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CALM DOWN: Correctional Services personnel block the way after hawkers demanded to meet Jomo Khumalo's suspect killer Maxwell Nkambule during his appearance at the High Court yesterday. (Pic: Mduzuzi Mngomezulu) **STORY ON PAGE 6**



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BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

FRANS GETS HIS RESTRAINING ORDER

THE court has granted gospel artist Frans Thembinkosi Dlamini an order directing the woman who claims to be pregnant with his child to desist from spreading stories against him.

The order was issued by Magistrate Innocent Mahlalela at the Manzini Magistrates Court yesterday. This followed singer Dlamini seeking the court's intervention in a matter that has been dragging for weeks now, where Kayise Nhleko, had claimed to have been pregnant.

The two had been pointing fingers

at each other, Kayise claiming to be expecting Dlamini's child, while the singer claimed that he had never had sexual intercourse with her.

In his application, the gospel singer and former Nhlambeni Member of Parliament recalled that in December 2019, he was informed by Nhleko through a phone call that she was pregnant with his child.

Continued

However, Dlamini said he did not recall having sexual intercourse with her.

This, according to Dlamini continued until it got to the local media. Even

then, he said Kayise persisted with calling him during day and night.

"Since she is not prepared to stop harassing me by talking ill about me, may the court assist me with a peace binding order," read Dlamini's application.

Furthermore, the singer also dismissed the allegation that he had influenced the doctor who conducted an ultrasound scan and declared that she was not pregnant.

For all this, Dlamini said it was clear that Kayise's intention was to damage his reputation.

In response, Kayise told the court

that she and Dlamini have known each other since 2014, but later lost touch until late last year when they reconnected on Facebook. She said Dlamini would ask for her pictures, which she sent him, and they later met face to face.

Alleged

During the height of their alleged relationship, Kayise told the court that Dlamini would sometimes visit her at her rented flat in Matsapha and sometimes they would go to a guest house to have quality time.

After informing him that she was pregnant in 2019, Kayise said Dlamini

suggested that she aborted the baby but she refused.

"He blamed me for the pregnancy because he had given me money to buy morning after pills," she claimed.

Decided

Ever since Dlamini decided to distance himself from her, Kayise said she would ask for money to go to the clinic from friends.

To prove that she was indeed pregnant, she said she went to the clinic last Thursday for a check-up, and it was confirmed that she was 14 weeks pregnant.

After listening to the two sides of the story, the order that Kayise should refrain from speaking ill about Dlamini in order to maintain peace was issued.

SICUNUSA ROAD'S E80m BUDGET DIVIDES MPs

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

THE allocation of E80 million for the termination of the contract between government and the contractor engaged to construct the Sicunusa-Nhlangano public road divided the House of Assembly yesterday during the adoption of the ministries portfolio committee reports.

This amount is being requested by the ministry of works and public transport and is contained in the ministry's annual performance report for the current financial year.

Members of Parliament did not seem to agree on how to treat this matter, with a majority of MPs advocating for the approval of the E80 million for the termination of the contract. But, they were stunned by the view of the Chairman of the Portfolio Committee MP Robert Magongo, who seemed to support the view that the amount be placed under Head 60, instead of being allocated in the budget.

The Motshane MP had to be called to order by the Speaker of the House Petros Mavimbela for his seeming opposing view to how the issue had to be dealt with. MP Magongo appeared to favour that the allocation be suspended pending the report and recommendations of the forensic audit report instituted by the ministry of finance.

This would have a telling impact on the budget approval of the ministry of works, something that a majority of the MPs were keen to agree on.

The Speaker reminded Magongo that as the chairperson of the portfolio committee on the ministry of works, his duty was to move for the passing and adoption of the report and not to debate it as that time had passed.

This also was the view of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Corporation Thulisile Dladla, who said that MP Magongo's stance had confused her as she expected the chairperson of the committee to move for the adoption of the report instead of moving for it not to be passed.

Even the Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko found himself having to disagree with MP Magongo, who is his chairman, when he moved for the report to be passed and adopted.

Adopt

"Not that I disagree with my chairman, but I would like to move for the House to adopt the report so we can move forward," he said.

He mentioned that the portfolio committee had decided that the budget allocation of E80 million should be passed so that there could be



progress made in the construction of the road to prevent the loss of more millions that have been invested in the project. He added that the termination of the contract would allow for government to advertise for a new tender process so that the construction of the road could be completed.

He mentioned that if the contract was not terminated, it could be more costly in the future and said it was important to terminate the contract now.

However, with his back against the wall, MP Magongo clarified that he did not request for the house not to pass and adopt the ministry's report but to place the E80 million under head 60 pending the forensic audit.

Meanwhile, Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo requested for clarity regarding whether the funds would be used for construction of the road or for paying the contractor, to which MP Magongo clarified that the funds would be for the termination of the contractor's engagement.

Gege MP Musa Kunene said he was hopeful that the funds would be utilised to pay the contractor's final account, after which government would be able to move forward with the completion of the road.

"The contractor's contract was terminated and we would like to trust government in that the funds will be used to settle the contractor's final account," he said.

Lobamba MP Allen Stewart had reservations on the implementation of the forensic audit recommendations.

He said in the past, government had a tendency of spending money paying consultants for conducting a forensic audit only for the recommendations of the report not to be implemented.

"Why does government waste money to pay for an audit when at the end of the day when someone had to be taken to task, the recommendations were not implemented," he said.

Minister of Public Works and Transport Chief Nduluhlaza Ndwandwe supported the mover and seconded for the passing and adoption of the report taking into account the recommendations made regarding the conduction of an audit report for the Gege Sicunusa road. He also mentioned that it would be more costly to postpone the payment of the final account as in order for this project to be completed, there would be more money spent by government, regardless.

Following a lengthy deliberation on the matter, the House eventually passed and adopted the ministry's report and budget request.

MPs QUESTION 7 MINISTRIES

Meanwhile, seven ministries' portfolio committee debates annual performance reports have been questioned by members of Parliament.

These ministries include the ministry of public works and transport, the ministry of education and training, ministry of natural resources and energy, ministry of tourism and environmental affairs, ministry of information communication and technology, ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs as well as the ministry of home affairs.

Worth noting is that of all the above mentioned ministries, only the ministry of natural resources and energy was the only report that was not passed and adopted by the members of parliament.

The other ministries' performance reports were almost passed and would be included in the budget estimates.

Parliament approves E48m for coronavirus budget

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

PARLIAMENT yesterday took a cautious approach to funding for the coronavirus outbreak preparedness, granting only E48m to the ministry of health for this pandemic.

The measure MPs took yesterday was that they wanted to ensure the funds were utilised for the right reasons, further assuring the ministry that the balance of the E100m requested for the project would be released as and when requested.

The ministry of finance tabled the Supplementary Appropriation Bill No. 5 of 2020, which was tabled in the House of Assembly on Thursday.

The ministry of finance had initially requested for E100 million and the ministry organised a workshop for the finance committee to capacitate the committee members on the contents of the bill. The workshop was held at the Royal Swazi Spa on Sunday due to the urgency of the matter at hand.

Committee Vice Chairperson Lutfo Dlamini yesterday presented the committee report, where he outlined that following the committee's deliberation on the proposed supplementary budget, appropriating the E100 million budget request at once would be of high risk considering the spending pattern of the government.

Committee Chairperson Manzini South MP Thandi Nxumalo also supported the passing and adoption of the bill, while outlining the importance for the country's health sector to be prepared for a possible outbreak.

MP Dlamini said the house, therefore requested to adopt the report of the committee and further approve the supplementary budget amounting to E100 million with conditions that E48 million was to be released with immediate effect and E52 million to be kept under Head 60 Central Transfers until the minister requested for its release from Parliament through the finance committee as the need arose.

"In as much as the ministry requested for E100 million, we cannot just approve the entire requested amount keeping in mind past experiences with government spending," he said.

He said it was important to ensure that the public funds were not lost to *bobhabuli*.

He further substantiated the committee's stance by saying that Eswatini was a landlocked country and the neighbouring countries were also taking their own precautionary measures, therefore the E48m would be enough for a start. "The important thing is that we follow the precautionary measures as a country for prevention and to provide a quarantine area for confirmed cases," he said. Regarding the availability of protective gear in the market, the ministry of health indicated that subsequent to the news of the outbreak in Southern Africa, the ministry made quotations and were in constant communication with government suppliers and they were responding positively; however the ministry had been alerted of an impending shortage in supplies globally.

The committee also enquired from the ministry of finance if the funds were readily available, and were informed that this was an emergency and the ministry of finance would use the available cash collections from SRA to finance the expenditure.

"The good thing is that the expenditure would be in stages not all at once," he said.

Coronavirus in SA:

FOUR MORE TEST POSITIVE IN KZN

DURBAN - A total of seven people have all tested positive for coronavirus.

This is according to Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize, who said all seven are a part of the group of 10 people who returned from Italy earlier this month.

The four new cases are from KZN. This includes a couple from uMgundlovu and two men from the Pietermaritzburg area.

A woman in Gauteng also tested positive.

He was addressing the media during a press briefing yesterday. Mkhize said the tracer team will continue to conduct tests on all those who may have been in close contact with the infected parties.

He added that all seven will be monitored by the team, who will then update the inter-ministerial committee and regular updates will be shared with the public.

In Durban North, two pupils from Chelsea Preparatory tested negative for coronavirus. It is believed that the children were in close contact with the country's first patient recently.

...bringing cases to seven



CONFIRMED: South Africa Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize.

Department of Education Spokesperson Muzi Mahlambe said the children were tested by the National Institute for Communicable Diseases and their tests were negative.

On Sunday, the minister said the Hilton couple's children tested negative for the virus.

Meanwhile, the ministry has slammed all the hoax reports that have been circulating since the country's first

patient was confirmed.

An employee of the National Health Laboratory Service is expected to be disciplined for spreading a voice note falsely claiming there were a number of patients with the Novel Coronavirus at a Durban hospital. RK Khan Hospital has also dismissed messages that they are testing patients and the hospital is under quarantine.

The Mercury

Inter-varsity games 'go ahead' next week

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

IT seems that the University of Eswatini is living in a world of its own, oblivious to the serious threat that is caused by the outbreak of the coronavirus, and leading to the suspension of travel for most countries.

While others are taking precautions, however, the UNESWA student representative body is planning for the intervarsity games next week.

Students have mixed reactions on this decision, especially because the games bring visitors from Botswana and Lesotho, while the local university plays host.

Most students feel that the intervarsity games should be postponed until the coronavirus dust has settled.

