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MARCHING OUT: Princess Temaswati, joined by Sibahle and Sakhizwe and Indvuna Nonduduzo Zubuko, leads Imbali as they march out of Ngabezweni Royal Residence after they were commissioned by the King to cut reed at Mphisi Farm and KaBhamsakhe.
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Ratepayers petition PM

...over Mbabane Municipal Council CEO

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

MBABANE ratepayers' leadership yesterday delivered a petition to the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini asking him to remove Gideon Mhlongo as CEO of Mbabane Municipal Council.

This follows the feud between the ratepayers, street vendors and the Mbabane Municipal Council in recent months. Led by Solomon Nxumalo who is the Chairperson of the Ratepayers Association, Dan Mavuso who is the Secretary of the Zone Leaders and Sibongile Mazibuko, they started at the ministry of housing and urban development where they also delivered a petition. In their petition, the leaders of the aggrieved parties outlined that they were asking for the premier's intervention because they were aware that Mhlongo was brought back as an employee of the Council by the prime minister's office. The ratepayers said this is despite the fact that there are two reports of a commission of inquiry into the affairs of the Municipal Council of Mbabane, appointed by the minister of housing and urban development that were critical of Mhlongo's leadership at the municipality.

They disclosed that one of these

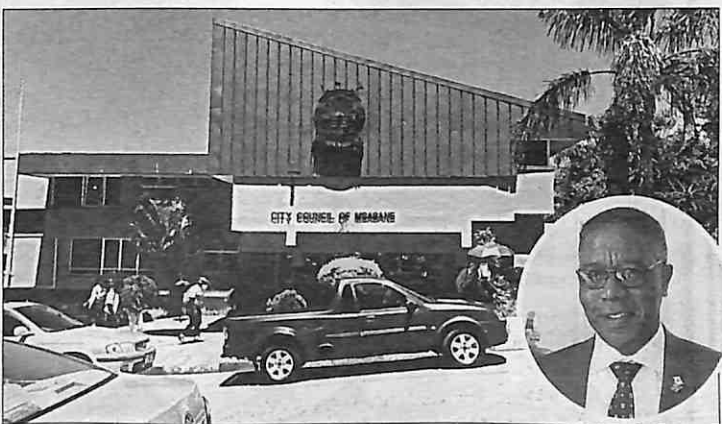
commission reports was the November 2008 'Matsebula Report', from which Mhlongo was allegedly dismissed by the council.

The petitioners said that the Matsebula Commission of Inquiry found Mhlongo guilty on a number of issues regarding the status of his employment.

"We shall endeavour to enumerate the issues that compromise human security and infringe seriously on the rights of the residents especially the elderly, OVC and the unemployed," reads part of the petition. Among the many grievances the ratepayers accuse Mhlongo of is drafting a policy and forcing its implementation despite the fact that Parliament stopped it pending consultation with stakeholders and they find this as a major cause for the conflict in the municipality.

The ratepayers made a number serious allegations against Mhlongo, raising the issue of the awarding of the car wash tender as a prime example why they wanted the embattled CEO removed from his position.

The car wash business in question is situated by the Prince of Wales, which was operated by 20 young men who were later removed from that spot. The tender was then awarded to Vusi Sibisi. They also lament the escalating property rates which they claimed the elderly cannot afford and they allege Mhlongo is refusing to reconsider.



... 'Mhlongo's salary too high'

RATEPAYERS and street vendors now want Gideon Mhlongo's salary reviewed.

In fact, ratepayers have alleged that the Mbabane Municipality chief executive officer earns way above the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.

There are claims that Mhlongo's package is worth over E140 000, including allowances.

It is an open secret that Mhlongo has asked for a salary increase of five per cent.

This has irked the ratepayers who feel he does not deserve this huge pay as he does not have a contract that outlines his employment terms and conditions together with his salary.

Secretary of the Zone Leaders

Dan Mavuso wondered how and why the ratepayers' money was used in such a manner. He said as ratepayers they are the ones who contribute to the CEO's salary and the fact that he was now looking for a salary increment did not sit well with them.

Sibongile Mazibuko said the ratepayers cannot afford the CEO's salary because it was too high. She wondered how he got the increment while the premier has made it clear that there should be no salary increments as means of salvaging the current economic situation.

Mazibuko said there is need to re-advertise the CEO's post so a qualifying and deserving person is recruited in a fair and transparent hiring process.

UNESWA, ECMU get E191million

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

THE University of Eswatini (UNESWA) and Eswatini Christian Medical University (ECMU) have been given E191 044 105.

The two institutions received the money as a grant from the ministry of education and training for the first three months of the ongoing financial year.

This is contained in the report of the education ministry for the first quarter of 2019/20 financial year.

The report stated that the money released for post-secondary education for the first three months (April to June) was E191 845 437.

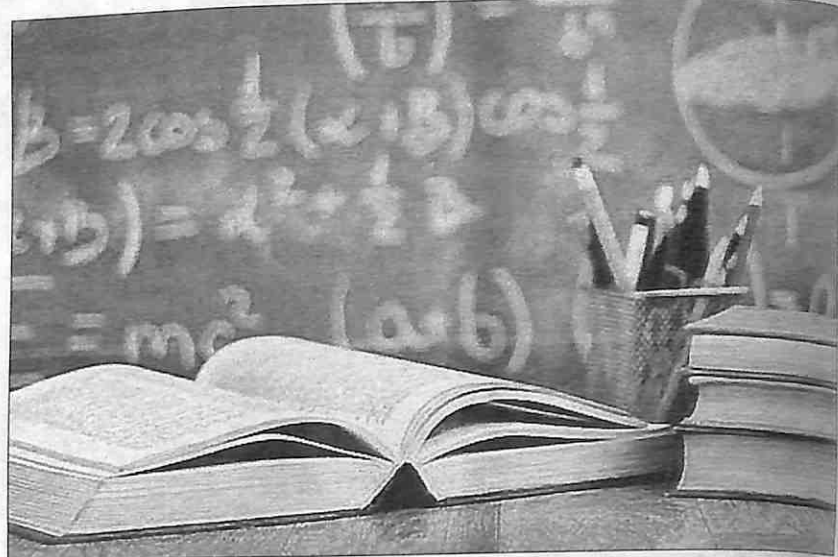
Of this budget, E191 044 105 was transferred to subvented institutions which included UNESWA and ECMU.

The ministry of education and training further released E14 911 137 for teacher training institutions like William Pitcher in Manzini and Ngwane College in Nhlanguano.

Of this amount, E13 073 307 was committed by the ministry on these institutions. In-Service Education and Training (INSET) was also included in this budget.

The money, according to the report, was spent on salaries, travel and communication, utilities, service contracts, consumables and office equipment under teacher education (William Pitcher, Ngwane College and INSET).

Adult and non-formal education's



released budget for the quarter was E3 260 083. Of this, E2 816 682 was spent during the three months of the last quarter. Expenditure was mainly on salaries, subvention to Sebenta National Institute (SNI) and consumables.

An amount of E10 755 269 was spent for the 2019/20 first quarter on vocational education by the education ministry.

E12 520 538 was released by the ministry and the E10 755 269 was spent on CTA charges, personnel costs, communications, professional services, and consumables.

Vocational education institutions in the country include Gwamile VOC-TIM, Eswatini College of Technology (ECOT) and the various skills centres.

The ministry spent E3 501 122 and the released budget for this quarter was

E4 087 468. The money was spent on CTA charges, personnel costs, communications, professional services, and consumables. On career guidance and counselling, the ministry spent E1 124 422 on personnel costs.

The released budget on this department was E1 661 394.

The ministry, during the 2019/20 first quarter, spent E905 097 and the budget released was E593 310. On special education, E4 963 340 yet the released budget was E5 446 090. Expenditure was mostly on food commodities for special schools.

The budget in this activity, according to the report, is not adequate to meet the needs of the special schools, including Ekwetsembeni, Ekululamani, and Schools for the Deaf (both primary and high schools).

E334m spent on primary education

AN amount of E334 506 708 has been spent by the ministry of education and training on primary education.

This is contained in the report of the education ministry for the first quarter of 2019/20 financial year. It must be noted that the money talked about here includes free primary education.

The primary education's released budget for the quarter was E385 187 875 and of this, E334 506 708 was spent. The budget was mostly spent on salaries, workshop for primary school inspectorate and free primary education grants

(FPE).

At least E297 128 594 was spent on personnel costs and E101 272 was spent on professional services. E7 901 622 was allocated on consumables, while E29 375 220 was spent on internal grants provided by the ministry towards primary education.

The ministry further spent E331 122 723 on secondary education. The money released towards this course for the first quarter of the 2019/20 financial year was E267 673 039. The budget was mostly spent on CTA charges, con-

sumables, and salaries. The overall budget has an over-expenditure of 24 per cent due to personnel costs, which have been overspent by 24 per cent.

On curriculum development, the ministry spent E3 501 122 yet the budget released was E4 087 468. The money was spent on CTA charges, which cost E7 192. Personnel costs accounted for E3 446 605 and travel and communications cost accounted for E8 011. Professional services and consumables accounted for E28 814 and E10 500, respectively.

Micro-Projects' E125m projects for education ministry

MICRO-PROJECTS has implemented different projects that total E125 million for the ministry of education.

The department, which is under the ministry of economic planning and development, carried out the different projects in a space of three months, from April to June. This is contained in the

report of the education ministry for the first quarter of 2019/20 financial year.

The work done by Micro-Projects includes constructing inclusive secondary schools, building secondary school classrooms, extension of Eswatini Skills Centre in Pigg's Peak, rehabilitation of Sebenta National Institute (SNI), and water supply to schools.



Other projects that were implemented by this unit include building toilets, construction of primary and secondary school teachers' houses, and rehabilitation of government schools. The projects by Micro-Projects were part of the capital projects to be done by the ministry of education and training for the first quarter of the 2019/20 financial year.

E133 million was allocated for the ministry of education and training to implement its capital projects and Micro-Projects was given E125 million to implement about 10 projects under the education ministry. The ministry of education and training has done three, out of the 13 ought to have been implemented by the ministry, according to the report.

This means the education ministry only spent E8 million to implement its own capital projects for the first quarter of the 2019/20 financial year.

LOZITHA CRASH: TWO MORE DEAD

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

TWO more victims of the horrific accident at Lozitha on Tuesday who were fighting for their lives, have succumbed to death.

This now brings to four the death toll for the accident, which occurred along the MR3 Highway on Tuesday afternoon.

The two, who had been admitted to hospital, are believed to have succumbed to death in the early hours of yesterday, according to our sources.

The trio was rushed to hospital after the driver lost control of the car following a tyre burst, overturned and landed in a donga along the MR3 Highway; Lozitha.

The driver had apparently tried to apply brakes when the front tyre burst, which caused it to spin and overturn.

Two of the five occupants of the Chevrolet sedan died on the spot.

One of the deceased persons was the driver of the car and was aged 33 from Gebeni, while the other was aged 33 years also from Gebeni and the other two were aged 25 from Bhunya and Gebeni, respectively.

The fifth victim of the accident who was also admitted in hospital was report-



A courtesy picture of the horrific accident at Lozitha, which has now killed four people.

edly discharged from hospital and is aged 31. He is said to hail from Ndinda area.

Notified

The identities of the victims have not been released at this point as their next of kin have not yet been notified.

According to witnesses, the accident is suspected to have been caused by the high speed at which the lime Chevrolet sedan was moving in while headed

towards the Mbabane direction. It could not be ascertained why the vehicle was over-speeding but eye-witnesses speculated that that they must have been involved in some sort of deals.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the death of the two victims, further confirming that the families of the four men were still to be notified of their deaths.

PSAs to mobilise students, conductors for CoLA strike

STORIES BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

MEMBERS of the public sector associations (PSAs) have called upon their leadership to engage, mobilise tertiary students and the public transport associations for the planned strike action.

The public sector associations are demanding a Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) from government which they say has been due for the past five years. Yesterday, the workers' unions continued with their preparatory meetings which started on Tuesday in various branches across the country. Attendees at the meeting which was held in Siteki highlighted a need for the associations to rope in other organisations to ensure that the proposed strike action is effective.

This was confirmed by Secretary General of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Sikelela Dlamini who stated that the associations intend to make an impact which would compel government to give in to their demands.

Dlamini said the issue of cost of living adjustment affected every Liswati in one way or the other, hence the need for all workers to join hands with the public sector associations. The secretary gener-

al was echoed by Deputy President of the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) Simangele Mtetwa who urged the leadership to engage the public transport associations and the Student Representative Councils in formal talks. Mtetwa said they acknowledged that during previous activities, other organisations such as the transport industry distanced themselves as they felt neglected or side-lined by the PSAs.

"This time we have to do things right and engage these organisations in a formal setup and ask them to join the struggle," said Mtetwa.

Meanwhile, the secretary general of SNAT urged shop stewards to ensure that members of their unions come in their numbers for the strike. Dlamini recalled that the last strike action which recorded the highest number of attendees was in 2011 where there were about 8 000 workers on the streets at the same time.

"We expect a total shutdown of business during the dates of the strike which will first be held regionally," he said. The strike action will be preceded by the delivery of petitions at government departments on September 17. Dlamini said they were also hoping to make this as effective as the actual day of the strike action.

Student riots will affect tertiary institutions - Govt

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT has condemned the acts of violence by students from tertiary institutions during the recent protests over allowances and other grievances.

The government has expressed its concern that these incidents of violence and impromptu closures of learning institutions will greatly affect the students in the near future as they may affect the ranking of their tertiary institutions and render their qualifications inferior in the job market, locally and internationally.

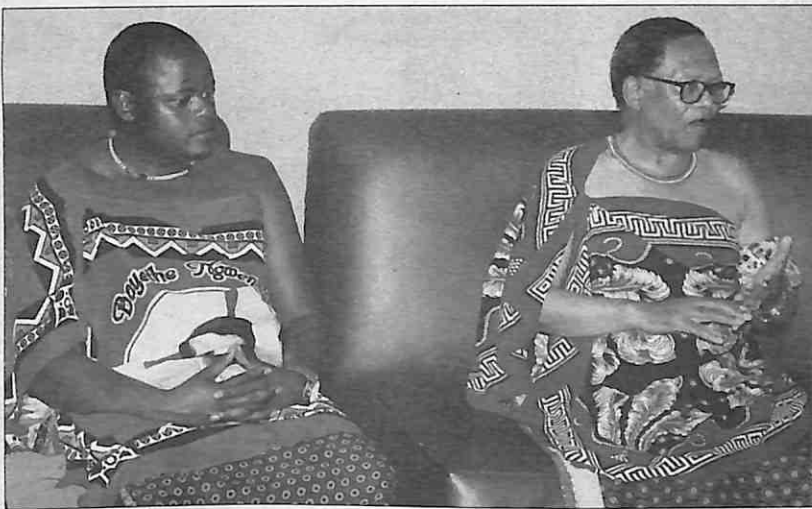
Acting Prime Minister Themba Masuku said His Majesty's Government regrets the unfortunate closure of the University of Eswatini and three other tertiary institutions following incidents of violence that led to devastating damage to property.

He explained that these acts of violence caused extensive damage of the university property, particularly the bookshop, hostels, and student's personal artifacts.

Masuku said government notes that the vandalised infrastructure is a crucial tool for learning.

"Government strongly condemns this violence and absolutely finds no justification for this act of blatant vandalism," Masuku said.

Explaining the situation which has escalated out of control, Masuku said it was necessary and appropriate to point out that the bone of contention that led to this violent destruction of property is the disbursement of student allowances



Acting Prime Minister Themba Nhlanganiso Masuku responding to questions from the media after delivering government's statement on the tertiary institutions closure. The Masuku is joined by Minister Makhosi Vilakati of Labour and Social Security. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

that government loans out to tertiary students to further their education and build their future and that of their children.

Review

According to Masuku, the ministry of labour and social security had committed to looking at the monthly disbursement option and review the allowances upward and had asked the students through their representatives to be patient until Friday.

He added that the ministry had been in talks with the Student Representative Councils from the different tertiary institutions as nothing had been finalised yet, only to be met with news of this incident.

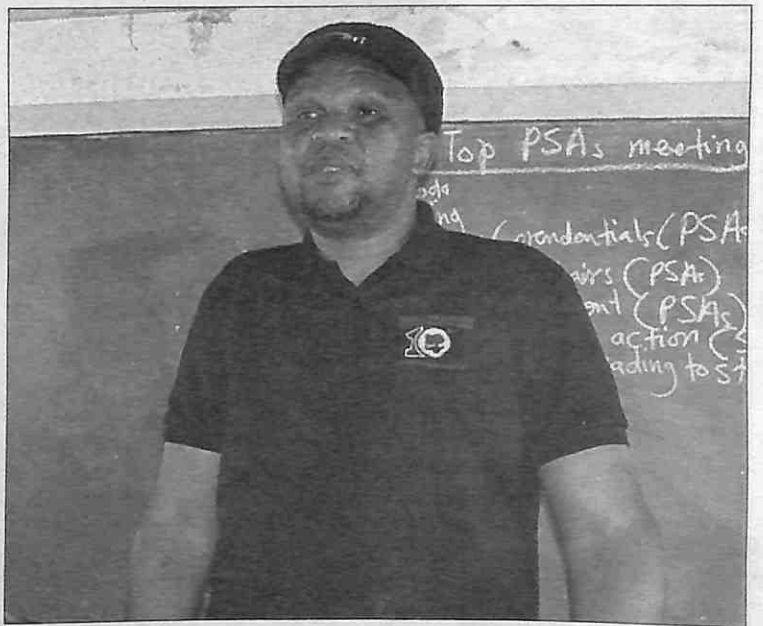
The acting prime minister pointed out

that such incidents could greatly affect the students in the near future.

Guidance

Government implored parents and guardians to be involved in giving constructive guidance to the students to ensure they do not jeopardise their future by involving themselves in vandalism and destruction of property, which is a criminal offence punishable by law.

Masuku pointed out that parents are also guarantors of the educational loans. The acting prime minister assured students that His Majesty's government would continue giving educational loans to deserving Emaswati and asked students to act responsibly and embrace the spirit of tolerance and dialogue which is the hallmark of Eswatini.



NAPSAWU President Oscar Motsa making his remarks during the preparatory meeting yesterday. (Pic: Wonderboy Dlamini)

PSAs propose vigil on September 24

MEMBERS of the PSAs have proposed to hold a vigil on September 24 in preparation for the mass strike action which has been set for September 25.

This was suggested by a number of members who attended a preparatory meeting held in Siteki. September 25 is where all branches of the PSAs will hit the road in protest in Mbabane. Ntobeko Masango of SNAT said it would be convenient for members to hold a vigil on the said day so they have a prayer session. She said this would also prevent instances whereby some union leaders would be subjected to house arrest on the day of the mass strike action. She was echoed by Siteki Branch

Chairperson of TUCOSWA Sizolwethu Masina who further urged members to take the strike action seriously and be ready to make sacrifices such as being subjected to the no-work, no-pay rule.

Issues

Furthermore, Masina said there were other issues which also needed to be addressed during the delivery of petitions to government departments.

These include calling for the police to facilitate an inquiry on the death of Njabulo 'Njefire' Dlamini who was a member of SNAT. Masina said Dlamini's death was mysterious and has left many questions than answers.



BAYETHE: Princess Temaswati and Indvuna Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko take an order from the King.



SIYI MBALI: Imbali from the various beauty pageants also came through to be part of the thousands of Imbali.

GO AND CUT

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ngabezweni

HIS Majesty King Mswati III yesterday commissioned an estimated 150 000 jubilant Imbali at Ngabezweni Royal Residence.

The commissioning order was received by the leader of Libutfo Princess Temaswati and communicated to the regiment by National Imbali Leader Nonduduzo Zubuko.

The King said the young Imbali will cut reed at KaBhamsakhe, while the older ones will cut at Mphisi Farm.

Emakhosikati, Emazinyane, members of the royal family, members of the different councils and top government officials were among those present at the event, where Imbali sang and danced before they received the order to go and cut the reed.

This is the first day of the Reed Dance ceremony, which culminates in the main event to be held at Ludzidzini Royal Residence on

Monday. Here, the Imbali is expected to perform a spectacle as they dance for Their Majesties.

"For the young Imbali transport will be available at the gate and for the older Imbali transport will take them where they will eat," said Zubuko yesterday as part of the commissioning.

"The King wishes you well as you move to your respective destinies. He dressed us well in T-shirts and jackets. Let us all appreciate by saying 'Bayethe! wena waPhakathi,'" she added, much to ululation and whistles from the maidens.

Before the King's arrival Zubuko organised the regiment in the arena, which is also referred to as 'kuhlamela'. She led in song as they and danced in a jovial mood.

Imbali from the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS), Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) and His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) entertained with their well-choreographed dances.

His Majesty was also smiling as he also danced upon arrival joined by Emazinyane, members



IN NUMBERS: A section of the Imbali regiment as it awaited the King's gifts.



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ARRIVAL: Emajaha upon arrival from the Butimba which was commissioned by the King last week. The warriors returned yesterday evening.



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Indvuna of Imbali Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko joined by Princess Temaswati who will lead the Libutfo. This was during the commissioning of Imbali at Ngabezweni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

of the royal family and Lacwebetelako. The songs included 'Sivulele Ngwane', 'Sibobika Lokuhle', 'Lishumi Labompondo',

'Baphi bemave ngitova ngeleKaNgwane', 'Utsi Mswati ayihlome', 'Livi lokutjela walinamandla', 'Lomabandza

YiNgwenyama' and 'Sisistse yeMbube'. The commissioning exercise was closed by Lacwebetelako 'kuhlela'.

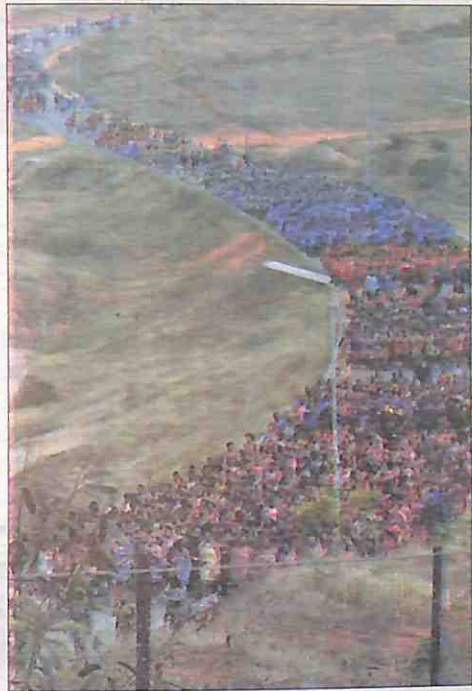


IMBALI HAPPY WITH GIFTS

IMBALI were cheerful as they received their gifts from Their Majesties.

They received T-shirts, jackets and food parcels which included bread, drinks and water. Different Imbali interviewed from the different parts of the country expressed how delighted they were to receive this, which meant that their King loved them. "We are overjoyed by what His Majesty the King has

done for us. This is a very thoughtful gesture indicating that he really loves us. Bayethe! wena waPhakathi," said Gcebile Gama from Dlangeni. Imbali arrived at Ngabezweni Royal Residence after being assigned by Her Majesty the Queen Mother at Ludzidzini Royal Residence. They were singing and dancing in groups as they moved covering the 15 kilometres distance in a short space.



Butimba Libutfo back

BUTIMBA libutfo came back yesterday after a seven-day long exercise.

They arrived at Ngabezweni Royal Residence in trucks carrying tinyamatane. They were chanting 'nyama nyama'.

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Creating Concrete Possibilities



SANU wants owing students to pay

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

THE Southern African Nazarene University (SANU) has denied allegations made by students that they are selling photocopied books at prices higher than those offered by bookshops.

The institution further shed some light on the issue of students who were served with statements indicating that they owed the institution money.

Last week, SANU students were shocked when they were served with statements indicating that they owed tuition fees, yet they were of the idea that government had settled every debt for them.

The students expressed their worry that, they might end up not getting their certificates after they graduate.

Students

SANU Marketing Manager Petros Mavuso said when students are admitted at the university the institution reflects as to how much tuition must be paid.

He said if a student decides to accept that offer, he or she is given a form to sign.

Mavuso said by signing this form, they believe that a student commits that he will pay the amount required.

He said it was true that there was a directive from the court but as an institution they had taken that directive as a guide on proper steps to

follow when applying fee hikes as an institution working with government.

Mavuso said the university followed that directive.

For example, since government said they must not hike fees this year, SANU adhered to that order.

He said in previous years, the institution hiked fees because the law allowed them to do that.

Mavuso said students who were self-sponsored tried by all means to raise the money in order to pay for tuition fees. He said those giving them challenges, were government sponsored students.

Students

He said students must know that when government promises to pay for their tuition fees, it does not mean that government will pay the exact amount required by the university.

Mavuso said they have always requested students to try and top up the remaining amount which is not covered by government.

He added that the issue of sponsorship lied solely with the students and that did not mean that if student failed to secure sponsorship they must come back to the institution and negotiate for a lesser amount.

Mavuso said every student was expected to pay the required amount.

He distanced the institution from allegations that it was selling old used books at exorbitant prices.

Strike costs us millions in delayed transactions - ESRIC

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

TRANSACTIONS to Eswatini Royal Insurance Company (ESRIC) clients amounting to millions of Emalangeni have been delayed because of the ongoing strike by employees of ESRIC.

The employees protest entered day two yesterday.

The workers are demanding that their employer comply with recommendations contained in a salary review report.

The workers who were picketing at the entrance of the company premises were later taken by their employer to court in an attempt to get an order to have them picket away from company premises.

Workers

ESRIC took SUFI AW which is representing the workers to court after a disagreement on the designated area for picketing. ESRIC was represented by Hasso Magagula while SUFI AW was represented by Happy Mkhabela. The matter appeared before Acting Industrial Court Judge Bongi Magagula.

ESRIC was seeking an order which would force workers to picket away from the company's entrance where it alleged that customers were being



PICKETING: ESRIC employees picket outside the company premises.

blocked. ESRIC also argued that the due to the close proximity to the entrance, picketing workers were threatening and intimidating workers who were not involved in the strike action.

However, workers argued that they did not threaten employers or clients and that they had a right to protest near the company premises, since the place

was situated next to the road and it was dangerous for them to protest just next to the road.

The workers through their attorney argued there was also no designated area for picketing that was agreed on. ESRIC is the applicant in the matter while SUFI AW is the respondent, representing employees of ESRIC.

NON-CIVIL SERVANTS OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT HOUSES

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

THE ministry of public service will evict all those occupying government houses illegally.

It is said some government quarters are occu-

pied by non-civil servants including bus conductors and those working in the private sector.

In a memorandum released by the Ministry of Public Service Principal Secretary Siphosile Tsabedze, there was a directive that all affected should verify if indeed they are civil servants.

The order was that if non-civil servants are found in any of the houses they should be evicted.

This move comes after a Parliament motion which recommended an audit of all government houses.

The ministry was also directed to create a database of all government institutional and pool houses on regional basis and make a list of the occupants.

The PS was assigned to embark on this exercise and submit the information to the ministry of public service for compilation of the data base and the report to be submitted to Parliament on September 23.

The root cause of non-civil servants occupying government houses according to the ministry was that officers occupy houses above their salary grade which they fail to maintain

thereby end up renting out quarters to substantiate their income.

