radebe and Sthandwa Nzuza the cast of this 13-part drama series focused on ensuring that the authenticity of all the characters is preserved and that the narrative of the era rings true.

Nkateko Mabaso, CEO M-Net says: "Ifalake is a captivating and multi-faceted story which delves into a number of complex themes, including touching on elements of African history, mythology and leadership. We are excited to share this series with Mzansi Magic viewers and are confident that it will grow to be loved by our audience."

Ifalake, the riveting epic from Africa's favourite storyteller airs on Mzansi Magic DStv Channel 161 from October 6, 2019.

## Jordyn Woods on Grown-ish debut, staying mentally strong

**JORDYN Woods makes her Grown-ish debut and touches on her character, Dee.**

No stranger to the camera, Jordyn Woods, famously known for her appearance on the American TV reality show Keeping Up With The Kardashians, will finally make her acting debut on our local screens.

The 21-year-old is set to star will play Dee, a freshman of the Hawkins Dorm. Aaron (Trevor Jackson), who is also a resident in the dorm, learns that Dee was thinking about taking her own life, a revelation which brings him to create awareness about black mental health on campus.

Chatting to People about the role, Jordyn revealed how she felt about the character she is portraying. "As a young adult myself, it was a cool way of being a part of a bigger conversation. And then the episode

happened to be on mental health, which was even more important to me to discuss," she told People.

Touching on how she stays mentally positive, Jordyn told People that it's important for her to keep positive people around her. "You just have to fully live every emotion that you go through, and understand that your purpose is bigger than you," she said.

"You define who you are, nothing else," Jordyn added.

Although her first official acting role, Jordyn has definitely set her eyes on more acting gigs. "I would love to do more acting; hopefully, always be me with makeup and clothing but I would love to keep the ball rolling on acting and keep going," she told People.

Catch Grown-ish on Thursdays at 19:30 exclusive to One Magic.



## A DIVALICIOUS CELEBRATION AWAITS - IDOLS SA

**THIS Sunday, our Idols dazzle alongside the Mzansi Gay choir. Here's what you can expect**

Who could forget one of the most touching moments of the season? Back in July during Pretoria auditions, we met Thula, a young man who made it clear from the jump, that he was keen on celebrating and advancing LGBTQ+ visibility via his contributions to the choir he performed but also his accomplishments on the show.

He'd shortly go on to leave the panel shook, with a stunning show of his talent before we got to meet his choir-mates who Somizi affectionately dubbed, 'his children'. Thula went on to bow out in the Top 32 Solos at Theatre Week but though his dream of obtaining the ultimate accolade is still on the cards, there's simply no denying that his fearlessness and talent created a moment that resonated with many, and hope-

fully most, with those in the queer community who still struggle to come to terms with their sexuality.

It's going to be a thrill to see what transpires when this infectious energy and charm returns to the Idols stage and we have no doubt it's going to massively elevate some already stellar performances by our Top 8.

Here's a little re-introduction to the Mzansi Gay Choir and what they're all about. You'll find the full Song Choice after the jump!

DINKY- 'Sweet Dreams' by Beyonce  
LUYOLO- 'Green Light' by John Legend

MICAYLA- 'Angifuni' by Paxton  
MMANGALISO- 'Lady Marmalade' by Patti LaBelle

NOLO- 'Mkhaya Lo' by Musa  
NQOBILE- 'I'm Every Woman' by Chaka Khan

SNEZIEY- 'Burnout' by Spho Hotstix



Mabuse  
VIGGY- 'Chandelier' by Sia  
VIRGINIA- 'Titanium' by David Guetta ft Sia

Idols South Africa airs, Sundays at 17:00 on Mzansi Magic Ch161. You can also get an exclusive look at what doesn't make the Live Shows plus,

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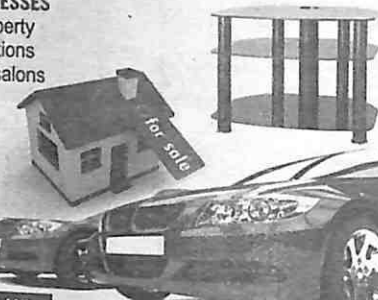
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## DEATHS

Vusi Patrick Mhlanga



Funeral: 28/09/2019  
Vigil: 27/09/2019  
Place: eNkosi

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Elizabeth Ncana Motsa



Funeral: 29/09/2019  
Vigil: 28/09/2019  
Place: eNkosi

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Robert Gabadela Masuku



Funeral: 28/09/2019  
Vigil: 27/09/2019  
Place: Hlathikhulu

Relatives and friends of Robert Gabadela Masuku are notified of his sudden death. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 28th September 2019 after a night vigil at his parental place Hlathikhulu Area. Announcement by his family.

Aaron Mfan'kwente Matsebula



Funeral: 28/09/2019  
Vigil: 27/09/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Aaron Mfan'kwente Matsebula kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kutawuba nemlindzelo ngalesihlanu, 27 September, bese ufihlwa ngemgibelo 28 September. Kwatiswa bekhabonina ka Nkhosi eLugedzeni, nebekhakhakhe ka Magagula ka Dvokolwako. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Msimisi Matsebula egameni lemndeni. Lala ngekuthula Mkhohlo Lonsudvu netinyawo takhe.

Daphney Thembele Mbanjwa Nee Kunene



Funeral: 29/09/2019  
Place: Mbukwane

Relatives and friends of Daphney Thembele Mbanjwa Nee Kunene are notified of her sudden death. She will be laid to rest at her home in Mbukwane kaDlovunga on Sunday 29 September at 05:00 a.m. Announcement by her family.

Arnold Sequera



Funeral: 28/09/2019  
Memorial: 26/09/2019  
Place: Manzini

Relatives and friends of Arnold Sequera are notified of his sudden demise. There will be a memorial service on Thursday 26 September at Khanyisile School Hall Madonsa at 6:30p.m. Funeral will be on Saturday at 10:00a.m. at EBC church in Manzini.

Doloi's Thembeze Gumedze



Funeral: 28/09/2019  
Vigil: 27/09/2019  
Place: eBulandzeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waka Gumedze nebaka Khumalo kutsi Doloi's Thembeze Gumedze akasekho emhlabeni. Inkonzo yesikhumbuto ingale sihlano nga 3p.m. e Roma (St Peregrines). Utawufihlwa eBulandzeni mhlaka 28 September. Umlindzelo utawuba ngalesihlanu afihlwe ngeMgibelo ekuseni. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMndeni.

Dalo Ussy



Funeral: 28/09/2019  
Place: Mhobodleni

Friends and Relatives of Dalo Ussy are notified of his sudden death. Memorial on Friday at Cathedral 27 September at 14:00hrs. Funeral at Mhobodleni 28 September. Announcement by family.

Sibusiso Mndzebele



Funeral: 28/09/2019  
Vigil: 27/09/2019  
Place: Mhobodleni

Friends and relatives of Sibusiso Mndzebele, son of the late Joyce Gugu Gumedze are notified of his sudden death. On Friday 27th September there will be a memorial service at 12:00p.m. at St Pauls Methodist Church Manzini. There after there will be a night vigil at his home at Mlalani Mhobodleni below Puma Filling Station which used to be Caltea Filling Station. He will be buried Saturday morning.

Senzo Wonderboy Mthethwa

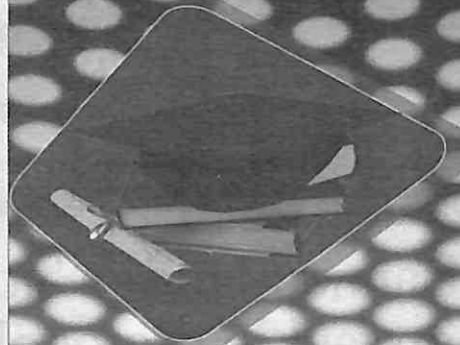


Senzo Wonderboy Mthethwa popularly known as 'Joeman' was born on the 3rd August 1978. He grew up at Emhlangeni Ebhunya under Manzini Region. He was employed at Eswatini Royal Police. He passed on the 23rd September 2019 after a short illness. He is survived by his mother, 3 brothers and a sister. We will dearly miss you Nyambose. May his soul rest in peace.

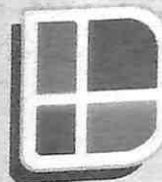
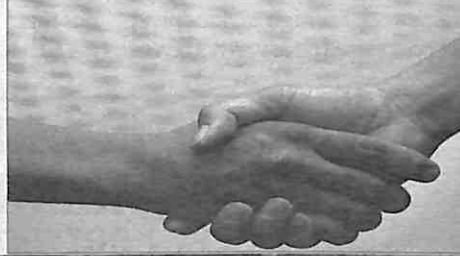
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## RUGBY WORLD CUP IN JAPAN

## Jerome Garces was 'shocking' in Boks v All Blacks

TOKYO - Former Springbok centre and Sharks coach Brendan Venter has hit out at referee Jerome Garces following his performance in Saturday's clash between the All Blacks and South Africa.