The intervarsity games are expected to kick off as of next Monday, preceded by the arrival of students from Botswana and Lesotho over the coming weekend.

Worth noting is that a total of five suspected cases of coronavirus 2019 (nCoV) infection were reported in Botswana.

The first suspected coronavirus case in Botswana was registered on January 30, 2020, announced the Ministry of Health and Wellness on 31st January.

However, all these cases have tested negative for the infection as reported by the government of Botswana on February 5, 2020. It was on this day



ASKED: University's Registrar Dr. Salebona Simelane.

that the government of Botswana also issued a statement advising the public to postpone unnecessary travel to affected countries.

Similarly, the Southern African Development Community Secretariat had issued a communiqué on the temporary suspension of all SADC events.

The communiqué dated March 6, 2020 stated that put on hold all planned SADC events until further notice. Lesotho, Botswana and Eswatini are all members of SADC.

Further, the University of Botswana's withdrew from the BOLESWA intervarsity games due to the virus in South Africa. Due to confirmed cases of the virus in neighbouring South Africa as

of yesterday some students felt it was paramount to postpone the games as a precaution measure.

On the other hand, some students felt the preparations for the week-long event, especially the bash were at an advanced stage, so the event should go on as planned, whether or not the Batswana Band Basotho arrived.

President for the UNESWA Student Representative Council (SRC) Lunga Bisca Dlamini said the intervarsity games would continue as planned due to the fact that nothing had been communicated to either the SRC or the Dean of Student Affairs about the postponement of the event. When asked of his opinion about the situation where there has been several reports of the coronavirus in neighbouring South Africa, Dlamini said he would not say much about it, save for that until the SRC or the university had been instructed to postpone the event, everything would continue as planned.

The University's Registrar Dr. Salebona Simelane asked to be contacted today as the executive and all concerned parties were still discussing a way forward.

When sought for comment, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Training Bertram Stewart said he was not aware of the BOLESWA intervarsity games.

He said he was still to engage the vice chancellor of the university to get a full picture of what is happening in this regard.

'Come for your coronavirus tests'

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

MEMBERS of the public who may want to test for the coronavirus will be happy to know that this is now possible in the country.

Lancet Laboratories has announced that it conducts tests on the coronavirus and for a reasonable fee of course.

Lancet laboratories is one of the largest private laboratory services in Eswatini. The private laboratory was founded over 60 years ago in South Africa, and now operates in more than 14 countries across Africa.

Yesterday Eftyhia Vardas, a clinical virologist at Lancet Laboratories in South Africa, in a press statement announced that they were now doing tests for identifying whether people had been infected with the coronavirus or not.

When contacted yesterday, officers from Lancet Laboratories Eswatini confirmed that they do tests for coronavirus with the approval of a doctor. The officers, however made it clear that they take samples to their South African labs for testing.

According to Vardas, Lancet Laboratories started making its tests available to the public on Monday at a cost of R1 400.

It was reported that the lab will collect epidemiological information on all test subjects to share with the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD).

"We have a screening procedure. We're going to ask you questions about where you've been and what you've done... If you had contact today with somebody coughing and spluttering, it doesn't mean that this test will pick up the virus. Five days later, it might. If you had contact today and demanded a test, it's not going to be helpful. If you had contact with somebody who is ill and has been somewhere (severely affected by COVID-19) ... that's when you should come and see us," Vardas stated.

The virologist stated that testing for now, even in private labs

will be prioritised for individuals who fulfill epidemiological and clinical case definitions and only if referred by a doctor.

"Epidemiological and travel information will still be collected on patients and all results will be shared with NICD, which remains the reference centre for this epidemic," part of the statement reads.

According to the virologist Lancet Laboratories has created a request form to assist that requires dates and location of travel, when the patient returned from travel, as well as symptoms and the date of onset of those symptoms.

In order for one to get his or her results, that person has to wait for 48 hours, Vardas said but this is dependent on where the sample was coming from.

"The cash price is R1400. Medical rates vary dependent on scheme. Discovery has indicated that if test is positive, they will pay for everything from a COVID-19 benefit. If it is negative, it will come out of savings," the statement from Lancet Laboratories reads.

Lancet Laboratories' Gcinile Dlamini said even here in Eswatini the lab did take samples for tests. She said samples were taken and sent to South Africa. So far in neighbouring South Africa by the close of business yesterday, there were seven people who were reportedly tested positive for the virus. According to the statement, results can also be obtained through Lancet's mobile application, Pathportal or via a secure email.

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NKHOSI: Border Restoration Committee Chairperson Prince Guduza delivers His Majesty King Mswati III's speech. He is flanked by (L-R) Inkosi Ndebele, Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders (MHTL) Chairperson Sandile Ngomane, CONTRALESA Secretary General Zolani Mkhiva and Chief Prince Makhosonke at Gogo LaMagadla Royal Residence during the Ummemo ceremony over the weekend. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)

KING LAUDS MBHULENI FOLK FOR UPHOLDING CULTURAL VALUES

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbhuleni, South Africa

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has lauded Mbhuleni residents in South Africa for upholding cultural values and norms as they are almost at par with Eswatini's.

The King was speaking during

Ummemo traditional ceremony which was held at Gogo LaMagadla Royal Residence in Manzana (formerly Badplaas), South Africa.

The King's message was delivered by Border Restoration Committee Chairperson Prince Guduza.

He said there was a little difference in their cultural teams' performances compared to the ones

from Eswatini. He applauded Prince Makhosonke's role in passing the baton to the youth so that they know their culture.

"As we can all see, mostly the youth is participating, which means they will continue with this legacy. We can see the different happy regiments; Lutsango, Imbali and local Sagila Semnikati are united in culture and in this way they will train, educate and share knowl-

edge. The government will also be able to impact regulations and ways of life reaching many people at once," said the King. Adding, His Majesty said the joy that the people had should be long lasting.

As they gather they should also discuss issues and solutions of improving the economy. "We can see that culture is upheld, the challenge now is finding long lasting solutions to the economy and how

people will live. You have educated a number of people as you have qualified lawyers, teachers, doctors, engineers and economists; bring all the experts together to brainstorm and advise on the best way to maintain or even improve the existing economy," stated Okandaba. Adding, the King praised Mbhuleni's Sagila Semnikati and Ingadla for their sterling performance in Eswatini last year. He implored that this year the women regiment should Lutsango join.

Meanwhile, Prince Guduza said His Majesty the King wanted the same teams that performed last year for his birthday celebration.

"The King has blessed April 19 for his birthday celebrations. We believe that the local team will do exceptionally well as they start practising, may they outshine their Eswatini counterparts. Bayethe, Wena waPhakathi!"



EMALANGENI: Mbhuleni Chief Prince Makhosonke delivering his speech while flanked by his brothers Prince Abel and Prince Pat.



KUDLALISELA: King Sobhuza II's grandchildren doing kudlalisela while Sagila Semnikati performed.

Nkomati Mine threatens closure

PRINCE Makhosonke has revealed that Nkomati mine threatened closure during their recent meeting.

He said with his council, they didn't agree with the mine management's decision as it would affect about 5 000 people.


The traditional leader request-

ed Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders (MPTL) Chairperson Sandile Ngomane to contact Minister Gwede Mantashe to intervene as reasons for the closure were not clear.

Appreciated

Further, the chief appreciated donations received to

make the event successful. "May I appreciate all of you, including Feti Sibande Municipality, MEC Mandla Mnisi, Forever Resort Badplaas, Ndalo Hotel and Conference and Pat Bus Service. God bless you nine bakaNgwane. Wasi," he concluded.



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PHEZULU: Ligcabho laMhlekezi performing on Saturday.

We must know our history - Prince Makhosonke

IN the same event, Mbhuleni Chief Prince Makhosonke emphasised on the importance of knowing one's history.

He said this would help curb confusion and lack of knowledge of where people came from originally.

The chief then briefly shared history on how the Dlamini came to rule, defeating many clans, including *emakhandzambili* the Masekos. He said blood was shed before there was peace.

He said he believed that they were closer to God as God loved them, planning for the Dlamini

to dominate mostly in Eswatini and parts of the Mpumalanga Province.

The prince also acknowledged Queen Labotsibeni for the role she played in the African National Congress (ANC) formation.

United

"Let this be your burden comrades that you handle ANC with care, may we be united as the previous leaders, including the Queen, King Moshoeshoe, former President Nelson Mandela and more. They did well, fought a good fight playing their respective roles, showing us the way as they led.

Let us work in unity, collaborating to restore that legacy," he said.

Further, Prince Makhosonke said land that was captured by the whites should be brought back to traditional leaders. He further said Mbhuleni land must not be tampered with.

"Umbhuleni awungatsintfwa, nematayitela akabuyiswe bekunene. CONTRALESA Secretary General Zolani Mkhiva please pass this message to the politicians, let all the land be brought back including places like Lydenburg which belonged to the late King Mswati

II.

The whites said they had a contract with him as he sold them the land for 100 cows," the leader disclosed.

The traditional leader also emphasised on the importance of communication.

He said it was key to communicate grievances in a respectful manner instead of opting for protests, which he loathed.

"Let us fix our issues by going back to the drawing board to negotiations and discuss. I personally hate protests and strike actions, we did it when we were fighting

apartheid; why do it now?

Why are we burning the institutions that offer essential services like schools, municipalities, clinics and police stations? How are we going to access those services?" he wondered.

Adding, Prince Makhosonke acknowledged Prince Mkolishi's educational legacy. He appreciated him for his input as he always encouraged education.

The prince also decried the rise in crime. He rebuked the gang formations in schools. He said should the youth continue with committing crimes, they might even die as the land was guarded by its guardian angel and ancestors.

"Let us always share information on crime with police so that they help curb the crime rate with expedience in the area," urged the leader.



The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Eswatini Communications Commission would like to bid farewell to Mr Petros Dlamini, as he ends his 30 year tenure with Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation.

The Commission wishes Mr Dlamini all the best in his future endeavours.



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GENERAL NOTICE No. 3/2020

PROPOSED DECISION IN TERMS OF SECTION 32 OF THE ESWATINI COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ACT, 2013 ON: THE ESWATINI COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION COMPETITION GUIDELINES 2020.

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Commission, pursuant to its mandate to carry out functions entrusted to it by or under the ESCCOM Act or any other law in an objective, transparent, proportionate and non-discriminatory manner, and in furtherance of its function under Section 7(s) of the Act to ensure fair competition in all communications services, products, operations and activities which the Commission regulates, the Commission hereby issues the "Eswatini Communications Competition Guidelines 2020".