The ministry in its report also submitted that some of these occupants inherit government quarters from their relatives who are legally allocated officers.

Government housing unit admitted that there was a difficulty identifying the correct total number of houses available per location.

Coupled with the lack of periodic house inspections of government quarters by the housing unit this has led to an influx on non-civil servants occupying government houses.

Another cause for this problem according to the report is that human resource officers do not effect the vacation procedure, neither do they advise officers to hand over house keys to the housing unit upon vacation.

According to General Order A. 700 (1); all government officers shall be entitled to be considered for the provision of government housing as and when it becomes available, mean-

while General Order A702 states that an officer shall not let or sub-let, either in whole or in part government quarters which have been allocated to him.

Officers

According to the law all retiring officers must vacate government owned quarters by the last day of their service. Some of the investigations done in 2016/17 found that non-civil servants occupy government houses.

The ministry has since indicated that unpaid rentals would be recovered and calculations will be done and the ministry of public service will request for advice from the attorney general's office on how these funds could be recovered.

The ministry was also directed to create a database of all government institutional and pool houses on regional basis and make a list of the occupants.



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

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Court interdicts members from acts of intimidation

ACTING Industrial Court Judge Bongi Magagula ruled that the employers and employees of ESRIC must meet so as to discuss and agree on the rules and logistics of the strike action, inclusive of the designated areas, where the picketing should take place.

Having heard the submissions made by counsel the court made a ruling that the Rule of Court in relation to the requirements of service of process and time-

lines are dispensed with and the matter is permitted to be heard as one of urgency.

Applicants

The court indicated that the applicant's non-compliance with the rules in relation to service and timelines are condoned.

The ruling also indicated that SUFIW and its members are interdicted from embarking upon any acts of intimidation or disrupting the free flow of traffic into ESRIC's premises.

Magagula informed the court that ESRIC suffered a major blow because of the strike action as millions of transactions which were meant to be made to clients were delayed. Magagula said on Tuesday Cash in transit personnel were blocked by picketing personnel.

However, the union's representative argued that her clients never at any time blocked Cash in Transit employees.

Evidenced

She said this was evidenced by the fact that there was no supporting affidavit submitted in court where the Cash in Transit personnel complained that they were affected. The union denied that there was a meeting which was called by ESRIC management before the strike action commenced on Tuesday. They claimed that the only form of communication they received was a message which

was relayed through a window by someone who was inside the building.

The respondents also claimed that one of the managers came to address workers while they were picketing and this was regarded as something that was not in line with the spirit of collective bargaining. She said management knew the right communication channels but did not use them.

Mkhabela informed the court that what she had gathered is that the meeting which was supposed to be held on Tuesday around 1430 hours was postponed by the employer to yesterday.

She said while they were still waiting to attend the meeting the employer went behind the union's back and ran to court. Mkhabela denied that there was any disturbance as a result of the picketing workers.

Woman bites lover in self-defence, charged with SODV

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act does not condone all forms of domestic violence and a woman felt the full extent of its wrath.

Pretty Matsebula (29) of Mvutjini was arrested and charged for biting her lover Eugene Dlamini on his left arm. Matsebula was further charged with damaging various items valued at E4 600, which belong to Dlamini.

According to her charge sheet, Matsebula was said to have bitten Dlamini on his left upper arm, with the intent to cause grievous bodily

harm. She was also said to have proceeded to damage Dlamini's Samsung television set valued at E3 000, Defy microwave valued at E1 400 and a bathroom mirror valued at E200.

Matsebula was said to have committed these offences on Monday evening at Mvutjini.

During her appearance before Magistrate Temantimandze Shongwe on Wednesday, Matsebula tried to explain that when she bit Dlamini, she was acting in self-defence.

"Firstly, Dlamini was saying hurtful things towards me and made me feel as though I was an idiot. He is the father of my child and has supported me from the beginning.

However, our disagreement this time got out of hand. When I bit him, he

had me in a choke-hold, at the same time, attempting to take my phone away from me.

Our bone of contention is that he does not want to let go of my past, and he does everything in his power to make sure I never forget it," Matsebula stated.

Matsebula revealed that she also sustained injuries and had a wide abrasion of the side of her face.

Appeared

She appeared as though she had spent the night crying, as she had a tissue and would sniffle at times.

After hearing her mitigation, the court found Matsebula guilty as per her own plea.

Magistrate Shongwe then sentenced Matsebula to, in the first count, pay a fine of E1 500 and in default of payment, serve 14 months in prison. In the second count, Matsebula was sentenced to serve a further 14 months imprisonment, with the option to pay a fine of E1 500.

CORPSE FOUND FLOATING IN WATER CANAL

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A corpse has been found floating in one of Ubombo Sugar water canals at Big Bend.

Shocked residents said they discovered the floating body and immediately raised an alarm.

It is said it did not take the police and emergency services long to attend to the scene, where they removed the body from the canal.

It is said it was discovered that the person was long dead. The residents were

shocked to realise that it was a known mentally disturbed man who lived in the area named Chawe 'Bazu' Mhlambi (49).

Mhlambi lived in Big Bend for quite some time and worked for Ubombo Sugar before he was mentally challenged.

Residents

The residents have been left with more questions than answers regarding the death of Mhlambi. Firstly he had not been reported as a missing person.

However, according to some of the forensics, Mhlambi has been dead for some days, hence his body was floating in the canal. Meanwhile, the internet states that the length of time that has to elapse before the body floats depends not only upon the

amount of fat contained in the tissues but on the temperature of the water. If the water is warm, the formation of gas within the body occurs rapidly and the body may rise to the surface in a day or two. However, if the water is cold, bacterial action takes place very slowly and it may take several weeks before the body appears on the surface.

When a body is fully distended it is almost impossible to sink even with counter weights. Chief Police Information and Communications Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a mentally challenged person was found dead in a water canal in Big-Bend. She added that police were still investigating the cause of death.

FACE EVICTION

Baholeli occupy govt quarters

AT Sandla, a government house situated along Zembe Street, opposite Mbabane Central Primary was found to be occupied by bus conductors according to information gathered from neighbours.

At Farm 188, Mseni drive a government house is occupied by a retired Civil Servant Dr. Ben Dlamini and his family.

At the corner of Mfula and Sandla Street a house is occupied by illegal occupants who refused to open the door for auditors.

Allocated

At Selection Park, a government quarter situated on lot 1920, at the corner of Mgobo Street and Sgeja Street, is allocated to a government officer working with the ministry of works, however, it is occupied by his alleged father while the officer resides at his home around Mbabane.

A government residence situated at the corner of Madlenya Street and Nukwase Street, allo-

cated to Princess Sabusile Dlamini is left under the care of her relatives while she resides in Manzini.

At Kentrock a government quarters situated at Jubela Street Ma12, allocated to a government officer who is a nurse at Siteki, is occupied by her children so that they can be close to school.

Opposite

At Sandla a government quarter situated at Mqobhe road opposite Nazarene church, house number three from Somhlolo road allocated to a government officer who is a nurse at Pigg's Peak Government Hospital, is left under the care of her children and their aunt, while she resides at her home in Pigg's Peak.

Vikinduku Dlamini who is no longer a civil servant occupies a government quarter situated at JSM Matsebula Street. His last payment was on the 23/03/2012.

Inquiry hears how 'blesser' Magashule used public funds

JOHANNESBURG - Former Free State premier Ace Magashule committed fraud and money laundering by distributing kickbacks from the asbestos eradication project using a service provider to do so, the state capture commission of inquiry heard yesterday.

Giving testimony on the second day, former Free State MEC for economic

development Mxolisi Dukwana told the inquiry that Magashule directed the late Ignatius 'Igo' Mpambani to make various payments to various individuals.

Dukwana alleged that Magashule instructed his then-personal assistant Moroadi Cholota and an official in his office, Ipeleng Morake to request payments from Mpambani through emails.

Mpambani was in a business venture with a businessman named Edwin Sodi and scored the R255 million contract to audit and assess pre-1994 housing units with asbestos roofs in the Free State. The project was never put on tender, said Dukwana, and the busi-

ness partners wrote a proposal to the Free State government to undertake the auditing of asbestos roofs to the tune of R255 million.

Two companies, Blackhead Consulting and Mpambani's company, Diamond Hill Trading netted R255 million paid in batches by the Free State government between 2014 and 2016, Dukwana said. Dukwana read the

emails retrieved from the Free State government detailing payment requests and proof of such payments sent.

The requests to Mpambani included one for over US\$24 000 for suspended South African Revenue Service (SARS) head of legal services Refiloe Mokoena's daughter who was studying overseas.

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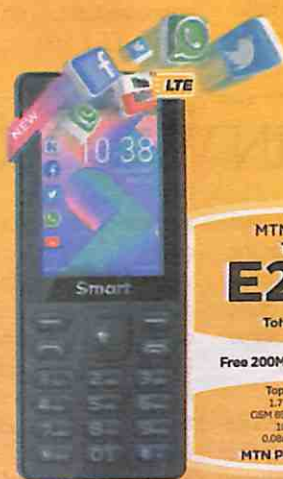
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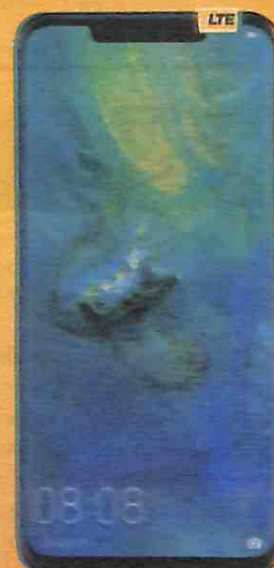
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One of 4 arrested local truck drivers released on bail

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ONLY one of the four local drivers who were arrested has been freed on bail in South Africa.

Eswatini Transport Association Technical Director Vama Jele confirmed the latest developments.

Jele said the freed one had to pay bail fixed at E1 000.

He said the freed driver was the only member of Eswatini Transport Association.

Jele said their wish was to get them all out, but were constrained by resources.

This is because the association had to acquire services of a lawyer for their member.

He said the association only relied on member subscriptions which were also quite low.

"They have been in custody for two weeks now," he said.

Adding, he pleaded with cross-border drivers and others interested in working in the neighbouring country to register with the association.

Jele said by being a member of the association, it helped mitigate unfore-



seeable problems in future.

"The union will also help to solve problems they have with their employers," he said.

He said employers could take advantage of those that were not the association's members, for instance, through underpaying them and when they voice out their concerns, the employers quickly call the police who arrest them for working in South Africa illegally.

Jele further stated that if South Africa continues to ignore the 1986 treaty, Emaswati working there would be subjected to violation and labour exploitation.

Jele said the 1986 treaty was not for

miners only but cuts across all labour sectors, hence there is need for it to be redefined and interpreted.

Furthermore, the director urged drivers to register with the association so that they could be known where they work.

He added that a lot of Emaswati working in South Africa did not declare with the relevant ministries and bodies their mission in the Republic.

Meanwhile, the ministry of labour tried to sort out the cross-border employment challenges but they encountered obstacles in terms of data as Emaswati did not come forward with the necessary information.

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Death Notice



Mrs Violet Zwane (nee Mkhathswa)

Relatives, friends and the entire Catholic family wishes to announce the passing on of Mrs Violet Zwane (nee Mkhathswa) who will be laid to rest on Saturday 31 August 2019 at St Joseph's Cemetery (Mzimpu).

Requiem mass and memorial service on Friday 30 August 2019 at 12:00 at the Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Cathedral in Manzini. Night vigil at eTeni, Kwaluseni starting at 9pm.

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SWAGAA, education meet principals on girls programme

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

SWAZILAND Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) has held a follow up meeting on their Girls Empowerment Programme (GEP) with school heads.

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, SWAGAA convened with principals at the George Hotel, to discuss the school based empowerment girls club programme.

SWAGAA Director Nonhlanhla Dlamini said the programme was originally adopted from Zimbabwe, to stop Gender Based Violence (GBV), while empowering girls at the same time. Dlamini said they saw the impact the programme had, hence the plan to have it active also in Eswatini.

Assertive

The programme would be assertive, and help reduce GBV. She said they were also in discussion with the ministry to make the programme part of the curriculum and for it to be compulsory for all girls, since it was optional.

Dlamini said in their findings they realised that the programme had opened a gap between the girls and boys in schools and the boys started becoming vocal about the matter.

"With findings, the boys club programme will be initiated soon.

We will be able to teach them on GDV, and other things that will not make them feel inferior to girls, but equal," she added.

On that note, Ministry of Education Director of Guidance and Counseling Lindiwe Nana Dlamini said their marriage with SWAGAA was mainly because they saw the positive impact the programme had to the girl child.

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Principals fall ill ahead of PAC meeting

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

TWO school principals have reportedly fallen sick ahead of their appearance before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

The two school principals are said to be part of the four schools that are expected to appear before the PAC for audit queries that were raised by the auditor general in his 2018 report.

The four schools include Hillside High School in Manzini, Lobamba National High School, SAGM Primary School in Mbabane, and St John's Primary School.

The principals who fell sick,

according to a well-placed source, included a former Hillside principal and an incumbent Lobamba National High School principal. "The audit implicates the former head teacher and we were informed that he suffered a stroke when he was supposed to appear before the PAC.

Suffered

However, that is not to say that he suffered the stroke due to being called by the PAC," said the source.

Concerning Lobamba National High School, it was stated that the principal had undergone an operation on the day he was supposed to appear before the PAC.

Regarding SAGM Primary School, the principal was report-

ed to be out of the country and was taking care of her husband.

The husband was reported to have been admitted at an undisclosed hospital in South Africa.

The principal of St John's Primary School was reported to have been informed very late about the appearance before the PAC.

"The principal was said to have been given a short notice to appear before the PAC, yet he had already engaged himself to other commitments," the source said.

Last Friday, the PAC had summoned various government ministries to make a follow-up on some rulings it made during its sessions.

Among the ministries that appeared were the ministries of

foreign affairs and international cooperation; commerce, industry and trade; Tinkhundla administration and development; information, communication and technology (ICT), and public works and transport.

Appeared

The reason why the PAC summoned the ministries was to be able to compile a report on progress made since the ministries appeared before it.

The issues tackled on that day included updates on a car taken by former ACC Boss Advocate Thanda Mngwenwe, updates on Heptagon Construction's payment to government, the issue of Eswatini envoys to South Africa, among other issues.

WE DON'T OWE GOVT – HEPTAGON

HEPTAGON Company does not owe government even a cent.

This transpired last Friday when the ministry of commerce, industry and trade appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Principal Secretary (PS) Siboniso Nkambule told the PAC that Heptagon was not willing to pay back the money.

Nkambule said Heptagon wrote to the commerce ministry, through its lawyer, informing the ministry that the company believed that it did not owe government anything. As a result, Nkambule said they saw it imperative that they report the matter to the office of the attorney general.

The PS also informed the PAC that his ministry also wrote to the ministry of public works and transport, informing them about two engineers that were stationed at the commerce ministry. Nkambule

said they informed the works ministry that they no longer needed the engineers because they were doing nothing at the commerce ministry.

The engineers were employed to work at the ministry of public works and transport but were eventually stationed in the commerce ministry. One of the engineers, Caleb Motsa, who appeared before the PAC in April this year, said they last worked on a project in 2016.

Since then, they have been paid without engaging on any serious project. Motsa was told by PAC Chairman Phila Buthelezi that such was not a good thing because it meant they were getting paid for nothing. The engineers were further blamed for letting money out of the ministry right in their presence, yet they had a gate-keeping role to play.

Heptagon Company is also said

to have taken properties worth E986 000, which belonged to the ministry of commerce, industry and trade.

The properties are said to have been used by Heptagon while executing some of the projects of the commerce ministry. The E986 000 is part of the over E79 742 609.28 that was lost by the commerce ministry to Heptagon Company. The properties were eventually taken by the company and are said to be in its possession now.

The properties included furnished temporary offices, telephone systems, name boards, kitchen unit, motor vehicles, and other properties. The properties, according to the contract between the ministry and Heptagon, were to be returned to the ministry when the work was finished.

PAC members recommended that the properties should be recov-

Facility	Amount
Furnished Office	E60 000
Telephone System	E100 000
Name boards	E15 000
Kitchen Unit	E55 000
Motor Vehicles (2)	E700 000
Carports	E11 000
Survey Equipment	E15 000
Survey assistants and material	E30 000
Total	E986 000

ered from Heptagon and be kept within premises of a government structure. The PAC members would then go and conduct an inspection to appreciate the condition of the government properties.

US EMBASSY TRAINS GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE United States Embassy has trained government communications officers on media engagement, crisis management, interviewing skills and message amplification.

The training, provided by the State Department's Africa Media Hub, emphasised strategic communication that is based on clear, concise and consistent messaging.

The communications officers were workshopped on all media spaces which consist of print media and broadcasting.

The facilitators of the workshop were Africa Regional Media Hub Deputy Director Tiffany Jackson-Zunker, Frayinter media facilitators and Paula Fray and Desmond Lathan.

The week long workshop came at the right time to the communications officers since their work required them to recap their skills every now and then.

Thanked

US Embassy Public Affairs Manager Joia Starks thanked the officers for taking part in the workshop.

She said it was beneficial to them as well to engage with the officers. This is because some of them have worked in the media themselves so they are well aware of the local media

space.

She added that they got to get a clear understanding of local media as well as government and the standard of communication in the country.

"Our profound gratitude goes to the different ministries and their communication officers for the commitment they showed during the workshop," she said.

The communications officers also expressed their sincere gratitude to the American embassy for hosting such a workshop. Speaking during the workshop they stated that after a while they turn to ignore the basic skills of the profession, yet they play a huge role in the space they are in.



INTERVIEWING SKILLS: Eswatini Government Deputy Spokesperson Sabelo Dlamini doing a demonstration Africa Regional Media Hub Deputy Director Tiffany Jackson-Zunker.

SOME EMASWATI STILL LACK SAFE WATER

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Matsapha

DESPITE progress, hundreds of thousands still lack safe water, sanitation and handwashing facilities in Eswatini.

Data suggests that achieving universal access to basic sanitation service by 2030 as suggested by the Sustainable Development Goal 6, would require doubling the current annual rate of progress.

More efficient use and management of water are critical to addressing the growing demand for water, threats to water security and the increasing frequency and severity of droughts and floods resulting from climate change.

Desert Research Institute (DRI) is having a three weeks training workshop at Esibayeni Lodge on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme. Dr. Brainaah Apambire said this was a result of a partnership between DRI and World Vision.



TOGETHERNESS: Students from different parts of the world attending the Water Sanitation and Hygiene Post-Graduate programme facilitated by World Vision and Desert Research Institute partnership. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)

They have 29 students, two of whom are from Eswatini and only three are from outside the continent in India.

DRI is a non-profit research campus of the Nevada System of Higher

Education, the organisation that oversees all publicly supported higher education in the US state of Nevada.

"This post-graduate programme in international WASH has been running for four years divided into

cohorts. This is the fourth cohort and each cohort runs from January to December on four different courses. It is divided into face-to-face teaching, field and laboratory work which the participants completed.

The second phase of two courses will see World Vision Eswatini lead the fieldwork and the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Department of Environmental Health and the Faculty of Agriculture," he said. Dr. Apambire said the DRI had also developed a partnership with UNESWA to study the effluence of Mbabane water treatment plant to the water system.

There will be another partnership with government through the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) being proactive to work jointly discussing a framework to use when disasters arise.

The objective of the programme to build capacity of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) professionals in developing countries to be able to implement programmes efficiently and effectively. It also aimed at conducting active research in these countries that will improve the quality of WASH programmes, information dissemination as well.

"The building capacity will also be in universities, hence the part-

nership with UNESWA.

The plan is to have four more cohorts then evaluation can take place. World Vision must evaluate staff progression, how they use skills and knowledge.

We are developing a server tool that will monitor how they used their knowledge in two to three years," Dr. Apambire said.

He said this would help evaluate if their work has improved in quality or if they have faced a situation where they had to implement their skills immediately.

There was also cross-coordination of information as other technological technical information from countries ahead of Eswatini can be applicable in the country.

Safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030 require investments in adequate infrastructure, provide sanitation facilities, and encourage hygiene.

Protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems is essential.

According to a United Nations study, more countries were experiencing water stress, and increasing drought and desertification is already worsening these trends. By 2050, it is projected that at least one in four people will suffer recurring water shortages.



WE ARE ONE: Some of the DRI WASH programme students pose for a photo outside Esibayeni Lodge.

'Let's apply skills and knowledge efficiently'

THE training was officially opened by World Vision Eswatini Country Programme Director Francis Dube who said he was happy to host the participants in the country.

The meeting would help in WASH programmes implemented in order to give people water and change their attitudes.

"Let's work more seriously applying skills and knowledge to be obtained in this programme efficiently for the betterment of children's lives," he said.

Dube invited them to take time to attend the Umhlanga Reed Dance and also informed them of the Eswatini International Trade Fair. "In Eswatini even if you can be surrounded by huge crowds don't run away; you are safe. In my seven years here the King has only picked maidens two times.

Don't believe every report you hear or read," he said.

Two men commit three SODV offences in one day

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

TWO men pleaded not guilty to three charges they were facing, after they were alleged to have harassed and assaulted three women in one day.

Nathaniel James (25) and 23-year-old Tony Mandlazi were arrested and charged with contravening parts of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, when they were found to have fondled a woman's breasts. James and Mandlazi

were further slapped with two additional charges of assault common after they allegedly assaulted two other women.

According to their charge sheet, James and Mandlazi on Sunday near the Mbabane town, contravened the SODV Act when they harassed Emihle Ndlangamandla by fondling her breast.

In the second count where they were charged with assault common, the duo was said to have then proceeded to assault Nokwanda Ndlangamandla by pulling her and pushing her from behind, thus committing the offence.

James and Mandlazi on the third

offence were accused of assaulting Zinhle Shongwe with open hands several times on the face.

During their appearance before Magistrate Temantimandze Shongwe on Tuesday, James and Mandlazi pleaded not guilty to the charges they faced.

This prompted the prosecution to apply for a trial date, for it to lead evidence of the commission of the offences.

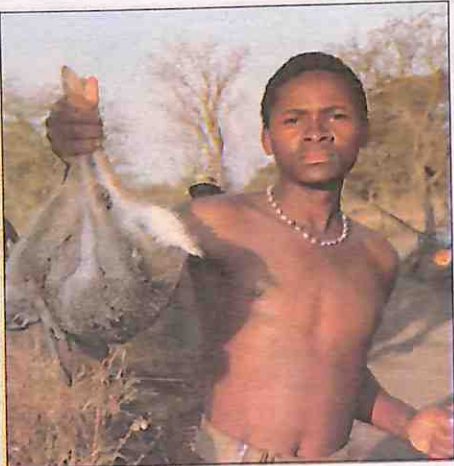
James and Mandlazi were remanded back into custody until September 3, before their appearance for their trial on September 26.



As bail was not opposed, the duo was admitted to a bail of E1 500, on condition that they will not commit

a similar offence during that time. They were also warned to appear before the court on both dates.

LAST DAY OF BUTIMBA



UMVUDLA: A Young warrior shows off a wild rabbit he caught during the hunting expedition.



FIRE: The hunting libutfo waiting in anticipation after setting the veld on fire. This was during the last day of the hunting expedition at Ngwenyeni, Hlane on Tuesday.
(Pics: Simon Shabangu)



BLAZE: Officers from the fire department ensure the fire was under control.



READY: One of the warriors who was armed with a gun.



A CATCH: Ngwenyeni, Sncamu and Lamabonelelo had something to show after the hunt.



IN SONG: Lacwebetelako ready for action.



CELEBRATION: Warriors celebrate a rabbit catch.



EMAJAHA: Prince Hlangusempi joined by other warriors during the expedition.

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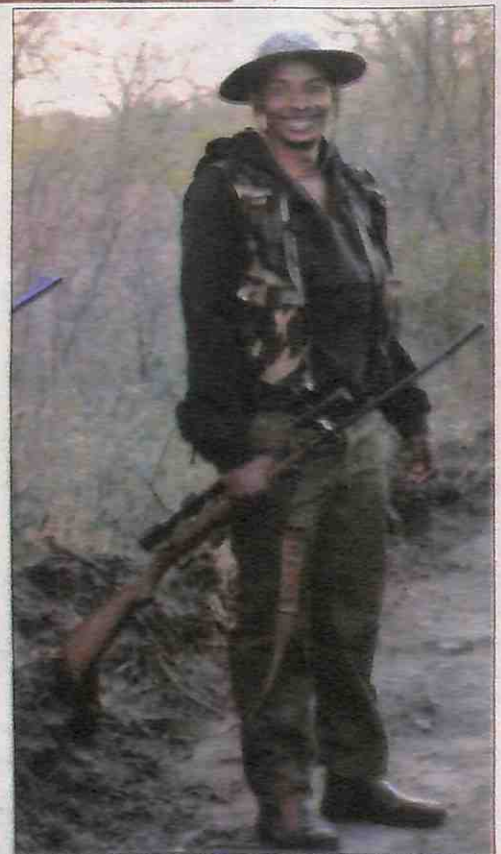
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ARMED: Ayina Dlamini armed and ready to shoot.

AT NGWENYENI AREA



DEJECTED: Warriors seemingly dejected after the long day.



EMPTY HANDED: Judge Ticheme and Umbutfo Nala amongst other warriors.



MONITORING: Senator Chief Kusa also joined the hunt.

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Crime rate declines in Lubombo region

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

IF the number of cases appearing before the Siteki Magistrate's Court is anything to go by, crime is seemingly declining in the Lubombo region.

For approximately a week, there has been no fresh cases brought before the court, save for drink-driving ones.

The court covers a large part of the region.

Cases which normally appear before this court include those of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act, robbery, house breaking and theft, pharmacy and assault, amongst others.

SODV and robbery cases are normally brought before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula as they carry heavy sentences.

Other cases are brought before Acting Magistrates Lungile Shongwe and Cebisile Ngwenya, respectively.

Current records indicate that the court had no fresh cases for the past few days. This reflects a significant decline in criminal activity in the

region. The notable decline in crime apparently comes after the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) made breakthroughs in a number of cases.

A number of suspects who were on the police most wanted list were rounded up over the past couple of months. Most of them are remanded at the Big-Bend correctional facility. Meanwhile, there are a number of on-going trials before the court. One of these which was before Principal Magistrate Magagula yesterday was that of Musa Maziya who faces a charge of house breaking with intent to steal and theft.

Maziya allegedly broke into a house at Mpolonjeni and stole items valued at E11 750.

The accused person elected to conduct his own defence when he was informed of his right to legal representation.

He further stated that he intends to plead not guilty to the charge. The crown filed for a postponement of the matter as it intends to call witnesses to prove commission of the offence.

The matter was ordered to return to court next week Tuesday for commencement of trial.



Man fined E600 for insulting his grandmother

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

MTHOKOZISI Sifundza (37) of Lomahasha has been fined E600 after he was found guilty of insulting his grandmother by calling her a witch.

The accused person appeared before the Eswatini National Court where he faced a charge of crimen injuria.

He wrongfully and unlawfully insulted the elderly woman by accusing her of witchcraft. This was during an argument which ensued between the two while they were at their homestead.

When the charge sheet was read to him, Sifundza pleaded not guilty. The complainant was then called in to present her evidence. She told the court that her grandson accused her of being responsible for his misfortunes.