New Zealand won the match 23-13 to take control of Pool B, but Garces came in for some heavy criticism at the end of the contest for his handling of the scrums and the breakdown.

It was one of several question-

able refereeing performances seen so far at the 2019 World Cup, and it prompted World Rugby to this week to publicly acknowledge that the standard of officiating had not been up to scratch so far in the competition.

Venter, in a column for New Zealand website Stuff.co.nz, did not hold back.

Venter added that it was not a wise idea for Boks coach Rassie Erasmus to have put pressure on Garces in the media during the

build-up to the match, saying that it was something that he had seldom seen work in his coaching career.

The Boks are next in action when they take on Namibia in Toyota on Saturday.

Another Frenchman, Matthieu Reynaud, will take charge of that match. *AFP*



SUSPENDED: Reece Hodge.

## Banned Hodge 'not trained' on tackle protocol at RWC

TOKYO - Australia wing Reece Hodge revealed he hadn't been trained on World Rugby's new protocol for policing high tackles as he was suspended at the Rugby World Cup, an official report of his disciplinary hearing revealed on Thursday.

Hodge, banned for three games for a hit that concussed Fiji's Peceli Yato, admitted he had "no effective knowledge" of the new framework, which guides referees when they are deciding how to punish high tackles, the report said.

"The player conceded that he had no effective knowledge of WR's (World Rugby) 'Decision making framework for high tackles', had not been trained on it, was not across

it because the tackles he makes are predominantly in the waist to knees area," said the detailed report of the hearing.

It added that this statement was "of some general concern" to the three-member disciplinary panel, which met on Wednesday.

Hodge became the first player cited and banned at the Rugby World Cup in Japan following the incident in Australia's 39-21 Pool D win over Fiji on Saturday.

The new high-tackle protocol has been a major talking point in the build-up to the World Cup, with many expecting a rush of red cards as referees crack down on dangerous hits.

*AFP*

## Ruthless Azzurri bag another bonus-point win

TOKYO - Italy made it 14 tries in two Rugby World Cup wins and nearly 100 points scored after crushing Canada 48-7 on Thursday.

Only two missed conversions blotted a one-sided contest where Italy's forwards completely dominated. The win all but ensures Italy a 2023 World Cup-qualifying third place in Pool B unless Namibia and Canada can win twice, which means having to beat either New Zealand or South Africa to do so.

Canada next face defending champion New Zealand on Wednesday and Italy take on former champion South Africa two days later.

Italy were rusty last Sunday in beating Namibia 47-22, and eager to make amends.

Quick tries came from No 8 Braam Steyn and lock Dean Budd, the stand-in captain for Sergio Parisse.

Both were converted by fly-half Tommaso Allan, who added a penalty to help Italy lead 17-0 at the interval. Flanker Sebastian Negri's converted try made it 24-0 shortly after the break.



A penalty try, one try each from winger Mattia Bellini and replacement prop Federico Zani and a late effort from impressive fullback Matteo Minozzi concluded the rout.

## Conditions

Full-back Andrew Coe got a consolation try for Canada, which lost all four group matches at the last World Cup.

In humid conditions at Fukuoka's Hakatanomori Stadium, it was not

long before Steyn bulldozed over from the scrum after great work from flanker Jake Polledri.

When the sides met four years ago at the World Cup, it was Canada racing 10-0 ahead and Italy storming back to win.

But there seemed little chance of a Canada comeback. From a ruck, scrum-half Callum Braley fed Budd and he broke a weak tackle.

*Daily Mail*

## Erasmus wary of Welwitschia's 'unknown factor'

JOHANNESBURG - Namibia will play their 21st Rugby World Cup game on Saturday, but it is unlikely they will register a first win against two-time champions and one of the favourites to go all the way in Japan, the Springboks, when the teams meet in a Pool B match in the City of Toyota Stadium.

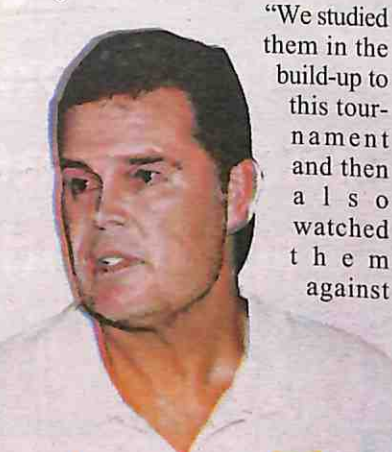
The men from south west Africa have lost their last 20 outings from five previous appearances at the tournament, including last week's opening Pool B match against Italy (47-22).

The Boks also came unstuck in their opener, against New Zealand (23-13), but the gulf in class between Rassie Erasmus' team and Namibia is huge.

Erasmus though, while recognising his team will be far stronger than the Namibians,

said he didn't know too much about Phil Davies' team.

"Namibia are a little bit of an unknown factor for us," said the Bok boss yesterday.



Rassie Erasmus.

Italy, they look like a team that just wants to play and enjoy the game and have some fun.

## Messy

"They are our neighbours so we also know we'll be in for a physical battle. It's one of those games where if you fall into the trap of playing like they want you to, then it can be a fun game for them, but a messy one for us.

We will have to be clinical and force our style on them." While Erasmus and some of the Boks players know many of the Namibian players who play in the South African rugby competitions, Welwitschia's forwards coach Jaco Engels also knows plenty about the Boks squad.

Engels played for the Bulls for many years and also played with and against Erasmus and his assistants Matt Proudfoot and Mzwandile Stick.

*The Star*

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# 'You don't sit back, think that's good enough'



**MANCHESTER** - Ole Gunnar Solskjaer says Manchester United's young players need to quickly learn to kill off games after Rochdale gave them a scare in the Carabao Cup.

After Sunday's chastening Premier League loss at West Ham, things were almost compounded, as 16-year-old Luke Matheson stunned Old Trafford by cancelling out fellow teenager Mason Greenwood's effort to secure a 1-1 draw.

Sergio Romero saved the day by denying Jimmy Keohane to secure a 5-3 penalty shoot-out victory, saving United from an embarrassing third-round exit to the plucky League One side.

It was a let-off for Solskjaer's men and a further reminder of the need to make their chances count, having converted just one of their 31 shots on the night.

'We go 1-0 up in many games,' the

United boss said.

'Today it's again going to be 1-0 up and you think 'go on then, get the second' which is the key now and that is learning curve for these boys as well.

'At this club you don't just sit back and hope that's enough good. If you settle for good enough, that's not what we want.'

This performance raised more questions than it answered, but 17-year-old Greenwood was one of the few positives after wriggling free to score in front of the Stretford End, just as he did in the Europa League against Astana last week.

'He has two great feet and (took the) penalty with his right, so he must be a nightmare for defenders having him one on one in the box,' Solskjaer said.

'He can go both ways, which is for me fantastic and you can just see he has got quality and he will get his share of games. But he is young, we'll allow him to grow slowly but surely.' *Daily Mail*

## 'We're back on our perch!'

**LIVERPOOL** - Liverpool chief executive officer Peter Moore believes the Merseyside Reds are back on their 'perch' taking a sly dig at Manchester United.

Sir Alex Ferguson famously said that he will do everything to 'knock Liverpool right off their f\*\*\*\*\* perch' when the Red Devils unveiled the Scotsman as their manager in 1986.

During his 26 years, he certainly guided United to the top of English football winning 13 Premier League titles taking them to 20 titles compared to Liverpool's 18.

However, after Ferguson retired in 2013, United have been on a rapid decline, whereas Liverpool are enjoying life under the tutelage of Jurgen Klopp.

The German guided the Reds to a second-place finish in the Premier League, while they went a step further in claiming their sixth Champions League crown in May. With six games into the Premier League, the Merseyside are already five points ahead of

champions Manchester City.

'We are back on our perch, as we famously say,' Moore told former Liverpool striker Michael Robinson at the World Football Summit in Madrid.

'What the Fenway Sports Group have done at Liverpool, over the past nine years is nothing short of miraculous.

'They have gone through ups and downs, but have stayed the course and never taken a penny out of the club.' Liverpool took one step closer in the League Cup on Wednesday evening after edging MK Dons 2-0 and will now visit Arsenal in the next round. *Sport24*

**They have gone through ups and downs but have stayed the course and never taken a penny out of the club**

## Milner a 'real role model for young players'

**LONDON** - Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp heaped praise on midfielder James Milner after he captained the Reds to a victory over MK Dons in the Carabao Cup.

It was a comfortable evening for Liverpool at their League

One opponents, as goals from Milner and Ki-Jana Hoever secured a 2-0 win.