1.2. The Guidelines are issued in accordance with Section 7(c) read together with Section 38(b) of the Act which empowers the Commission to provide information and issue guidelines or codes to the public and to commercial entities with respect to the matters which the Commission regulates.

As part of the public consultation process contemplated in Section 32 of the Eswatini Communications Commission Act, the Commission invites written comments from interested stakeholders and the general public on the Decision document. The Competition Guidelines are available to the public through the Commission's website www.esccom.org.sz

The deadline for submission of comments is **31 March 2020**. Enquiries and comments should be addressed to:

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Jomo's suspect killer granted access to traditional medicine

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
High Court

MURDER suspect Maxwell Nkambule will now have access to his traditional medicine which he has been eager to have as his medical condition appears to be worsening.

This, after the High Court said yesterday that Nkambule should have access to his traditional medicine. Judge Sipho Nkosi said he was of the view that there was nothing wrong with a suspect taking traditional medicine as opposed to Western.

He felt that His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) should allow him to at least take a spoon of the traditional concoction owing to the fact that he was visibly unwell. "I don't think there is a problem in having him take his traditional medicine. I am sure the senior officer from HMCS can attest to this, let him at least have a spoon full of his medicine since he is visibly not well," judge Nkosi said.

One of the correctional officers present in court attested to the Judge's view and Judge Nkosi said Nkambule's relatives can give him the medicine when checking on him at the correctional facility.

Nkambule, who stands accused of having a hand in the murder of businessman Jomo Khumalo, has filed an urgent application for bail



GRANTED: Suspect Maxwell Nkambule.

at the High Court. In his affidavit, he submitted that he desired to have access to his traditional medicine which is kept in a refrigerator at his home. He even stressed before court yesterday that his main concern was that the medicine be kept in a refrigerator back home.

Through his lawyer Osborne Nzima, he informed the court that his health condition was worsening as he was meant to sleep on the floor and that he was not assisted in as far as his heart disease was concerned when he was taken to the Mbabane Government Hospital by HMCS officers. Nzima told the court that his client's joints are worsening. The bail application was again postponed and this time to March 18 for arguments.

Drama as hawkers, relatives bay for Nkambule's blood

ONCE again drama unfolded at the High Court during the appearance of one of the suspects in the murder of businessman Jomo Khumalo, as relatives to the deceased and hawkers bayed for the suspect's blood.

This was during the appearance of businessman Maxwell Nkambule, who stands accused of having a hand in the murder of Khumalo.

Nkambule was appearing at the High Court for his bail application, which is before Judge Sipho Nkosi.

However, the matter could not take off as it was postponed to March 18 for arguments by the Crown and lawyer Osborne Nzima for Nkambule.

Immediately after the postponement, His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) officers who were escorted by the HMCS Rapid Response Unit (RRU) cleared the way from court E.

However, the visibly-angry hawkers and relatives of the deceased, stood next to Court C, where they were heard saying they still needed to see Nkambule.

"Cha siyamdzinga shem yena ke Maxwell," (we really need Maxwell) they said while standing in his way before the HMCS officers could escort him out of court.

However, HMCS officers were quick to bypass the angry hawkers and relatives as they used another exit from Court D down to where their vehicles were parked.

So noisy was the angry mob that comprised mostly women and Phandzela Umtfwana leader Mabhawodi Dlamini, that court orderlies had to push them out of the court building.

Upon reaching the High Court parking lot, the group pulled out their placards with messages castigating Nkambule and calling for his non-release on bail. This time around, the group was driven in a 30 seater Iveco bus while others were in different vehicles.

During their first remand appearance at the Manzini Magistrate's Court in December last year, Nkambule and his co-accused Senzo Sithole were saved from what could have been a worse scenario, as hawkers who had crammed the Court bayed for their blood.

Since his appearance for the bail application, Nkambule's security detail has been beefed up as the RRU is always on guard. Nkambule is the man who together with Sithole stand accused of killing Khumalo in December last year when he was gunned down in broad daylight in Manzini near the traffic circle at the Manzini club.

Syndicate kidnapping

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

THERE is a syndicate which abducts Asians and demands millions from their relatives in ransom.

Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa have been listed as countries where this syndicate operates from.

According to reports from the City Press, this criminal activity seems to be on the rise. Allegations are to the effect that people who are in South Africa arrange fraudulent documents for people in Asia to travel to South Africa from Zimbabwe, Eswatini and Mozambique. It is alleged that as soon as they cross the border, they are flagged and stopped by the police. Reports suggested that this is how the foreigners end up getting kidnapped as abductors contact their families in Asia demanding a ransom for their release.

South African Police Services spokesperson Vishnu Naidoo was quoted by the City Press as having said besides wealthy South Africans who own cash businesses, the officer alleged that the syndicates were also targeting Pakistanis, Indians and other Asians.

"This is how it works: People who are in South Africa arrange fraudulent documents for people in Asia to travel to South Africa from Zimbabwe, Swaziland and Mozambique. As soon as they cross the border, they are flagged and stopped by the police. That is how they get kidnapped. The abductors contact their families in Asia, demanding a ransom for their release." Naidoo is alleged to have stated. "More often than not, the kidnappers demand over R1 million," part of the report reads.

It is alleged that the kidnappers demand that a ransom be paid in Dubai via the



SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR ENTRIES – DESIGN OF SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

Siteki Town council invites capable graphic designers to participate in our Logo design competition, March 2020. We encourage participants to create an artwork that is a true reflection of Siteki based on a selected theme. First, second, and third place winners will be announced after presenting their logos and interpretation of the graphic and colour to the adjudication panel. Winners will receive prize packages from Siteki Town Council and their graphics will be showcased in the venue on the prize presentation day.

Guidelines:

- Contest is open to all graphic designers including those who are scholars.
- All entries should reflect the theme of "LOGO DESIGN - SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL".
- All entries must be original and free of copyright restrictions. This contest may be administered by teachers, parents, guardians, community groups and any other individual or group if need be.
- Winners will be selected by a panel of judges selected by the SITEKI Town Council.
- Clear and legible entry forms must be included with each submission. Omission or illegibility may result in disqualification.
- Entries may use photographs or published images for inspiration, but the submitted entry must be significantly different. The entry must be the entrant's own creation and idea.
- Forms are obtainable from the Siteki Town Council offices from 9th March to 13th March 2020. You can have this form emailed to you by request sent to lindle@stkouncil.co.sz
- There will be a compulsory briefing on 11th March 2020, at 2pm, at Siteki Town Council Board Room.
- Entries will not be returned. Entries must be Delivered to the Town Council by 23 March 2020, 1200 noon. Winners will be announced in April 2020.

DISCLAIMER: All entries become property of the Siteki Town Council. Siteki Town Council has the right to display, reproduce, or otherwise use the submissions. Graphics will not be returned - please take photos of your graphic before submitting. For questions, please contact: sthembele@stkouncil.co.sz

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For more information call 78060549

For and on behalf of
Usutu Forest Products Company Limited.

GOVT HOSPITAL

Ministry of health

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

THE ministry of health has set up a new tender board that will adjudicate on security tenders for government hospitals.

This follows a spate of attacks on nurses by strangers and patients while carrying out their duties. Over the past few months, government hospitals have been left with no security, thus exposing nurses to risks. This was after government failed to pay the service provider which was offering security at the institution.

Nurses engaged with the hospital administration on the issue, but there was no viable solution that came out of that meeting.

This led to nurses delivering a petition to the ministry of health.

Parliamentarians also raised their concern over the lack of security in hospitals.

Sithobelweni Member of Parliament Bhikitje Dlamini asked Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi on what the ministry was doing to sort out the security challenge in health facilities.

In a written response, the minister stat-

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Asians on the rise

Hawala banking system.

It is alleged that Hawala which originated from Asia, is an international remittance system in which people in different jurisdictions transfer money to each other, using brokers, without exchanging physical cash with each other.

Eswatini has had a firsthand experience of Asians being kidnapped and a ransom demanded from their relatives.

Last year this publication ran a story of a Pakistani national who was kidnapped and held captive for three days after exposing his fellow countrymen for sexually abusing their employees.

The Pakistani national even lodged a complaint with the Federal Investigations Agency (FIA).

The FIA is an organisation that investigates certain offences committed in connection with matters concerning the Federal Government of Pakistan and for matters connected with the whole citizens of Pakistan.

According to documents in possession of this publication, Farooq Shahaizb lodged a complaint against his assailants who tried to silence him by kidnapping him.

The reason for lodging this complaint, according to Farooq, is that while he was held captive by the kidnappers, he sent a message to his parents in Pakistan and demanded a ransom of about R550 000 for him to be released safe and unharmed.

Farooq said since his parents were involved in the construction business, they were able to fork out the ransom demanded by his captors.

Not only did Farooq lodge a complaint in Pakistani, but he also opened a case with the local police.

It has since been reported that the issue of kidnappings by the abduction syndicate is on the rise and Eswatini is among one of the countries that have been affected by these activities.

SECURITY CRISIS:

sets up tender board

ed that a new tender board has been set up to deal with the security tender.

She said the ministry was also following up on the pending payment.

Worth noting is that there has been a number of incidents where by nurses were attacked at their workstations recently with the latest incident being that of a man who drew a gun at a government hospital.



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Minors kept in confinement rescued by DPM's Office

BY NONCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

FOLLOWING reports by the publication of two minors who had been kept in confinement by their mother for over two years, Director of Social Welfare Moses Dlamini and his team have rescued the children.

During an interview, Dlamini mentioned that immediately they got the reports on the matter, they acted on it.

He said when they, however, got to Lubhuku in Malindza they found that Phetsile Shiba, the mother of the seven and three-year-old minors had run away with the children.

He mentioned that after hours of searching, they got hold of her while she was hiding in a forest with the children.

"With the help of her brother and the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS), we were able to find her with the children in a nearest forest in the area," he said.

He stated that as they were



DPM Themba Masuku.

talking to the family concerning the behaviour of Shiba, they noted that family issues perpetuated such an act.

He further stated that children should not be affected by family problems because they are innocent.

Dlamini added that they took the children to a proper and safe place.

He observed that Shiba was not mentally stable and needs to be checked before any decision could be made concerning the case.

He stated that they were in shock when they gathered that the children had not been vaccinated in the last three years, adding that the state found proof that no proper medical check-ups had been conducted on them.

Dlamini highlighted that the children were currently being taken care of by the right structures, and proper medical check-ups would be conducted to see where they need assistance.

He added that they would also get the necessary documentation for the children, which would enable them admitted into school. "Her arrest is imminent as she has to face the wrath of the law for what she has done," he said.