The complainant said her grandson further accused her of causing him bad luck, something which saw him being unable to get employment.

The elderly woman said Sifundza made all these accusations after she had attempted to caution him for misbehaviour.

"My grandson has become a drunkard, he comes home drunk almost every day," said the elderly woman. She said the man insulted her after she warned him against indulging in alcohol.

The accused person was reportedly drunk when he made the derogatory statements against his grandmother.

When given a chance to cross-examine the complainant, Sifundza admitted to have engaged in an argument with his grandmother.

He claimed to have forgotten what he said during the argument, saying he was too drunk. He then passed his apologies to the elderly woman and pledged to behave accordingly. The accused person further asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying he was a first time offender. He was eventually found guilty by the court and sentenced to six months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E600 fine.

HELP POURS IN FOR MOUTH

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

SIPHOFANENI Member of Parliament (MP) Mduduzi Simelane is willing to help the teenage boy with mouth cancer.

Simelane, popularly known as Gawuzela, said he was willing to help Phiwayinkhosi Vilane.

Phiwayinkhosi is currently languishing at the Mbabane Government Hospital. He needs about E100 000 for treatment in South Africa.

Simelane, when called on the matter on Tuesday, said he once came across an almost similar case when running *Makhelwane Simbona Ngetento* programme on Eswatini TV, whereby a young boy had a lump protruding from his mouth, highlighting that with the

...Siphofaneni MP Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane amongst those willing to help



TO THE RESCUE: Siphofaneni MP Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane and Phiwayinkhosi Vilane.

right assistance, Phiwayinkhosi's situation could be resolved.

One of Phiwayinkhosi's relatives, who preferred anonymity, stated that after

Public Service new PS introduced to parastatals

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

FOLLOWING the reshuffling of some ministry's principal secretaries, on Monday Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase introduced the new PS Siphos Tsabedze to Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) board members and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

On August 4, Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini announced a reshuffle of some of the principal secretaries from a number of ministries.

However, some of the PSs were redeployed.

The re-deployment elevated three senior government officials to the rank of principal secretaries while three PSs were transferred from their ministries.

The exercise affected seven out of the 19 ministries.

The minister and the PS visited both PSPF and CSC premises for the first time since his appointment by His Majesty King Mswati III was announced.

The reshuffled Principal Secretaries

- i) Makhosini Mndawe – Deputy Prime Minister's Office
- ii) Bertram Stewart – Education and Training
- iii) Sizakele Dlamini – Finance
- iv) Bheki Bhembé – Economic Planning and Development
- v) Siphos Tsabedze – Public Service
- vi) Nhlanhla Nxumalo – Home Affairs
- vii) Khangeziwe Mabuza – Public Works and Transport

Tsabedze is a former labour commissioner, a position he held since 2015 and replaced former PS Evert Madlopha who retired in May after serving the ministry for 16 years.

Period

Madlopha also served government for a considerable period in different positions under different ministries. The new PS was welcomed and congratulated by members of the commission for his appointment and also advised to respect the office.

"Your mandate here is to serve the nation not to fulfil your personal interest; also consult whenever you encounter challenges in your work."

The commission also praised the now

retired PS Madlopha for cooperating with them while carrying out his duties. "We were so used to Madlopha because he was cooperative with the commission," said a member of the commission.

Tsabedze thanked the commission for welcoming him and further pledged to do his work diligently.

"I will do everything in my capacity to assist the commission as you carry out your duties," he said.

Minister Ntshangase also introduced the PS to the board members at the PSPF who had converged at the conference room.

"Here is your new Madlopha," said Ntshangase jokingly.



WELCOME: Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase introducing the ministry's new Principal Secretary Siphos Tsabedze to the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) board members and the Civil Service Commission (CSC). Tsabedze replaced the retired PS Evert Madlopha who held the position for 16 years before his retirement in May. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini)

CANCER TEEN

the article was published in the local dailies, they were flooded with calls offering help.

According to the teen's uncle Chicco Vilane, doctors at Mbabane Government Hospital could not help.

Chemotherapy

"Doctors say chemotherapy locally cannot treat the cancer because of the stage it is now.

"We also approached Phalala Fund where they told us that there was no money to transport the boy due to the country's financial situation. We are now asking for help from the nation," he said.

The boy has been admitted at the hospital for a month now with the cancer spreading each day. Phiwayinkhosi was doing Grade Six in one of the schools in

Mankayane.

Vilane said any kind of assistance from the nation would be appreciated.

He further mentioned that the young boy stayed with his aunt, as his father passed on.

Situation

The situation, Vilane said, was so difficult such that he could not eat or drink water.

Breathing was also difficult for the young man.

Doctors had to use surgical means to ensure the boy was able to eat, drink and breathe.

The boy was currently taken care of by his mother, whom he stayed with at the hospital.

Anyone willing to assist could contact Chicco Vilane on 7848 5829 or Nobuhle Macwele on 7667 1730.

Social workers at elderly grants pay-points

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA

Mbabane

SOCIAL workers will now be visible in all elderly grants pay points going forward.

Deputy Prime Minister's Office Under Secretary Hlobisile Dlamini said this was a response to complaints from the nation that social welfare officers were not available to help them.

She said the officers in each area would listen to the complaints and help where possible then escalate if need be.

Dlamini said there were many different reasons why some elderly grant beneficiaries and proxies were turned back last week when the disbursement of the grants started.

"It is either they come not on the stipulated date or the person fetching the money isn't the proxy who was registered. However, those who have missed the said dates are given a grace period after the last day of the payments.

"This will run from today to September 5 and this is called special payment," she said.

Last Tuesday, there was confusion at Mbabane Post Office when elderly people some of them with disabilities were turned back for not appearing on the system.

Proxies were also turned back although they had registered when the registration window was opened. They were told that they didn't appear in the system, which caused commotion.

"It is sad to queue for some time and then told that you don't appear in the system, especially in this cold weather. I came with my grandmother and she signed that I will fetch her money from now onwards as she is sickly. Today I was told that I cannot be helped. Look around, out of 38 proxies, only five appear in the system and this shows that their verification process is inefficient," said Tengetiwe Simelane.

Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs who is also Mbabane

East MP Harries 'Madze' Bulunga was at the scene and he had intended to help his constituents to make sure the process was smooth.

"I went there to make sure that everything is smooth sailing. Some of my constituents were turned back as they were omitted in the system and told that they didn't register. Even with the proxy issues some didn't appear in the system apparently," Bulunga said.

Meanwhile, Director of Social Welfare Moses Dlamini said his office was fixing the problems and apologised for any inconvenience caused.

He said the problems that arose helped because the elderly showed up afterwards to verify that they were still alive.

Dlamini said it was very worrying that suddenly almost everyone was a proxy.

He said they were preparing for a period where the elderly would use finger access control at the pay points so they could be verified as right now it was easy to defraud government.

"There are so many proxies and something is wrong with this.

"The proxy option was made for elderly people who are bedridden. It is unbelievable that all of a sudden every old person in the country is bedridden. To me it appears that people don't take this process seriously. We also want to avoid situations where the money doesn't reach the designated person," Dlamini said.

"It is sad to queue for some time and then be told that you don't appear in the system especially in this cold weather"

EBC to oversee Botswana elections

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) will lead the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Elections Commissions Forum to monitor Botswana elections in October.

EBC Deputy Chairperson Winnie Magagula said Eswatini would ensure that Botswana elections meet the standards and the right criterion.

Magagula said the Forum was expected to visit the country before the actual elections. This visit is called state of preparedness.

EBC would ensure Botswana's readiness for the upcoming elections. This is not new as in the SADC region such an exercise is conducted whenever elections take place.

This is aimed at avoiding glitches that might take place during elections such as shortage of labour and necessary equipment.

Magagula said this was what the local elections commission would be monitoring in Botswana.

After monitoring the state of preparedness, the commission then reports to SADC.

The report would explain in detail the readiness of Botswana to undergo elections. It will cover all aspects and details of what they will find in Botswana.

In addition, if the commission discovered that the country was not ready, the elections could be postponed.

The commission is also expected to advise their Botswana counterparts on how they could improve their elections wherever there were loopholes as they



EBC Deputy Chairperson Winnie Magagula.

monitor the state of preparedness.

The commission would be monitoring the elections working with Botswana Electoral Commission in order to ensure fairness and clarity whenever the local commission needs clarity and some explanations.

Workshop

EBC was in South Africa last week attending a workshop of all SADC countries elections commissions. It was aimed at capacitating all new members of the commission on their duties.

"We were empowered on the basic principles of elections," she said.

Magagula said that was why they also visit countries to monitor their state of preparedness to ensure they maintain the standards set by the SADC region.

"It is important that we stick to the principles of SADC as we carry our mandate, hence the workshop," she said.

EBC is led by Prince Mhlabuhlangene as the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson Winnie Magagula and commissioners Princess Nkosing'meni, Chief Mawandla Gamedze and Dr Njabu Dlamini.

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ICT critical for tourism - Envoy

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE

Mbabane

WITH almost all industries in first world countries striving for a 'super-smart' society in line with the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the African tourism industry will soon be aiming for same.

This after the High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Eswatini in the Republic of South Africa, Dumsile Sukati declared that information communication technology (ICT) was critical for advancing tourism. This was during two activations by the Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) in Sandton and Pretoria earlier last week.

ETA met at least 10 country representatives in high commissioners, ambassadors and other diplomats in Sandton, as well as media and industry players in an effort to forge partnerships aimed at improving visitor numbers from Gauteng.

Emphasising this at both activations, the high commissioner said ICT was imperative in determining which destinations tourists had visited, when they came to the kingdom and how long they stayed.

"When one wants to engage in travel and tourism, the first thing they think about is surfing the internet to look for accommodation, transport, shopping,



High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Eswatini in the Republic of South Africa Dumsile Sukati making her remarks during the activation.

events and climatic conditions," said Sukati. She alluded to the fact that the online reputation of any destination formed a pivotal aspect of destination awareness.

Sukati also commended the robust relationship between the ETA and South African Tourism, reiterating that destination awareness could not be successful with only one party involved.

ETA partnered with the Mpumalanga Province and Mozambique to form the

Tri-Land partnership, which has been in existence for more than 10 years now.

Meanwhile, ETA Chief Executive Officer Linda Nxumalo, who led the ETA team to the activations, said their partnerships with writers, bloggers and destination experts proved all the more profitable as most material about Eswatini was published online.

"The ETA is pro-ICT as all our efforts to market the country have an online backing. Recently, we had Gavin Bell, an award-winning destination expert who wrote an amazing article that reached millions of readers in the United Kingdom," she said.

The CEO said ETA thus invited the media to the activations over and above tour operators and travel agents. She also mentioned that the ETA was making more rigorous efforts to improve their online presence through their websites and social media.

"The ETA has improved its online marketing and online presence through constantly supplying fresh material for the website and totally revamping it in September last year," she said.

Nxumalo said the website's new features earned it a Google top spot at the end of June.

The ETA has also redesigned their destination videos as well as going back on air for their 'Tekuvakasha' radio programme on EBIS One every Fridays from 1115 to 1130 hours.

MORE PICTURES FROM BUTIMBA



Emalangeneni, chiefs and Cabinet ministers came through to be part of the hunting expedition on Monday afternoon. The expedition ended on a high note at Emgwenyeni area. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



The energetic Emabutfo singing and dancing before they were commissioned to comb the forests for wild animals as part of the hunting expedition.



National Commissioner of Police Tsintsibala Dlamini, Prince Nhlonipho and Mehlwentfombi among the regiment during the long walk.



Polycarp Dlamini, Mangomeni Ndzimandze, Ova Langwenya and Musa Ndlela at the Butimba ceremony.



THEY MEET: George Mbatha and Shanyela Bhembe in a conversation at the Butimba.



Emalangeneni and Bafana Benkhosi participated in the long walk with ease.



Chief Siphasha of Mahlangatsha flanked by Mahlafuna and Sitja geared up for the commissioning.



Lacwebetelako came out ready for the day.



Indvuna Quphula, Lubombo RA Themba Msibi, Shanyela Bhembe, Umngani Mashampo Khumalo, Senator Prince Hlangabeza and Senator Tony Sibandze were also at the expedition.

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RESPONSE (MR)BY SAMKELO
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TWO weeks ago, the Parliament Prime Minister's Office Portfolio Committee toured the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA) headquarters to familiarise themselves with the organisation's business.

In her brief to the Portfolio Committee, the NERCHA Council Vice Chairperson, Ms Gcebile Ndlovu (standing in for Council Chairman, Nick Jackson) stated that the country had made significant strides in halting the spread of HIV and thus was in a strong position to meet His Majesty King Mswati III's HIV and AIDS related Vision 2022 target.

We know of course that the fight against HIV and AIDS is not over yet, and this cannot be over emphasised. In fact, the journey to end AIDS as a public health threat in the country has just begun in earnest. In 2017, Eswatini saw 3 500 people succumb to AIDS-related deaths and 7 000 people were newly infected with HIV.

The journey is not yet over for the 210 000 people living with HIV (PLHIV) nor the over 883 000 that are HIV negative. Great strides have been made in strengthening antiretroviral therapy (ART) services, and currently, the fight is to eliminate stigma and discrimination against PLHIV as well as convince the people that do not have HIV to adopt "appropriate" behavior to reduce their HIV risks.

In the midst of all these, NERCHA continues to strive to provide visionary leadership in the country's HIV response by rolling out programmes that advance the numerous global strategies and translates their ideals into local targets through the National Multisectoral HIV and AIDS Strategic Framework (NSF) 2018-2023, with all efforts taking guidance from His Majesty's Vision 2022.

In short, the vision of the NSF 2018-2023 is to End AIDS as a public health threat by 2022. Its goal is to super-fast track the HIV response to reduce new infections by 85 per cent and AIDS related mortality by 50 per cent from 2017 levels by 2022.

In working towards attaining the vision, NERCHA is mindful of the obtaining challenges, including the steadily declining financial resources, especially from external sources – which necessitate that the country look inward for financial resources to sustain the many gains that have been made, this far, in the country's HIV response.

To deliver on the daunting task of ensuring that this key national goal is achieved and that the journey to end AIDS is meaningful, there is need for NERCHA to come up with a deliberate strategy to sustain political support and to disseminate strategic information. Advocacy

and communication at national, regional and community level as well as at international level is undertaken.

**NERCHA at the 2019 Eswatini
International Trade Fair**

At regional level, advocacy aims to strengthen community systems and promote community involvement, while at national level, advocacy is meant to sustain government's commitment to the HIV response. International partners are targeted for financial and technical support and to showcase Eswatini's successes in the HIV response.

As part of a deliberate effort to reach-out to the masses with target-specific information that promotes the programmes of the NSF that are designed to address their specific concerns and needs.

Beginning tomorrow, 9th September, the National HIV and AIDS Information and Training Centre (Info Centre) a NERCHA department, will take part in the 51st Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF). The Info Centre will be exhibiting and disseminating HIV and AIDS information.

The 2019 EITF theme is "Eswatini is open for business".

The EITF is a trade and business event in which the over 200 exhibitors from within and outside Eswatini, showcase their products and services to over 30 000 visitors.

The national HIV response at the 2019 EITF will aim to inform and encourage business and the general public, to scale up their participation in the agenda to end AIDS by investing in the HIV response, and promoting access and uptake of HIV and AIDS services, including

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**2019 EITF theme "Eswatini open for
business" sweet melody**

Back in 2015, at a time when HIV and AIDS seemed to be slowly but systematically relegated to the bottom of the heap of the country's priorities, His Majesty King Mswati III's Vision 2022 brought it back to the pinnacle of public discourse.

His Majesty, in the 2015 Speech from the Throne, through a wide-ranging address, unprecedentedly and categorically said the first world Eswatini that every liSwati needs to work towards attaining by 2022, should be AIDS-free.

Without question, His Majesty's call was and remains on point. We cannot speak first world status while AIDS remains a public health threat.

With the current government fiscal challenges, it has become even more apparent that the country doubles its effort to End AIDS.

NERCHA is particularly thankful of the manner, in which over the years, the national multisectoral HIV response, including non-governmental organisations, the public sector, faith-based organisations, civil society, traditional organisations and development partners have galvanised effort to work towards the single goal of curbing the spread of HIV.

As the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) puts final touches on logistics necessary for the smooth running of the 2019 EITF, the theme, "Eswatini Open For Business" challenges one to recall an era in the country's socio-economic history, when the HIV epidemic was ravishing the country to the extent that academics and researchers alike, predicted.

Indeed, the many achievements in the HIV response have got us to a period when we can all testify that "Our health is Our Wealth". We have lived through and know that it is only when we are healthy and in a good space that we can be productive and generate wealth.

As a country, we acknowledge that health is a critical component of the country's balance sheet. Evidence shows that the country is on the trajectory to End AIDS as a public health threat. Indeed, Eswatini is "Open for Business".

Ending the AIDS epidemic requires a shared responsibility that demands increases in both domestic and international investment in the HIV response.

Investment needs for preventing

new infections from occurring through condom promotion, prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), a contribution towards outreach services for key populations and using treatment as prevention require an increase in the HIV response budget.

This and many more, needs to be brought to the fore, for all to appreciate and identify a role to play – individually and collectively; regionally and nationally.

HIV response at 2019 EITF

NERCHA is not a newcomer to the EITF, as it has been participating since 2007, when the Info Centre was established. The aim is to disseminate information on innovative programmes and strategies to assist the country accelerate towards Vision 2022, from which our regional partners could perhaps learn.

The current incidence rate of 1.5 per cent among those aged 15-49 is not sufficient to achieve epidemic control. Younger people bear higher new infections, some (15 per cent) of PLHIV are not tested nor enrolled in care, while more children and men are living with HIV are not virally suppressed. These are the issues that the Info Centre will bring to the EITF agenda.

The Info Centre stall will allow for engagement with the visiting public, including children. With His Majesty also directing that "Akubete lotfoli i-HIV", various ways will be used to get ideas and advice on what can be done if we really are to end AIDS by 2022. The NERCHA facebook page will be used to promote EITF activities as well as to gather the thoughts and suggestions of those not able to make it to the EITF. Numerous short films will also be shown, including the popular MTV Shuga series.

**Need for HIV to remain on the
development agenda**

NERCHA Executive Director Khanyakwezwe Mabuza (speaking at a recent briefing of the Senate HIV/AIDS Portfolio Committee) expressed the need to ensure that the HIV and AIDS agenda remains on the country's socio-economic agenda.

He emphasised that despite the many achievements in the recent past, the HIV epidemic could still rebound, then it would be déjà vu - doom and gloom all over again. Mabuza notes that without more domestic investment and international assistance, the country remains in a precarious position where the gains can be reversed overnight.

Mabuza though, insists that NERCHA will not relent in the face of the current challenge but will look to the legislators for support to hold all stakeholders accountable for the delivery of Vision 2022 and for passing legislation that will support the national Vision.

The cat is out of the bag then. Eswatini's HIV response is at a tipping point. Do you have anything to offer or want to learn more? Visit us at Hall 2, Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre from tomorrow to 9th September. See you there!

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1828 - A patent was issued to Robert Turner for the self-regulating wagon brake.

1833 - The "Factory Act" was passed in England to settle child labor laws.

1842 - The Treaty of Nanking was signed by the British and the Chinese. The treaty ended the first Opium War and gave the island of Hong Kong to Britain.

1885 - The first prizefight under the Marquis of Queensberry Rules was held in Cincinnati, OH. John L. Sullivan defeated Dominick McCaffery in six rounds.

1886 - In New York City, Chinese Ambassador Li Hung-chang's chef invented chop suey.

1892 - Pop (Billy) Shriver (Chicago Cubs) caught a ball that was dropped from the top of the Washington Monument in Washington, DC.

1944 - During the continuing celebration of the liberation of France from the Nazis, 15 000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris.

1945 - US General Douglas MacArthur left for Japan to officially accept the surrender of the Japanese.

1949 - At the University of Illinois, a nuclear device was used for the first time to treat cancer patients.

1957 - Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina set a filibuster record in the US when he spoke for 24 hours and 18 minutes.

1962 - The lower level of the George Washington Bridge opened.

1965 - Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles ("Pete") Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean after eight days in space.

1966 - Mia Farrow withdrew from the cast of the ABC-TV's "Peyton Place."

1967 - The final episode of "The Fugitive" aired.

1971 - Hank Aaron became the first baseball player in the National League to hit 100 or more runs in each of 11 seasons.

1977 - Lou Brock brought his total of stolen bases to 893. The record he beat was held by Ty Cobb for 49 years.

1983 - Two US marines were killed in Lebanon by the militia group Amal when they fired mortar shells at the Beirut airport.

1983 - The anchor of the USS Monitor, from the US Civil War, was retrieved by divers.

1990 - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in a television interview, declared that America could not defeat Iraq.

1991 - The Communist Party in the Soviet Union had its bank accounts frozen and activities were suspended because of the Party's role in the failed coup attempt against Mikhail Gorbachev.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Lea Michele (TV actress) - August 29, 1986 (33 years old)



Liam Payne (Pop singer) - August 29, 1993 (26 years old)



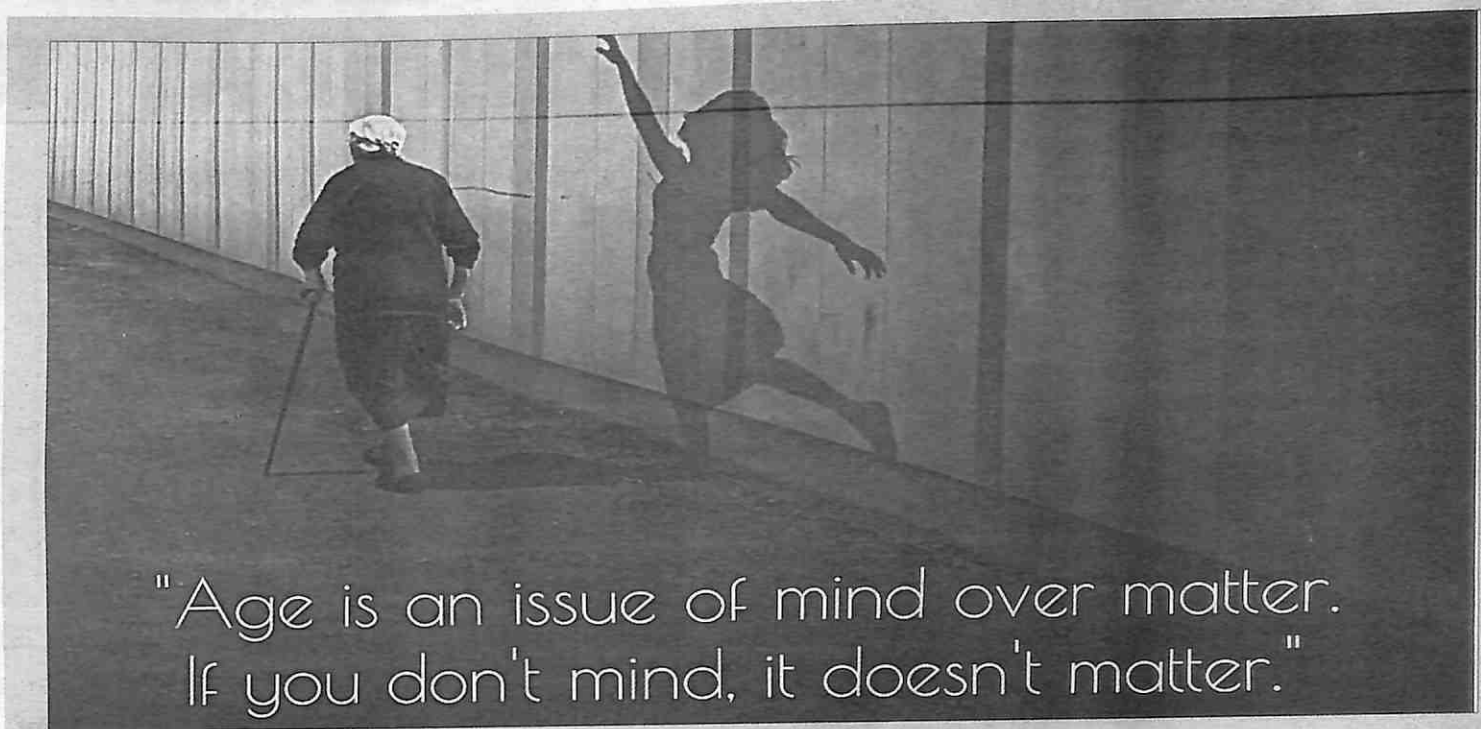
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"Age is an issue of mind over matter.
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

AGE IS NOTHING BUT A NUMBER: OR IS IT?

IT has often been said that it is not the numbers that age a person but do we really believe that as Emaswati?

The norm has always been for a man to marry a woman considerably younger than him. On close inspection, one finds that the main reason for this is the belief that women age faster than men do. A question arises therein, does love see age or are our marriages as a people void of love?

Countless women have been targeted, mocked and punished for "consorting" with men much younger than them. Reports have been published in years past of women being chased out of their homes by their own family members and sometimes even beaten for loving men younger than them.

When you raise the topic with others the general consensus is that it is deemed bad luck for a man to marry a woman much older than him. This phenomenon has caused women of an elderly age bracket who have either lost a spouse or never married in their younger years to remain unmarried and live out their lives as the family matriarch. Men, on the other hand, are free to remarry and actually expected to do so in the event of the passing of their spouse.

FINANCIAL GAIN

When people are confronted with a couple where the woman is older

than the man, the concept that love could be the binding factor is immediately thrown out the window and a number of speculations are born. Most believe that a union of this nature is for the benefit of the man as he stands to gain financially from the union and that the woman is desperate enough to provide to his every whim.

Some family members believe this to be true and will often dictate that the union be ended. The heart ache caused by this is never taken into consideration, just as long as they part ways for good. It is for this reason that most couples with such a unique age gap keep it to themselves, never fully expressing their love for one another in the manner they so desire.

MATURITY

Some will justify their actions by claiming that the man is not mature enough to be in a relationship with the older woman. Who are we to determine this? Is maturity always determined by age? Aside from the maturity debate, how do we give ourselves the right to pass judgment on the relationship of others?

LOBOLA

Even when the couple's family come around to accept this union, there are certain practices that hold a certain tone of prejudice against

the woman. When it comes to *lobola* negotiations, the young man's family will not fail to point out the unique age difference and negotiate for a lower dowry some. This directly translates as the woman being of lesser or insignificant value when compared to younger women who would be in the same position as she. The wedding thereof will often be kept low key, if there would be one at all. Instead of celebrating a beautiful union, this would be treated as a family secret with only a few privy of it.

CHILDREN

Many family members will argue still that a union of this nature will rob them of children, especially if the woman has lived passed her child bearing years. They will place high expectations on the man by saying that he will extend the family name through his kids, thus preventing a lasting union with the older woman as he would need to find a woman who would give him children.

ACCEPTANCE

If our acceptance of this union comes with conditions such as if and when the couple should marry, have we really accepted it? True acceptance is treating the couple as normal as we would a one with a more traditional age gap. *Lobola* should not be determined by the

woman's age and the responsibility for continuing the family name should not be put on the man's head, the choice to procreate should be theirs entirely.