Klopp made the most of the opportunity to rotate his squad, leading to a youthful lineup but he was keen to point out that it was one of the more experienced play-

ers who held everything together. 'For 75 minutes we controlled the game,' he said. 'But to be honest these games are there for the boys to show how good they are. The keeper making those kind of saves is absolutely brilliant.'

*Team Talk*

## 'Sorry for keeping two clean sheets'

**LONDON** - Shkodran Mustafi has sent a sarcastic apology to a fan on Twitter after his performances in defence for Arsenal so far this season.

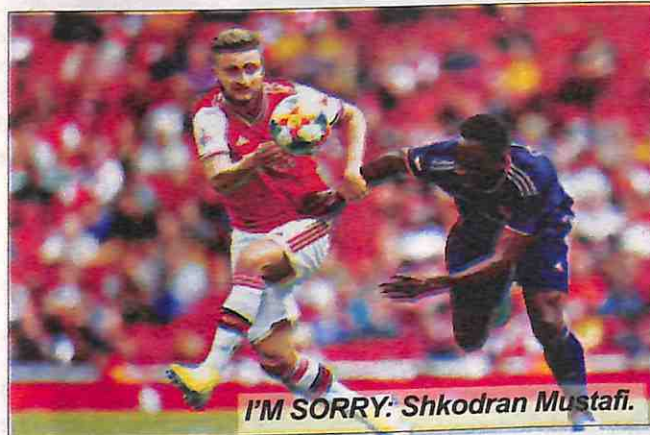
The defender hasn't played in the Premier League yet, but has started in both the Europa League and the League Cup.

Arsenal didn't concede a goal in either game against Eintracht Frankfurt and Nottingham Forest, and one fan saw fit to point it out on Twitter.

'I hate to say this but @MustafiOfficial has played two games and kept two clean sheet,' said the Twitter user, adding a 'thinking' emoji.

To white Mustafi replied: 'Sorry for keeping the two clean sheets,' adding a less than amused emoji of his own.

Mustafi was deemed surplus to requirements at Arsenal this summer, but the club were unable to find a buyer.



There was interest from Juventus on the final day, however the transfer window slammed shut before a deal was done.

Mustafi joined Arsenal from Valencia for £35million in August 2016, but has fallen down the pecking order in recent times. However, the German was given a start in the Gunners' 3-0 away win at Frankfurt, and then was in the

line-up again for their 5-0 win against Forest in the League Cup.

After the Frankfurt game, Mustafi refused to rule out a potential transfer in the future, saying: 'My dad talked to the club. I am a player of Arsenal and have another two years of contract.'

'I was never the one who starts a war when something does not work out.' *Daily Mail*



Eswatini Environment Authority

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The deadline for submission of comments is **29<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

\*20 days from last week of publication of notice.





## REASON WHY BAFANA PLAYERS HAVEN'T RECEIVED R500K BONUS

**JOHANNESBURG** - SAFA CEO Russell Paul revealed that Bafana Bafana players have not been paid promised bonuses for representing South Africa in the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations tournament.

After reaching the quarterfinal of the Afcon tournament, each player was promised a bonus of R520,000.

Paul has explained that CAF has not yet paid Sifa R11 million for reach-

ing the quarterfinals of the continental showpiece.

"We are just seeking their full clarity," Paul was quoted by *SABreakingnews*.

"Although they (CAF) have now started to give clarity, so I don't want to comment on it until maybe Friday. We are exchanging communication at the moment, so I don't want to comment until I get the final comment from them.

"That's why I'm saying we are in discussion with them. They are just talking to us at the moment. They are making clarity.

"They have made some payments but we are not sure what those payments are for. So that's why I don't want to comment until they have clarified all of that over the next two, three days." *Citizen*

## Puyol turns down Barca offer

**BARCELONA** - Former FC Barcelona captain Carles Puyol has rejected the chance of a sensational return to the LaLiga giants.

Puyol is widely regarded as one of the finest defenders of his generation and spent his entire career at the Camp Nou, amassing 682 games for the first-team over 15 seasons.

He also captained the Blaugrana for a decade and has always been tipped for a return to the club since announcing his retirement from football in 2014.

However, the 41-year-old has now confirmed that he's rejected a chance for an iconic homecoming with the side

he lifted 18 major titles with.

"In recent weeks, several news stories about my possible incorporation at FC Barcelona as a sports director have been published.

### Weighing

As such, I feel obligated to communicate to the whole culé family that, after weighing it up a lot, I have decided not to accept the club's offer," he wrote on Twitter.

"It has not been an easy decision, since I have always said that I would like to return to what I consider my home. But various personal projects in which I am immersed would prevent me, at this

time, from giving the exclusive dedication that the position deserves.

"I would like to thank the club for the trust placed in me, by offering me this position with so much responsibility."

Club president Josep Bartomeu will now continue his search to succeed Pep Segura for the prestigious role that was vacated in July. *AFP*

## Manyonga leads SA's medal charge in World Champs

**DOHA** - In the absence of defending champions Caster Semenya (800m) and Wayde van Niekerk (400m), the 31-member South African team for the World Championships in Doha, Qata, will be led by world champion Luvo Manyonga, who is defending his title in the men's long jump.

The team arrived in the country on Wednesday to begin their countdown to the biennial event, which will be held at Khalifa International Stadium from Friday until October 6.

Among others, the SA contingent will be looking up to African long jump champion Ruswahl Samaai, Olympic

javelin throw medallist Sunette Viljoen and World Championships 100m finalist Akani Simbine.

### Retain

Former World Championships 200m medallist Anaso Jobodwana, will also be in the frame as the team try to retain their top-three medals finish of 2017.

The squad also features world junior champion, Zeney van der Walt, who will compete in the women's 400m hurdles event as one of the team's most exciting global young prospects.

"We have sent a team to compete with the best in the world. Their mandate is to continue where

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"Our athletes must target a place on the podium," he added.

*African News Agency*

## Tsitsipas retires from Zhuhai opener

**ZHUHAI** - Top seed Stefanos Tsitsipas had trouble breathing and quit his opening match at the Zhuhai Championships on Thursday, after calling a medical time-out before the deciding set.

The 21-year-old Greek was the strong favourite against unseeded Adrian Mannarino of France and took the first set 6-3 in southern China.

But he appeared to labour badly

after that, bending over several times on court and putting his hands on his knees.

He was far from his best, as he lost the second set 7-5, and retired soon after, looking red in the face and burying his head in his hands.

Tournament officials said that he had been having problems breathing and was getting medical attention, but did not go to hospital.

*AFP*



## Penalty for Verstappen, Kvyat to back of Russian GP grid

**RUSSIA** - Max Verstappen will have a five-place grid penalty and Daniil Kvyat will start his home Russian Formula One Grand Prix, from the back of the field on Sunday, as a result of power unit changes.

Honda said Kvyat and Toro Rosso team mate Pierre Gasly, along with Red Bull's Verstappen and Alexander Albon would be given new engines for the race in Sochi.

"With a different replacement history, Kvyat is changing all power

unit elements except the battery. He will start from the back of the grid," the Japanese manufacturer said on its F1 Twitter account on Thursday.

The move ensures all four cars have fresher engines for Honda's home race in Japan on Oct. 13, the next round after Russia.

Verstappen, winner of two races this season, is fourth in the championship but level on points with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

The pair are both 96 points behind Mercedes' five times world champion Lewis Hamilton with six races remaining. Champions Mercedes have won every Russian Grand Prix since the first in 2014.

Kvyat is the only Russian driver on the starting grid.

*Reuters*

## Leopards appoint new coach!

**JOHANNESBURG** - Black Leopards have finalised the appointment of a new coach to take over from Frenchman Lionel Soccoia, who was recently relieved of his duties at the club.

Luc Eymael has been expected to take over the vacant head coach post at Lidoda Duvha, with Siya sources indicating that the parties agreed on terms this week.