He noted that the bad habit of locking children in houses had greatly increased and warned parents to refrain from such behaviour.

Dlamini said children should be allowed the freedom to move, go to school and interact with others their age.

IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOR THE MANZINI REGION SITTING AT MANZINI CASE NO:532/2020

In matters between:
1129 ZERO INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD
T/A SHYLOCK PAWN SERVICES plaintiff
and
BERNADO JOSE Defendant

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to warrant of execution issued in the above mentioned matter. The under mentioned movable property will be sold by public auction by the messenger of court for the Manzini district of Manzini.

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Time: 1030hrs
Date: 16 march 2020

For more information please contact messenger of court (Manzini) SANDILE HLATJWAKO 76120388

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LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Conference Room on the **30 March 2020** starting at **09.00am**.

REGION MANZINI

1. **MAVELA T. SHABALALA**, P. O. Box 183 MANZINI GRANT of a **WINE & MALT** Liquor Licence situated at **MBIKWAKHE** known as **MAVELA'S WINE AND MALT**.

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

SECRETARY LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD
P.O. BOX 451
MBABANE

R/N109864

LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Conference Room on the **26 MARCH 2020** starting at **09.30am**.

REGION MANZINI

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

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Contract Title: Supply and delivery of adolescent girls' toiletry packs
Reference No. BANTWANA/PROCUREMENT/1/2020

Bantwana collaborates with Ministry of Education and Training to monitor and strengthen delivery of the Life Skills Education program in-schools by September 2021. Along with the Life Skills Education, the program also provides toiletry packs to adolescent girls in selected secondary schools with the intention to help keep vulnerable girls in school.

Thus, tenders are invited from suitably qualified vendors for the supply and delivery of adolescent girls' sanitary pads and soap to selected schools across the country.

The scope of work to be carried out under this contract shall include procurement, packaging, storage and delivery of toiletry packs to the selected schools at scheduled intervals across the country.

A complete set of bidding documents in English are to be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon cash payment of a non-refundable fee of E300.00 from 10 March 2020 to 20 March 2020 during work hours 0900 to 1630hrs at the following address:

Bantwana Initiative
Office # 401 - 6th Floor Sivuno Parkade Building, Nkoseluhlaza Street
Manzini

Bids must be delivered to the address above at 10:00 am on the 9 April 2020. Late submission of bidding documents will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address above on 9 April 2020, 10:15 am at the Bantwana boardroom.

Amongst other documents specified in the tender document, Tenderers should also submit the following:

- Company Profile
- Valid trading license
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- Proof of VAT registration
- Copies of latest Form C and J certified by Registrar
- Certified ID Copies of Company Directors
- Three (3) references with contact details
- Original tender receipt of E300.00

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GOVT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES THREE ONE-STOP CENTRES

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE ministry of health in conjunction with the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs yesterday officially opened three one stop centres in three regions.

These centres are located at Lubombo Referral Hospital, Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital in Manzini as well as Mbabane Government Hospital.

A one stop centre is a facility which provides holistic and comprehensive services to victims of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV).

The objectives of these centres are to reduce secondary victimisation of survivors and to reduce the cycle time for the finalisation of cases.

The centres will also help to maximise the conviction rates and restore the survivor to optimum state of health.

The one stop centre offers all different services needed by the survivors of SGBV under one roof.

The services provided by the centres include medical and forensic examinations conducted by medical doctors, as well as physical exam and post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) services. The centre further offers psychological support such as assessment, placement and counselling by social welfare officers.

Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) further offers counselling to sur-



THIS IS IT: Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi shows a booklet during the launch of the 3 One Stop Centres which was held at the Mbabane Government Hospital yesterday. Looking on is Minister of Justice Pholile Shakantu. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

vivors. Legal services are also provided by the Royal Eswatini Police Services and prosecutors.

Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi and Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shakantu toured the Manzini and Mbabane one stop centre.

Notable, the newly-opened One Stop Centre at Mbabane Government Hospital was relocated from the Mbabane Magistrate's Court.

Leading the tour at Mbabane One Stop Centre was Futhi Gamedze-Lushaba, who played a huge role in the establishment of the centres.

Mbabane Government Hospital Management Services Organisation's (MSO) Dr Makhosazane Dlamini said they felt honoured as a hospital to have the one stop centre.



CUT: Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi cuts the ribbon to officially open the One Stop Centre at the government hospital.

She said they would ensure that the centre provided the services required.

Justice Minister Shakhantu said the centres would be linked with courts.

"Survivors would receive progress reports on their cases through a case manager, who will also play the role of victim assistance officer," she said.

She said this would bring relief to survivors by making it easier for them to receive information on their cases.



ACCOMPLISHED: The two ministers pose with the invited guests at the end of the function.

20-year work finally pays off - Minister

MINISTER of Health Lizzie Nkosi could not contain her excitement about the milestone reached by the two ministries in opening three one stop centres in the country yesterday.

Nkosi expressed her excitement while making remarks after touring and the official opening of the three centres at the Mbabane Government Hospital.

The launch of the centres was attended by Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shakantu, USA Ambassador Lisa Peterson, UNICEF representative Dr Alice Akunga and many more.

The minister said children became vulnerable to gender based violence in the early 90s when the HIV pandemic devastated the country. She said they started working with the police and courts while looking at the best place to place a one stop centre.

"This work has taken the best part of the last 20 years," she said.

Nkosi thanked the ministry's partners and the government of the USA, in particular for the work they have continued doing over time.

She further thanked UNICEF for continually doing the work and making sure that the country reached a point where it realised the importance and need for the centres. She said gender based violence (GBV) had become a

huge problem in the country.

She quoted the country's statistics of GBV, which state that one in five women was a victim of gender based violence, saying this translates to 20 per cent of the national population of women in the country. She said it was encouraging to come to a point whereby one can visit a hospital and receive services 24 hours per day.

Nkosi said in the past people used to go to hospital and were told to go to the police station, where they would be subjected to discrimination and abuse.

She said yesterday marked a day whereby survivors of abuse can come to a place where they will be taken care of holistically as all the services will be under one roof. The minister said they were to establish another one stop centre in the Shiselweni region.

"Today marks a day where as a country we are launching something that is really important in terms of not only protecting our citizens but also ensuring that children can grow up safely and we need to continue investing to ensure that these services are a reality," she said.

She further appealed to civil society organisations to continue working together with the ministries, saying a serious collaboration between stakeholders leads the nation to light.

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INGWENYAMA CUP 2019/20



BE VIGILANT: His Majesty King Mswati III responding to questions from Phumlani Msibi of SuperSport at the end of Ingwenyama Cup final at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. The competition also had the culture category which also played at the stadium. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



SIGODLO: Emakhosikati LaMahlangu and LaFogiyane following proceedings during the Ingwenyama Cup final.



GUESTS: His Majesty's special guests Inkosi Mabhudu of Tembe and Inkosi Ndabezinhle Zikhali with Prince Sicelo of the Border Restoration Committee.



SS: SuperSport crew member Mphuti sharing a light moment with a member of the culture committee Thembekile Dlamini.



YOUNGSTER: A young star from Dumbe Sibhaca in song as he led his group.

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Chief Lomngeletjane's wife accused of witchcraft

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A family dispute has seen one of the late Chief Lomngeletjane's wives being forced out of her marital homestead.

Gogo Vangile Dlamini nee Madzinane reportedly left her matrimonial homestead at Sigombeni last Thursday evening after she was allegedly attacked and accused of witchcraft. This follows a long-standing dispute within the Dlamini family.

Information gathered from reliable sources was to the effect that Gogo Vangile, who is estimated to be over 70 years old, was rescued by neighbours after she raised an alarm when she was attacked by youthful members of the family.

It is said Gogo Vangile was lured out of the house by the youth, who claimed that one of her four sister-wives was ill. Subsequently, when the elderly woman left her house and went to her suppos-

edly ill sister-wife's house, the youth from the same family though a different household, is alleged to have called out some children who were in another room and informed them that Gogo Vangile was responsible for their father's death. The assailants reportedly accused the elderly woman of practicing witchcraft on them.

The sources stated that as the youth verbally attacked her threatening to kill her; she panicked and shouted for help.

Commotion

It is said some neighbours came to the scene only to find the elderly woman at the receiving end of the verbal abuse by the youth.

Worth noting is that Gogo Vangile has no children of her own and when she was attacked, no one could rescue her.

Fortunately, the neighbours managed to whisk her out of her homestead unhurt. She was then accompanied by a distant relative to her brother's place about five kilometres away from her matrimonial home.

She is currently residing at her brother, Amos Madzinane's place, who also happens to be Sigombeni's headman.

When questioned if this was a recurring incident, the relative said he could not say much about the family's dispute save for that Gogo Vangile has been living on hand-outs from concerned relatives.

However, due to the strife, the relatives are said to have been stopped from offering any kind of assistance to her. "We have been concerned about her welfare, but we cannot say anything lest we spark the conflict further," said the source.

When sought for comment, Madzinane confirmed that his sister arrived at his home during the night of the incident. He also confirmed that his sister informed him that her assailants accused her of witchcraft.

The headman said his family was still to convene to discuss the matter and a way forward. Madzinane said his sister had reported the matter to the Sigodweni police.



PSAs: Public Sector Associations marching to deliver a petition at SANU recently. (Pic: Bongiwe Dlamini)

SANU management wants clarity on PSAs' involvement

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

SANU management wants clarity on the PSAs' mandate to engage the institution.

The Southern Africa Nazarene University's management, through a written response that was signed by the institution's Registrar, Stanley Ngqwane, stated that it needed clarity because in as much as the public service associations (PSAs) are a recognised entity in government, they remained entirely a government sector association and no bearing outside government.

SANU's response follows that the public sector associations (PSAs) marched and delivered a petition at the Southern African Nazarene University (SANU) on February 28, 2020.

The PSAs called upon SANU Vice Chancellor Winnie Nhlengethwa to stop harassing and denying the students their right to education. The deadline for the institution's response was set for last Thursday, March 5.

When unpacking the petition to the marchers, Sikelela Dlamini, the secretary general of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers, (SNAT) on behalf of all PSAs, said the conduct of the vice chancellor was not only infringing on the right to education and future of the children, but also undermining the laws of the country in as far as running tertiary institutions was concerned.

Dlamini further stated that the institution's vice chancellor's conduct was quickly turning the university into becoming a huge skunk and shall soon bring it to its knees.

The SG said education must be accessible to all people. He said the bashing of SANU students under her leadership and instruction was criminal and inhumane.