LONGEVITY

If the argument is that it will not last, then that means that all other relationships with a reversed age gap last. Does the age determine the longevity of a relationship? If so, why is it ok for a man to marry a woman considerably younger than him? Are we really going to keep turning a blind eye to this double standard even in this day and age?

IN THE END

When it is all said and done, the age gap between a man a woman where the woman is older has no bearing on our lives. Ours is to accept our loved ones in their choices and support them at every turn. In the end, it is their lives and they will be the ones to live with that choice which puts them in a position to know what is good for them.

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WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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Application of Part to deceased estates

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Finances of the Fund

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.6%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
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 28 AUG 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	15.3116	15.3616
British Pound/SZL	18.7942	18.8556
Japanese Yen/SZL	6.8893	6.9098
Swiss France/SZL	15.5923	15.6368
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3765	1.3887
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.3154	10.3522
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.5108	11.549
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.9767	17.0322
Gold	1,538.7629	
Oil	58.53	

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DELEGATION: DPM Themba Masuku posing with some of the delegates who attended the conference at Royal Swazi yesterday. (Pics: Bahle Gama)

SADC ACCOUNTS FOR 57 PER CENT TOTAL AFRICAN SUGAR PRODUCTION

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) bloc accounts for approximately 57 per cent of total African sugar production.

South African Sugar Association Internal Affairs Manager Babongile Mandela said the sugar industry had a potential to play a key developmental role in the SADC region. He was speaking during the Federation of SADC Sugar Producers (FSSP) conference by Eswatini Sugar Association (ESA) held at the Royal Swazi yesterday.

Mandela was speaking on behalf of FSSP chairman.

He said beyond its economic

importance and success in the region, the sugar industry ticked many of the boxes of the most difficult development challenges: playing to comparative advantages, diversification (energy and bio-chemicals); benefiting small nations and employing many workers, including low-skilled workers and those in rural areas.

"This, of course, does not come without its own challenges, which range from the call for liberalisation of sugar trade from non-sugar producing countries, global subsidies and non-tariff barriers and the challenge of operating in a highly distorted international market.

In the midst of the on-going global economic slowdown, SADC sugar producers are focusing their

efforts on emerging economies in the region and continent for new opportunities and access to markets such as the UK post-Brexit and the Chinese market as we all seek value for our sugar exports," he said.

He said FSSP's aim was to use the conference to elevate the centrality of their collective agenda to a new level that would have a beneficial impact and give impetus to Africa's developmental agenda and all our markets.

Endeavour

He added that South Africa would endeavour to ensure that the sustainability of the regional sugar market is realised through the TFTA and AfCFTA. "FSSP has continued to contribute towards the realisation of its founding objectives and ensuring that as the sugar industry we play a meaningful socio-economic role in our countries and in Southern Africa more broadly.

Today's conference will surely provide an opportunity to review progress made with a view to bolster further cooperation.

This is important considering that the conference takes place at a time when Annex VII of the SADC Trade Protocol has come under immense scrutiny in the region and negotiations of a Continental Free Trade Agreement are nearing their conclusion with a provisional implementation date set for July 2020.

These collaborations will be a practical realisation to today's theme of a "Future for Sugar", he added.

Mandela said many realistic and pragmatic achievements had been

recorded over the 19 years of FSSP's existence and they hope that they can record many more in years to come.

He added that the Tripartite Free Trade Agreement and the African Continental Free Trade Agreement could form the basis and core of the new contributions by the collective efforts of the FSSP to add to the development of regional industries, add to the project of African integration and contribute to the developmental agenda of the continent that seeks to create employment, eradicate poverty and end inequality.

"We can look at the past 19 years of the FSSP and be proud of the road that we have travelled so far. The FSSP has worked towards the establishment of a sustainable environment for the growth of the sugar industry in the region," he said.

Informed by the pertinent developments in the domestic, regional and international sugar landscape the conference sought to look at the following:

- The sugar sector as a vehicle for Developing the Regional Economy;
- Regional and international sugar trade developments and dynamics, and how these have impacted on new trade flows;
- The impact of Brexit on our markets;
- Sugar fortification and changes in consumption patterns;
- This will be followed by a deep analysis of emerging trends and envisioned future challenges;
- And culminate in a discussion of the Future of Sugar.

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REMARKS: South African Sugar Association Internal Affairs Manager Babongile Mandela makes his remarks.

DR MIKE OUTLINES IMPORTANCE OF SUGAR INDUSTRY

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

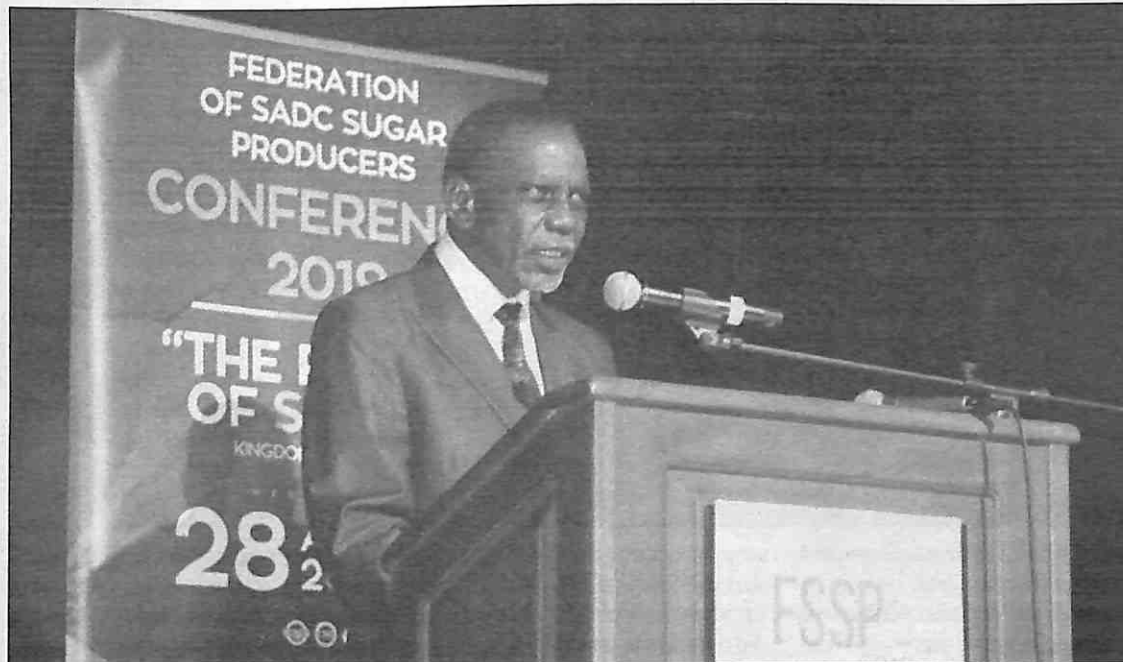
THE sugar industry in Eswatini plays a multi-functional role in supporting the Eswatini Strategic Roadmap (ESR).

Economist/Lobbyist Dr Mike Matsebula said this during the Federation of SADC Sugar Producers (FSSP) conference hosted by Eswatini Sugar Association (ESA) held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre yesterday.

He said the industry in the country had a high profile relative to the overall economy as revealed by its substantial contributions to agricultural employment and output manufacturing employment.

"It contributes significantly to social services in the form of education, health care, housing, water, sanitation and recreational facilities. It is directly linked to various sectors in the overall economy through both the input and output sides. Adding indirect linkages pushes up the multiplier and accelerator effects; thus raising the potential of the SI to be impactful," he said.

Examples of links through the input side are transportation, fertiliser, chemicals, labour and financial services and examples of links through



SUGAR INDUSTRY: Economist/Lobbyist Dr Mike Matsebula making his presentation during the conference. (Pic: Bahle Gama)

the output side are prepacking, beverages, sweets, various sugar-containing products and export sector.

Matsebula said it also conducted its activities in an environmentally friendly manner and has set aside a significant portion of land for the preservation of natural flora and fauna.

The sugar industry had also con-

tributed positively to deeper economic integration within SACU.

In particular, it sells more than one-half of its total tonnage into SACU and sources virtually all of its non-labour inputs from South Africa.

"The ESR identifies five key growth sectors on the basis of their ability to deliver high impact on GDP growth, job creation and public revenue mobil-

isation.

The sugar industry fits in two of these sectors namely, agriculture (because of sugarcane growing) and agro-processing/manufacturing (because of the processing of sugarcane to produce sugar). It is directly through these two dimensions that the SI can play a positive role in the ESR implementation.



These two sectors are the direct conduits for defining the role of the industry.

Indirect conduits exist through the other key growth sectors because of linkages involving the sugar industry," he said.

He added that when fulfilling its role in the ESR, the industry would also be contributing to Eswatini's obligations to be achieved under Africa's Agenda 2063 and UN's Agenda 2030.

Agenda 2063 was adopted in January 2015.

"Through it, Africa is striving for accelerated and inclusive growth with equity; growth which will result in job creation, poverty eradication and sustainable socio-economic development.

It specifies targets.

Agenda 2030 is a post-2015 universal development agenda adopted in September 2015. It recognises that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. The plan of action specifies 17 SDGs," he added.

...Lubombo designated as Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO

UNESCO has designated the Lubombo region as a Biosphere Reserve.

Given that the sugar industry lies mostly in the Lubombo region, there are synergies which can be generated.

Dr Mike Matsebula made this revelation during the sugar conference.

He said it is important to note that indeed, through its operations and nature reserves, the sugar industry is already a major player in the region from a sustainability perspective.

The starting point is to recognise the existence of important stakeholders; both within and outside the industry.

A programme towards harnessing the potential already alluded to must be compiled and discussed with all the key stakeholders. The guiding principle in this process must be the attainment of sustainable growth for the benefit of current and future generations. "In this connection, the compilation of a programme for the sugar industry to contribute positively to the ESR

implementation should be done under an appropriate theme. It could be along the lines 'sugar industry efforts towards a sustainable contribution to the ESR'. We turn to some of the main elements for consideration in this harnessing endeavour," he said. He added that examples would include ethanol for fuel blending; alcoholic beverages; electricity cogeneration to supply the national grid; bio-degradable plastics; and animal feeds.

"The need for product diversification is definitely not a new issue for the local sugar industry. Examples elsewhere in SADC abound. The question is why has it not taken off in a visible manner for the benefit of all industry members in Eswatini?

Are the financial and social returns foregone by not embarking on this journey insignificant? Should there be special incentives considered and, if so, what kind?

In theory, the incentives can range from moral suasion through policy prescription to legislation," Dr Matsebula closed.

DIVERSIFICATION OF SUGAR MARKETS

WITH the launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area, a new dimension has been added to the pursuit of remunerative markets by SADC sugar industries.

The collective SADC approach is worth retaining in discussions with

other regions in Africa.

It is of utmost importance that each SADC sugar industry keeps its government in the picture as negotiations ensue and to seek specific support where such is necessary to gain access into various African sugar markets. This

assertion is based on the multi-functional role of the SI which makes it strategic from a socio-economic perspective.

It requires a strong political will and different types of interventions for nurturing it.

Economic empowerment of Emaswati

THE economist said the support given by government (through bulk water projects) and by the EU (through part-financing of development costs) has empowered a number of smallholder sugarcane growers.

This was a good move from a social return perspective.

The non-sugar small and medium enterprise (SME) sector in the Lubombo region needs to be systematically empowered. One option is to empower SMEs through a mentorship arrangement negotiated among the Eswatini Sugar Association, relevant members of the SI, potential SMEs and financiers.

The objective of the mentorship programme would be to reduce the risk of SME failure and there-

by enhance chances of creating sustainable financial as well as social returns in the sugar belt.

A second option is providing infrastructure to promote SI tourism through which the beauty of cane fields can be appreciated by local and foreign visitors.

The infrastructure would comprise facilities which are strategically located around the sugar belt to service tourists through refreshments, indigenous foods, handicrafts and restrooms. SMEs should pay affordable rentals to operate in these facilities.

The Sugar Museum at Tambankulu would be part of this SI tourism concept and the improvement in facilities used by informal sector operators (commonly referred to as community markets) is a third option.

FINANCING SI EFFORTS

Dr Mike Matsebula said to evaluate, plan and put in motion the SI support towards ESR implementation, requires money and skills.

A consultancy has to do all the ground-work pertaining to the required resources. The consultancy should ideally report to a team convened by the Eswatini Sugar Association to compile a programme towards the sourcing of the necessary funding.

Possible funding sources would include the local banking sector and impact investors. The latter are funds whose intention is to generate a measurable beneficial social impact alongside a financial return.

Impact investors provide capital on affordable terms to address social issues such as poverty, social inequalities and environmental degradation. Tapping these funds may take a long time.

'NEW FARM DWELLERS CONTROL BILL HINDERS GROWTH OF AGRI-BUSINESS'

BY SIFISO DLAMINI

AN economist says the new Farm Dwellers Control Amendment Bill of 2019 is unfavourable to farm owners and will negatively affect agricultural growth and the country's economy.

The fundamental issue is with regards to the constitutionality of The Farm Dwellers Control (Amendment) Bill as it seemed to infringe on the rights of a farm owner of being able to buy and sell property at will.

The bill was publicised on Friday, and the economist's take was that the bill limited the involvement of the private sector which has been earmarked as key to the country's economic recovery.

The main concern was with regards to a clause in the bill which stated that a farmer who intended to sell a farm shall give priority to farm dwellers, failing which the neighbouring chiefdoms or government must make an offer to purchase the farm.

"This essentially means that any



business to business transaction would then come fourth in line.

This from an economic perspective is worrying because this would lead to an undesirable situation where government was crowding out private sector investments, particularly in the

very productive agricultural lands," said the economist.

It was also highlighted that the bill did not seem to articulate what would happen with the existing government farms.

This means now government farms

would not be bought by the private sector or individuals because they might be intending to lease them.

"There are also a number of issues from purely a business perspective as the bill limits the productivity of arable land being farms which was

a concern on its own. There was also a bigger concern in terms of devaluing the price of the existing farms, particularly if it were bonded to a bank through a mortgage loan."

The gazette brought a lot of restrictions around who a land or farm owner was supposed to sell to.

"Banks would either be typically adverse in terms of funding or using any agricultural lands that may have farm dwellers as collateral simply because they might not be able to recoup their investments should the business be unsuccessful, he said.

It was also noted that there were a number of aspects raised by the bill that required serious consultation or redrafting of the bill as well taking into account some of these issues highlighted.

There was an absurdity around farm owners and government expecting them to contribute to a fund that would ultimately buy the farm.

"This is self-defeating and clearly the whole process just outlined that government did not actually have a clear plan in terms of how to finance the whole objective of securing security of tenure for general citizens.

"This impacts on the business side of things commercially when looking at potential productivity. The bill would decrease the amount of productivity since if there was any sale, most of the land would either be used for housing or would be under government ownership," the economist noted.

86% OF SA DON'T KNOW WHAT LAZY MONEY IS - CAPITEC

DURBAN - A series of recent polls conducted by Capitec to gain consumers' sentiment towards lazy money indicate that 86 per cent of participants don't know what lazy money is.

Lazy money refers to money in a transactional account that doesn't earn any interest.

A missed opportunity, if you consider that if this money earned just 4.75 per cent interest p.a. this would put over R14 billion back into South African's pockets.

The poll also showed that:

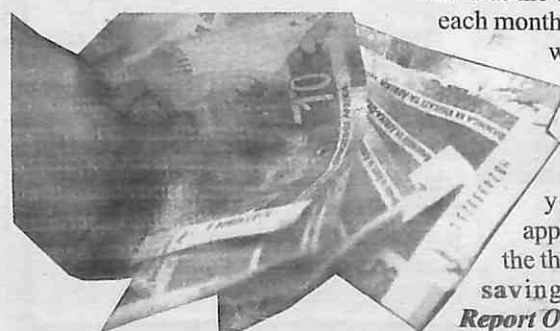
1. 40 per cent doesn't have a savings plan
2. 20 per cent doesn't even know what a savings plan is
3. 59 per cent of people with a savings plan don't know how much interest they are earning.

These results show the opportunity that exists for consumers to harness compound interest to make their money work harder

for them.

In an effort to encourage South Africans to put their money to work, Capitec is calling consumers and the SA banking industry to "#SayNoToLazyMoney". According to Capitec, the hashtag #SayNoToLazyMoney trended on Twitter during July where the bank saw consumers' conversations mirror the results of the polls. "We strive to help our clients bank better so that they can live better. Saying no to lazy money is one of the ways we are living up to that promise. Your transactional account should grow your money and not just hold it," said Francois Viviers, Capitec's Marketing and Communications Executive. How can South Africans say no to lazy money? The 20 per cent who don't know what a savings plan is and the 40 per cent who don't have one: Make the most of your savings plan and pay yourself first by transferring some of your money into it at the beginning of each month. The easiest way to do this

is to setup a recurring monthly payment on your bank's app, which takes the thinking out of saving. **Business Report Online**



Treasury to sell Eskom coal plants to raise R450 billion

JOHANNESBURG - The national Treasury has issued its first real indication of its plans to unbundle Eskom, saying that it would consider disposing of the debt-ridden power utility's coal-fired power stations in an effort that could potentially raise about R450 billion.

In an economic policy paper released for public comment yesterday, the Treasury said Eskom needed to restructure and modernise its business in light of international developments as well as its own poor technical and commercial performance.

It said alternative models such as the separation of generation assets - leaving the state-owned transmission company to buy electricity transparently from IPPs (Independent Power Producers) and state-owned power generators - were also being explored.

"The government could take a decision that Eskom should sell coal-fired power stations, possibly through a series



of auctions," the Treasury said.

"Through these auctions, Eskom would sell the power station itself, all its power station-specific obligations (staff contracts, coal-supply contracts, supplier contracts, environmental obligations, etc), together with a power purchase agreement (PPA) at a predefined, power station-specific tariff."

National Treasury said the PPA would see new power station owners to supply a specific amount of electricity annually "over the remaining lifetime of the power station to the Single Buyer Office

at Eskom at a predefined tariff".

It said on average, half of Eskom's coal-powered fleet was over 37 years old. South Africa's economy depends on electricity produced by Eskom with its primarily coal-based generation plants, nuclear power station and some hydropower and a small percentage of renewables.

However, growth in Eskom's generation capacity has not kept pace, with ageing coal power plants still making up much of supply and the commissioning of new plants Medupi and Kusile still in progress. **IOL**

'MEDUPI STATION'S LAST UNIT SYNCHRONISED TO THE GRID'

JOHANNESBURG - State-owned electricity utility Eskom says its Medupi coal-fired power station in Limpopo has produced first power out of its last unit.

In a statement late on Tuesday, Eskom said Unit 1 attained 190MW earlier in the day, making it the last of Medupi's six units to be synchronised to the national grid. First synchronisation or first power is when the generator in the unit is electrically connected to the national power grid so that it is aligned with all other generators.

Unit 1 will start generating and delivering electricity intermittently into the grid over several months during a testing and optimisation phase to ensure the country has stable supply.

Eskom was forced to implement rotational powercuts earlier this year to avoid a total collapse of the grid as supply struggled to keep up with demand.

"The first synchronisation of Unit 1 also marks a key milestone towards the full commercial operation of the unit ahead of its scheduled commercial operation in November 2020," the compa-

ny said on Tuesday.

"The swiftness in delivering the unit has been due to the fact that lessons learned on previous units were implemented." The testing and optimisation of the unit will result in it being able to generate full power of 800MW, taking it a step closer to being commercially operational, which generally occurs within six to nine months after first synchronisation. "Eskom takes pride in Team Medupi and its contractors having achieved this milestone. The team is commended for the dedication and commitment for working tirelessly to ensure the synchronisation of Unit 1," Eskom utility said.

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BRITISH ENVOY TO ZAMBIA BLASTS GOVT OVER GRAFT IN LEAVING SPEECH

LUSAKA - Britain's outgoing ambassador to Zambia on Tuesday denounced 'rampant corruption' in the southern African nation and said donors were right to slash aid.

In an usually outspoken diplomatic address, Fergus Cochrane-Dyet said reports of fraud within the government had caused international donors and foreign companies to 'withhold aid and investment'.

"Corruption kills as surely as any gun, depriving Zambians of life-saving government resources, water-preserving forest, intentionally renowned wildlife and jobs that foreign companies would otherwise provide," Cochrane-Dyet said during a leaving speech at his residence in the capital Lusaka.

Zambians have grown increasingly disaffected with President Edgar

Lungu's government, which has faced several graft scandals since he came to power in 2015. Evidence of embezzlement has included the alleged state purchase of 42 firetrucks said to cost \$1 million (900 000 euros) each.

Anti-graft activists also accuse ministers of using public money to fund lavish lifestyles, with some ministers owning up to 40 homes while most Zambians live in poverty.

The allegations caused Foreign Minister Harry Kalaba to resign in protest last year, citing "swelling" corruption in government ranks 'perpetrated by those who are expected to be the solution'. Cochrane-Dyet said he received threats of expulsion after publicly speaking out against corruption in 2018. Britain suspended aid to Zambia last year after a mounting row with the government

over the alleged misuse of social payments. The dispute led to the arrest of former social services minister Emerine Kabanshi, whose trial is set to begin next month. Cochrane-Dyet told reporters it was his responsibility to speak candidly, and he urged the government to declare Zambia's hunger situation an emergency in order to 'unlock international humanitarian assistance'. *News24*

16 CHILDREN DEVELOP 'WEREWOLF SYNDROME'

...after taking contaminated medication on Spain's Costa del Sol

BARCELONA - Sixteen children have developed 'werewolf syndrome' after taking contaminated medicine in Spain.

The infants have hypertrichosis - hair growth throughout their bodies - after taking a formula tainted with minoxidil, an alopecia remedy.

The Spanish Agency for Medicines and Health Products ordered that several batches from Farma-Química Sur SL, a Malaga-based pharmaceuticals company, be taken out of circulation on July 11.

The babies were given tainted omeprazole, used to treat acid reflux and indigestion, as part of a formula.

Health sources told El Pais it was noted that when the children stopped taking the medicine their hair growth subsided.

Parents have been advised to seek medical help if their child has been given the formula and check with their pharmacy if they have purchased an affected lot.

The Spanish agency pulled a first batch off the market last month when 13 cases were reported.

Another three reports were made at the start of this month and another batch of Farma-Química Sur's medicine was pulled from pharmacy shelves.

Officials believe the contamination could have affected up to 30 Andalusian pharmacies and more than 50 batches of the drug. Farma-Química Sur has



SICK: File photo of an Indian schoolboy with hypertrichosis

had its licence suspended and cannot manufacture, import or distribute drugs.

The pharmaceuticals company has a supplier in India and it is reported by Granada Hoy, the contamination was made at source. Spanish authorities say that the issue is isolated to the formulas for children and that adults taking omeprazole capsules should not worry about developing 'werewolf syndrome'.

According to Global News, once children stop taking the contaminated medicine, they should see a reversal of any hypertrichosis symptoms.

Hypertrichosis is the term used for the growth of hair on any part of the body in excess of the amount usually present in persons of the same age, race, and sex.

It is a very rare condition which patients are either born with or develop later in life.

It excludes excessive hair caused by abnormally high levels of male hormones.

Throughout history those afflicted have been a source of great interest and they have performed in travelling circuses and freak shows.

Excessive hair may cause cosmetic embarrassment, resulting in a significant emotional burden.

Treatment options are limited, and the results of therapy not always satisfactory.

No single method of hair removal is appropriate for all body locations or patients, and the one adopted will depend on the character, area, and amount of hair growth, as well as on the age of the patient, and their personal preference.

Treatment methods include cosmetic procedures, bleaching, trimming, shaving, plucking, waxing, chemical depilatories, electrosurgical epilation, and hair removal using light sources and lasers.

Laser-assisted hair removal is the most efficient method of long-term hair removal currently available.

Daily Mail

Brazil will accept \$20m aid package

RIO - Brazil has said it will accept foreign aid to help fight fires in the Amazon, but only if it can determine how the money will be spent.

The move comes amid an increasingly bitter war of words involving French President Emmanuel Macron and Brazilian leader Jair Bolsonaro over the crisis.

Presidential spokesman Rego Barros said: "The Brazilian government, through its president, is open to receiving financial support from organizations and countries.

"This money, when it enters the country, will have the total governance of the Brazilian people."

G7 leaders pledged the \$20 million after discussing the fires ravaging an area often dubbed 'the lungs of the world'.

The offer, which was made at a summit in France, has stirred up emotions within Bolsonaro's nationalist government.

Some officials are grateful for the much-needed help, and others view it as a colonial gesture that undermines Brazil's control of its lands.

Bolsonaro has previously said he would only consider accepting a \$20million offer of aid from the G7 if French President Emmanuel Macron withdrew the 'insults' against him.

Bolsonaro and Macron have been embroiled in a war of words, with Bolsonaro mocking Macron's wife and accusing the French leader of disrespecting Brazil's sovereignty.

Macron has called Bolsonaro a liar and said Brazilian women are

'probably ashamed' of him.

Brazil's president is finding himself increasingly isolated on the global stage over his response to the blazes, which threaten what many view as a key bulwark against global climate change.

The far-right government's response could threaten Brazil's trade deals and powerful agribusiness sector, which is a crucial driver of its recession-plagued economy.

Flávio Dino, the governor of Maranhao state, told reporters: "We think that it's not the moment to turn down money."

"The anti-environment rhetoric could expose Brazil to international sanctions."

The governor's comments came after Bolsonaro pledged to agree on a package of legislative measures with the states by September 5 to help prevent the surge in forest fires happening again.

The number of blazes in Brazil has skyrocketed by 80 per cent this year so far, compared to the same period in 2018, according to data from space research agency INPE.

Widespread rain that could snuff the fires out are likely weeks away, according to weather data.

A local farmer, who declined to give his name, said he expected the fires to worsen next week when the forest is usually at its driest.

U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted his support for Bolsonaro, an ideological ally on the environment, China and trade.

Daily Mail

BRIEFS

Corbyn rallies opposition

LONDON - It is a plan that has the support of several parliamentary leaders, but new Liberal Democrat chief Jo Swinson, whose party is ostensibly committed to blocking Brexit, opposes the Labour leader taking power, even for a strictly time-limited tenure. The Lib-Dems' 15 MPs will be crucial in swinging the confidence vote against Johnson one way or the other. Ahead of Tuesday's talks, Corbyn wrote in the Independent that Johnson was 'cosying up to' US President Donald Trump in the hope of securing a free trade deal after Brexit. 'A No Deal Brexit is really a Trump Deal Brexit,' he said. 'It won't return sovereignty, it will put us at the mercy of Trump and the big US corporations,' Corbyn wrote. *AFP*

Iran tells US to end sanctions

IRAN - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Tuesday told the United States to 'take the first step' by lifting all sanctions against Iran, a day after US President Donald Trump said he was open to meeting. "The step is to retreat from sanctions. You must retreat from all illegal, unjust and wrong sanctions against the nation of Iran," Rouhani said in a speech aired live on state television. He said 'the key for positive change is in the hands of Washington', because Iran had already ruled out ever doing what worries the US the most - building an atomic bomb. "If honestly this is your only concern, this concern has already been removed" through a fatwa issued by supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, he said. *AFP*

UN must withdraw all peacekeepers

KHARTOUM - Sudan has called on the United Nations Security Council to lift its suspension of troop withdrawals and ensure all peacekeepers leave Darfur by June 2020, but the African Union said overall security in the vast western region 'remains volatile.' Sudan's UN Ambassador Omer Mohamed Siddig told the council on Monday that it is time to shift from peacekeeping to peacebuilding in Darfur, and to end restrictions on the government's movement of arms and troops in and out of the region. In late June, the Security Council voted unanimously to put the brakes on the withdrawal of the joint UN-African Union peacekeeping force from Darfur, as the country dealt with a political crisis. *AFP*

Three die in Cameroon ship capsizes

CAMEROON - At least three people died and scores were rescued after a ferry capsized off the coast of Cameroon this week, according to state radio and a security official. "One hundred and seven survivors were pulled out of the water as well as three corpses... the search is still under way," Cameroon Radio Television reported late Monday. The accident took place overnight Sunday/Monday and survivors were taken to nearby Limbe, a town on the Atlantic Ocean coast in southwestern Cameroon, the state broadcaster said. It said they were of Cameroonian, Nigerian and French nationality. A state radio claim that 40 were 'd to be missing was not confirmed by other sources. *AFP*

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KNIVES STILL OUT FOR BUSISIWE MKHWEBANE

JOHANNESBURG - The axe is still hovering over Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane's head, with some MPs pressing on with a bid to have her removed from office four years before her term of office expires.