Leopards have now confirmed that the Belgian coach has joined the club on a two-year contract. *Soccer Laduma*



**REJECTS: Ex-Barca captain Carles Puyol.**



# Weekend Sports Fixtures

...Compiled by Jongile Xuba

## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Mavuso Sports Centre			
Moneni Pirates	vs	Tambuti	3pm
At Somhlolo National Stadium			
Milling Hotspurs	vs	Denver Sundowns	1:30pm
Green Mamba	vs	Mhlume Peacemakers	3:35pm
At Killamey Stadium			
Malanti Chiefs	vs	Royal Leopards	3pm
Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
P/P Black Swallows	vs	Mbabane Swallows	1pm
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Manzini Sea Birds	3:05pm

## MTN FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE

Today at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Umbelbele	vs	Illovo FC	6:30pm
Tinyosi	vs	Hlathikhulu Tycoons	8:30pm
Tomorrow at Mayaluka Stadium			
Madlenya	vs	Vovovo	3pm
At King Sobhuza II Stadium			
Rangers	vs	Young Movers	3pm
At Tambankulu Stadium			
Tambankulu Callies	vs	Seven Dreams	3pm
Sunday at Manzini Club			
Ludzeludze Killers	vs	Mbabane Citizens	3pm

## HUB HARDWARE CHAMPS OF CHAMPS JUNIORS LEAGUE U17 - KO

Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground			
Young Chiefs (Mzimba)	vs	Crocodiles (Nkhaba)	8:30am
Supersport	vs	Tiki Taga	10am
Top Classic	vs	Elimination (w)	12pm
Hubhardware Social	vs	HRFA Social	1:30pm
Finals	vs	Finals	2:30pm

## MANDLA MAHEWU MBABANE JUNIORS LEAGUE U15 - E15 000

Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground			
The Wallers	vs	M. Classic	8am
Multi Classic	vs	Mantsholo FC	9am (U20)

## FURNITURE WAREHOUSE MBABANE JUNIORS - U20

Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground			
Humane	vs	Red Stars	8am
Freestyle	vs	Sivutsa	10am
Aces Utd	vs	Mphalati	11am

## SWAZI TRAC HHOHO SUPER LEAGUE - E77 000

Southern Zone			
Tomorrow at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground			
Corporation	vs	Swazi Sun	1:30pm
Sidwashini	vs	Burning Spear	3:30pm
Tomorrow at Embo Sports Ground			
Lobamba Sunrise	vs	H. Shooting	1:30pm
Emajukujuku	vs	Community	3:30pm
Tomorrow at Maphaleni Sports Ground			
Billy Ocean	vs	Mbabane City	1:30pm
Junior Stars	vs	Imbumbi	3:30pm

Northern Zone			
Tomorrow at Buhleni Sports Ground			
Vultures	vs	Manchester	1pm
Stone breakers	vs	Horo Spinners	3pm
Sunday at Prison Sports Ground			
PP. Rangers	vs	Machibini	1pm
Khanajana Rovers	vs	Sigodlo	3pm
Sunday at Buhleni Sports Ground			
Mshweni	vs	Kappa	1pm
Seven Stars	vs	Mvuma	3pm

## MANDLA MAHEWU MBABANE LEAGUE - E70 000

Promotion			
Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground			
Double Action	vs	Wizards	3:30pm
Sunday at Msunduzi Sports Ground			
PG Dribbling Stars	vs	FC Vaal	9am
Multi Classic	vs	Mpolonjen Y	11am
Real Tec	vs	Mvakweliye	1pm
Amawele	vs	Mb. Celtics	3pm
Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground			
Village Stars	vs	Freestyle	11am
Interstars	vs	Pot O Gold	1pm
Sandla	vs	White City	3pm

B. Division			
Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground			
Mantsholo	vs	Real Stars	1:30pm
Red Stars	vs	R. Dynamos	3:30pm
Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground			
MP. Fighters	vs	Mbabane Utd	1:30pm
Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground			
Rangers	vs	Lusoti	9am
Sunday at Police Sports Ground			
Junction Stars	vs	Mantsholo	11am
Mbabane Movers	vs	Mangwaneni	1pm
Hurricane	vs	Veni Cosmos	3pm

## SOUTH STARS MDZIMBA LEAGUE - E65 000

Tomorrow at Nsukumbili Sports Ground			
Cosmos	vs	Rebels	2pm
Tomorrow at Mdzimba Sports Ground			
Diekoppies	vs	Bush Bucks	1:30pm
Mdzimba Achievers	vs	Amacabane	3:30pm
Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground			
Bombers	vs	Top Center	1:30pm
Rhumbas	vs	Monaco	3:30pm
Sunday at Nsukumbili Sports Ground			
All Stars	vs	Africa Stars	11am

Chiefs	vs	Rangers	1pm
Timbungulu	vs	Sibuyeni	3pm
Sunday at Hhukwini Sports Ground			
City Stars	vs	Highlanders	9am
Barcelona	vs	Sundowns	11am
Killers	vs	Swallows	1pm
Rhinos	vs	Arsenal	3pm

## BAKHANYISELE MABULALA & GONGZ MAPHALALENI LEAGUE - E40 000

Eastern Stream			
Tomorrow at Jubukweni Sports Ground			
Academy	vs	Young Aces	1pm
Hill Stars	vs	Happy Tigers	3pm
Tomorrow at Ararati Sports Ground			
Lunkanka	vs	Love & Peace	3pm
Sunday at Jubukweni Sports Ground			
Top Classic	vs	Rollers	11am
Mighty Birds	vs	Sunrise	1pm
Jubukweni	vs	H. Fighters	3pm

## Western Stream

Tomorrow at Maphaleni Sports Ground			
Hotspurs	vs	XI Experience	11am
Tomorrow at Bizza Sports Ground			
Liselese	vs	Umkhokha	9am
Blue Birds	vs	Manchester	11am
Sunday at Maphaleni Sports Ground			
Barcelona	vs	Stone Breakers	1pm
Killers	vs	Khulungwane	3pm
Sunday at Bizza Sports Ground			
Young Stars	vs	Young Lovers	1pm
Rangers	vs	Thuluzobona	3pm

## POTS CONSTRUCTION SIGANGENI LEAGUE - E30 000

Tomorrow at Sigangeni Sports Ground			
Young Fighters	vs	M. Celtics	1:30pm
L. Nationals	vs	Villa Sport	3:30pm
Tomorrow at Ntsetse Sports Ground			
Mhlane Utd	vs	Kangaroo	3pm
Sunday at Sigangeni Sports Ground			
Sigangeni	vs	Real Touch	11am
Mighty Chiefs	vs	Real United	1pm
U. Eagles	vs	Kupheleni	3pm

Sunday at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground			
Black Aces	vs	Ntsetse Flyers	3pm
Sunday at Sibovini Sports Ground			
Sibovini	vs	Total XI	3pm

## FUTIS NKHABA LEAGUE - E30 000

Tomorrow at Majotini Sports Ground			
Dribbling Stars	vs	Lubhedze	1:30pm
White Rhinos	vs	Nkoyoyo Utd	3:30pm
Tomorrow at Motshane Sports Ground			
Hawane Arsenal	vs	Crocodiles	11:30am
Motshane Very	vs	Majotini	1pm
Nkoyoyo Jnr	vs	Ngwenya Utd	3pm
Sunday at Motshane Sports Ground			
Real Rovers	vs	Atletico	9am
Kasi Xi	vs	Superstars	11am
Mahangeni Cosmos	vs	Manyisa	1pm
Bafana	vs	Barcelona	3pm
Sunday at Majotini Sports Ground			
Majotini Rebels	vs	Fast Movers	1pm
Sivutsa	vs	M. Celtics	3pm

## OUPA MHLANATANE LEAGUE - E50 000

Tomorrow at Mtonjeni Sports Ground			
Hot Fighters	vs	N. Liverpool	11am
City Stars	vs	Zinyane	1pm
Thuluzobona	vs	Manchester	3pm
Tomorrow at Zinyane Sports Ground			
Celtics	vs	Movers	3pm
Sunday at Tikhuneni Sports Ground			
Chelsea	vs	Democracy	3pm
Sunday at Mtonjeni Sports Ground			
M. Professionals	vs	Sihoye	11am
Mpotu Aces	vs	Lonhlalane	1pm
Weirna	vs	Arsenal	3pm

Eastern Stream			
Tomorrow at Machibini Sports Ground			
Malibeni Tigers	vs	M. Bombers	11am
Maccoweni	vs	T. Wizards	1pm
Tomorrow at Makhweya Sports Ground			
Makhweya	vs	New Castle	1pm
M. Cosmos	vs	Z. Swallows	3pm
Sunday at Makhweya Sports Ground			
Xi Men	vs	H. Defenders	3pm
Sunday at Manjengeni Sports Ground			
Manjengeni	vs	Liverpool	3pm

## BUY CASH PIGG'S PEAK LEAGUE - E50 000

Sunday at Malanda Sports Ground			
White Killers	vs	Phophonyane	1pm
Mangwaneni	vs	Bush Bucks	3pm
Sunday at Plantations Sports Ground			
Darkies	vs	19 Celtics	1pm
Citizens	vs	Ndeva Galaxy	3pm
Sunday at Lazwane Sports Ground			
Rise & Shine	vs	Supersport	11am
Maguga	vs	Thuluzobona	1pm
Hotspurs	vs	Mhlalane	3pm
Sunday at Club Sports Ground			

Peak City	vs	Peak Forest	1pm
Nkomazi	vs	Rockville	3pm

## MP NELSON MAMBA TIMPISINI LEAGUE - E25 000

Tomorrow at LFTC Sports Ground			
Superstrokes	vs	Young Savilla	9am
Rockville	vs	JB Arsenal	11am
Mv. Sundowns	vs	Mv. Elegance	1pm
Malsamo	vs	Mbashi	3pm