The PSAs' march to the university was preceded by the vice chancellor's refusal to allow some students to register for the current semester after they failed to settle their tuition fees before the registration deadline.

Also, greatly affected by this was the Student Representation Council (SRC) leadership, who were suspended in October 2019, and they remained home while impatiently waiting for their verdicts following their disciplinary hearing held in January this year.

The SRC was suspended for

allegedly leading the students in a protest against government's failure to pay allowances in time.

The PSAs demanded that SANU should reinstate the SRC; compensate all affected students for the emotional torture they experienced and also drop the charged laid against the SRC leadership. The PSAs further demanded that the unregistered students should be registered by last Tuesday.

On the other hand, the institution's response noted the mandate endowed upon the PSAs by the Industrial Relations Act of 2000 as amended in respect of socio-economic issues.

Nonetheless, SANU's management pointed out that the PSAs did not adhere to the two days' notice before their engagement in the protest as stipulated in the Act.

Adversely, the letter stated that the affected students remained a part of the institution that always endeavoured to consider their best interests.

"The students should note that the university, through its Senate, will put this matter to finality when it sits for discussions," read the last part of the letter.

When sought for comment on this, the SNAT secretary general confirmed receipt of the response. He said the response was unsatisfactory in that there were two contradictory statements contained therein.

On one hand, Dlamini said the university's management felt that PSAs were overstepping their boundaries while on the other hand, it was of the view that the necessary observations as provided in the Industrial Relations Act were not adhered to.

"This matter concerns us in the basis that before we are PSAs, we are parents plus the affected students are prospective members of the public service associations," he said. Sharing the same view was NAPSAPU Secretary General Thulani Hlatshwako, who said though they are a government sector association; they would not sit and watch the future of their children go to waste.

"The people we were supporting are future members of the public sector workforce, and they are our children. We cannot stand by while things go wrong," Hlatshwako said.

The PSAs' representatives said they were still to convene for a way forward.

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

ACTIVIST and Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities Founder Melusi Simelane stated that homophobia is rooted deep down into the social fabric of the country.

Melusi said this after he was left out of the 'My Love Story' competition. Expressing his feelings about the whole ordeal, Simelane said Eswatini laws and values have a symbolic relationship.

"In the kingdom, laws are based on preferences of a select few and citizens often have little choice, but to abide, in the midst of private and public protest," Simelane said.

The advocacy officer said opportunities of learning become difficult when sentiments of criminality are attached to LGBTQI people and fear of being identified as part of the community stops people from learning or offering allyship.

Explaining his ordeal on the 'My Love Story' competition, which was run in

Activist left out in 'My Love Story' screams homophobia

the country recently, Simelane said experience made was clear to him that rampant homophobia is built not only into laws, but into the social fabric of the country.

Simelane said he joined the competition hoping that his love story would not only be used for competitive reasons but raising awareness of the diversity of love in Eswatini.

Received

He explained that he received a warm welcome from social media, a tool which was used to select the shortlist by voting for the winning story.

"I actually asked someone close to the competition organisers if it was worth sharing a same sex love story, to which I was told everyone was free to join the competition.

"I was never shortlisted, less to my surprise," Simelane stated.

He alleged that he later learnt that there was a plot to omit his name from the list.

He lamented that if this did not define personal feeling against sexual diversity, it must be a personal vendetta. Simelane wondered why it would seem improbable to have a sexual diverse relationship afforded the same opportunities as any other. He added that this speaks to the suffering that LGBTQI persons are subjected to Eswatini.

"Our identities are denied at best or reduced to sexual deviance at worst. This is only if we are not demonised by the highest authorities in government," Simelane stated.

Worth noting is that such comes at a time when there has been a call by international organisations for SADC countries to start committing themselves in policies protecting human rights which the countries committed to.

'Bomber' tells court of attack by armed robbers

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High court

ESWATINI Football Association (EFA) President Adam Bomber Mtsetfwa yesterday related to the High Court how he was robbed of his gun (a pistol) and Mercedes Benz car keys by armed robbers.

The football administrator was giving evidence while being paraded by Crown counsel Nolwazi Mabila during the trial of Sifiso Mandlazi before Judge Doris Tshabalala.

Relating the events that unfolded during the robbery in 2014, Mtsetfwa told the court that he had just closed shop at his business in Ezulwini on the night in question when he decided to check on Eswatini Under 19 national team that was camping at the technical centre at

Lobamba.

He informed the court that he was in the company of two ladies unknown to him as he had given them a lift from Ezulwini to Lobamba.

"I parked near the national stadium to answer to a call of nature and at that moment, a car moving at high speed approached.

The occupants of the car alighted and went for my car, and upon seeing their motive, I ran for dear life, leaving my passengers behind," he said.

He said it



TESTIFIES: EFA President Adam Bomber Mtsetfwa.

the robbers had left that he went back to his rented car and discovered that his pistol, keys to his Mercedes Benz and an iPad, amongst others items, had been stolen.

Mtsetfwa said he went to the report the attack to Lobamba Police Station, where statements were taken from him and his passengers.

When questioned if he knew the accused persons, Mtsetfwa replied to the negative and stated that he could not see his attackers since it was already at night.

The trial continues as the Crown is yet to parade more witnesses.

GOVT WANTS TO PROCURE CORONAVIRUS EQUIPMENT

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE ministry of health is trying by all means possible to ensure that the country is ready to fight the coronavirus.

As part of strengthening the country's health systems and ensuring it is ready to fight the pandemic, the ministry is looking for suppliers of the necessary equipment. This was confirmed by Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi.

She said currently government was looking to procure case management commodities in preparedness for the coronavirus should it strike.

Nkosi said the ministry would be engaging all suppliers be willing to supply the commodities. The minister added that the stock that will be procured by the ministry

will also cater for vaccination for flu.

This comes after the ministry tabled a E100 million budget for the coronavirus. Detailing the use of the money, the minister mentioned that there was currently a shortage of staff in the health sector and some of the funds would be used to engage 55 nurses to boost the current staff.

In purchasing

The money will also help in purchasing equipment such as scanners and protective items at the entry points in Eswatini, as well as drugs that were in short supply.

The minister mentioned that there was a need to address the shortage of transportation, especially for planned activities such as contact tracing and response team activities.

She said there was also a need to provide preventive medication for the elderly and the young in preparedness for the upcoming

flu season. She said as much as these drugs would not prevent contracting the virus, they would be crucial in boosting the immune system as the country approach the flu season in the next six weeks.

She said there was a need to be prepared for the upcoming flu season.

She added there were currently six scanners donated by international organisations and there were 3 000 units of protective clothing suits, but indicated that there was a need to purchase more as they would only be used once and then destroyed to prevent further contamination in case of an outbreak.

The ministry is also looking for suppliers of 16 items needed to fight the pandemic. The items to be procured include over 10 000 face masks in different sizes, 5 000 gloves, alcohol and hand sanitisers, quadrivalent influenza vaccines, amongst

others.

The ministry is further looking for COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE), which includes long sleeved, fluid repellent disposable gowns with head cover in all sizes, surgical scrubs, disposable water resistance apron and many more.

More handheld infrared temperature scanners are required and fever screening systems. The minister said once the ministry had successfully procured all the equipment, they will start rolling up with the vaccinations for flu, as well as other work related to coronavirus.

Notable, the ministry has set aside two hospitals as quarantine centres, which are the Lubombo Referral Hospital and TB Centre at Moneni. The minister said the Lubombo Referral Hospital would accommodate about 200 beds from the

16 present ones.

Signs of coronavirus:

- Runny nose
- Coughing
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fever
- A general feeling of being unwell

General advice to people on how they can protect themselves:

- Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Frequent hand washing, especially after direct contact with ill people.
- Avoid unprotected contact with farm or wild animals.
- People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover cough and sneeze with disposable tissues or clothing and wash hands).
- Within health care settings, enhance standard infection prevention and control practices in hospitals, especially emergency departments.
- No restriction on travelling and trade

'Eswatini not harnessing the power of women'

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

UNITED States of America (USA) Ambassador Lisa Peterson says as the country is faced with a fiscal crisis, it loses 50 per cent of its potential by not harnessing the power of women.

Peterson was speaking during the International Women's Day leadership seminar held on Saturday at Silverstone Lodge in Mbabane.

The seminar was attended by women from all walks of life and ages. It was aimed at empowering women in leadership, as well as those aspiring to be in leadership positions to continue working hard and breaking barriers created by societal norms and assumptions about women.

The ambassador said the country should recognise the potential of women and the role they could play in economic recovery and growth. She urged women to be prepared and step up and meet the challenges posed by life.

Peterson urged as women to channel their energies encouraging and bolstering the confidence of others to join the cause. She said it was high time Swati women worked together to break down barriers to women political participation, counter negative gender stereotypes and chop away social norms that block women from participating in the economy across a huge range of sectors, as well as learn to mentor the next generation of female leaders.

Challenges

She said, however there were challenges in giving women a voice in the policy and legal processes that affected them. The ambassador said this challenge was similar across Africa. She mentioned that there were women across the continent that had enabled young women to see role models and aspire to carry human rights of women to the next level.

She named Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya and Judge Qinisile Mabuza for breaking glass ceilings and serving as role models for young women beyond the country.

In as much as the country has women that are breaking barriers, Peterson said it was unfortunate that other subtle barriers also existed that blocked women's ability to secure the same rights and opportunities as men in Eswatini. She cited access to justice as a barrier for women in the country. This is because people with limited financial



FULL HOUSE: Women came in their numbers to take a piece of wisdom from USA Ambassador Lisa Peterson at the International Women's Day seminar held at Silver Stone Lodge in Mbabane.

resources have the greatest difficulty in getting justice because of the cost of legal support.

"Because women often have poor economic opportunities, they can be overly represented in the population of people who cannot access justice," she said.

The ambassador said there was a great interest of legal aid bill in the country, which should be a way to open up legal support to those at the lowest end of the economic spectrum. She said it could be a

laudable step towards expanding access to justice in the country.

"Still if the country does not address strict limitation on who is permitted to represent clients in court, the proposed legal aid bill might offer a dream of representation without opening the pathway to make that dream a reality," she said.

Peterson said other countries had found ways to address the problem without undermining the economic model of legal practice.

The ambassador said Eswatini needed to find a similar solution so that all people have a chance to be heard by a neutral arbiter. She said the change could benefit everyone who currently cannot have their day in court, from the man trying to retain his claim to a piece of land to a women seeking protection from a violent partner.

The ambassador said from the days of Queen Labotsibeni to the present, Swati women have worked tirelessly to shape the country and society.