On Tuesday, they indicated that there was no reason to delay the process, adding that it had to be expedited as a matter of urgency.

The ANC study group in the justice committee said it supported the body's decision to refer the matter of Mkhwebane's removal to the rules committee to develop rules for a proper process that would be followed in the future.

ANC member and the committee's whip, Hishaam Mohamed, said the process had to be fair and transparent.

Mkhwebane has come under pressure from Parliament with opposition parties demanding that she be fired.

However, the public protector has denied any wrongdoing, saying



GUNS OUT: Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

there was no justification for the calls to remove her from office.

The public protector has since indicated that she intended to finish her term in office and see her contract expire in 2023.

But the MPs were not budging and by Tuesday sought to write to National Assembly Speaker Thandi Modise, urging her to ensure that

rules committee acted swiftly on formulating laws around the procedure that needed to be followed.

Mohamed said the Constitution allowed for Mkhwebane's axing on the grounds of misconduct, incompetence or incapacity.

"However, despite this provision, the Constitution does not explicitly state the mechanism that should

be employed to remove an individual from the office of the public protector," he said.

"Therefore, it is with this in mind that Parliament's rules committee has been tasked with drafting a set of rules that will dictate what procedure should be followed when removing the public protector, or the head of any other Chapter 9 institution from office," Mohamed said.

DA MP Glynnis Breytenbach, meanwhile, said that the letter to the speaker detailed the need to fast-track the process.

The justice committee said that the rules would have to accommodate all Chapter 9 institutions to avoid pitfalls in the future.

The committee's chairperson, Bulelani Magwanishe, also expressed the urgency of the matter.

The committee has yet to indicate how many days it would set down to discuss and conclude the process in question.

Political Bureau

'Gauteng govt won't accept foreigners 'who enter illegally'

JOHANNESBURG - It's not xenophobic to block illegal immigrants, confiscate counterfeit goods or stop human trafficking and illegal weapons, Gauteng Premier David Makhura says.

David Makhura says the Gauteng government will accept foreigners who add value to the economy through their skills, but not those who enter illegally or commit crimes inside the country.

Makhura said it was not xenophobic to block illegal immigrants, confiscate counterfeit goods or stop human trafficking and illegal weapons entering the country.

Deporting undocumented and illegal immigrants was an international practice that had nothing to do with xenophobia.

According to Makhura, as a signatory to several conventions, including the 1951 UN Convention on the Status of Refugees and the 1969 OAU Convention Governing the aspects of Refugees, South Africa was a human rights-based democracy that took a progressive posture when it came to foreigners seeking asylum.

"Therefore, our policy as a province regarding the documentation and identification of foreign traders is guided by both the international conventions and the national policies of trading," he said. **Citizen**

Labour minister to crack whip after employers fail to meet equity targets

JOHANNESBURG - Labour minister Thulas Nxesi has vowed that his department will be "hard" on employers who do not meet their employment equity targets.

Nxesi sounded the warning after receiving the Commission for Employment Equity's 19th annual report, which showed that whites continued to be the dominant group in top management positions, despite being among the lowest economically active population group.

The report was presented by commission chair Tabea Kabinde on Tuesday.

The commission submits an annual report to the labour minister on the state of employment equity in SA. Employers are obliged to annually submit their employment equity reports to the labour department on demographic profiles, gender representation and employment equity plans on how to address discrimination and inequity in the workplace.

The report stated that black people constituted 78.8 per cent of the economically active population, followed by coloured people (9.6 per cent), white people (9 per cent) and Indian people (2.6 per cent).

The economically active population includes people from 15 to 64 years of age who are either

employed or unemployed and seeking employment.

It is used as a benchmark to help employers in the analysis of their workforce to determine the degree of under-representation of the designated groups in the workforce.

The 19th report said white people held 66.5 per cent of top management positions by population group. It found that black people constituted 15.1 per cent of the top management population in 2018, up from the 14.3 per cent the previous year. Coloured people constituted 5.3 per cent of top management while Indian people represented 9.7 per cent of managers. Foreign top management remained unchanged at 3.4 per cent.

Kabinde said men comprised 76.5 per cent of top management positions and women 23.5 per cent. The report revealed that the black population group comprised 63 per cent of the skilled working population, followed by whites (18.5 per cent), coloureds (11.2 per cent) and Indians (5.4 per cent). Accepting the report, Nxesi said the objective of employment equity was to eliminate discrimination at work.

"We also expect that when some employers are slow to reform, that activism by the workers and their unions will help nudge the process of employment equity in the right direction," Nxesi said. **News24**

'Eyewitness' claims Gavin Watson committed suicide

JOHANNESBURG - A man who says he witnessed Gavin Watson's car crash believes he committed suicide.

Speaking to Power FM on Tuesday, a man identifying himself as Mphahlele described the scene that played out before him on Monday.

"It is very sketchy, this thing happened in front of me. I was taking one client to the airport around 05:00 and there was this Corolla in front of me but I thought it was one of the Ubers or the shuttle companies. He was driving at a high speed. I thought maybe that person was running late to catch a flight.

"That Corolla was taking the far right [lane used for rental and underground parking at OR Tambo International Airport]. Then suddenly, in a split second, it goes straight to the pillar, then it turns around. Some bumpers were flying up, and to me it was someone who wanted to commit suicide. I don't believe in some other [conspiracy] theories," he said.

Mphahlele claimed that apart from his vehicle, there were no vehicles in front or behind Watson's car.



WRECK: Gavin Watson's vehicle a complete wreck after crash into concrete pillar.

He told the radio station he had not reported the matter to the police as he was in shock.

Watson died after the Toyota Corolla sedan he was driving collided with a concrete pillar on the road leading to the drop-off and parking sections of OR Tambo International Airport shortly after 05:00 on Monday.

Graphic photographs of the scene, showing Watson lying next to the car have placed the identity of the driver beyond doubt. Sources, who have first-hand knowledge of discussions in the family, have told News24 they believed

he was murdered.

Papa Leshabane, a spokesperson for the family and Bosasa (now known as African Global Operations), would only confirm the family was not ruling out foul play. News24 has also confirmed with two major airlines that Watson was not booked on any flights out of Johannesburg. The process of checking with other airlines is ongoing.

Earlier on Tuesday, News24 reported that R70 was found in Watson's wallet. His ID and driver's licence were also found by law enforcement officials.

News24

False accusation on Facebook leads to cop shop petrol bombed

MPUMALANGA - A 22-year-old man is in police custody for allegedly inciting public violence by spreading 'lies' that a policeman had killed a teenager in Emzinoni, Bethal, Mpumalanga.

Protesters later set the policeman's house alight. Police spokesperson Brigadier Leonard Hlathi said Ayanda Khubeka had appeared in the Bethal

Magistrate's Court on Monday facing charges of intimidation, crimen injuria and incitement to commit a crime. He was remanded pending his next appearance. Khubeka was arrested on August 22 after he allegedly circulated malicious allegations on Facebook indicating a police officer stationed at Emzinoni police station had shot and killed a 14-year-old during a violent protest which

broke out in Emzinoni last week.

"Those false accusations went viral on social media, putting the officer's life in danger. The police are taking these allegations seriously and are calling on the public to refrain from intentionally tainting other people through social media by making false accusations as it is deemed an aggressive act.

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SAD DAY: Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo.

ZONDO WANTED WATSON TO FURNISH AN AFFIDAVIT

JOHANNESBURG - The chairperson of the commission of inquiry into state capture, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo yesterday clarified that he had signed a directive that once served would have required the late African Global Operations CEO Gavin Watson to furnish an affidavit to the commission.

Zondo made the clarification ahead of the second day of testimony by former Free State economic development MEC Mxolisi Dukuwana.

Zondo said following Watson's passing, the commission had received a number of media enquiries on whether or not it intended to call him to testify at the inquiry or had made efforts

towards that end. "Yes indeed he was one of the people the commission intended to give the opportunity to give evidence and put his side of the story and be questioned," Zondo said.

However, he clarified that Watson had not been called and that a date for his appearance at the commission had not been arranged.

Zondo explained that at the time of Watson's passing, he had signed regulation 10 (6) which empowered him to issue a directive to a person that may have information relevant to the terms of reference of the commission.

In terms of the powers given to the chair under the regulation, the chair can direct a person to appear before the commission or to furnish an affi-

davit or statement in regard to certain matters, Zondo explained.

However, he said the regulation directive he had signed did not require him to appear before the commission as yet but rather to furnish an affidavit dealing with the various matters former African Global Operations COO Angelo Agrizzi had testified on.

Zondo added that the personnel of the commission had already been in touch with Watson's attorneys and attempts were being made for the directive to be served on Watson.

He said Watson's attorneys had indicated that the directive should be served to them but at the time of Watson's passing, it hadn't been, Zondo said.

Citizen

Magashule 'protected' despite signs of mismanagement

JOHANNESBURG - Former Free State economic development MEC Mxolisi Dukuwana has described a system of patronage which 'compromised' structures in the province under the premiership of Ace Magashule.

Testifying for a second round at the state capture inquiry on Tuesday, Dukuwana said although there were signs of mismanagement, Magashule was protected.

"There were signs there for us. I think we did a disservice to the Free State people because being close to the man [Magashule] you could see the signs but instead we protected," he said. "When I was MEC

of transport and security, it was in 2008 ... at the time, Ace was in sports [as MEC]. There was a head of department who had come from suspension and won the case. "Every time I went to a meeting I was told I must fire him. It was

[Magashule] who was telling me. There would be meetings where he would say, 'We told you to fire this person.'" He alluded to a system of patronage in the province under Magashule, who is now the ANC's secretary-general.

"You have acts, you have the constitution, you have the PFMA [Public Finance Management Act]. If we were to follow what was in there we would have departments that function properly."

Citizen

VBS, Eskom cases among 1 800 currently before the NPA - Bheki Cele

JOHANNESBURG - Police minister Bheki Cele has revealed that 1,800 cases were investigated by the Hawks and sent to the national director of public prosecutions for decision.

Cele said these included "sophisticated" cases that involved municipalities, the corruption and fraud at the now defunct VBS Mutual Bank, and Eskom.

"We expect, in the not distant future, to have real serious results," he told the National Council of Provinces on Tuesday.

"Remember, they don't investigate who stole bread, they investigate cyber, commercial and highly sophisticated crimes," he added.

Cele attributed this to the security cluster aligning its work, saying police boss Khehla Sitole, Hawks head Godfrey Lebeya and national director of public prosecutions Shamila Batohi have been meeting regularly. This, according to Cele, was now producing results.

Cele was one of the peace and security cluster ministers who were answering MPs' oral questions in the NCOP. The questions ranged from allocation of police resources to maintaining law and order, to specialised crime units.

He clashed with DA MP George

Michalakakis, who wanted to know if he would commit to delegating some of his powers to provincial governments who could assist in crime fighting.

Michalakakis cited the example of a Cape Town township Bonteheuwel, where the City of Cape Town had deployed 100 metro police officers - a move which saw gang-related crimes in the area drop dramatically.

Michalakakis said this was evidence that when different spheres worked together, it led to a reduction in crime.

"Why are you so hell-bent on denying the provinces an opportunity to fight crime when they are keen to do so?" he asked, adding the delegation of powers would not require any change of the constitution or law.

Cele wouldn't budge, insisting that policing was in essence a national competence and the needs and priorities of a province could be addressed on a continuous basis through an MEC.

"This one is a legal framework, it's not a decision or option of the minister. There is no minister that stands alone and changes the law. The laws are changed through parliament," he said.

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WITH: Simon Shabangu

CHURCH NEWS



God at Work Church hosts influential conference

APOSTLE Zacharia Mthethwa of God at Work Church will host the Influential Church Conference at Ngwane Park High School on Sunday.

The one-day conference is meant for sharing the Word of God and also influence positive change in churches. He said this conference is held annually every August.

"This year's theme is based on Acts 17: 6 where it says there must be

movement where there is a church. As God at Work we want to positively impact our communities in three key areas; to develop people in education as we believe an enlightened church becomes more meaningful and influential to the community.

Compete

We will also look at health issues as we know that a healthy church breeds a healthy community and a

healthy community breeds a healthy nation. It is on that score that we will also have a sports day where our branches will compete. We will then look into spiritual wellbeing as we know that at the end of it all we must win souls, so that people can see the Kingdom of God," he said.

The VOC director said Pastor Zacharia Malaza, Pastor Nelton Dlamini and Pastor Sandile Malaza will be guest speakers.

He invited people from Manzini and surrounding areas to join them on Sunday.

"We will then look into spiritual wellbeing as we know that at the end of it all we must win souls, so that people can see the Kingdom of God"



HOST: APOSTLE Zacharia Mthethwa.



IT'S JUDGEMENT NIGHT TOMORROW!!!

THE event people from all corners of the country and beyond have been eagerly awaiting is finally here.

This is the much anticipated all night prayer popularly known as the Judgement Night - The Night of Raising the Standard, which is hosted by Prophet Elijah Fire of Hope Restoration Church. This annual service will be held at Woodlands Ezulwini Main Auditorium tomorrow from 6pm to 6am. Last weekend the church hosted two activations in Manzini and Ezulwini where the public was sensitised about the all night service which promises to be bigger and better. The prophet and his congregants combed both towns and shared information about the service.

The activations attracted many people who were given more information about the service.

The prophet said he was more than ready to push God's mission tomorrow night. "The day we have all been waiting for is finally here. We know God will manifest his power in an extraordinary way during this service, so people must come expecting God to raise

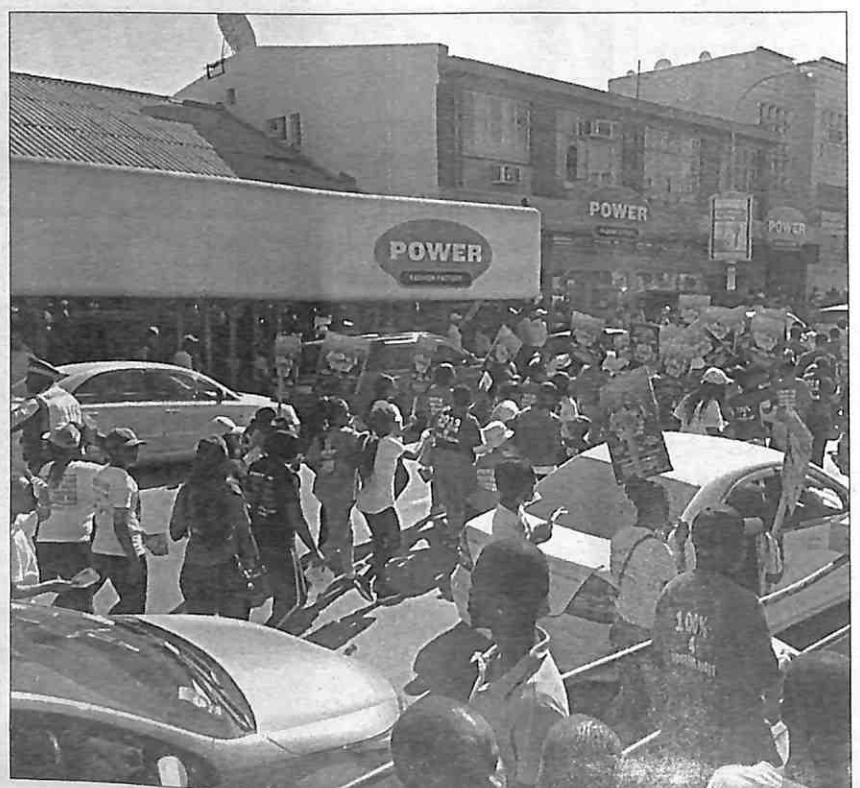


the standard in their lives. We are excited and cannot wait for tomorrow because it's going to be a great night - history in the making. People will experience God in a way they have never seen before; indeed the heavens will be very low tomorrow," Prophet Elijah Fire said.

Last year's Judgement Night service saw over 2 000 congregants converg-

ing at Woodlands.

"We expect over 3 000 people from Eswatini and beyond this time around. We have been getting calls from people, even those from outside the country telling us they are coming for the service. Therefore, we urge all those who are coming to come early as seats would be limited," he added.



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Brian Temba collaborates with Mozaik

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

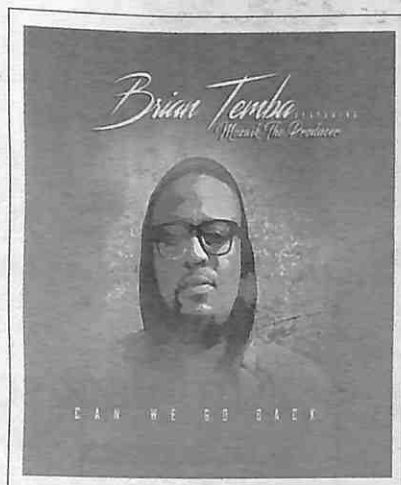
SEASONED crooner Brian Temba has collaborated with Mozaik The Producer on a song titled 'Can we Go Back'.

The song debuted on the Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services (EBIS) English Channel on Tuesday.

Speaking to Brian Temba during an exclusive interview with the Entertainment Desk on Tuesday at the Swazi Observer offices, he said the song is basically a love tune which talks about the solidity to go back to the genesis of love.

The South African artist who doubles as an actor, said he met Mozaik early this year during his live performance at Molly's Restaurant where he was headlining the Valentine's Day dinner.

It was his debut performance in the country as he gave his fans and love birds something to masticate on with his striking tunes.



From there, it was more work with Mozaik, hence the first ever single with an artist from Eswatini.

"The song will be included in my upcoming EP but we are yet to officially release it. We will be recording the music video of the song in Johannesburg in no time," said the experienced singer.

Temba is moving to the next stage with the release of his spin-off album called 'UnABC Deluxe' - taken from his 2017 album 'UnABC'.

This project is a reintroduction of himself as a music artist after five years of focusing on his TV career and giving the album a chance to shine. It has three house tracks, musical elements that speak to who he is.

The album features other South African heavyweights in the industry such as The Muffinz and Sun El-Musician, to mention a few.

Temba, who until 2018 was known as Ranthumeng Mokoena on SABC2's Muvhango soapie, said in an interview with one of the international publications in July that he will continue to focus on his first love which is singing, song-writing and producing other than acting.

Mozaik, who recently released his debut album filled with beautiful songs, said he was excited to be working with an artist as talented as Brian Temba.



IT'S ON: Mozaik The Producer poses with Brian Temba on Tuesday after an exclusive interview at the Swazi Observer offices. (Pic: Ayanda Dlamini)

SA's Dreamteam, TOS for Independence Day at Esibayeni

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

SWAZIBOY Entertainment will yet again celebrate Independence Day with a stellar line-up on September 6 at Esibayeni Lodge.

Dubbed 'Busa The independence; Durban Experience,' the show will see Durban's finest artists such as Dreamteam, Benny Mavericks, who is famously known for his hit song 'Memeza', Touch Of Soul alongside the kingdom's heavyweights Nomalungelo, Qibho Intalektual, M Triggerson, Fantancy and Mistosoul.

This was revealed by SwaziBoy Entertainment PRO Ur Gal Zee yesterday.

Most of the artists have confirmed the show on their social media platforms.

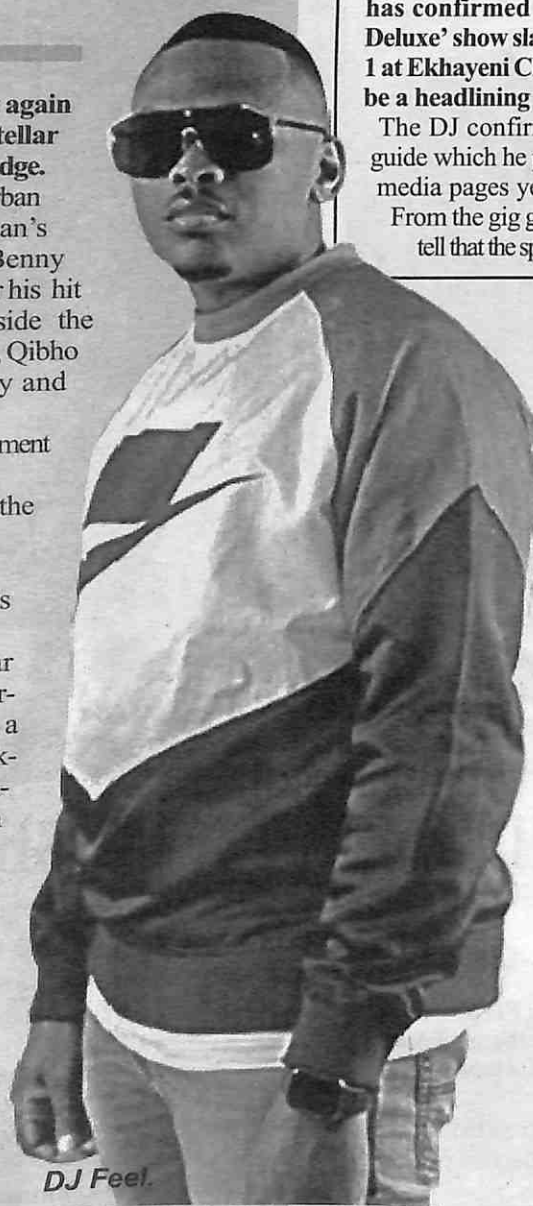
Diversity

Benny Maverick is one of South Africa's young pioneering entertainers.

He boasts an electrifying eight-year career as house DJ, club promoter, entertainer, entrepreneur and influencer with a diversity of talents that have seen him making major waves in the Durban entertainment industry. He has collaborated with Distraction Boyz and Dladla Mshunqisi, who needs no introduction.

Dreamteam is a South African hip-hop music group consisting of Mthoko Mkhathini, Lusaso Ngcobo and Trevor Sineke, also known as Dash, Saso and Trey, respectively.

They are most known for the debut single 'Tsekede', a song with a version that later featured top South African hip hop artist AKA, and fellow Durban-based musical trio, Big Nuz.



DJ Feel.

CHRISTOS CONFIRMS EKHAYENI SHOW

BY DELISA THWALA

ICONIC house head DJ Christos has confirmed the 'Ekasi Magic Deluxe' show slated for September 1 at Ekhayeni Chillaz where he will be a headlining act.

The DJ confirmed through a gig guide which he posted on his social media pages yesterday afternoon.

From the gig guide alone, one can tell that the spinner is fully booked.

The show will also feature other spinners such as Crooks, Wicked, Uncle Karly and X-Stacy, to mention a few.

The show is said to be necessitated by the craze of the bikers' weekend, where bikers both locally and internationally will be in attendance.

"It is more like an assembly point for the weekend of non-stop.

This is more like a chill session after heavy fun activities and will precede the holiday of the celebrations of the

Reed Dance," shared Platinum Concepts Director Khulekani Mamba.

The show is brought together by Platinum Concepts and Big Fun Entertainment.

Tickets to the show are selling for E80 and VIP tickets at E300. They can be bought through Mobile Money and any other outlets which include Ekhayeni Chillaz.

The hangout spot too is popular for bringing together a large number of people since its opening in January.

IMMORTAL 7 CLINCHES DEAL WITH RANGERS SECURITY SERVICES

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

IN a rare gesture, Good Rangers Security Services will provide free security services to kwaito ancestor Immortal 7 starting from next weekend.

This means Immortal 7, real name Banele Sithole, is now guaranteed of maximum security at all his shows.

The company, owned by Lucky Nxumalo, offered the free security services as means of supporting Immortal 7's music.

"We are very much humbled at the management of Good Rangers Security Services/Security & Business Insights to be your official security sponsor in all your events locally and internationally. At Good Rangers Security Services, we live to protect the nation. We love your music and we love you. Security is life.

"And to all supporters of his music and shows, we are looking forward to your cooperation always. Let's meet on the shows and have fun," Nxumalo said in a Facebook post directed to Immortal 7. He added that at the international level, artists' safety was a priority to industry stakeholders as their contribution to the society was noteworthy. Immortal 7 said he was delighted by the gesture from Nxumalo and his company.

"The company said they had been following my music hustle for a long time so they realised the need of protecting me in every show I attend. The company made a deal with ESWASU (Eswatini Arts Super Unity) in this regard. I'm happy that companies understand that we need to be protected as artists," Immortal 7 said.

For now, Good Rangers Security will provide its services to Immortal



Immortal 7.

7 only as opposed to all the artists under ESWASU. He said this was because so far he was the one making movements in the industry, thus had to be protected.

Their partnership starts with next weekend's SADC Music Festival at Run and Fire Garden Court in Mbabane.

All-Star Converse Festival comes to Eswatini

BY DELISA THWALA

YET another festival in the country.

The All Star Converse Festival is slated for September 21 at Riders Ranch, Sidvokodvo.

Billed to perform at the festival will be the Shepard Brothers, Mozaik, DJ Wicked, and will also feature South African DJ Bucks who will perform alongside African Roots and SheeJay Zoe.

States

This is according to a press statement which states that tickets to the event are available at Galitos, Maxis and Sausage Salon.

They cost E250 general and E500 for VIP.

This festival will start off with a

family day which will offer a kiddies' corner. There will be face painting, jumping castles, board games and mini soccer tournaments.

Subsidiary

For the young ones, All-Stars Converse referred to as 'Chuck Taylors' is a model of casual shoe manufactured by a subsidiary of Nike that was initially developed as a basketball shoe in the early 20th century.



BILLED: The Shepard Brothers.

SLOTTA TO DEBUT AS A DJ AT EMFULENI

BY DELISA THWALA

PHOTOGRAPHER and music producer Slotta is finally getting behind the decks.

Slotta is scheduled to perform at Emfuleni Lifestyle on September 15.

"For a while now, my focus has been to produce but I realised I should also be behind the decks having discovered my DJ groove," shared the artist.

He also added that DJ Cup helped him hone his skills as a deejay and now feels he is ready to give it his best shot.

"I have really pushed myself to a point where everyone around me believes I am ready to serve," added Slotta.

Response

The producer assured his fans that he would play from his heart.

"For me it is not about playing like everybody else. I will do what works for me, what I have worked on and I will be playing some unreleased music of course," expressed the producer.