## Tomorrow at Ndlambi Sports Ground

Gunners	vs	All Stars	11am
Nhlambeni Utd	vs	Blue Birds	1pm
Young Stars	vs	Golden Arrows	3pm
Sunday at LFTC Sports Ground			
Young Bombers	vs	Y. Swallows	9am
Red Lions	vs	Sikhaleli	11am
Soccer Rose	vs	Kudwaleli	1pm
H. Pirates	vs	Ngonini	3pm

## Sunday at Mbashi Sports Ground

Nkani	vs	Mv. All united	11am
Vusweni	vs	Besutwini	1pm
Nkani City	vs	AK 47	3pm

## SHEBANTABINEZIMPISI LEAGUE - E50 000

Tomorrow at Fontotje Sports Ground			
Maywane	vs	Superstars	1:30pm
Mahombe Arsenal	vs	City Cosmos	3:30pm

## Tomorrow at Mkhuzweni Sports Ground

Hungry Lions	vs	Fontotje Utd	1:30pm
Manchester	vs	R. Bombers	3:30pm

## Tomorrow at Ntampakuphi Sports Ground

Nt. Swallows	vs	Y. Professional	1:30pm
Special Killers	vs	City Stars	3:30pm

## Sunday at Fontotje Sports Ground

D. Darkies	vs	Buhleni Aces	1pm
Golden Arrows	vs	Maz. sundowns	3pm

## SOMPISI NTFONJENI LEAGUE - E40 000

Tomorrow at Ntfontjeni Sports Ground			
Hellenic	vs	Mbabalane	11am
Royal Madrid	vs	FC Casino	1pm
Seven Up	vs	Gurwane	3pm
Tomorrow at Mshinande Sports Ground			
Suncity	vs	Ntintinyane	1pm
Trounge	vs	Nkonjaneni	3pm
Sunday at Ntfontjeni Sports Ground			
Sdshini	vs	Teenagers	11am
Express	vs	Chelsea	1pm
Pirates	vs	Zibonele	3pm

## Tomorrow at Mshinande Sports Ground

Barcelona	vs	Young Tigers	1pm
Arsenal	vs	Foster	3pm

## BHULANE RESORT NDZINGENI LEAGUE - E50 000

Tomorrow at Mvuma Sports Ground			
Blue Birds	vs	M. Celtics	9am
Tihlabani	vs	Gebhulas	11am
Lozaza	vs	D. Darkies	1pm
Happiness	vs	M. Madrid	3pm
Sunday at Mvuma Sports Ground			
Blue Ocean	vs	KK Ajax	9am
Super Ace	vs	Volcano	11am
Zzeweni	vs	Tsunami	1pm
FC Academy	vs	Red Sea	3pm

## Tomorrow at Bulandzeni Sports Ground

Roman Utd	vs	Young Stars	11am
Young Chiefs	vs	M. Professional	1pm
White City	vs	M. Aces	3pm
Sunday at Bulandzeni Sports Ground			
Arsenal	vs	Sweet Banana	11am
Supersport	vs	Winners Park	1pm
Bulandzeni Rebels	vs	K. Celtics	3pm

## SWAZI TRAC - LUBOMBO SUPER LEAGUE

Today at Mayaluka Stadium			
Distiller	vs	Sikhalo Se Africa	7pm
Magwayane	vs	Malaheni United	9pm
Tomorrow at Lavundlamani			
Gucoks Cosmos	vs	Ubomob Flyers	3pm
Sunday at Tambuti Sports Ground			
Home Sparrows	vs	CPL	11am
City Warriors	vs	Young Aces	1pm
Juventus	vs	Samampela	3pm
Sunday at Tambankulu Stadium			
CK Survivors	vs	Rail United	3pm
At Malaheni Sport Ground Sunday			
Bhelebane	vs	Tambankulu Celtics	3pm

## MALINDZA ZONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Mpaka Stadium			
Mshana	vs	Highway	9am
Siweni Utd	vs	Black Mamba	11am
Calabash	vs	Umseshi	1pm
Lubhuku United	vs	Malindza Utd	3pm
Sunday at Mpaka Stadium			
Eleven Angels	vs	Zamalek	8:30am
Lubhuku Y Stars	vs	Juventus	10:30am
Promising Stars	vs	Dvokodweni	12:30pm

## SHISELWENI SOUTHERN SUPER LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Mayiseni Sports Ground			
Manchester	vs	All Nations	1pm
Vusweni Killers	vs	Mashekeseni	3:30pm

At Ngwane Sports Ground			
Ngwane College	vs	Black Mashuba	3pm
Sunday at Nsingizini Sports Ground			
Nsingizini H Spurs	vs	Piano	12pm
J.B. Tigers	vs	Mazomba	2pm
At Kings House Sports Ground			
Shooting Stars	vs	Nyatsini United	3pm

## SHISELWENI NORTHERN SUPER LEAGUE

Tomorrow at La Khumalo			
Nkwene Sundowns	vs	Amalanda	3pm
At Show Ground			
Power Stars	vs	Hlathikhulu United	3pm
Sunday at La Khumalo			
XI Stars	vs	TP Mazembe	1pm
Assegai Killers	vs	Royal Power Stars	3pm
At Tjendlovu Sports Ground			
Black Aces	vs	Peacemakers	1pm
Thuluzobona	vs	Mmini Cosmos	3pm





# DU'S CORNER

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

WITH  
DUMSANE SIBANDZE  
SFF Youth Development  
Coordinator/Manager



## LET US KEEP ON BELIEVING!

*...Sihlangu's defeat to Zambia in the CHAN Championships was very unfortunate but Papic is taking the squad in the right direction*

**PERSONALLY, I have a strong belief in Sihlangu's chances of overturning the score-line when we visit Zambia's 'Chipolopolo' for the CHAN Championships return match next month.**

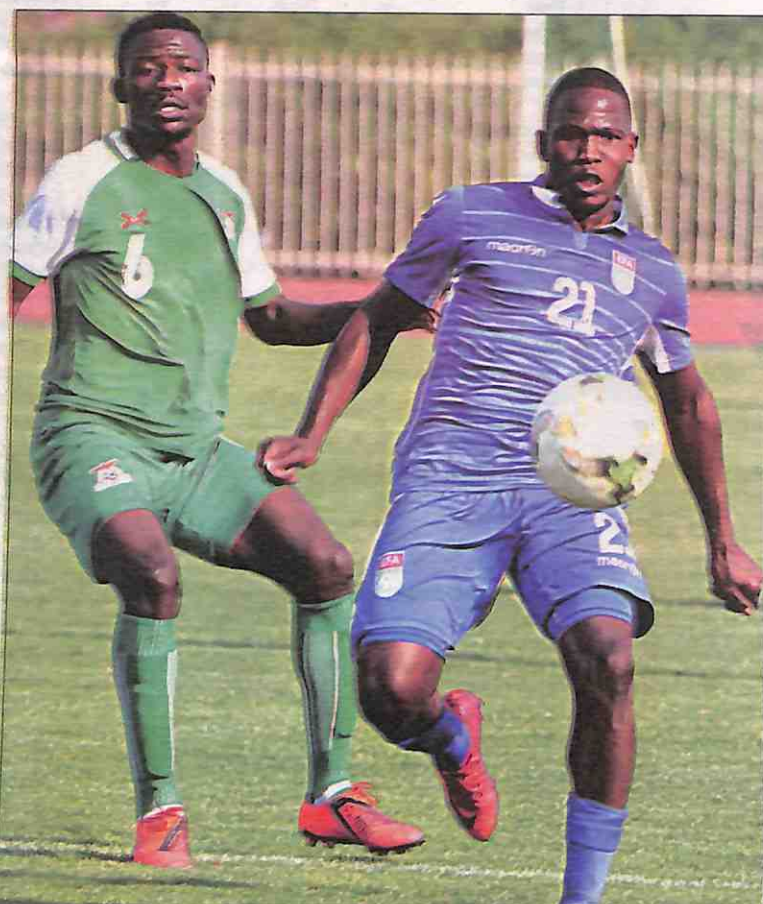
We may have unfortunately lost 0-1 to the Zambians in the first leg match last weekend at Mavuso Sports Centre, but those who watched the game would agree that this result was not a true reflection of the entire match.

The truth is that this Sihlangu squad has greatly improved under the guidance of coach Kostadin Papic and those who understand football would agree with me.

We were the better team against Zambia and had we utilised the scoring chances we created in that game, we would have easily won that game.

It's unfortunate that the boys could not put away those glorious scoring chances which at times looked easy to score than to miss. It was clear after the game that Papic and his team are doing a tremendous job and all that is left now is to work on the finishing part. Even the Zambian coach admitted after the game that Sihlangu were the better team and dangerous.

He actually made no secret of the fact that they will not take the return match very lightly as he could see that Sihlangu pose a big danger to his team even in their own backyard. Naturally, you understand some people's frustrations about the defeat especially at home but let me plead that we also look at the positives which are more than the negatives in Sihlangu now.