"From running their homes while their husbands travelled long distances in search of employment, to influencing policies and shaking foundations," she said.

She applauded Swati women in science and technology, women leaders in business, sports, educators and all exceptional women.



POWER: United States of America Ambassador Lisa Peterson addressing participants during the International Women's Day seminar. (Pics Nonduduzo Kunene)

Ezulwini Town Board driver on trial for forged fuel coupons

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

AN alleged flawed system for purchasing fuel at the Ezulwini Town Board has seen a former driver face charges related to forgery of fuel coupons.

According to the Town Board's former accountant Bhekithemba Gama, he discovered that Londi Sihlongonyane had forged his signature in order to forge several fuel coupons.

Sihlongonyane is on trial for forgery, after he was said to have forged 20 litres worth of fuel coupons, while under the employ of Ezulwini Town Board. Gama testified that on the day in question, he was out of office, attending an assessment of the town board's sites. "However, when I returned, I discovered that Mlondi returned the fuel coupon book through my assistant. After he submitted the fuel coupon book, I requested my assistant to request a statement from Value Motors, where the board's vehicles fuel its vehicles.

He discovered some anomalies, which he stated were some coupons which had been torn out, although had appeared on the statement.

"When we enquired further from Value Motors, they informed me that the signatures on the forged coupons belonged to me. I never could have signed any documents as I was out of office for the better part of the day," Gama stated.

Gama recalled that out of all the forged coupons, Sihlongonyane's name was recurring.

"His name was signed on all the forged coupons, a fact which was confirmed by the petrol attendant that day. After we saw the first forged coupon, we checked the

legitimacy of the coupons and discovered several more, which had been forged.

"Londi was the only driver on duty that day, and his signature was the common denominator on all the forged coupons," he recalled.

On the other hand, Jabulani Madze told the court that he was assigned as acting assistant supervisor that day, and one of his duties was to accompany Sihlongonyane to purchase fuel for one of the board's trucks.

"I was meant to be deployed to Mid-Way to tend to the landscape; however I received a call from assistant supervisor Sifiso Dvuba, to assume his duties as he was out of office.

Instructed

He instructed me to assign a driver to take me to purchase fuel for the grass-cutter. I then went to fill in the vital information in the fuel coupon book, and since Gama was out of office, his assistant assisted me with his office signature," Madze recalled.

Madze testified to the effect that after Gama's assistant signed the fuel coupon book, he assigned Sihlongonyane to drive him to purchase the fuel.

"We took one of the board's LDVs, and drove to Value Motors purchase fuel. When we arrived, we purchased fuel amounting to 20 litres. What happened was, there are only three people who sign the fuel coupon book, who is the accountant, driver and fuel attendant. After the fuel attendant signed the book, we left for the office and I left the book, so Londi could submit it to the accountant's office," he concluded.

The matter was postponed to April 6, 2020 as the prosecution prepares to parade four more witnesses.

Genesis **donates** wireless radios to community police

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

IN a move to ensure effective security for the area and businesses, Genesis Investments has donated wireless radios to Kwaluseni community police.

Genesis Investments Director Sibusiso Vilane said as business people, they were concerned about the safety of their businesses and that of the people around Kwaluseni.

He was speaking during the presentation of the two-way radios held at Sigodvweni Police Station over the past weekend.

Vilane said community police were playing a very vital role in ensuring that the area was safe, hence the business environment was made conducive.

The businessman said his company saw it fit that the community police were assisted with communication tools that would make their work easy during patrols and responding to emergencies.

"We are doing this as means of appreciating the good work done by the community police; we decided to also join hands in the fight against crime since we want to operate businesses from the place and hire the local people," he said.

Vilane added that he was happy to see the passion and dedication that was



THANK YOU: Maradona Dlamini thanking the kind gesture by Genesis Investments.

shown by Kwaluseni community police in fighting and preventing crime.

He said their efforts would never go unnoticed. He also urged government to make sure that in the near future, community police were also paid monthly salaries which would motivate them while doing their job.

Adding, he said as a company they wanted to assist the police in minimising crime, not only in Kwaluseni but in

Matsapha as a whole.

"We want to create an investor-friendly environment and we want to make sure that investors see Matsapha as a perfect investment destination," Vilane said.

The event was attended by Royal Eswatini Police Service's Crime Prevention Department offices and Sigodvweni Police Station Commander Superintendent Patrick Ginindza.

When making his remarks, Crime Prevention's Inspector Jabulani Dlamini said as the police service, they were happy to see businesses people coming on board in the fight against crime.

He said with the assistance of Genesis Investments, he was sure that crime would be minimised as there will be effective communication between the community police and REPS.

Dlamini then urged the community police to make sure that they took care of the equipment so that it did not fall in wrong hands as that may put their work in jeopardy.

"Genesis Investments has come at the right time when the country is doing all it can to ensure security and prevent crime at all levels of society.

"I think this will set a good example to other business people as they will also join hands and assist in the fight against crime," Inspector Dlamini said.



SAFETY FIRST: Genesis Investments Director Sibusiso Vilane posing with Sigodvweni Police Station Commander Superintendent Patrick Ginindza and Crime Prevention's Inspector Jabulani Dlamini during the presentation of the Two Way Radios for Kwaluseni community police. (Pics: Bongumusa Simelane).



IT'S YOURS: Genesis Director Sibusiso Vilane shakes hands with one of the community police Maradona Dlamini.



ESWATINI ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

EXTERNAL LEGAL SERVICES

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified service providers to provide External Legal Services for Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA).

Terms of Reference of this tender may be accessed from the websites of Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPPRA) i.e. www.sppra.co.sz and ESERA, www.sera.org.sz

The closing date for submission of tenders is Wednesday, 25th March, 2020 at 12H00. Late, incomplete, telephoned or telegraphic tenders will not be considered.

Tenders should be submitted with original receipt as proof of payment of a non-refundable tender fee of E350.00

Completed tenders should be delivered in a sealed envelope into the tender box at the Reception of Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority located at the First floor, RHUS Office Park, Karl Grant Street, Mbabane, Eswatini and should be clearly marked with the words:

ESERA/RFP/07/2019-2020: PROVISION OF EXTERNAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE 2020/2021 AND 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEARS

All enquiries relating to these tenders may be addressed to Ms Nozuko Xuba-Hlophe on email - nhlophe@esera.org.sz

The Authority does not bind itself to accepting the lowest or any tender.



READY TO WORK: The community police representatives posing with the equipment that was donated by Genesis Investments.

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ALLOW: Men who were part of the ceremony following proceedings.

OUR HUSBANDS DON'T WANT US TO ATTEND BUGANU-LUTSANGO

STORIES BY STARSKY MKHONTA
Ka-Gwegwe

INKHOSATANA Gelane, the acting chief of KoNtshingila has learnt with dismay some of the reasons why women from the area were not participating in national ceremonies such as Buganu.

The women from the area told the Inkhosatana that she should not be surprised with the poor turnout in activities that needed Lutsango regiment as their husbands and partners were against seeing them being part of these events.

This was related to the Inkhosatana during the annual local Buganu ceremony held on Saturday at Ka-Gwegwe, which is Gelane's stronghold. One of the women said their

partners accused them of sleeping around whenever they sought permission to be part of national events, especially Buganu Festival.

This was after Inkhosatana Gelane raised concerns over the poor attendance, where she wanted to know the reasons. "I am not impressed with the attendance.

"I wonder where the women of KoNtshingila are. Are the men we are seeing here without wives? Do men from this chiefdom have to start scouting for partners who will be active in ceremonies like this one? Should they start looking for women from other places who will respect culture not only practices by us people of KoNtshingila but by the country as a whole?" wondered the acting chief.

The acting chief was keen to know what exactly discouraged women to participate in events that were meant to promote culture. A crowd from the women regiment started shouting responses. "We have challenges as our husbands are discouraging us from participating in such events, especially Buganu ceremonies. We may have interest to participate but if your husband is the one frowning at this, you find yourself with no option but to stay at home.

"Our husbands feel we attend such events with the purpose of cheating. They think we sleep around whenever we attend these ceremonies," said some of those present.

The revelation seemed to worry the acting chief, who listened attentively to what was raised.



DANCE: Inkhosatana Gelane dancing with Lutsango of KoNtshingila.

...Such men do not deserve to live - Gelane

IN response to the women's submissions at the local Buganu Ceremony Inkhosatana Gelane said men who don't allow their partners to participate in cultural events did not deserve to live.

The acting chief said no men should deny their partners from attending cultural events, those doing that were looking down upon what kept Emaswati united. "Men who feel their wives or partners sleep around when attending cultural events have got it all wrong.

If they think attending such an important event was promoting immorality and promiscuity, they are wrong. "What can stop women from



DESERVE: KoNtshingila Acting Chief Inkhosatana Gelane dancing with Sakhile Shongwe during the annual ummemo/buganu ceremony at KaGwegwe on Saturday.

cheating even when they are with them in their homes? This is weakness on the part of men

who are insecure.

Men should not insult our culture," said Inkhosatana Gelane.



PUBLIC NOTICE

REOPENING OF A GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE BOND SGIFB007 MATURING 31 JULY 2026 TO THE SUM OF SZL 100,000,000

Issued Under the SZL 2,000,000,000 Infrastructure Bond Programme, 2017

On behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Central Bank of Eswatini is announcing the reopening of a Government Infrastructure Bond SGIFB007 maturing on 31 July 2026. The coupon rate for this bond is fixed at 9.75%. The Auction Date shall be 26 March 2020 for the sum SZL 100,000,000 (One Hundred Million Emalangeni).

The Bond will be issued by competitive multiple bid auction and is open to the public including individuals, corporate and institutional investors. All investors should apply through the Primary Dealers who are the four local Commercial Banks.

The purpose of the issuance is to raise finance capital for infrastructure projects which seek to stimulate economic, business and social development.