The show is dubbed 'Sweet Temptation' and they will be no charge.

Slotta will be playing alongside DJ Cup, Ziyawaka Zitha, Ace4nic and Karly B.



GETTING BEHIND THE DECKS: Producer Slotta.

Afro jazz soul for Bhalekane

BY DELISA THWALA

BHALEKANE Correctional plans to end this month on a high note as they will be hosting an Afro Jazz soul event on Saturday.

This was revealed by the coordinator of the event Menzi Mtsetfwa.

"We host such sessions every month end around the country where there is traffic of music and fun lovers. We hope to have 3 000 people attend, but 5 000 plus would be an advantage to us as in past events we have never recorded below 3 000," shared Mtsetfwa.

The event will see the likes of

Zwile Bhembe, Itallo Dlamini, Khole, Police Afro Jazz and many more talented artists.

Mtsetfwa said their hope is to have toured all four regions by 2020, where they will then host their first ever professional annual festival.

Grow

They have hosted their shows at The Vibe, Big Bend Canteen and Matsapha Correctional but also desire to host at places such as Ekhayeni Chillaz, Solani's Shishanyama and Tums Water world.

The aim of these shows is to grow the genre and create an audience for it to have value in the Kingdom of Eswatini.



TO PERFORM: Afro jazz legend Itallo Dlamini and Khole Shabalala (l).

Fezi collaborates with Shepard Brothers

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

FRESH from school, Fezile Mnisi has collaborated with the energetic Shepard Brothers on a new single titled 'Waiting'.

This comes after their recent show; Homecoming, where the two parties got to perform together.

The song, according Fezi, is about finding your worth within a toxic relationship, setting healthy boundaries and moving onto better things.

Flexible

"I love working with Shepard Brothers as they are very flexible, energetic and extremely creative. I've grown to respect them," she said.

Fezi started her music journey at

Waterford Kamhlaba where she was heavily involved in the choir, took private voice lessons and was a part of a Marimba group.

She then co-founded the Deluxe band before starting college.

She has collaborated with DJ Traxler from Lesotho, DJ Wazza from Botswana and has worked with David Felgerolles of The future Paradise Paris.

MAKING MOVES: Fez serenades the crowd during her homecoming show.



AMANDA MO GRACES MASSIVE MUSIC SHOW

BY DELISA THWALA

ONLY the sky is the limit for Amanda Mo.

Amanda Mo was featured on Mzansi Magic's Massive Music for a live interview and performance.

During the interview, the singer shared details about her album and her future plans in the industry.

Clad in black leather pants and a sassy animal print shirt, she performed a few songs from her album.

She won the hearts of many when she rendered 'Sitsandzile'.

Her laid back performance received a standing ovation from the audience.

BOSS LADY: Amanda Mo at the Massive Music stage.

"I had an awesome time on Massive Music as I got to speak about my debut album. A major thanks to everyone who took time and watched me perform on the music show," shared the singer during an interview with the Entertainment Desk yesterday.

Offers

Massive Music is music show that offers artists interviews, captivating studio performances, and a weekly music chart.

It is aired on Mzansi Magic channel 161 on DSTV every Fridays.

The show is hosted by Lalla Hiriyama and Smash Africa.

They have hosted the likes of Amanda Black, Simmy, Lady Zamar and many more established musicians.



CREW: Amanda Mo flanked by the Massive Music presenters Smash Afrika and Anele Zondo.

Illa drops 'Aaachuu' featuring Msizi

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

ANOTHER from Illa PenBoy.

The award winning artist Illa PenBoy has dropped another single titled 'Aaachuu' featuring Msizi.

The new single was released on Monday. According to Illa PenBoy, the song is basically a summer song and it was produced by Subjamz.

Talented

For downloads, the song is available on Mr Successful events music app which is owned by Illa.

Illa is a talented musician who practices the skill of rhyming in vernacular rap.

His music involves various elements from various musical backgrounds. It includes street-talk and highly influential messages in Siswati and English.

Objectives

He brings a different flavour and sound, not only to this type of music but also to the hip-hop scene. One of his objectives is to encourage and inspire an international appeal into Eswatini music.

He has been content with his Fill Up Mogambo shows and fun lovers have been supporting him.

Just last weekend, he was performing in Tanzania, Zanzibar to be specific alongside other Eswatini artists.

DROPS A SUMMER SONG: Rapper Illa PenBoy.

Over 10 artists for Sqom Qom Music Festival

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

OVER 10 Eswatini artists across several genres form part of the impressive line-up for Saturday's first ever Sqom Qom Music Festival.

Set for Takheni Hall at the Nhlazatshe Crossing, the event is organised by Celumusa Nkambule, well-known as Sqom Qom, whose group that goes with the same name won Best AmaJericho in the Mpumalanga Gospel Music Awards in December 2018.

"I conceived the Sqom Qom Festival



LINED-UP: Phetsile Masilela and her back-up singers.

concept with the sole objective of developing the talent of artists from various genres, not only confining myself to gospel.

Ensured

"I'm availing a platform for artists to market their craft before a big audience. We are looking at featuring more Eswatini artists in SA radio stations such as Ligwalagwala FM and Nkomanzi FM, amongst others. By the way, we'll be having broadcasters from these stations on this day.

"Sqom Qom supporters ensured that our group recorded over 8 000 votes to be crowned **Best AmaJericho** group. So

this concert's other objective is expressing my heartfelt appreciation to all our supporters out there," Nkambule said.

From Eswatini will be gospel artists Phetsile Masilela, Shiba and Travellers, Scara Maziya, Insali kaJehova, Makhosemvelo and Wandile Sithole.

Hosting

Kwaito ancestor Immortal 7, maskandi artist Ingunguluzane, Welz Wethu and poet Ndo form part of the other artists from the country and they are all under Eswatini Arts Super Unity (ESWASU).

The festival would be hosting other artists from Eswatini, KwaZulu-Natal, Johannesburg and Mpumalanga Province.

Guest speaker will be Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality Mayor Dan Nkosi. Motivational speakers from the province have also been invited to empower artists on various topical issues.

"This is a networking session for all the invited artists so we urge them to come out and play as we intend making this inaugural activity an annual event," he said.

Honoured

Phetsile Masilela, also ACASWA President, said she was looking forward to the show and was honoured to be amongst those invited to grace it.

From SA are the likes of Thandeka Gee, Madoda Dee, King Novavaza, Umzukulu Kasdwedwe, etc.

Sqom Qom is based in Durban but he hails from Nhlazatje in Nelspruit. Entrance fee is E50 for adults and E150 for VIP ticket holders while children will part with E30.

ORGANISER: Celumusa 'Sqom Qom' Nkambule.

Celebville

International Celebrity News

Refilwe Modiselle on living with albinism

CAPE TOWN - Model Refilwe Modiselle stays winning in her skin because of the upbringing she received, which helps her to continue to strive to fulfill her purpose in life. Refilwe shared an intimate picture of herself and her mother which saw her take her followers on a journey back in time to her childhood times to when her grandmother was



OPENS UP: Refilwe Modiselle.

alive. The model explained that her mother told her a story of how her grandmother made sure Refilwe was loved. "My grandmother said to my mother when I was brought home after my birth. 'I never want to see this child in a dustbin', and my mother honored that promise beyond words." *Times Live*

Isaac 'Mnca' Mtshali wanted Stimela back

PRETORIA - Legendary Stimela drummer and founding member Isaac 'Mnca' Mtshali was in discussion with the other remaining members of the group to revive the iconic Afro-fusion band before his death. The 64-year-old musician died on Sunday after collapsing at home in Thokoza, on the East Rand. Mtshali founded Stimela alongside the late Ray Phiri, Jabu Sibumbe and Lloyd Lelosa. Speaking to



WISHES: Isaac 'Mnca' Mtshali.

Sowetan yesterday, bass player Sibumbe said he was shocked about Mtshali's sudden death as they were just plotting Stimela's comeback on Saturday. "We were talking about repositioning, rebranding and redirecting ourselves. In every dialogue he would involve you and ask some pressing questions," Sibumbe said. *Times Live*

Cassie is engaged

HOLLYWOOD - Cassie continues to serve those "Yes, Ma, Get your life" goals, announcing this week that that her bae Alex Fine has popped the question. Diddy's ex had the internet in shut-down mode when she took to social media on Tuesday to post a video of Alex proposing. The beautiful moment happened on Saturday at a ranch in California. In the video, Alex is seen riding a



LOVE BIRDS: Cassie and Alex Fine.

horse into a proposal scene with the letters "C" and "A" hanging above the couple. He then gets off the horse, dropped to one knee to pop the question. Cassie was accompanied by music group Compton Cowboys' Randy Savvy to Alex where she gave him a massive yes! The couple are also expecting their first child together.

It was too much for fans who flooded social media with messages of congratulation. *TMZ*

Taylor Swift impersonator Jade Jolie on John Travolta's VMAs Gaffe

NEW YORK - John Travolta mistook a famous drag queen for Taylor Swift at the VMAs - and if you wanna know how he got so confused, go straight to the queen herself! We got Jade Jolie - a former contestant on "RuPaul's Drag Race" - Monday night after the award show and asked her about the awkward moment onstage right after TS won Video of the Year. John, very awkwardly, ried



QUEEN: Taylor Swift.

handing the Moon Man to Jade. As you can see (and as Jade acknowledges), she's a dead ringer for Taylor, whom she calls her "goddess" and "queen." But, while talking to us, Jade got all wrapped up in her own Swiftie fandom, and even started talking 'Game of Thrones.' *TMZ*

Arthur Mafokate acquitted of assault charges

PRETORIA - Arthur Mafokate has been acquitted of assault charges brought against him by his former girlfriend Busisiwe "Cici" Thwala in 2017. The ruling was made in the Midrand magistrate's court on Tuesday. "We can confirm that our client Arthur Mafokate was acquitted of the assault charges against him at the Midrand magistrate's court,"



OFF THE HOOK: Arthur Mafokate.

Arthur's lawyer Daniel Nakeng told TshisaLIVE.

He added that Arthur had always maintained his innocence in the matter and had mixed feeling at the verdict. "He has mixed feelings as a lot of time and dignity has been taken away from him and it would take many years to rebuild." *Sowetan Live*

Lasizwe springs Hollywood surprise at VMAs

PRETORIA - TV star Lasizwe Dambuzza channelled Marilyn Monroe in a curly blonde wig as he rocked the red carpet at the 36th annual MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) in New Jersey on Monday night. The event was a star-studded Hollywood affair with A-listers such as Missy Elliott, Taylor Swift, Lenny Kravitz, Rick Ross, Keke Palmer, Cardi B, Lil Nas X and Queen Latifah in attendance.



LEAVING THE DREAM: Lasizwe.

A navy beaded suit by local fashion designer Ryan Keys completed Lasizwe's old Hollywood glamour transformation. "The performances were my highlight of the night and just how professional and on time everything is. The production was next level, just the hype of it all," an ecstatic Lasizwe told Sowetan LIVE after the show. *Sowetan Live*

Kylie Jenner, Tyga partied together in Vegas

LAS VEGAS - Kylie Jenner was in the same room and enjoying the same good vibes as her ex-boyfriend, Tyga, while raging in Sin City this weekend - but the reunion was short on warmth or fuzziness. Sources familiar with the situation tell TMZ ... Kylie and Tyga crossed paths Saturday night and even ended up mingling in the same crowd at the massive strip joint, Sapphire Club. We're told Kylie's crew (sans Travis) collided with Tyga's as they



GOOD TIMES: Kylie Jenner and Tyga.

celebrated Sofia Richie's 21st birthday. Tyga was there first - he was in town performing at JEWEL Nightclub, and stopped by Sapphire afterward - and we're told Kylie and co. rolled in shortly afterward. The groups ended up coming together in the Karaoke Room to party. Now, our sources tell us that while Kylie and Tyga did exchange friendly greetings and some chitchat, they didn't hang for very long ... as Kylie eventually bowed out early. *TMZ*

Michael Jackson accusers are 'Liars'

NEW YORK - John Branca, the co-executor of the Michael Jackson Estate, tells us, "We agree with Dave Chappelle - these guys are damn liars. After years of exploiting Michael's generosity, they waited until he was gone and unable to defend himself before accusing him. They did this in secrecy. They did not do any independent investigation." He continues, "They did not verify the stories. They didn't talk to anyone because



IT'S A LIE: Dave Chappelle.

they did not want another side. This isn't R. Kelly - there are no videos. This isn't Harvey Weinstein, there aren't multiple accusers." Finally, Branca says, "They interviewed only two guys out of the thousands who visited Neverland - oh, and surprise surprise - they are the only two with lawsuits for hundreds of millions of dollars." *TMZ*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

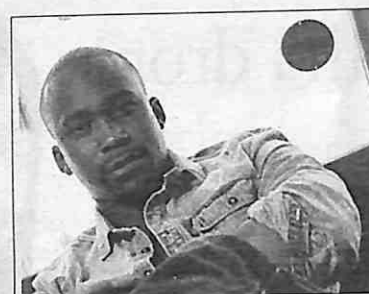


IN-LOVE: Phumelele.

Phumelele takes a secret meeting. Qaphela is shocked by a familiar face in the crowd. Chonco foils Fezile.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



SHOCKED: Obakeng.

Gatanga's dreams cause trouble in the Sibeko household. Wendy and Florence are in trouble when a surprise shows up. Olivia shocks Obakeng.

Muvhango

TODAY



REJECTED: Sundani.

There is a letter that proves that Kgosi is a Mokwevho. Seretse shows signs of jealousy over Gugu's new lover from the past. Sundani is rejected when she seeks intervention from her uncles.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



SHOKING NEWS: Suffocate.

Rene gets sucked deeper into her calling. Jamaica and Khulekani take the next step. Suffocate surprises Ziyanda and the Black Entrepreneurs Association with shocking news.

Movies in 2019 :

Toy Story 4
Dumbo
The Lion King
Aladdin

Me in cinemas in 2019:



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Capricorn, your intuition is increased today to the point where you feel like a mind reader, like you could deduce the thoughts and motives of people you've never met before. Reading about news events might bring sudden insights as to how they're going to turn out. You could decide to put this ability to work advancing your financial condition. Do this if you can, within reason. Your insights are probably correct!



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You should be feeling especially passionate at this time, Aquarius, especially regarding partnerships. Romantic partnerships definitely call for an evening together! Professional and creative partnerships call for a new project that you believe in strongly. Look to events in other states or foreign countries for inspiration. Something begun in places far away could capture your imagination.



Pisces February 19 – March 20.

If you've been feeling less like yourself lately, Pisces, a surge of inner power could push you over the top and make you feel strong and healthy again. You could decide to finish the unfinished tasks around you today. You might get most of them done by day's end. Don't forget to enjoy yourself, however. You will want to make the most of your newfound energy.



Aries March 21 – April 19

A surge of passion could dominate your day unless you find an outlet for it, Aries. An intimate evening with a lover would be a good idea. Creative passion is also strong, and you could be hit with sudden inspiration, perhaps influenced by distant places. Don't be afraid to take time out from your mundane chores to pursue this inspiration. Creativity is as important as anything else.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

A romantic evening at home with your partner could bring the two of you closer, Taurus. Your emotions are intense right now, so you need to use your intuition to judge exactly how much of your feelings you should reveal. An intellectual passion could also come your way. You might discover a new field of interest and you'll want to bury yourself at home studying it for hours.



Gemini May 21 – June 21.

Information received from far away could excite your passion to learn more about a subject, Gemini. You might be inspired to use your new knowledge in a project that includes a partner. Your mind is extremely insightful at this time, so if you face decisions, this is the day to follow your heart. Don't be surprised if you find your telepathic abilities expanded as well!



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Money matters are likely to be advanced today through your intuition and inner power, Cancer. You may get a hunch that your idea for bringing in some extra money just might work. At least look into it. Don't let anyone talk you out of it until you know the facts. You might also rediscover a neglected talent that you could find quite useful at this time.



Leo July 23 – August 22

A surge of inner power could have you feeling like you can move mountains, Leo. If you've been contemplating a course of action that others believe impossible, this is the time to get it going. Career matters, romance, and creative projects could all be advanced considerably by careful effort on your part. Give it some thought, write down your ideas, consider all contingencies, and move ahead!



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Memories from your past could resurface, Virgo. You might wonder why you're suddenly thinking about them, but they probably represent a release of old emotional hang-ups that have been holding you back. By midafternoon you should feel more focused, determined, and ready to take on just about anything. This is definitely a great day to start new projects or complete old ones.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Today represents a beginning in many ways. A friend from the past could reappear in your life, Libra, and bring up memories both pleasant and disconcerting. Don't worry too much about it. This probably represents a much-needed release. You might also become involved with a group that embodies goals about which you're passionate. New friends could also come your way. Expect a few surprises from all sides!



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Emotions could be running high today, Scorpio. Someone in your entourage may have a problem with an authority figure, and political issues could come up. You may feel powerful right now and tempted to throw your hat into the ring. However, it's best to stay out of anything political and channel that power and passion into your own project. That's far more likely to bring positive results.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Heightened mental powers might have you spending a lot of time reading or doing research of some kind, Sagittarius. Your curiosity is especially high right now. You might even consider advancing your education in some way, especially since new interests have been stimulating you for some time. New friends in fascinating fields might have started you thinking.



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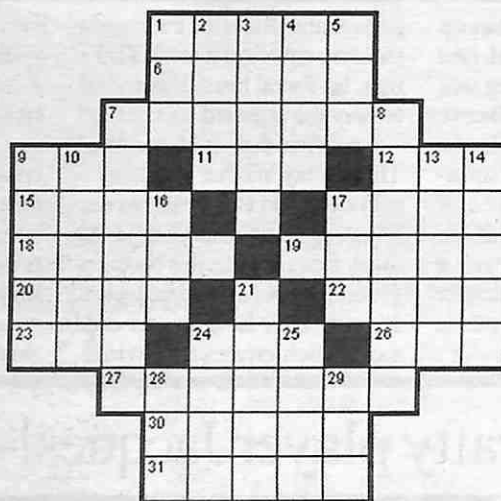


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1. Golf pin (3)
2. Apiece (4)
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5. Female chicken (3)
7. Answer (7)
8. Quip (7)
9. Not functioning properly (5)
10. Voice part (5)
13. Help (5)
14. Above average size (5)
16. Drink a little at a time (3)
17. Raise to knighthood (3)
21. Tenet (5)
24. Frozen precipitation (4)
25. Smile (4)
28. Fairy (3)
29. Perform (3)

Across

1. Impart skills or knowledge (5)
6. Bird of prey (5)
7. Lean back (7)
9. Playing card (3)
11. Short jump (3)
12. Crony (3)
15. Multitude (4)
17. Prima donna (4)
18. Enter data (5)
19. Sweetener (5)
20. Halt (4)
22. Jail onboard a ship (4)
23. Male offspring (3)
24. Domestic swine (3)
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Laughing at Loud

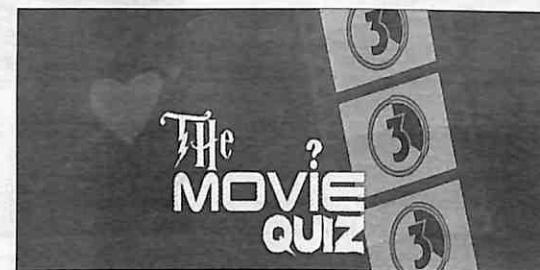
OFFICE PARTY

We had a party in the office yesterday. As the evening progressed, a rather overweight female coworker of mine decided to dance on the table. I remarked: "Wow, really

impressive legs!" She blushed and asked if I really meant it. "Absolutely, Karen! An average table would have collapsed by now!"

DID YOU KNOW

1. It would be good if toothpaste producers would make the tubes transparent; squeezing out the remaining toothpaste would be much more efficient.
2. Tissues in a box should have different colors so you'd be warned that you're approaching the last tissue.
3. You know how you pull the smartphone out of your pocket to check the time, this means that we're really going back to the era of pocket watches.
4. Nothing is on fire. It is fire that is on things.

MOVIE QUIZ
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's Quiz

1. What was the 1982 film starring Jeff Bridges as a computer software programmer battling to escape from being trapped inside his own programme?
Answer:
A. James Cameron

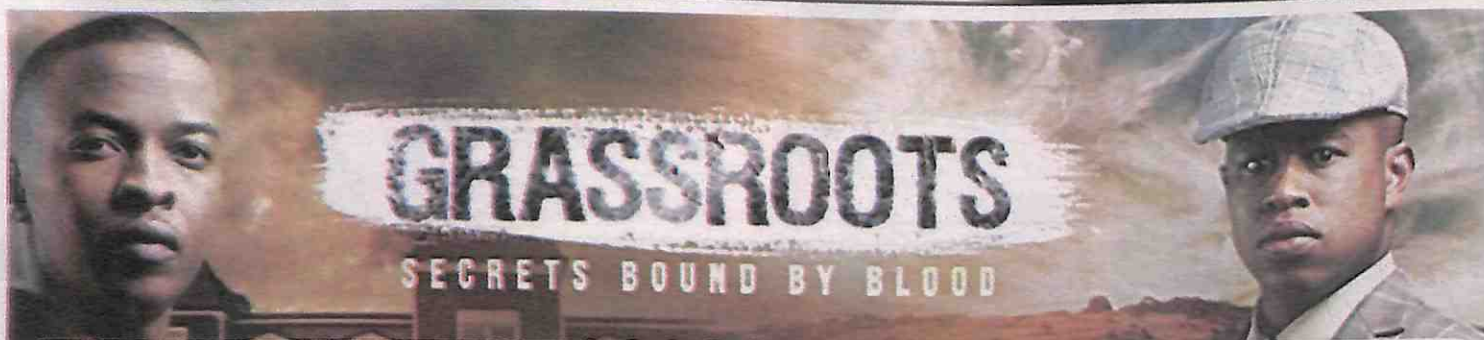
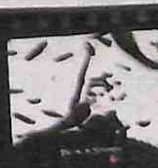
Today's Movie Quiz

1. Who made Ray Bradbury's classic novel Fahrenheit 451 into a movie in 1966?
Answers:
A. Francois Truffaut
B. Lex Luthor



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HOW TO BURY A DARK SECRET

BUSIKA's explosive scandal has surfaced, threatening to blow her cover at St. Sebestiens. Asanda found out what his father did, and they come to blows.

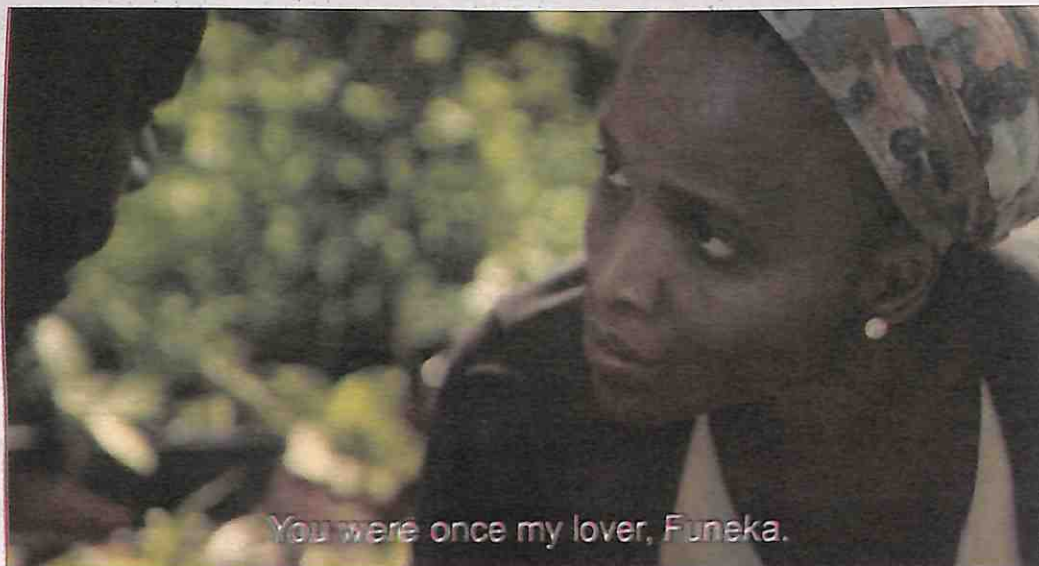
We know by now that Buzwe definitely has something to hide.

We've been introduced to troubling flashbacks taking us back to the final moments in the tragic death of Gcinu'mzi, who died in his hands.

And while he's gone out of his way to cover up his skeletons, doing everything from paying for Asanda to remain at St. Sebestiens, and offering Funeka a year's worth of her deceased husband's salaries to keep the Nala household afloat, it's quite clear that he's really racing against the clock.

In tomorrow's episode, the Nala patriarch catches wind of the fact that Funeka has consulted the elders around the passing of her husband.

She's not convinced that it was an accident that resulted from her late husband showing up on site completely inebriated. For Funeka, Buzwe looks more and more like



You were once my lover, Funeka.

the ruthless murderer she suspects ended the life of her husband. And she wants justice. Nothing was more comical than seeing Buzwe go down on one knee to ask Funeka to marry her! Proposing to someone who is suspecting you of killing her husband is not exactly the kind of romance we've come to know. And yet, despite the ridiculousness of the move, Buzwe's concerns that Funeka's

persistent drill into the truth might yield are not without merit. That's how he found himself cornered to play the one card he's got left – to resurrect their childhood fling! Therein lay another plot twist – if Funeka and Buzwe were once lovers, and Gcinu'mzi took Funeka away from Buzwe, this becomes ground for even more suspicion. It's a motive, the lawyers would say, which creates an environ-

ment now has legitimate grounds to stand firm. Meanwhile his son, Asanda, is now getting close with his long time arch rival, Gcinu'mzi's son, Monwabisi. Tomorrow's episode sees the two race past their long standing differences to have enjoy some lunch after a game. The optics are good – we love seeing the two finally starting afresh. After all, Asanda once saved Monwabisi's life.

MOVIES ON DSTV

DADDY'S HOME 2

A chaos-filled sequel sees Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg return for more comedy. Co-parents Brad and Dusty must contend with their respective fathers who come to visit for the holidays. Father and stepfather Dusty and Brad join forces to make Christmastime perfect for the children. Their newfound partnership soon gets put to the test when Dusty's old-school, macho dad and Brad's gentle father arrive to turn the holiday upside down. After a sudden change in plans, the four men decide to take the kids to a luxury resort for a fun-filled getaway that turns into a hilarious and chaotic adventure.

CREED II

Genre: Drama, Sport

M-Net Movies Premier

Michael B. Jordan and Sylvester Stallone return for this sequel. Newly crowned heavyweight champion Adonis Creed faces off against Viktor Drago – son of Ivan Drago. In 1985, Russian boxer Ivan Drago killed former U.S. champion Apollo Creed in a tragic match that stunned the world. Against the wishes of trainer Rocky Balboa, Apollo's son Adonis Johnson accepts a challenge from Drago's son – another dangerous fighter. Under guidance from Rocky, Adonis trains for the showdown of his life – a date with destiny that soon becomes his obsession. Now, Johnson and Balboa must confront their shared legacy as the past comes back to haunt each man.

REVOLT

Genre: Science-fiction, Action

M-Net Movies Action+

In the war-ravaged African countryside, a U.S. soldier and a French foreign aid worker team up to survive a deadly alien onslaught.