Let us put trust in Papic that he will find the right solutions to the problem of not scoring but for him to do his work properly, he needs to be supported.

Putting unnecessary pressure on the coaches now will not help the squad because as pointed out before, we are headed in the right direction.

Papic has positively transformed this team and more people have started believing in Sihlangu as the grow-

ing number of supporters showed at Mavuso Sports Centre.

Still on Sihlangu, it would really be a huge motivation for the players if local supporters would travel to Lusaka for the return match.

The team desperately needs the 12th player now and if the players see that the whole nation is fully behind them by taking the long journey to Lusaka, it would make a whole lot of difference. A lot of people had written the

squad off when we travelled to Malawi and Angola but managed to bring positive results in the same competition. Nothing can prevent our boys from repeating such feat away in Zambia and let us give them all the support they need to succeed. It won't be an easy game but we have another 90 minutes of play to make history. I believe the boys can do it and make the nation proud.

### YOUNG BUFFALOES ARE THE TOAST OF ESWATINI FOOTBALL

It is only fair to declare without any misgiving that Young Buffaloes, fondly known as 'Amathole' in local football circles, are beginning to a great giant of our time. They have without doubt assembled one of the best teams since their foundation and the results are showing in the field of play. It is not just in the domestic scene where they have been a marvel to watch but their heroics in the on-going CAF Confederation Cup bear testimony of their growing stature.

I can only describe them as a resilient bunch of winners that are always prepared to die with their boots on in the field of play.

They have proven to all and sundry that they are a club with sound leadership qualities and it is for that reason that we must keep them in our prayers as they prepare to face Wits University in the CAF second leg match away in Johannesburg tonight.

As the local football fraternity, we wish them the best of luck in this game and we believe that they can come away with another victory. We need to support them as a nation because they are not representing themselves now but the country as a whole. For that reason, we are expecting a large number of Emaswati to accompany the army side to Johannesburg for this important game as they would serve as a huge motivation for the entire team. Good luck!

### FIFA GOALKEEPING COURSE UNDERWAY AT LOBAMBA TECHNICAL CENTRE

One must really commend the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) through the office of the Technical Director (TD) Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta for organising the FIFA Goalkeeping Course currently taking place at Lobamba Technical Centre. This will no doubt go a long way in capacitating local football goalkeepers, which by extension, will benefit the local game.

The good part of it is that the majority of the participants are active goalkeepers, which we all hope will benefit immensely from the course. Goalkeeping is a fundamental element of football and through such courses, we will be able to produce well-trained coaches that will help identify, develop and nurture future Sihlangu goalkeepers.

Credit must also be given to the EFA Executive including the Chief Executive

Officer (CEO) Frederick Mngomezulu for always ensuring that local football people never stop developing their understanding of the game through such important courses.

### WE NEED TO RESPECT ALL FOOTBALL PRINCIPALS DURING OUR GAMES

In what was a disgraceful act by some hooligans posing as football followers, distasteful words were directed to top football officials last Sunday at Mavuso Sports Centre after Sihlangu's game against Zambia.

This column wishes to strongly condemn such acts and put it clearly that football authorities especially officials of higher stature like the President and Chairman deserve respect on all fronts. It is sometimes disappointing to note that these officials encounter problems finding parking at stadiums, yet they are the principal officials of our game.

This is not right and has to be corrected. 'Bomber' is the Danny Jordaan of Eswatini football and you could say that 'Touch' is the Irvin Khoza of the local game, that's how important these officials are. They should not only have reserved parking at stadiums but must have security as well. We seem not to understand the efforts people like them are putting in ensuring that Sihlangu and all the other national squads win games.

It is therefore, very silly for people to pass unpalatable words directed at these top football officials, which is an act of being ungrateful for all the hard work they put towards the betterment of the squad.

Let us grow up good people and show our principal football leaders the respect they deserve!





## CAF CONFEDERATIONS CUP PREVIEWS...

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

*Bidvest Wits vs Young Buffaloes  
Bidvest Stadium, 7pm*

**SOCCER – LOCAL CAF envoys Young Buffaloes are in a do-or-die situation, as they take on ABSA Premiership side Bidvest Wits tonight.**

Yes, there is no retreat no surrender for the Domenic Kunene-led boys in the crunch encounter of the continent's second premier club competition. They are the pride of the nation after Sihlangu's poor showing in international assignments.

Buffaloes go into the second leg, oozing with confidence after beating the star-studded Gavin Hunt boys by a solitary goal, a week ago at Mavuso Sports Centre.

'Amathole Ezinyathi' head coach Dominic Kunene has already declared their readiness for the crunch encounter and promised to give a great performance against their fancied opposition.

The three-time EswatinBank Cup winners are capable of upsetting the Johannesburg-based side, that once lost to Royal Leopard in the same competition under the guidance of their current mentor Gavin Hunt in 2015.

#### Advantage

Buffaloes must go out in this match and fight like the soldiers they are. The main advantage of the local side is that they are a closed book to Bidvest Wits, while the local side know their opponents as they also watched them beat Orlando Pirates over the weekend.

Flying winger Fanelo 'Order' Mamba will once again carry the hopes of the army side. He broke the hearts of Gavin Hunt boys in the first leg by scoring the quickest goal.

The Sigcaweni-born player has the potential to transport his team to the next round of the tournament. His barnstorming runs from the flanks will trouble the Thulani Hlatshwayo-led defence.

Coach Kunene will also rely on veteran goalkeeper



Nhlanhla Gwebu to lead the troops inside the field of play. The former Malanti Chiefs' goal minder, kept a clean sheet in last in the first leg. As the last man in the line of defence, Gwebu will once again ensure that he organises his defence very well.

#### Ensure

Defenders Sihlangu Mkhwanazi and Lindo Mkhonto will have to be at their best at the back and ensure that they keep in check the marauding 'Clever Boys' strikers.

After an injury that kept him out of action for a while, speedy forward Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze is back to help his team.

The skilful Sihlangu player is slowly but surely regaining the devastating form that made him a fierce striker last season. He was the provider to 'Order's goal in the first leg of the encounter.

The former Madlenya player enjoys the role of playing behind the strikers and will be one to watch this evening.

However, the local side will be facing a professional side in Bidvest Wits. The 'Clever boys' are fresh from beating Pirates last weekend in a seven-goal thriller.

The Gavin Hunt-led side are experienced campaigners in

the international football scenes.

They know what it means to play in this tournament and have enough arsenals to shoot down Buffaloes. They were a menace in the first leg at Mavuso Sports Centre a week ago

and it is just that mother luck was not on their side. In this encounter, they will be all out for revenge.

Hunt is expected to field his experience players in the likes of Sifiso Hlanti, Buhlebuyeza Mkhwanazi,



# BUFFS READY TO REWRITE HISTORY



#### POSSIBLE BUFFALOES STARTING XI

1. Nhlanhla Gwebu
2. Lindo Mkhonto
3. Wandile Maseko
4. Sihlangu Mkhwanazi
5. Siboniso Mamba
6. Siboniso Ngwenya
7. Allie Matse
8. Mpendulo Dlamini
9. Phiwa Dlamini
10. Wandile Shabangu
11. Fanelo Mamba

#### TEAMS:

##### Young Buffaloes

Head coach: Domenic Kunene  
Captain: Nhlanhla Gwebu  
Key Players: Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze, Phiwa Dlamini, 'Mpetha' Dlamini, Sihlangu Mkhwanazi  
Match Winner: Fanelo 'Order' Mamba

##### Bidvest Wits

Head coach: Gavin Hunt  
Captain: Thulani 'Tyson' Hlatshwayo  
Key Players: Elias Pelembe, Sifiso Hlanti, Buhlebuyeza Mkhwanazi, Thabang Monare

#### MATCH OFFICIALS

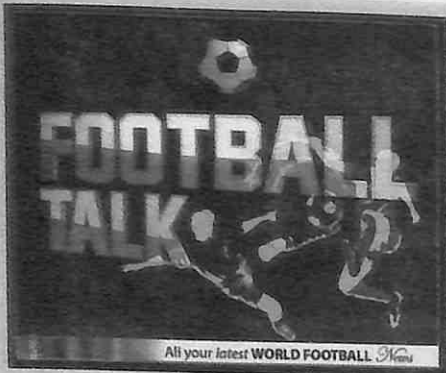
Referee: Osiase William Koto  
Assistant Referees: Souru Phatsoane, Lesupi Samuel Puputla and Labalang Martin  
Match Commissioner: Acacio Victor Teixeira

Thulani 'Tyson' Mkhwanazi to mention but a few. These names will definitely send some shivers down the spines of the local side.

The experience of Mozambique-born attacking winger Elias Pelembe, will also come in handy in this match. This promises to be an exciting encounter as both teams want to qualify for the next stage of the tournament.