The applicable Pricing Supplement and other relevant documents pertaining to the issuance is available for viewing at the Financial Markets Department of the Central Bank of Eswatini situated in the 3rd Floor, Umntsholi Building in Mbabane, as well on the Central Bank website www.centralbank.org.sz

The Central Bank of Eswatini invites interested parties to contact their commercial banks or collect application forms and further details at the Financial Markets Department, Central Bank of Eswatini, Mahlokohla Street,

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Specific details for the Government Infrastructure Bond are contained in the following "Call to Tender" table:-

CALL TO TENDER

REOPENING OF A 9.75% FIXED COUPON GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI INFRASTRUCTURE BOND SGIFB007 - AUCTION TO BE HELD ON 26 MARCH 2020

The Central Bank of Eswatini as agent for the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini invites bids for the above Government Infrastructure Bond whose terms and conditions are summarized as follows:

1. Issuer	Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini
2. Amount	SZL 100,000,000 (One Hundred Million Emalangeni)
3. Greenshoe / Over-allotment option	The Issuer reserves the right to allocate an additional amount of up to 50% of the amount on offer
4. Procedure for bidding	Investors to submit application forms for bids through their Primary Dealers. Investors should ensure that applications are submitted timely in order that all bids are captured on the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) before 10:00am on the auction date.
5. Auction date	March 26, 2020
6. Settlement date	March 31, 2020
7. Form of issuance	Paperless (Central Securities Depository)
8. Auction results	Auction results shall be made available on the Bank's Website immediately after the auction.
9. Yield	Yield to Maturity to be quoted in multiples of 0.005%
10. Minimum bid size	SZL 10,000 for individual (non-competitive) bidders SZL 1,000,000 for Institutional direct bidders
11. Interest payment date	31 January and 31 July in each year
12. Coupon	Fixed at 9.75% per annum
13. Day count convention	Actual/365
14. Tax	Interest income is not subject to any withholding tax
15. Currency	Eswatini Lilangeni (SZL)
16. Redemption date	31 July 2026
17. Listing	Issued under the E2,000,000,000 Infrastructure Programme, 2017, listed on the Eswatini Stock Exchange
18. Trading	Secondary market trading in multiples of SZL 10,000 to commence on 08 April, 2020
19. Defaulters	Successful bidders who fail to honor their obligations on time will be disqualified from participating in one subsequent bond auction.

The Central Bank of Eswatini reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

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FIGHT CRIME: Eswatini Cornerstone Association Chairperson Nkosingiphile Dlamini flanked by crime prevention officers Zonke Dlamini and Lusendvo Dlamini.

Former convicts partner with police to fight crime

SOCIETY is more often faced with challenges when it comes to accepting former convicts back in communities after they have served their time at correctional facilities.

Thousands of Emaswati have at least once served time in prison for various reasons.

It is also common observation that a greater fraction of former inmates have difficulty when they go back to their respective communities.

To bridge this gap, a group of former inmates have formed an association with the intention to fight crime in the communities and reconnect former convicts with their families and communities.

The association, which is registered as Eswatini Cornerstone, has branches in the regions. One of them is situated at Maphungwane and has 24 members.

Chairperson of the Maphungwane branch, Nkosingiphile Dlamini, said their main aim was to discourage the youth from engaging in crime. The association partnered with the police under the Crime Prevention Department as they run programmes in the communities.

Dlamini met with the Lubombo police yesterday to seal a partnership in the fight against crime. He said former convicts were empowered with life skills and encouraged to start income generating projects.

Adding, Dlamini said they were happy that the royal kraal had also given its blessings and a platform to educate the youth about the consequences of crime.

Partnership

Meanwhile, Lubombo Crime Prevention Officer Sergeant Bonwa Simelane said the partnership with the former convicts was more of a breakthrough in the fight against crime.

He disclosed that over the years, they hosted crime prevention programmes in the communities, but they lacked a crucial expertise when it comes to the experience of former convicts.

"During our previous programmes, we only discussed consequences of going to prison, but we now have people who have first-hand information," said Simelane.

Simelane added that they would now give a platform to the former convicts to share their experiences when they host

crime prevention programme in the communities.

He said they were hoping that the message would be much clearer when shared by someone who was behind bars and missed out on some opportunities.

He acknowledged that some people found themselves arrested for crimes they committed out of ignorance.

He said their partnership with the former convicts would, therefore, go a long way in fighting crime.

During our previous programs, we only discussed consequences of going into prison, but we are now going to have people who have first-hand information

Former convicts plan to establish halfway homes for the rehabilitated

STIGMA and rejection by the communities and families are said to be amongst the causes of former convicts committing crime and finding themselves re-arrested.

The Eswatini Cornerstone Association is planning to implement measures which would prevent former convicts from going back to crime.

The association's chairperson, of Nkosingiphile Dlamini, said one of their objectives was to ensure that former convicts do not engage in criminal activities again.

Disclosed

He disclosed that many former convicts found it difficult to settle back in their communities after serving time in prison. He said some were rejected by their own families while others were snubbed by the communities.

As intervention, the association plans to establish halfway houses for former convicts.

"If things go according to our

plans, each chiefdom will have one halfway-home for former convicts," said Dlamini.

Dlamini explained that such structures would accommodate former convicts who find it difficult to reconnect with their families for a specific period while means to make the families accept them are made.

Dlamini said this would prevent situations whereby former convicts find themselves committing crime again due to being homeless.

Convicts

He said some former convicts found their homesteads either dilapidated or destroyed by aggrieved parties. Dlamini said they were also planning to facilitate training programmes where the youth would be empowered with life skills.

"We want to replace crime with self-sustainability projects in the communities. This is after noting that many young people engage in crime as a result of poverty," said Dlamini.

Major crackdown on stock theft in the pipeline- Lubombo RC

ROYAL Eswatini Police Service (REPS) in Lubombo is planning a major operation to curb stock theft in the region.

This was disclosed by Lubombo Regional Commissioner Musa 'Magic' Zwane following a meeting with the South African Police Service (SAPS) last month.

Zwane said the major operation would focus mainly on stock theft in the southern part of the region.

During the bilateral meeting with the South African police, Zwane said transpired that most livestock be stolen from areas such as Lavumisa, Mndobandoba, Mambane and others was smuggled to the neighbouring coun-

try.

Goats are said to be the most sought after livestock.

"An identification operation will be launched soon, whereby farmers will have to provide proof of ownership for each goat.

Criminals

"It was gathered that some rustlers are producing fraudulent livestock permits to farmers who buy the stolen goats," he said. The regional commissioner added that they would run the operation in partnership with their South African counterparts.

It was gathered that livestock stolen from areas such as Lavumisa was recovered at Hluhluwe, a rural community in the South Africa.

Woman fined E600 for pelting another with stones

A woman of Magwanyana had to fork out a sum of E600 to gain freedom after she was arrested and charged with assault.

Bongekile Matsenjwa (31) assaulted Dudu Maziya by pelting her with stones.

The complainant sustained injuries

in the arms and body.

During her appearance before the Eswatini National Court, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge.

The complainant told the court that the accused assaulted her after an argument over a petty issue. She said Matsenjwa accused her of undermining her when they met at a local grocery shop. The complainant said she retaliated to the accusations, something that subsequently earned

her the assault. The accused person did not object to the submissions made by the complainant.

Guilty

She was accordingly found guilty and sentenced to six months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E600 fine.

Woman threatened with knife for sex

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Magistrate's Court

A 34-year-old man has been arrested after he allegedly forced a woman to have sex with him while threatening her with a knife.

Bhunu Mamba has been held after contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act.

According to information sourced, Mamba was said to have approached Tenhlanhla Dlamini on March 2, where he allegedly proceeded to attempt to convince her to have sex with him, which she alleged-

ly vehemently refused.

However, Mamba allegedly persisted with his request by threatening Dlamini with a knife, while pushing her on to a bed. He was then said to have threatened her, saying he wanted to have sex with her. This, Mamba was said to have done while brandishing a knife.

During his appearance before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini, Mamba filed his bail application before the court, stating that he had four school-going children to look after.

"Your Worship, as I stand here, I have four children who are dependent on me for their welfare. I plead

with the court to grant me bail, in order for me to be able to make some money to look after them.

Their mother and I are no longer together, so it is all up to me to look after them," Mamba stated.

The court granted him his wish and admitted him to bail fixed at E2 000. He was further remanded back into custody until March 13.

Mamba was further warned not to interfere with State witnesses, while the matter is pending in court.

TEENS GET FOUR YEARS FOR HOUSE-BREAKING, THEFT

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

TWO teenagers have been sentenced to four years in a correctional facility after being found guilty of breaking into two different homes and stealing items worth E26 000.

The accused persons Ntokozo Shiba (19) and Samkelo Mamba (18) appeared before the Magistrate's Court, where they faced two counts of house breaking and theft.

On the first count, the accused persons acted jointly in furtherance of a common purpose and unlawfully broke into a house belonging to Sinenhlanhla Dlamini and stole items valued at E16 800. The items included an iPad, video player, clothing and money.

They faced a similar charge on the second count, in that they wrongfully and unlawfully broke into a house belonging to Cyril Matse and stole items valued at E9 900.



Both cases were committed at Mpolonjeni. The accused persons pleaded not guilty to both counts when they made their first appearance last year.

The Crown led several witnesses to prove the commission of the offences. The first complainant told the court that her rented flat was broken into while she was away for the weekend. She said she received a phone call from the landlord, informing her about the break-in.

The break-in was subsequent-

ly reported to both the State police and community police. The complainant said a few weeks later, one of her clothing items was found in possession of a resident of the area. When questioned, the said resident led the community police to one of the accused persons, saying he bought the item from him.

The second complainant in the matter also related similar events on how his items were stolen and some of them recovered.

A community police member

also presented evidence before the court highlighting that the accused persons were also known as wayward in the community.

During the presentation of evidence, both accused persons eventually admitted breaking into the said houses. They were accordingly found guilty by the court.

On each count, the accused persons were sentenced to two years in a correctional facility with an option to pay E4 000 fine.

The sentences were ordered to run separately.

E5 000 stolen, boy and mom quarrel

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

A young man (19) was apprehended by security guards after he allegedly stole his mother's money and cellphone before sexually assaulting her near the Plantation Forestry Company last week.

The man who was eventually apprehended by First Action security guards is said to have stolen E5 000 in cash before spending E2 000 on his unemployed girlfriend at Killarney.

Before leaving his mother's home, the accused is alleged to have exposed his private parts to her in a final act of defiance. Due to the fact that the incident involves sensitive accusations of sexual assault, the name of the man and that of his mother have been withheld for ethical reasons. Speaking yesterday, well-placed sources said the young man stole the money after seeing the hand bag on top of the television set.

"Information we have suggests that the young man had asked his mother to give him some money so that he could go out drinking with his friends at one of the many bars in Pigg's Peak. "We are not sure if the mother usually sponsored her son's habits but on this particular day the mother declined to part ways with her hard earned cash.

"Minutes after declining the unsuspecting mother left her handbag on top of the television. The man then decided to help himself to E5 000 of his mother's money and her smartphone," said a source.

The mother then called one of the security guards who looked for the suspect around Pigg's Peak until he found him a few hours later.