TELENOVELAS ON DSTV

MEHEK

Genre: Drama, Soap, Indian television series

Tomorrow on Zee World

Lord Of The Skies

Genre: Drama, Thriller

TOMORROW ON TELEMUNDO

Omar flees after witnessing Polaca's death. The police tell Jaime not to leave the country. Aurelio goes to Rutila's house to ask for financial help.

THE HEIR

Genre: Drama, Soap, Indian television series

Sunday 25 on Zee World

Waaris tells about the story of Amba Pawaniya (Aarti Singh), a Punjabi mother who is forced to raise her girl child, Manpreet Pawaniya, as a boy, in efforts to keep peace in the village and prevent her violent brother-in-law Jaggan Pawaniya (Akshay Dogra) from taking leadership.

Kids shows on DStv

Disney Cookabout

Genre: Game-show, Adventure

Saturday on Disney Channel

Kids learn about the different ways and processes of cooking.

THE MANOR - MARATHON SPECIAL

Genre: Animation

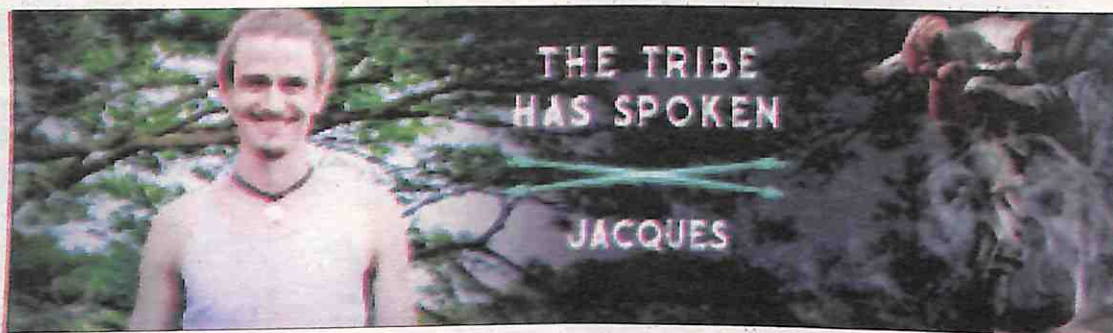
Sunday on Boomerang

What could be better than a marathon of Downton Abbey episodes from the Tom and Jerry Show, followed by the raccoon imposter, Taffy? It can't be that difficult for Tom and Jerry or Taffy and Bentley to live in a Manor House, can it?

It's finally game over for crafty player Jacques!- Survivor SA

LOVE him or hate him, Jacques certainly played an interesting game in Survivor SA: Island of Secrets.

Whether you love him or loathe him, there's no denying that scrawny industrial engineer Jacques Burger (27) kept his fellow castaways on their toes – and viewers on the edge of their seats – with all his sneaky moves, wise-cracks, Immunity Idols and well-earned advantages in M-Net's firecracker local series Survivor SA: Island of Secrets. This week, however, he lost the battle against "the seven-headed dragon", as he referred to the remaining contenders who're now playing for the title of Sole Survivor. Fighting till the end, Jacques became the fifteenth person to be voted off Survivor SA: Island of Secrets and the seventh member of the jury. Jacques, who happens to be a superfan of the show and even ran a podcast about the



previous South African season, played the game with gusto right from the get-go. So, going into merge with an Idol in his bag, it was no surprise that the Tribe's "senior management" (another Jacques-ism) saw him as a potential threat. Little did they know, however, how ingeniously he would use his prized possession to save his own skin not only at one Tribal Council, as most Survivors would do, but for a number of Tribal Councils in a row. His main motivation: to stay on the

island until the family visit to spend some quality time with his beloved wife. He knew, after all, that the family visits usually come in the form of a reward and he pocketed an unprecedented advantage on the Island of Secrets: a Reward Steal. While Jacques was still in possession of the Reward Steal in this week's episode, he had no choice but to play his Immunity Idol at the previous Tribal Council after becoming persona non grata on the island. Some Tribe members – especially

Steffi – was furious about his decision to disregard their agreement to flush his Idol. Instead, he proved a point by dramatically buttoning down his shirt to cover the Idol at Tribal. But the last straw was Jacques' unfortunate word choice at a heated conversation after Tribal. It turned him into "enemy number one".

While Steffi received a secret visit all the way from South Africa – in the form of her best friend, Gina – Jacques ironically never saw his wife.

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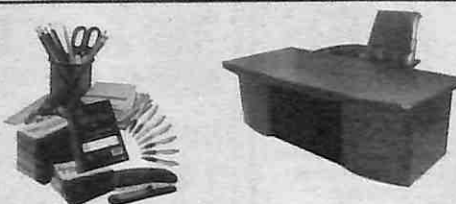
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Funeral: 31/08/2019
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laTfwala (laMahhishaza)

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Place: kaBhudla

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Friends and relatives are notified of the demise of Landiwe Manyatsi. Funeral Saturday 31/08/19 after a night vigil at the Masebula homestead, next to the army barracks, Mlindazwe Siteki.

Nkhambule Loncwala Linah



In Memory

Nkhambule Loncwala Linah. It's been two years since you left us but still feels like yesterday. You are missed by your daughter Siphwe and grandchildren. Rest in peace Msutfu Mswati. Siyobonana kwelizayo



It's almost unbearable when so much hope turns in deep sorrow wishing you much strength



JOB

13:15

Though He slay me,
yet will I hope in him;
I will surely
defend my ways to
his face.

The LORD
is close to
the broken-
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rescues
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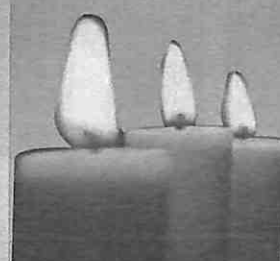
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May the gates of heaven
open up to reveal
strength and comfort in
your times of trial and

sorrow
God will
comfort
you.



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Lerato Chabangu goes AWOL again

JOHANNESBURG - Baberwa Chairperson Joe Seanego says Lerato Chabangu has gone absent without leave and will not be paid his wages if he does not return.

Chabangu appears to be continuing to have personal problems in his life - a situation that affected his long Premiership career.

The 33-year-old reportedly did not invest his money wisely and was forced to return to the family home. He was handed a second chance with Baberwa in the ABC Motsepe League where his salary was revealed to be a maximum of R8 000-a-month. As such, Seanego says his career could be in jeopardy if he does not return soon.

He told KickOff: "Chabangu is not back yet. This boy gives me a problem you know. He is not back yet, I'm told he is coming back."

Throwing

"But today I tried to call him and he didn't pick up his phone. But I will find him. I sent someone to go look for him and find out what's happening, but his mother said she had sent him somewhere."

"If he doesn't show up by next week Friday then I'm throwing in the towel. Remember that in the ABC we don't have contracts, but we told him he can stay here no matter how long, as long as he wants."



MIGHT NOT BE PAID: Lerato Chabangu.

Nteki's 2022 vision coming together

JOHANNESBURG - Interim head coach Molefi Nteke, addressed the media last week, as he conducted his first Bafana Bafana squad announcement, ahead of their friendly against Zambia on September 7th at Nkoloma Stadium in Lusaka.???

Respected within the national set up right through the age ranks, Nteke reported his first-ever squad selection to the nation.

Referring to the 2022 FIFA World Cup vision, was this a hint of the players who could represent Bafana Bafana, should they qualify for the global showpiece in three years?

"We are in the second phase of vision, 2022, of which if you look at the first phase of vision 2022, which started in 2014, fortunately for me, I am the one who started with the U-17 that qualified for the World Cup, so now I'm in this chair as interim Bafana Bafana coach. I am also starting the second phase of vision 2022."

Soccer Laduma

'IF YOU HAVE A FIAT PANDA, YOU CAN'T COMPETE'



PRAISES PLAYERS: Kaizer Chiefs coach Ernst Middendorp.

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Ernst Middendorp says that his side are like a Formula One car this season compared with the Fiat Panda they were last campaign.

Chiefs' new signings have hit the ground running. Striker Samir Nurkovic has impressed in all four of the games he has started, grabbing his maiden goal in the 1-1 draw with Supersport United on Saturday before providing an assist in Tuesday's 2-1 victory over Cape Town City.

Midfielder Kearyn Baccus, another recent acquisition, came off the bench to great effect in the win over City, grabbing the

winner and providing the catalyst for Amakhosi turning around a one-goal deficit to claim all three points.

Assists

Meanwhile, Middendorp has also likened Erick Mathoho and Lebogang Manyama to new players, with both having come back from respective long-term injuries. Mathoho is the side's top-scorer while Manyama has provided the most assists.

"If you want to go into a Formula One race, and if unfortunately you have a Fiat Panda you can't win, you can't compete," said Middendorp.

"So it was very important for

us to look at which type of players that were available for us to get and which players we had coming back from injury.

"Players like Lebogang Manyama and Eric Mathoho, I've been repeating it over and over again that they are like new players for us. Plus of course those that we signed like Kearyn Baccus, Lazarus Kambole and Samir Nurkovic.

"Yagan Sasman is a huge addition for us because he is flexible at either left-back or as a left-side central back.

"This is what we have been working on."

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DA GAMA HAPPY TO SIGN LETSHOLONYANE

JOHANNESBURG - Highlands Park coach Owen Da Gama revealed he would love to sign former Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Renelwe Letsholonyane.

'Yeye' has been without a club ever since he parted ways with SuperSport United at the end of last season.

While speculation has been rife linking Letsholonyane with several teams, a move has not materialised, but he has since emerged at the Lions of the North, hoping to earn a new deal.

Da Gama has subsequently been impressed by what he has seen from the veteran but admits the final decision does not lie with him.

"He is training with us but because

of these breaks that we have been having, being away from the whole week and then we are back. He is looking very sharp... I don't know what is going to happen," Da Gama was quoted as saying by Phakaaathi.

Decision

"If it works out very well then management makes the decision on that, I can't make a decision on that," Da Gama added.

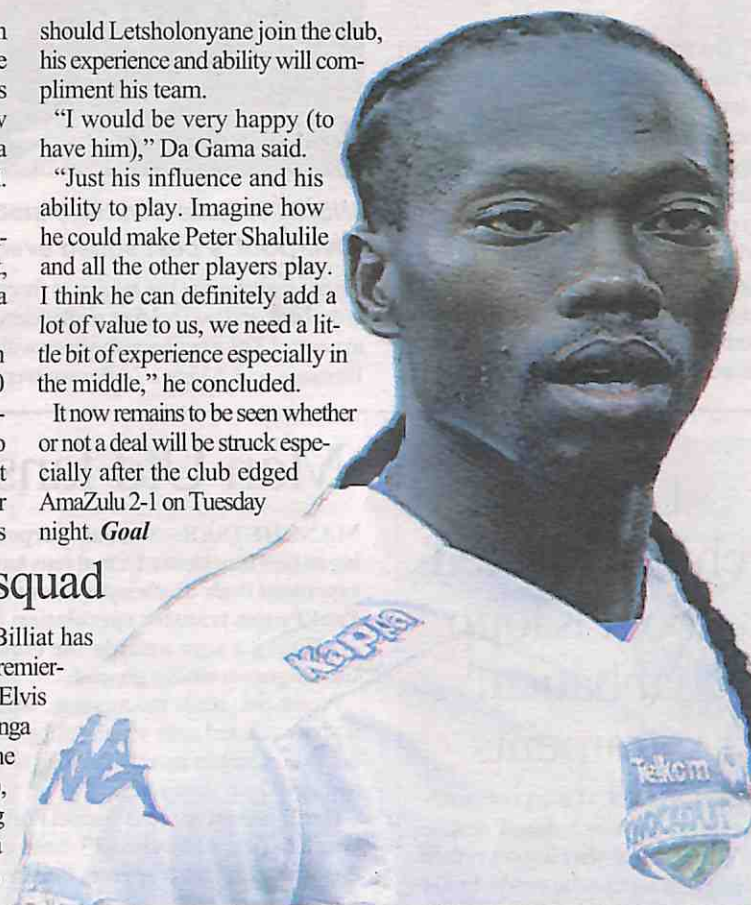
Highlands Park have enjoyed an impressive start to their 2019/20 Premier Soccer League (PSL) campaign. Not only are they through to the semi-finals of the MTN8, but they have lost only one game so far in the league, and Da Gama believes

should Letsholonyane join the club, his experience and ability will compliment his team.

"I would be very happy (to have him)," Da Gama said.

"Just his influence and his ability to play. Imagine how he could make Peter Shalulile and all the other players play. I think he can definitely add a lot of value to us, we need a little bit of experience especially in the middle," he concluded.

It now remains to be seen whether or not a deal will be struck especially after the club edged AmaZulu 2-1 on Tuesday night. **Goal**



HAS EXPERIENCE: Renelwe Letsholonyane

7 PSL stars in Zim WC Qualifiers squad

JOHANNESBURG - A total of seven players plying their trade in the ABSA Premiership have been named in Zimbabwe's squad for the World Cup qualifiers.

Former AmaZulu coach Joey Antipas, who was recently appointed as the interim coach of the Warriors, will be preparing the team for the match against Somalia in the preliminary round of the 2022 World Cup qualifiers.

Kaizer Chiefs star Khama Billiat has been joined from the ABSA Premiership to the Warriors squad by Elvis Chipezeze (Baroka), Divine Lunga (Golden Arrows), Kudakwashe Mahachi (SuperSport United), Clive Augusto (Maritzburg United) Terrence Dzvukamanja (Bidvest Wits) and Evans Rusike from Matsatsantsa.

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Leopards pin hopes on latest signing from Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - Black Leopards pin their hopes on Andriamirado 'Dax' Andrianarimanana to help improve the team's performances and results, following his arrival from Kaizer Chiefs.

The midfielder became Leopards' latest signing as the Limpopo club is finalising the squad before next Monday's transfer window deadline.

Despite having signed some of the top players in the ABSA Premiership, with the likes of former Orlando Pirates star Thabo Matlaba, as well as the ex-

Mamelodi Sundowns quartet of Cuthbert Malajila, Moga-kolodi Ngele, Thuso Phala

and Siyabonga Zulu, Leopards have had a difficult start to the season. Lidoda Duvha are yet to win after three matches, having only managed to pick up a single point out of a possible nine.

"Management and staff at Black Leopards FC welcome Andriamirado Aro Hasina Andrianarimanana also known as Dax.

"Andriamirado is an international player for Madagascar national team. Black Leopards is confident that his arrival will strengthen the team. We wish

him all the best here. Our fans are excited and looking forward to watching him display his talent with the team," Leopards' spokesperson Berry Ramunenyiwa said in a statement.

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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



'Current Liverpool squad better than 2015 generation'

LONDON - Rafa Benitez has claimed that Jurgen Klopp's current crop is better than his side that won the Champions League in 2005.

Benitez became the first Liverpool manager to lift the European Cup since 1984 when the Reds beat AC Milan on penalties in Istanbul.

Klopp won his first trophy when his side beat Tottenham in June to lift the club's sixth European Cup.

Asked during a Q&A with The Athletic to compare the two sides, Benitez said: "I'm really proud of what we achieved in 2005, but I have to say that the this year team is stronger already."

Effort

"The team that we had, what we had at this time was great team effort and a lot of character, as well as commitment on the pitch. This team have the intensity and the quality that can make the difference in games." Benitez also explained what he told his players when they were 3-0 down at half-time against Milan. He added: "The message was clear: Give them some hope, some confidence, tell them that if we score one goal we will be back in the



INSISTS: Rafa Benitez insists Jurgen Klopp has assembled Liverpool's best squad ever.

game, and change the tactics to three at the back and two holding midfielders, to control Kaka between the lines with Hamann and Alonso. 'After we were

lucky enough to score goals in a short period and that was a plus for everyone because we grew in confidence, little by little.' *Daily Mail*

Man Utd fans want Pogba out

MANCHESTER - Vandals purporting to be Manchester United fans have expressed their displeasure about the Paul Pogba transfer speculation by graffitiing a sign outside the club's Carrington training ground.

'Pogba out,' reads the message, which is spray painted onto a sign telling fans not to congregate around the road to try and get player signatures.

There has been no secret made of Pogba's desire to find a Manchester United exit this summer, and it appears fans have finally had enough.

The sign outside Carrington was only recently erected, aiming to stop the increasing number of fans coming to the training ground to try and see their idols.

Pogba has featured in each of Manchester United's games this season amid interest from Real Madrid. He performed well in pre-season, and has also made a bright start to the Premier League season, despite missing a crucial penalty against Wolves.

United seem desperate to keep the Frenchman, and with the European trans-

fer deadline looming, it appears they will get their wish.

They haven't brought in a midfielder this summer as a replacement, and selling Pogba now would mean they wouldn't be able to sign anyone until January to take his place.

However, Real Madrid may still be preparing a move, and Paul Pogba's brother Mathias fuelled the fire by saying 'everyone knows my brother would be great for Real Madrid and [Zinedine] Zidane,' in a recent interview.

"I don't know what to say... Zidane has always spoken highly of my brother, it's an honour. Another thing is that they listen to him." On the other hand, United have remained convinced that Real Madrid don't have the money to pay the £150 million plus wages they're demanding.

Real Madrid have already spent hundreds of millions on signings this summer as Zidane looks to get the team back on track after a disappointing campaign last season.

Daily Mail



Struggling Lingard might get new United deal

MANCHESTER - According to reports, The Manchester United hierarchy want to reward Jesse Lingard with a new deal despite early criticism the midfielder has received at the start of the season.

The Manchester United and England man was jeered by some sections of the home crowd during the Red Devils' 2-1 home defeat to Crystal Palace last weekend.

He was eventually replaced after 51 minutes by 17-year-old forward Mason Greenwood, with boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer quick to defend Lingard's insipid showing in the post-match press conference.

Lingard has not scored a Premier League goal since Solskjaer's opening game as caretaker boss in December at Cardiff City, further raising questions whether he should now be an automatic starter.

United insiders, however, have insisted the club's hierarchy are still desperate to secure the forward's long-term future.

The Warrington-born academy graduate has two years left on his existing agreement and a new five-year, £150 000 per-week offer is already being prepared.

Lingard turns 27 this December and there is certainly no suggestion at this

stage he is a re-evaluating his situation at United because of the extra scrutiny his patchy showings are bringing.

His dip in form has also been recognised at international level, with England boss Gareth Southgate only handing him two appearances this year while he enjoyed 14 outings for the Three Lions in 2018 - including playing in the successful World Cup campaign.

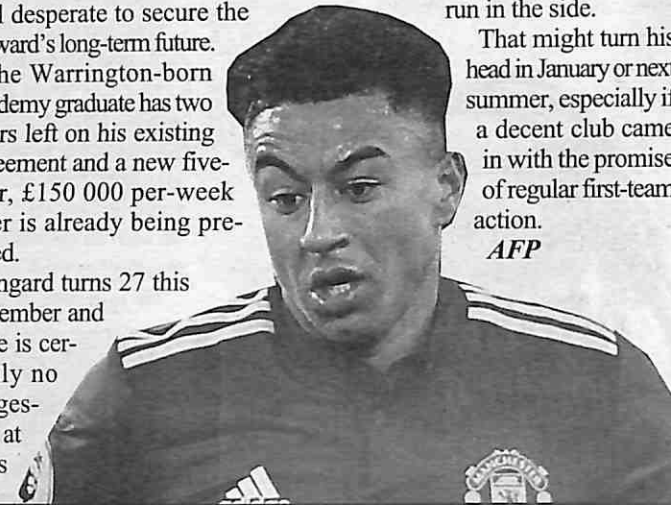
Suggest

There is every reason to suggest that the former Derby County and Birmingham City loan man will continue at the Theatre of Dreams as, despite the emphasis now being on youth, he is still to reach the peak years of his career and has plenty of scope to return to his best form.

The one stumbling block might be a lack of game time as Solskjaer is likely to keep him on the bench as he builds for the future and tries to give the youngsters a lengthy run in the side.

That might turn his head in January or next summer, especially if a decent club came in with the promise of regular first-team action.

AFP



NEW DEAL: Jesse Lingard.

'If United needs me, I'm here'

LOS ANGELES - LA Galaxy striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic reckons he could still do a job for Manchester United, saying he "could play easy in the Premier League".

It has been 17 months since the veteran Swede left Old Trafford for the city of stars and the confident, larger-than-life striker has proven a big hit in Major League Soccer. Ibrahimovic's brace in Sunday's thrilling 3-3 draw with rivals LAFC took his tally to 46 goals in 49 appearances - not bad for a 37-year-old, never mind one that had to fight back from serious knee ligament damage.

That injury in April 2017 brought an abrupt halt to a superb first season at Old Trafford, where his 28-goal haul included efforts in United's EFL Cup and Community Shield triumphs.

Ibrahimovic would only make a further seven appearances before heading Stateside and the well-travelled striker continues to keep a

close eye on a club, he knows he would shine for.

"I could play easy in the Premier League, so if United needs me, I'm here," he said with a grin in Los Angeles. "But Galaxy has me, so I'm sorry."

"Nah, I did my job in Europe. I enjoyed it, I have 33 trophies that I brought with me here and hopefully, I can get something here."

"And then we will see where that adventure finishes."

United could certainly have done with Ibrahimovic's cutting edge at the weekend as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side fell to a galling 2-1 home defeat to Crystal Palace.

"I look, I look, I look," the striker told PA. "I saw the last game and I think they were unlucky."

"If they score the penalty, it's a different game but a game in England is not finished until its finished."

"Anything can happen, especially in the last minutes where everything is in the heat of the moment."

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Liverpool chiefs 'relaxed' about Klopp 'sabbatical' comments

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool's owners are said to be 'relaxed' despite Manager Jurgen Klopp's recent suggestion that he could be set for another sabbatical in 2022.

Klopp sent the football world into a clickbait frenzy with his recent comments about taking a potential sabbatical.

The German suggested he could take a year out of football when his Liverpool contract expires in 2022.

Liverpool owners Fenway Sports Group are quite sensibly 'relaxed' about the situation, considering it will not even be relevant for another three years.

Sky Sports News reporter Alan Myers revealed how those at Anfield have reacted to the furore.

"Klopp's relationship with FSG and the Liverpool hierarchy is good and it is understood that, at this stage, the club are not concerned about something that may or may not happen three years from now," he wrote.

"There is an acceptance that things can change in football and the club are relaxed at the present moment."

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SHUKUMA



ESWATINI

By Dumisani Ntiwane (ESRC Media Officer)



MAPHALALENI, GILGAL UP NEXT!

BY DUMISANI NTIWANE
(ESRC Media Officer)

SHU....Shu....Shukuma Eswatini! Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite column, Shukuma Eswatini.

It has been a learning curve for Team Eswatini in Rabat, Morocco in the ongoing African Games, which were previously known as the All Africa Games.

A total of five athletes are representing the country in these prestigious games.

These are Phumlile Ndzinisa, Sibusiso Matsenjwa and Andile Lusenga (Athletics). The others are Wandile Maziya and Thandukukhanya Dlamini (Taekwondo).

It has not worked out well for our team though, as they have found the going tough.

Few of our athletes were able to advance to the next rounds of their respective fields. These are Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa and Phumlile

...on September 14 we will be at Maphalaleni, while Gilgal awaits on the 28th

Ndzinisa, who both qualified in their heats category but were, however, unfortunate to be eliminated in the semi-finals stage.

We knew that it would not be easy, coming up against some of the finest the continent has to offer. Our lads should not despair though. They should treat this as a learning curve so that they can do well in future.

Now; for the good news. As stated last week, our flagship programme Shukuma Eswatini is back and with a bang.

The Maphalaleni Inkhundla will host Shukuma on 14 September. We cannot wait.

We expect people from surrounding areas like Edlozini, Emfeni, Emcengeni, Ensigweni, Madlolo and Maphalaleni to be part of the festivities.

Then on September 28, which will be about two weeks later, we will storm

the newly-established Gilgal Inkhundla.

We have said it so many times before that our Shukuma programmes are always invigorating and refreshing. It is for both the young and the old, the able and disabled. We do not discriminate against anyone. We have taken our flagship programme a step further by inviting more partners to join us during such days.

Maphalaleni and Gilgal Inkhundla folk should expect organisations like the Breast and Cervical Cancer Network, PSI, REPS, Diabetes Swaziland, Autism and of course our National Sports Associations to be part of the day.

Activities as usual will include athletics, aerobics, kids' athletics, rope skipping, life skills, fun games, indigenous games, football, netball, volleyball, cricket, darts, boxing and martial arts, to mention just a few.

Do not dare miss it!



LOOK OUT FOR OUR TRADE FAIR STAND

WE are the Eswatini Sport and Recreation Council (ESRC).

The organisation was established under the Companies Act in 2014 and is a category A public enterprise governed by the Public Enterprises (Control and Monitoring) Act of 1989.

Its mandate is currently defined by the National Sports Policy of 2012 whilst awaiting the promulgation of the National Sports Act. Presently, the Council has a sports draft bill that is still going through the prescribed consultative stages.

The objectives of the National Sports Policy are geared to assist the Council to regulate and develop Sport and Recreation to contribute to the attainment of the National Vision 2022.

The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, Honourable Harries 'Madze' Bulunga is the Head of Council, who in turn appoints the Board which is supported by statutory committees made up of professionals and experts in their chosen fields.

It is our mission to develop and regulate all sport and recre-

ation activities in the kingdom through quality sport and recreation programmes and facilitating maximum access to resources and opportunities for our citizens in the kingdom.

Our vision is to have a well regulated and coordinated sport industry that promotes a healthy, passionate, proud and winning nation in sport and recreation.

Invited

Everyone is, therefore, invited to visit our stand at the Eswatini Trade Fair that starts tomorrow at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

It is in our stand where one will get to learn more about the operations of the ESRC and its programmes, especially our flagship one, 'Shukuma Eswatini.'

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CRICKET HEADED TOWARDS RIGHT DIRECTION

THE Eswatini Cricket Association deserves a pat on the back.

The association is definitely on the right track if one considers the positive steps they have taken.

The association is fresh from hosting a very successful coaching course, which needless to say, will go a very long way towards improving the standard of the local game here.

The elementary coaching course that was held at Caritas in Manzini last week Saturday was a massive success with an impressive number

of attendants.

A total of 23 coaches attended the course that was organised by the Eswatini Cricket Association.

This programme is in line with the Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council 2019/20 yearly operational plan, which falls under coaches development.

It is also in line with ECA's growth target strategies within the International Cricket Council aiming to increase the number of qualified and active coaches by 50 per cent at least every

year.

The course leader was renowned coach Delisa Malinga.

Malinga is a proud holder of the Cricket South Africa Level 1 coaching certificate and is accredited by the CSA to facilitate an Elementary Coaching Course.

The course participants came



from different schools, clubs and universities of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The well-organised course that lasted for a whole day was

carried out in theory, group discussions, group presentations and practical demonstrations. Updated and informational CSA course material was distributed to the participants.

This material will help the coaches understand the

game much better and also help broaden the knowledge and skills to those that already had the cricketing background.

This programme is like sowing a cricket seed that will yield good fruits in the development of cricket in the country. The Eswatini Cricket Association will have a proper coach to player ration for effective coaching and the betterment of the game in the country. ECA will run more courses of this kind across all the four administrative regions of the Kingdom of Eswatini. We can only say bravo to the Cricket Association. We love what they are doing.