● Real Madrid want Tottenham's Danish midfielder Christian Eriksen, 27, to sign a pre-contract in January - and will then move for Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino. (Mirror)



● Tottenham fear Eriksen will reject attempts to sell him in January, meaning he can leave on a free transfer next summer. (Mail)

● Massimiliano Allegri, who decided to take a year out of football after leaving Juventus in May, would put himself in the running to take over at Tottenham if Pochettino left the club. (Sun)

● Pochettino has hinted he is planning to make signings in the January transfer window in the wake of Tottenham's League Cup exit at League Two Colchester United. (Express)

● Former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says being boss of Manchester United is a "dream job for any manager" and with the addition of four players they can be challengers "for everything". (Bein Sports, via Fox Sports)

● Juventus' 33-year-old Croatian striker Mario Mandzukic turned down a £7m-a-year offer to play in Qatar so he has the chance to join Manchester United in January. (Mail)

● Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy is prepared to put a £250m valuation on Harry Kane, 26, in a bid to keep the England striker at the end of what could be another season without a trophy for Spurs. (Telegraph)



● Boca Juniors are to make a firm offer to sign Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, 37, from LA Galaxy. (AS)

● Red Bull Salzburg's Norway striker Erling Braut Haaland, 19, has hinted at making a Premier League move after scoring a hat-trick on his Champions League debut. (Mail)

● The former club manager of Manchester City's Kevin de Bruyne, 28, says he should leave for Paris St-Germain if he wants to win the Champions League. (Het Nieuwsblad via Sun)

## Minister 'Madze' leads Shukuma Eswatini at Gilgal

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER – MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga will tomorrow lead the latest instalment of Shukuma Eswatini at Gilgal Inkhundla.**

This follows last Saturday's activation held at Maphalaleni Inkhundla, where we saw hundreds of residents join in.

"The 2019/20 financial year's fourth instalment of one of the ministry's flagship programmes, implemented through the Eswatini Sport and Recreation Council (ESRC), is aimed at encouraging Emaswati to actively partake in sport and physical

activity for their sustainable well-being," said Communications Officer Sibongiseni 'Teko' Zondi through a press statement. He said the minister was encouraging the people of Gilgal Inkhundla and surrounding areas not to miss out on tomorrow's fun.

"We had so much fun at Maphalaleni Inkhundla last weekend and once again we encourage all who can to join us on Saturday. As a ministry, we want to play our role in creating a better Eswatini and this starts with a healthy nation. We will, therefore continue to advocate strongly for the use of sport and physical activity as vehicles for achieving sustainable development," the minister. The Shukuma Gilgal activation will start at 8am.



**SWEATING: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga with other officials in one of the Shukuma Eswatini events recently.**

## Mshinande still searching for first win in VB League

BY JONGILE XUBA

**VOLLEYBALL – MSHINANDE volleyball team will be hoping to record their first win of the season when they take on RSSC in the Nedbank Volleyball League.**

Games will be played at SOS Courts in Siteki with Mshinande clashing with the sugar-belt side at 10am in the first match of the day for the men's league. Correctional will be up against Ludzeludze at 11am as the defending champions look to stretch the winning streak 11 games. Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) have a date with Mshinande at 12pm followed by RSSC at 1pm. In the women's league, hosts Siteki Ladies take on UEDF at 10am followed by Bob Ladies

### NEDBANK VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

#### Tomorrow at SOS Courts

Males			
RSSC	vs	Mshinande	10am
Correctional	vs	Ludzeludze	11am
UEDF	vs	Mshinande	12pm
RSSC	vs	UEDF	1pm
Ladies			
Siteki	vs	UEDF	10am
RSSC	vs	Correctional	11am
Chilly Babes	vs	Correctional	12pm
Bob Ladies	vs	Siteki	1pm

at 1pm. RSSC face the daunting task as they clash defending champions Correctional at 11am. Chilly Babes will also have to take on Correctional at noon. With the second half of a season back, it will be interesting to see how teams deal with their match-ups as Correctional continue with their title defence.

BY JONGILE XUBA

**NETBALL – THE Swaziland Building Society (SBS) Elite Netball League returns this weekend after taking a week break.**

Games will be played at Zakhele Courts in Manzini tomorrow with both the men's and women's teams in action. Mbabane Raiders will play against Illovo in the first match of the day in court A.

### Exciting

Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF), who are third face bottom side RSSC at 11am in court B in what will be an exciting clash.

Newbies Fashions, who have been in good form lately, have a date with other newcomers in Vixens at 12:30pm.

In the men's league, Phoenix have a tough task against UEDF at 12:30pm. The army side will be looking to climb up the table from the bottom. The national team will also take to the courts, as well as they will play Vixens in an exhibition match at 2pm.

Fans are urged to make their way to the Zakhele courts and cheer on their favourite teams as they return to league action.

## SBS Elite Netball League returns



**ATTEMPTS: Vixens player attempts to take a shot during their match against Correctional at Zakhele Courts in Manzini. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)**

### SBS ELITE NETBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES:

#### Tomorrow at Zakhele Sports Ground

Women's			
Mbabane Raiders	vs	Illovo	11am
UEDF	vs	RSSC	11am
Fashions	vs	Vixens	12:30pm
Men's			
Phoenix	vs	UEDF	12:30pm
National Team	vs	Vixens	2pm

## RSSC, UNESWA tie in ECA Spring T20 League

BY JONGILE XUBA

**CRICKET – RSSC and University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Cricket Clubs shared the spoils during their Eswatini Cricket Association (ECA) Spring T20 League encounter.**

UNESWA won the toss and opted to bat first, scoring 171/8 in their allotted 20 overs. Faced with a target of 172 runs, RSSC comfortably chased the target with great confidence. Unfortunately, the good partnership of Siphesihle Kubheka, 34 off 33 not out and Faizaan Muhammad 87 off 77 not out was not enough to lead RSSC to a victory. RSSC required two runs to win from the last ball of the innings. They finished at 171/1 hence the match ended on a tie.

In the afternoon match, UNESWA clashed against Lowveld Gladiators. UNESWA won the toss and elected to bat. UNESWA scored 113/7 in their allotted innings. The Lowveld Gladiators managed to reach the target in 12.3 with 6 wickets in hand. Lowveld Gladiators won by 6 wickets. The league continues next week with teams all looking to replace Indian Warriors at the summit of the log standings.

### ECA SPRING T20 LOG STANDINGS

Team	M	W	L	T	N	P	NR
Indian Warriors	3	2	0	0	1	5	4.860
Cricket Mbabane	3	2	1	0	0	4	0.563
RSSC	4	0	1	1	2	3	-0.162
Lowveld Gladiators	4	1	2	0	1	3	-2.036
UNESWA	2	0	1	1	0	1	-0.716



**BOYS IN BLUE: RSSC Cricket Club players in a team picture before an Eswatini Cricket Association (ECA) Men's T20 League match. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)**



## Denver Sundowns terminate Langwe's contract

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – DENVER Sundowns have reportedly terminated their one-year contract with South African midfielder Asive Langwe.**

The two parties are said to have reached the decision last weekend after the player allegedly failed to meet some contractual obligations.

The former Bidvest Wits player joined the hub outfit at the beginning of the current campaign following his bitter-sweet stint at Malanti Chiefs last season.

Sundowns Public Relations Officer Muzi Matsenjwa confirmed the news when reached for comment yesterday.

"It is true that Asive's contract was terminated by mutual consent by both parties. The reasons bor-

der around performance issues. With some many eager youngsters in the same position, it renders Langwe surplus to requirement. We cannot afford to have an international player sitting on the bench. We wish the player the best of luck in his future endeavours," Matsenjwa said.

The player said he was yet to learn about the news when also reached. "I haven't heard anything like that and I can be in a better position to comment once I get anything official" he said.

The Christopher Ennin-led charges are currently languishing in second from the bottom in the MTN Premier League log table with a single point.

They are looking to turn the corner against basement side Milling Hotspurs tomorrow at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

Former South African midfielder Asive Langwe.



## JANZA HAPPY WITH PLAYERS' PERFORMANCE

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows head coach Honour Janza says he is happy with the performance his players displayed during their goalless draw against Green Mamba on Wednesday night.**

This was during the MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The ex-Zambia national team mentor said this soon after seeing his troops play to their first draw of the season against the Correctional Services side.

"I am quite pleased with my players' character despite the outcome of the match which did not favour us since we wanted to extend our lead at the summit of the log. We

were able to stamp authority in the match despite the pressure poised by the opposition as they also frustrated us throughout the match.

"We will continue pushing hard in our next match since our main aim is to consolidate our log position," he said.

### Charges

Meanwhile, his Green Mamba counterpart Caleb Ngwenya commended his charges for displaying a brave performance on the night against the current log leaders.

"We tried our best on the day as we were able to apply ourselves throughout the match. We were unable to create clear cut chances as we failed to click in the final third. I strongly believe we will turn the corner as the season progresses," he said.



**HAPPY:** Mbabane Swallows head coach Honour Janza waves to supporters during one of the MTN League matches.

## 'Gaxa' blow for Buffaloes

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – LOCAL CAF Confederation Cup representatives Young Buffaloes will be minus the services of central midfielder Siboniso 'Gaxa' Ngwenya during the second round return leg clash against Bidvest Wits tonight.**

The Sihlangu midfielder has not recovered from the ankle injury he sustained while on national duty last weekend against Zambia in the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers where the squad lost 0-1.

Ngwenya was left out of the Buffaloes delegation that left the country by road yesterday morning to honour the international assignment.

Buffaloes Chief Executive Officer Sandile Gwebu confirmed the player's absence in tonight's clash when reached for comment yesterday.

"The player has been left behind for the Wits trip and will be out of action for three weeks. We will certainly miss his experience in this match but we believe that the other players will fill the void during his absence," he said.

Gwebu said they were ready for the match and the spirit was high in the camp. "The good thing is that the



**IT A GOAL:** Young Buffaloes players celebrates a goal in of their recent games.

players know very well what this match means. They all look in great shape and ready for the epic encounter."

Gwebu said they would do all in their power to represent the country well.

"It's not about Young Buffaloes but the country now and mine is to invite fans to travel with the team to South Africa."

He said they would approach this match with caution as they knew how dangerous the opposition was.

"This is a new game altogether and we will go all out. It's true we won 1-0 in the first leg but that does not mean we should relax. We will double our effort inside the field of play in order to get the desired results and move to the next stage of the tournament."

Buffaloes go into this match spirit after beating Malanti Chiefs 2-0 during their MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo national Stadium on Tuesday night.

## We will compete this season – 'Ace'

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – MBABANE Highlanders head coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini believes his team will compete for honours despite parading a youthful squad in his camp.**

Dlamini said this soon after watching his side play to a 1-all draw against Manzini Sea Birds during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium on Wednesday night.

"We will compete for silverware this season despite the fact that we have young players in the squad. I am quite confident we will gel during the course of the season and challenge for honours," he said.

Coming to the match, the former Sihlangu coach commended his players' performance despite their third league draw in the current campaign.

"The game went well as we were able to regroup and got the equaliser after we were caught off guard by the opposition during the early stages of the match. We need to correct the mistakes we made today and focus on the next match," he said.



Meanwhile, his Sea Birds counterpart Anthony Mdluli said they were unlucky not to win the match.

"We played well throughout the match where we created numerous chances

which we failed to utilise. We were very unfortunate not to take home all maximum points but I am confident we will come back strong in the next match," he said.

## EFA, BUILD-IT TO HOST CHAMPIONSHIPS TOMORROW

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER – THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) and Build-it will host the Mbabane Build it U-13 Championship tomorrow.**

The event will commence at 8am at the Prince of Wales Ground.

"The main purpose of this event is

the identification of football talent. Youth coaches of the EFA will be identifying players, who will form the Mbabane Build-it pick team that will compete with the other pick teams to be formed during other store events," reads a statement from EFA.

The parents and relatives, and members of the public more especially in Mbabane and surroundings areas are

### THE TEAMS:

#### GROUP A

Dark City  
Gunners  
Supersport  
Total XI

#### GROUP B

Real Tec  
Fast Reaction  
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Real Masters

invited to this event.



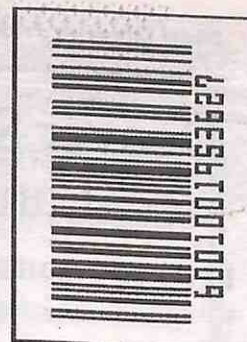
<b>Tonight</b>	20:00 Maritzburg United	v	Chippa United
<b>Tomorrow</b>	15:00 Orlando Pirates	v	Cape Town City FC
	15:00 Golden Arrows	v	Stellenbosch FC
	18:00 Kaizer Chiefs	v	Baroka FC
	20:15 SuperSport United	v	Amazulu FC
<b>Sunday</b>	15:00 Highlands Park	v	Polokwane City
	15:00 Black Leopards	v	Bloemfontein Celtic

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## E40 for MTN Y'ello Sunday games

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER – FANS will pay E40 entrance fee for the MTN Y'ello Sunday games billed for Somhlolo National Stadium.**

This was confirmed by Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati, who said non invited guests will have to pay an extra

E10 to gain access to the VIP area next to the Royal Box.

"Fans will pay E40 for the Y'ello Sunday games and we urge all the fans to be at their best behaviour. It will be an extra E10 to gain entrance to the VIP and no alcohol is allowed there," he said.

He added that disruptive behaviour like hurling insults and walking on chairs would not be allowed in the VIP area.

Meanwhile, MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko said all the usual promotional initiatives would be available on Sunday and urged fans to get there early.

"Our promotions will be on offer where fans will get chances to win a variety of prizes. The man of the match incentive will also be up for grabs," he said. The games begin tomorrow with resurgent Moneni Pirates playing against Tambuti at

Mavuso Sports Centre. Somhlolo will host a double header tomorrow, where Milling Hotspurs will clash with Denver Sundowns, while defending champions Green Mamba have a date with the troublesome Mhlume Peacemakers. Malanti Chiefs will host Royal Leopard at Killarney Stadium. The Y'ello Sunday will dish out a feast of exciting football, with Black Swallows clashing with log lead-

### FIXTURES:

Tomorrow at Mavuso Sports Centre			
Moneni Pirates FC	vs	Tambuti FC	3pm
At Somhlolo National Stadium			
Milling Hotspurs FC	vs	Denver Sundowns FC	1:30pm
Green Mamba FC	vs	Peacemakers FC	3:35pm
At Killarney Stadium			
Malanti Chiefs FC	vs	Royal Leopards FC	3pm
Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
P/P Black Swallows FC	vs	Mbabane Swallows FC	1pm
Manzini Wanderers FC	vs	Manzini Sea Birds FC	3:05pm
Tuesday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Young Buffaloes FC	6:30pm

ers Mbabane Swallows, while Manzini Wanderers will face-off with Manzini Sea Birds. Next Tuesday will see Mbabane Highlanders take on Young Buffaloes at Somhlolo at 6:30pm.



## 'BUFFS' READY FOR WITS TONIGHT

- Match to take place at Bidvest Stadium
- Army side need goalless draw to go through
- 'Gaxa' out with injury

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER - ESWATINI'S CAF Confederation Cup envoys Young Buffaloes have assured the nation that they will put up a good fight during their return match against Bidvest Wits to be played at Bidvest Stadium tonight.**

The army side coach Dominic Kunene said they would be all out to hoist the country's flag high in the international football scenes at the expense of the ABSA

Premiership side.

"It is not going to be an easy match but we will do our level best in the match and possibly advance to the next round of the competition. We need to get an early away goal in order to unsettle the opposition and also avoid conceding."

"I am confident my players will stick to my plan and remain focussed throughout the match. The boys have been adapting well to my training methods and I believe they will come

to the party and deliver the desired results," he said.

'Buff's' now need a goalless draw in order to advance to the second round of the continent's second premier competition following their 1-0 home victory at the Mavuso Sports Centre two weeks ago. 'Amathole Ezinyathi' have already claimed the scalp of Zambia side Buildcon in the competition during the preliminary round to set up a meeting with the neighbouring side.

The team will be without defender Siboniso 'Gaxa' Ngwenya due to an injury.



## Bring it on – Gavin Hunt

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER – ABSA Premiership side Bidvest Wits head coach Gavin Hunt says they are ready to face Young Buffaloes in the second leg of the CAF Confederation Cup.**

The match is scheduled for Bidvest Stadium (Johannesburg) tonight. Kick-off is 7pm. The army side won the first leg of the match by a solitary goal, courtesy of Fanelo 'Order' Mamba.

Speaking to this publication ahead of the match, Hunt was a man of few words, saying preparations are going on well.

"Preparations are going on well and we

are ready to face Buffaloes tonight," he said.

The 'Clever boys' will face the Dominic Kunene-led side oozing confidence after they beat Orlando Pirates 4-3 in a gripping contest at Moses Mabhida Stadium on Sunday.

A winner between the two sides will play one more match before qualifying for the group stages of the tournament.

Meanwhile, the spirit is high in the Young Buffaloes camp after they beat Malanti Chiefs 2-0 in the MTN Premier League on Tuesday night at Somhlolo National Stadium. The army side left the country yesterday for the CAF Confederation Cup match and EFA executive member Nichodimus 'Ace' Mashwama is the head of delegation.

The team's CEO, Sandile Gwebu said fans, who would like to accompany the team, will leave the country this morning and transport fee is E550.