Quote of the week

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breaths away" – Unknown



WELCOME TO THE BULL'S KRAAL



INJURIES A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO POOR PERFORMANCE

MY mind is flowing with time and my soul is longing for your souls, good morning to you 'BoMagebhula'.

Every day is a good day for me because there is always something for us to learn, care and celebrate. Due to work commitments last week, I was unable to produce an article for our weekly column space, please accept my apology.

Last week was a busy time for us and we had to play two crucial games within a space of five days. The boys did well given the fact that most of our players were still nursing injuries from the EPTC Charity Cup.

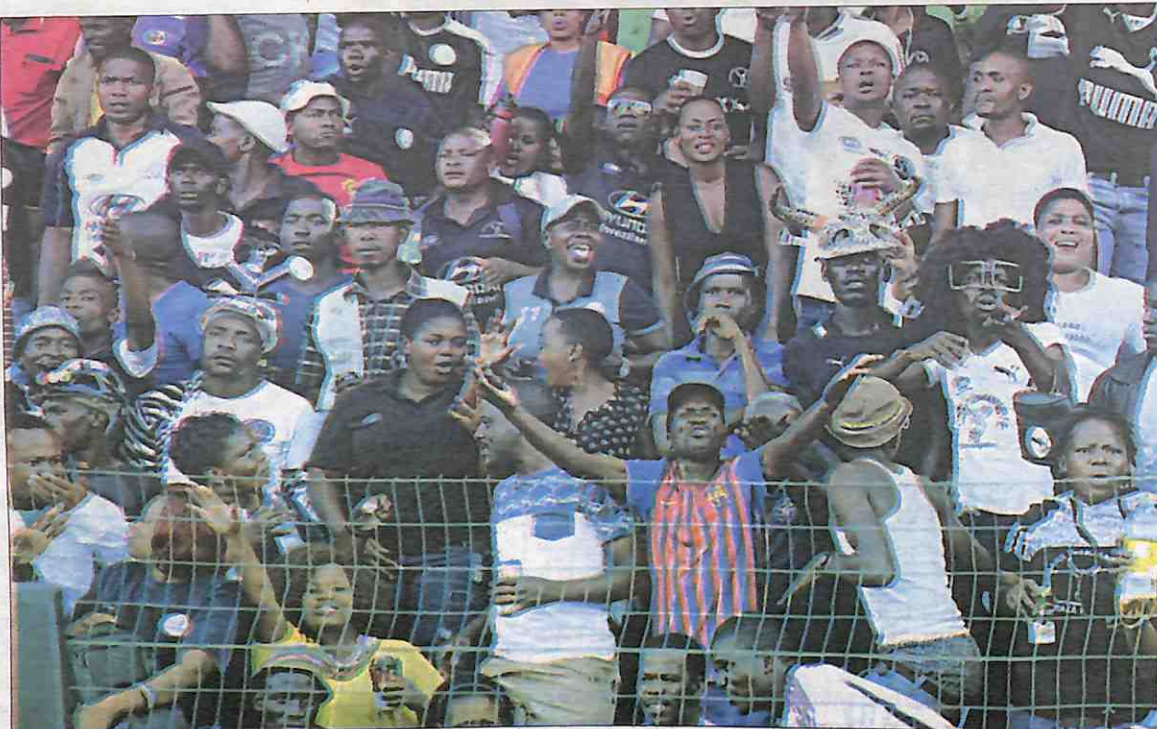
Actually, we played our first three league games with a lean squad and we believe the situation is getting better with each passing day.

'BoMagebhula', the league is a marathon and we need to saturate our minds with positive thoughts in order to sustain ourselves through any given situation. The two draws and a win recorded so far under the unfavourable conditions due to injuries confirm that the team is capable beyond measure.

As we press on in our league marathon run, we will be faced with different challenges and I wish to remind you 'Landers that every adversity brings new experiences and lessons for us.

WARM WELCOME TO REO

Welcome home Reo and I hope you



will have an amazing time playing for 'Sgebhu', and we are glad that you have joined us.

Our team needs your talent to add value to our play so that we can grow more and more in our effective performances.

My welcoming comment is, no matter how brilliant your mind or strategy, if you are playing a solo game, you will always lose out to a team. We really need team players for us to win or lose as a team.

Welcome on board. 'BoMagebhula' as long as the registration is open, the team will strive to sign any player needed by the technical team so don't be surprised to see additional signees.

UNDER-17 & 20s TRIALS

In an effort to strengthen our Under-17 and 20 teams, the club is inviting suitable boys for trials which started yesterday.

Actually, two sessions have been scheduled (Wednesdays only) and the first one was conducted yesterday. The last session is scheduled for next week Wednesday (September 4) and interested players should be at Ezulwini Sports Ground at 10am for assessment.

To parents, this is a perfect opportunity not to be missed by your children who are aspiring to become great footballers, please bring them for trials.

ESWATINI CAF REPRESENTATIVE

Well done Young Buffalos for dislodging the Zambian team. This reflects great improvement for the country's football standard and we salute you 'Mathole Ezinyathi'.

Buffaloes need our support 'BoMagebhula' and we have to come to the party as a nation.

Green Mamba also fought a good fight and really you have shown good character as a team.

Our word of comfort is that, you have no choice about how you lose, but you do have a choice about how you come back and prepare to win again. 'Luma Nyoka'.

SUPPORTERS' CORNER

'BoMagebhula', without you there is no team and your contribution will always be appreciated.

Whatever the situation may be, we need to come together and forge a way forward.

Just imagine if one day we can have zero sun shine, fearing the darkness will not make it to go away, the only way we can do is to fight the darkness with light. In such situations we need to come as 'Landers, light up our candles and stand together as a team to fight the darkness.

'BoMagebhula' I was disappointed to read in the media that our club was the most fined last season.

The over E400 000 in fines could have gone a long way in helping the team financially. We cannot make the same mistake twice because the second time it's not a mistake but it's a choice. We may not be able to control every situation and its outcome, but we can control our attitude and how we deal with it.

'BoMagebhula' let us avoid unnecessary fines this season.

Gwaza Nkunzi!!!

SIHLANGU **PREPARE** FOR DJIBOUTI



ADDRESS: Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papic addressing the players before the start of their training session yesterday at the Somhlolo National Stadium. The squad is preparing to face Djibouti in the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. **PASS:** Sihlangu players doing ball work. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



KEEPERS' CORNER: Sihlangu goalkeepers Sandanezwe Mathabela, Phephisani Msibi and Mlamuli Makhanya taken through their paces by goalkeeper coach Siphon 'Shilton' Dube.

MABUYEKHAYA PHARMACEUTICALS DONATES **REFEREES KIT**



PRESENTATION: Mabuyekhaya Pharmaceuticals Managing Director Jabu Mamba presenting a referees' kit to Eswatini Football Association CEO Frederick Mngomezulu at the company's premises in Matsapha yesterday afternoon. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



POSE: The officials and Eswatini Referees Association executive committee and members pose after the presentation.



SPRINTING: Sihlangu players in full sprint.



DRILLS: Players engaged in some drills.

ON A MISSION: Papic being interviewed by journalists.



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● Roma are preparing to make a fresh move for Liverpool and Croatia defender Dejan Lovren, 30. (*Corriere dello Sport - in Italian*)

● Napoli are holding off offering a two-year contract to 34-year-old free agent Fernando Llorente as they await an outcome from 26-year-old Mauro Icardi's summit talks with Inter Milan. (*Corriere dello Sport via Football Italia*)

● Former Arsenal striker Carlos Vela, 30, has revealed he was close to moving to Barcelona on loan from current club LAFC. (*BS Podcast via Goal*)



● Real Sociedad want to push through a rapid deal for Arsenal defender Nacho Monreal so he can train with the club and make his debut on Friday night. The 33-year-old has been offered a two-year contract with an option for a further 12 months. (*Express*)

● Leicester are in talks with Olympiakos over a deal to sell 27-year-old winger Rachid Ghezzal to the Greek side. (*Sky Sports*)

● West Ham are close to agreeing terms on a new contract with Argentina midfielder Manuel Lanzini, 26. (*Sky Sports*)

● Inter Milan forward Romelu Lukaku, 26, wanted to leave Manchester United because he was bored at Old Trafford, according to Belgium boss Roberto Martinez. (*Mirror*)

● Brighton's Dutch winger Jurgen Locadia, 25, could make a loan move to Bundesliga side Hoffenheim. (*Argus*)

● Paul Pogba's brother Mathias, 29, a forward for Club Deportivo Managua in the Spanish fourth tier, says his 26-year-old Manchester United signing would be "great" for Real Madrid. (*S*)

Pigg's Peak Hotel scoops Inyatsi Swazi Frontier best venue award!

BY COLISILE SACOLO

CYCLING - RIDERS of Inyatsi Swazi Frontier mountain bike stage race 2018 spent a night in four different accommodation establishments along the race route in northern Hhohho and the Pigg's Peak Hotel was voted the best venue.

For the period of the race, they are known as 'Race Villages'. Swazi Frontier Coordinator Lesley Foss said Pigg's Peak Hotel was voted the best venue.

He said the first night is spent at Hawane Resort, followed by Bulembu Country Lodge, then Pigg's Peak Hotel and finishing up at Maguga Lodge on the banks of Maguga Dam. Foss said the race villages strive to do their best to ensure that the riders are fed wholesome fresh meals, have plenty of refreshments and enjoy a comfortable night's sleep. "Each Race Village is unique and very different from the other so that makes it difficult to compare the different accommodation venues. The quality and standard of service, however, is easier to compare. Whilst all the venues offer



THE BEST: Pigg's Peak Hotel staff members Philemon Dlamini, Pinky Mahlalela and Leonard Shongwe displaying their Swazi Frontier best Hotel award recently. (courtesy pic).

great service, Pigg's Peak Hotel seemed to have the advantage during last year's race," he said. The award and certificate were recently presented to Philemon Dlamini, Pinky Mahlalela and Leonard Shongwe (left to right in the attached photo) besides the hotel's sparkling blue swimming pool

and pool bar. "The next edition of Inyatsi Swazi Frontier will take place on October 10-12. Currently, all the 'Race Villages' are busy with their preparations to make sure that they pull out all the stops to make this years' experience for the cycling tourists the best ever."

Mduduzi Zwane joins Dig Deep Racing

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

CYCLING - NATIONAL team cyclist Mduduzi Zwane has left MTN Khemani for the ambitious Dig Deep Racing club.

Zwane has become the third rider to join Dig Deep this year from MTN Khemani after Sicelo Phiri and Lungelo Mlangeni.

The pint-sized road race and mountain bike rider Zwane confirmed the news when contacted yesterday. "It is true I have joined Dig Deep as I want to explore my career at my new club. We are still trying to tie to some few ends on the paperwork but I am looking forward to add depth and quality in the Dig Deep family," he said.



NEW HOME: National team cyclist Mduduzi Zwane.

Dig Deep Racing Chairman Joseph Warring also confirmed the signing of the 2018 African Championships and Commonwealth Games participant when also reached for comment.

"We are quite excited because he will reinforce our already strong squad. We hope he will bring competition to our boys since our main aim is to improve the standard of cycling in the country," Warring said.

Zwane is expected to make his debut for his new team during the 2019 MTN Road Race to be held next month at Mankayane.

Zwane is expected to make a strong combination with his national compatriots in Gcina Banda and Dlamini at his new home.

Eddie leads in Black Ball Open Singles

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

POOL - EDDIE Mkhonta is currently leading the chasing pack in the Black Ball Open Pool Singles League despite having a game in hand.

The league is sponsored by Solo Investment at a tune of E15 000. Mkhonta, who is now sitting at the summit of the log standings with 39 points, after defeating Romeo Da Silva 8-0 before thrashing Sandile Dlamini 8-3 over the weekend. Defending champion Menzi Ngomane beat Vusi Hadzebe 8-5 while Sifiso Dlamini brushed aside Sicelo 8-6. Other interesting matches saw Mandla beating Vusi Hlophe 8-6 with Mduduzi Shabalala trashing Mandla Lukhele 8-2.

THE FULL RESULTS BELOW:

Menzi	2-8	Ngaba
Eddie	8-0	Romeo
Sifiso	8-0	Sicelo
Ntozakhe	8-4	Ngaba
Mduduzi	8-2	Mandla
Vusi M	8-3	Vusi H
Ntozakhe	8-5	Tasco
Mandla	8-6	Vusi H
Eddie	8-6	Sifiso
Eddie	8-3	Sandile
Menzi	8-5	Vusi

WEEKEND FIXTURES:

9AM	Flag	vs	Ngaba Lukhele
10 AM	Eddie	vs	Mandla
11AM	Menzi	vs	Vusi M
12 PM	Eddie	vs	Ngaba
1PM	Ngaba	vs	Celumusa
2PM	Flag	vs	Vusi H
3PM	Sifiso	vs	Machawe
4PM	Mandla	vs	Machawe
5PM	Menzi	vs	Celumusa
6PM	Sicelo	vs	Ntozakhe

BLACK BALL OPEN POOL SINGLES LEAGUE:

Name	P	W	L	PTS
Eddie Mkhonta	16	13	3	39
Flag Nxumalo	17	13	4	39
Sifiso Dlamini	16	11	5	33
Ntozakhe Lukh	16	10	6	30
Machawe Maseko	17	9	8	27
Menzi Ngomane	17	9	8	27
Vusi Masilela	18	9	9	27
Vusi Hadzebe	18	8	10	24
Romeo Da Silva	17	7	10	21
Mduduzi Shabalala	16	7	9	21
Sandile Dlamini	16	7	9	21

SWIMMING AGM NEXT MONTH

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SWIMMING - THE Eswatini National Swimming Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on September 21 at the OlympiaAfrica Centre.

The meeting will see the local swimming fraternity discuss its activity report for the ending financial year of 2018/19.

ENSA President Berger Nxumalo confirmed the AGM, mentioning that it would start at 9am. "We will hold our AGM on September 21 where we will be discussing all our administrative reports of the previous year. We will also discuss ways on how we can improve the

association and we, therefore, urge teams to attend the meeting without fail," he said.

Nxumalo further stated that they were also working towards improving the standard of the sport in the country.

Grooming

"We need to come with ways that will enable the smooth grooming of young talent to be able to compete effectively at international level. This can be done through collective efforts from our stakeholders."

ENSA recently sent the national team to the 2019 FINA World Championships which were held at South Korea and further hosted the World Aquatic day at the Matsapha UNESWA Sports Emporium.

WE WON'T LOSE HOPE – KING CLAY

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - MILLING Hotspurs head coach Clement 'King Clay' Mdluli says they will not lose hope but continue fighting in the Premier League.

Speaking yesterday after his team suffered a third defeat against

Malanti Chiefs, Mdluli said they were still a new team, trying to adapt in the elite league and was hopeful that with time they would gel.

"Most of my players are inexperienced, however, with time they will adapt.

I also hope that the FIFA two-week break will give us time to

prepare well for the next coming games," he said.

Mdluli said their first half was bad in their match against Malanti but were better in the second half.

Created

"The tempo of the game was high in the first half; however, we managed to fight back in the second half where we created lot of chances

that we failed to convert them. Having said that, I am proud of the boys and I can assure our supporters that we will compete."

The Manzini based outfit is yet to register a point, let alone a goal since their return in the Premier League after 40 years of absence. In their next match, they will face-off with capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders.

Meanwhile, Malanti Chiefs cap-

tain Thembumenzi 'Djemba' Mayisela attributed their 1-0 win against Milling Hotspurs to hard work.

He said they had finally found their rhythm after a poor start in the league.

"We have identified our mistakes. The past two games where we lost were like a pre-season to us and now have regrouped and are ready to fight."

'Saviola' to miss Sihlangu Djibouti clash

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER - NATIONAL team Sihlangu will be without the services of playmaker Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze during their 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Djibouti next week-end.

The Young Buffaloes player is still struggling with a muscle pull injury which also saw him miss the last CHAN second round clash against Angola last month.

Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papić confirmed and stated that Gamedze won't be part of the trip to the north East African country.

"We will be having an almost full-strength squad going to Djibouti expect for Sandile, who has not yet recovered from the injury. We have decided to allow him to rest so that he may be able

to recover for the return leg and other upcoming fixtures," he said.

When asked about the availability of some of the country's international players, who are playing in the South Africa National First Division League, Papić said he would only take one international player to Djibouti.

"We will only travel with one international player to Djibouti but I cannot reveal his name for now," he said.

Meanwhile, Sihlangu captain Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini said they were looking forward to the upcoming match.

"The spirit is high in camp and everyone in the team is itching to play in the upcoming match. We will treat the match with caution and not undermine our opponents," he said.

Convincingly

The last time the two sides met

Sihlangu won convincingly with an 8-1 aggregate score.

The first leg was a 6-0 demolishing followed by a 2-1 win in front of home fans. Qatar will be hosting the next edition of the world's biggest football tournament. Worth noting is that suspended Black Swallows striker Allen Mabuza is part of the Sihlangu camp despite his pending case at the High Court over his ownership between Black Swallows and Mbabane Highlanders.



INJURED: Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze.

Eswatini miss out in COSAFA Under-17 Championships

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER - THE Eswatini national Under-17 squad has missed out in the 2019 COSAFA Under-17 Championships to be held in Malawi.

This comes after the junior national side could not be registered on time for the junior regional championships scheduled for October 11-20.

The junior national side was not part of the eight nations drawn for the competition yesterday afternoon. Eswatini Football Association Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu confirmed the local side's absence in the competition when quizzed on the matter.

"We will not take part in this year's COSAFA Under-17 competition after we were unable to register for the competition on time since COSAFA only takes eight countries. However, we are still on stand-

THE FULL COSAFA UNDER-17

draw:

A1 – Malawi
A2 – South Africa
A3 – Botswana
A4 – Zambia

B1 – Angola
B2 – Lesotho
B3 – Mozambique
B4 – Comoros

by in case any country pulls out but if not, we will attend next year's edition," he said.

Eswatini also missed out in the 2019 COSAFA Under-17 Women Championships and are now expected to make their maiden appearance next year.

Some of the countries that will feature in this year competition include Malawi, South and Mozambique.

Mabuyekhaya Pharmaceutical donates kits worth 27 000 to referees

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - MABUYEKHAYA Pharmaceutical has donated a kit worth E27 000 to the Eswatini Referees Association.

The kit includes jerseys, shorts and socks. This was during a presentation held at Mabuyekhaya Pharmaceutical premises at Matsapha yesterday.

Mabuyekhaya Pharmaceutical Managing Director Jabu Mamba, who presented the kit, said they were happy to donate to the referees because they were doing a very good job in the development of football in the country. He said the donation was meant to motivate and make them look presentable during games. "We will continue to support referees and we promise that next year we will also improve the set of the kit or even come back with something more decent," he said. Eswatini Football Association Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu said on behalf of the association they were very grateful for what the company was doing to improve football. Mngomezulu said despite the economic challenges in the country, the company had demonstrated great support to football and that part-



Mabuyekhaya Pharmaceutical managing Director Jabu Mamba presenting Eswatini Football Association CEO Frederick Mngomezulu with a kit yesterday at the company's premises in Matsapha. (pic: Sibusiso Masilela)

nering with them was a good thing.

"We urge all companies to follow suit and also support local football. We hope the image of the company will be protected and promoted through football."

He further stated that the kit would help them a lot as EFA.

Eswatini Referee Association Chairman Siphon Kunene said they were grateful to

Mabuyekhaya Pharmaceutical for assisting them. He said the company had always been there for them as referees.

"With the increasing number of referees, this donation would not have come at a better time. We will also do our best to market the company well. We also want to thank EFA for always supporting us," he said.

Musa Mamba new Vovovo coach

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - COACH Musa Mamba has been appointed new mentor for relegated side Vovovo FC for the 2019/20 season.

The former national team Under-20 head coach will be replacing Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini, who left at the end of the 2018/19 season to join Moneni Pirates.

Information gathered is to the effect that Mamba signed a one-year deal with the Motshane-based outfit. He started drilling the team a week ago in readiness for their upcoming MTN National First Division game against the unpredictable Tinyosi FC. "The deal has been already sealed between the two parties. Mamba will be with the team for the 2019/20 season and is seen as a perfect replacement for 'Magiyane'," said the source.

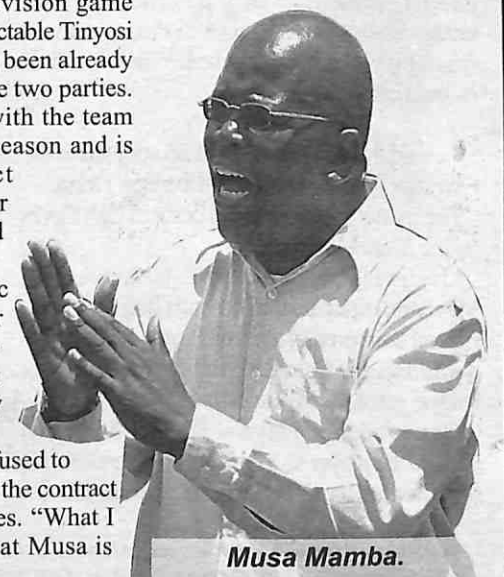
Vovovo FC Public Relations Officer Stan Dlamini confirmed that Mamba was now their new coach.

He, however, refused to reveal the terms of the contract between the parties. "What I can confirm is that Musa is

our new coach and we are happy to have him in our team. We will give him our full support and are hopeful he will take us back where we belong," he said. Mamba also confirmed that he had joined the team.

"I can't promise anything at the moment before I see my team perform in a game situation. However, we will work hard with all the stakeholders and ensure that we get positive results," he said.

Mamba needs no introduction in the Motshane based outfit as he once coached the team in the beginning of the 2017/18 season.



Musa Mamba.

RESULTS

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Baroka	0 - 2	SuperSport Utd
Bidvest Wits	2 - 1	Stellenbosch
Bloem Celtic	1 - 2	Sundowns
Chippa United	0 - 0	Polokwane
Maritzburg United	0 - 1	Black Leopards
Orlando Pirates	0 - 0	Golden Arrows



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EFA wants Allen matter returned to Players Status Committee

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) wants the matter involving Pigg's Peak Black Swallows, Mbabane Highlanders and suspended player Allen Mabuza to return to the Players Status Committee.

This comes after Black Swallows, through their lawyer Zakhele Dlamini, filed an urgent application at the High Court asking for reviewing of the decision to suspend the player.

Mabuza has been cited as the first applicant in the matter while Black Swallows are the second applicant. Chairperson of the Players Status Committee is the second respondent while Mbabane Highlanders are the first respondent.

Abuse

EFA, through their lawyer Sidumo Mdladla, yesterday submitted that the application placed before the court was an abuse of the court system. He said the cardinal rules of the fifth respondent which binds the applicants is that football matters were not to be taken to ordinary courts of law.

He further submitted that the fifth respondent draws a line between 'ordinary court' and arbitration tribunal. He said this, therefore, means that the applicants are compelled to follow procedures of the fifth respondent which is affiliated to FIFA.

"FIFA also make it clear and unequivocal that matters which pertain to soccer are to be resolved through the processes which are established by FIFA. This, therefore, means that the applicants are members of the fifth respondent and cannot use the forums to settle its disputes.

Frowned

"The habit of teams in this jurisdiction of using courts to settle matters goes against FIFA statutes. The practise has become common and it is done at a drop of a hat. Our jurisdiction is now frowned upon by FIFA to the extent that the membership of the fifth respondent is strained due to the recent trend of having 'ordinary courts' deal with football matters," read part of the submissions.

The lawyer averred that the cardinal rule in voluntary associations is that courts would not interfere in the grievance procedures of voluntary associations except in circumstances whereby voluntary association has breached its own constitution.

Approach

He said this approach was also adopted in the Eswatini jurisdiction by Justice Ben Dunn.

The matter is to be argued before High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni.

Meanwhile, it had been established that Mbabane Highlanders Football Club have confirmed their protest against Pigg's Peak Black Swallows for fielding Mabuza in the MTN league game last Wednesday night.

Meanwhile the Players' Status Committee cleared the player to Mbabane Highlanders last night, as the case was heard at Sigwaca House.



PAPIC COMMITS TO ESWATINI!

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER - SIHLANGU head coach Kostadin Papic has pledged his commitment to Eswatini despite attracting interest from other African countries.

The Serbian mentor said he would love to stay with the nation's pride even after his one-year contract with the Eswatini Football Association ends in December.

"I have already declined other big offers because I want to stay in Eswatini in order to finish what I started with the team.

There is nothing official I have conversed with the Football Association over my contract but we have only discussed it verbally.

Securing

"I have a good relationship with the players and my main wish is to see Eswatini players securing moves to bigger leagues and further finish the work that I have already started with the national team," he said.

Papic said he was happy with the way the players were responding to his philosophy.

"We are a work in progress and I must say I am happy with what we have achieved with the players so far. All I want is to stick around and finish what I have started."

Eswatini Football Association Chief Executive

- Has already turned down international offers
- Wants to achieve great things with Sihlangu
- EFA to engage coach on new contract talks

Officer Frederick Mngomezulu said they were yet to discuss the contract of the former Orlando Pirates coach.

"The focus now is the assignments at hand for the squad and we will discuss the contract of the coach in due course when the time is right," he said.

Hurdle

Papic has already helped the nation's pride reach the last qualifying hurdle of the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers where they will face Zambia in the last round of the continent's second premier national competition next month.

The winner for the third round tie will reach the finals of the competition in January next year in Cameroon.

Papic will also lead the nation's pride in the 2021 AFCON Qualifiers and 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.

Sihlangu will play against Djibouti next weekend in the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.

COMMITTED: Kostadin Papic being interviewed by journalists during Sihlangu training in preparation for their WC Qualifiers match against Djibouti at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela)



Arrows add to Pirates' woes

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates barren run in the ABSA Premiership continued as they were held to a 0-0 draw by Golden Arrows at Orlando Stadium yesterday evening.

The Buccaneers struggled to create chances throughout a frustrating evening in Soweto, which ultimately ended without a goal as the hosts extended their run without finding the back of the net to over six hours in domestic competitions.

Pirates, who are now winless in six matches across all competitions, move up to ninth on the log standings while Arrows slip down to sixth following last night's league action.

Abafana Bes'thende created the first chance of the match and should've opened the scoring with 19 minutes on the clock, but Nkosinathi Sibisi headed wide with the goal at his mercy.

Pirates first shot in anger fell at

Gabadiho Mhango's feet four minutes later, but Edmore Sibanda was well positioned to deny the Malawian's free-kick from bulging the back of the net.

The Buccaneers best chance of the encounter came in the 40th minute as Innocent Maela rose highest to meet a Mhango corner-kick, but unfortunately for the defender, his attempt cannoned off the crossbar and out of danger.

Wayne Sandilands was called into action in the 76th minute to deny Nduduzo Sibiba's cheeky lob

from going in. The shot-stopper alive to the danger having been virtually untested up until that moment.

Pirates had a late chance to grab all three points, but Sibanda pulled off a superb save to deny debutant Austin Muwowo, who's curling free-kick in the 90th minute looked destined for the back of the net. Ultimately, another frustrating night for Pirates, who trail log leaders and fierce rivals Kaizer Chiefs by five points.

Soccer Laduma