After finding him, he was swiftly taken to the police station, where E3 000 of the stolen money was recovered. When reached for comment, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said both the accused and his mother appeared at the Pigg's Peak police station to find common ground with investigating police officers as both parties felt aggrieved.

"Information I have suggests that the accused claimed that he never stole his mother's money because she is the one who stole his money. Due to this confusion, both parties discussed at the Pigg's Peak police station and no criminal charges were brought forward by both parties," she said.



ARRESTED: First Action Security guards apprehending the suspect.

SODV accused pays sexually violated woman E250

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A garage owner claims he paid his victim a sum of E250 to settle a case where he allegedly sexually violated a married woman.

Eric Mgcibelo Nhlabatsi (34) of Mahlangatsha under Chief Mlobokazana told the court that he was shocked to learn that the woman who claims to have been sexually violated by him had taken the legal route after he had paid her E250.

Nhlabatsi appeared before Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo at the Malkerns Circuit Court.

Nhlabatsi faces a charge after he allegedly sexually violated one *Dumile (38) by touching her private parts until he climaxed on the floor without her consent. The incident happened at Nhlabatsi's garage at Mafini, in Malkerns.

Subsequently, Nhlabatsi contravened the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act 15 of 2018. Evidence brought before court

by Dumile was to the effect that on the day of the incident, she was passing by Nhlabatsi's garage headed for Shoprite when he called her over. Since she had seen him around her place of work, Dumile said she went closer to Nhlabatsi, who had claimed to have wanted to assist her carry a parcel.

Focused

Further, Dumile alleged that as she got closer, Nhlabatsi pretended to be taking out some money. While focused on what he was doing, the 38-year-old woman claimed that the accused person grabbed and pulled her inside a makeshift house made of corrugated iron. She said they wrestled until she fell to the ground.

While they were wrestling, Dumile alleged that Nhlabatsi moved his hands under her skirt and through her underwear. At this point, Nhlabatsi had already unzipped his pants and his genitals were showing.

While at it, Dumile said she pleaded with him to let go of her as she was feeling weak resultant

of the fact that she is asthmatic. In response, Nhlabatsi allegedly told her that he was going to help her get rid of the sickness with what he was doing to her.

Noticing that she was not winning the negotiation, Dumile said she told her assailant that he was not going to violate her.

Continued

The two continued to wrestle, Dumile trying to free herself from Nhlabatsi who was also fighting with her. This is said to have taken about 30 minutes before Nhlabatsi finished.

The woman told the court that while she was being violated by Nhlabatsi, he told her how much he had lusted on her every time he saw her pass by his garage.

On the flip side, Nhlabatsi told the court that he had only grabbed Dumile by her hand. He said he did this when she wanted to leave him while he was still proposing love to her.

According to Nhlabatsi, Dumile said she was rushing somewhere and that she would return the fol-

lowing day.

However, since he was drunk, Nhlabatsi said he realised that he had wronged her and he asked for forgiveness.

"She said she wanted money to show how sincere I was with the apology. She then gave me her phone number which she said I should use at specific times when her husband was away," alleged Nhlabatsi.

Therefore, he claimed to have paid Dumile E100 on the day he asked for forgiveness. She allegedly went to see him and told him that the E100 was not enough, so he reportedly gave her another E100.

When she allegedly went to the garage for the third time, Nhlabatsi claimed that his friend gave Dumile E50 on his behalf. "I thought the matter was settled after I paid her," he told the court.

In response, Dumile put it to Nhlabatsi that he was lying about everything he said.

The matter is pending before Magistrate Nxumalo.

Assemblies of God Mothers' Convention



AOG BTG

ESWATINI CONVENTION CENTRE

"Operation Sesiyaakha"



LEADERSHIP: The leadership of Assemblies of God and visitors captured during the annual Mother's Convention over the weekend held at the marquee at Lozitha. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



FIRST ROW: Umlondolozzi Gogo Makhanya among the congregants.



WORSHIPING: Praise and worship was the order of the day.



IN NUMBERS: A section of the congregations at the convention.



LISTENING: The congregants listening to sermons.



DANCING: A section of the congregants dancing for the Lord.



SUPPORT: The Mother's Convention also attracted a handful of male members of the church as they were spotted among the congregation.



ALSO THERE: Macmillan MD Busisiwe Simelane among the congregants.



KEYBOARD MAN: Ntsika Fakudze playing the keyboard during the convention.



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... With
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Guest Writer

LEADERS HAVE CHALLENGES NOT PROBLEMS

PART of the key responsibilities of leaders is problems solving.

I often say leaders are not paid more than their team members because they are beautiful or handsome, but it is because they shoulder the responsibility of problem solving.

A leader's ability to engage in problem solving always determine if the leader will be successful or not.

Leaders who understand the dynamics of leadership always view set-backs as part of the leadership journey but those who lack understanding tend to be emotional, develop enemies and see their superior as people who are against them.

Now that you are the leader does not mean that things will not go wrong, but at some point in time, things will not work according to plan and that will mean you have to manage the situation and take the team across the situation.

All leaders deal with situations and come through. Ciello (2015) cites some of the following issues that all leaders deal with time and again. As a leader you need to navigate well and come through better on the other side.

DIFFICULT PEOPLE

There will always be people on your team, in your organisation and in your working life who are difficult. Your goal, as a leader, is to handle them with grace and kindness. Do not feed into them and do not prolong your exposure to them. Above it all, do not let them get you down.

WORK PRESSURE

The work environment has a lot of pressure built into it. Your ability to accept and release some of that pressure will benefit you in the long run. You cannot run full speed all the time, therefore, allow some quieter moments that help you find balance and an opportunity to reflect in life

HANDLE BAD NEWS

Products will fail, timelines will not be met, your goals will lag, that is all just part of business, but it will be your job to tell your board or your superiors. Being able to handle and tell bad news without drama and with clarity will allow you to find the next steps. Bad stuff happens to all leaders on planet earth; it is how you share it that is going to matter in your next move.

STAYING POSITIVE AND MOTIVATED

Sometimes as a leader you can feel your motivation for the project or the organisation fall flat. It happens to the best of us, but what you need to do is muster all of the good stuff around you and get back on track. Do not spend time



dwelling on what is not working unless you can fix it. You will not always be the number one cheerleader in your own mind, but your team is expecting you to be, so get out there and share the enthusiasm you have; even when you are a little off your game.

DEVELOPING A POSITIVE CULTURE

Just because you work in an organisation does not mean that you do not have issues with

your culture. You might be in an office that does not get along well as a team, has communication issues, gossips or has undermining team members. Whatever it is, you are going to have to deal with it as the leader. Changing cultural habits in an organisation is not easy, but you have the responsibility to set the tone. If you do not want people to gossip, do not gossip. If you want teams to work better together, you have to work well with teams. You are setting the entire tone of how the culture in your organisation exists.

GETTING RESPECT

Not everyone will like you all the time. The minute you put your hand up to lead something, someone else is going to shoot you down. Do not get swayed by that, but work to be kind and focused in the business. Respect will come, and if you continue to be positive you might even be liked in the long run.

KEEPING YOUR EYES ON THE TARGET

As a leader, it is so easy to get distracted! Everyone wants something, is selling you something, or is trying to get you to notice them.

That is part of accepting the role of leadership. Your job is to not get distracted by the shiny objects and to remain focused on the end game. You have a team to lead, a product to deliver or a project to complete, make your plan, keep your head down and maintain focus.

HANDLING FAILURE

Every once in a while, a project just does not work or the event is a bust. Do not get excited because it happens to the best of us. How you handle it is what matters. Do not let your team go down into a spiral of self-pity or blame. Just dust yourself off and figure out how the next thing is going to be awesome.

Women in Leadership Summit Eswatini - 2020. Tive Leadership Centre is hosting a Women in Leadership Eswatini 2020 Summit. The theme is how to increase your influence as a woman leader. The summit will empower women leaders on how best to put their foot forward. The session is open to men too. To be part of the empowerment session call the Office 3402 4130/whats app or call 78630823/ or check us on our Facebook page Tive Leadership Centre.

“Leaders that understands the dynamics of leadership always view set-backs as part of the leadership journey but those who lack understanding tend to be emotional, develop enemies and see their superior as people that are against them.”

ON THIS DAY

...MARCH 10

1496 - Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere when he left Hispaniola for Spain.

1629 - England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament and did not call it back for 11 years.

1656 - In the American colony of Virginia, suffrage was extended to all free men regardless of their religion.

1785 - Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France. He succeeded Benjamin Franklin.

1792 - John Stone patented the pile driver.

1804 - The formal ceremonies transferring the Louisiana Purchase from France to the US took place in St. Louis.

1806 - The Dutch in Cape Town, South Africa surrendered to the British.

1814 - In France, Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated by a combined Allied Army at the battle of Laon.

1848 - The US Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the war with Mexico.

1849 - Abraham Lincoln applied for a patent for a device to lift vessels over shoals by means of inflated cylinders.

1864 - Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the U.S. Civil War.

1876 - Alexander Graham Bell made the first successful call with the telephone. He spoke the words 'Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you.'

1880 - The Salvation Army arrived in the US from England.

1893 - New Mexico State University canceled its first graduation ceremony because the only graduate was robbed and killed the night before.

1894 - New York Gov. Roswell P. Flower signed the nation's first dog-licensing law.

1902 - The Boers of South Africa scored their last victory over the British, when they captured British General Methuen and 200 men.

1902 - Tochangri, Turkey, was entirely wiped out by an earthquake.

1902 - US Attorney General Philander Knox announced that a suit was being brought against Morgan and Harriman's Northern Securities Company. The suit was enforcement of the Sherman Antitrust Act. Northern Securities loss in court was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 14, 1904.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mainie Mendoza
March 10, 1940
(70 years) Studied martial arts in Korea.



Prince Edward
10 March 1964
(47 years)
youngest child of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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Electronic Communications

THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND ACCESS) REGULATIONS, 2016

Implementation of Universal Service Fund Projects

18. (1) The Universal Service Committee shall appoint a project manager for every accepted project or tender proposal to –

(a) ensure compliance by the licensee to the agreement concluded in terms of regulation n18(1) (d) with the Commission including adherence to time frames and submission of reports or compliance with annual objectives or licence conditions of designated licensees; (b) inform the Commission timeously of any instances of non-compliance; and (c) conduct independent assessment of compliance by the licensee.

(2) The Universal Service Committee shall monitor and evaluate each project, to assess whether the implemented project has had required impact based on its strategic plan.

PART V
UNIVERSAL SERVICE OBLIGATIONS
Universal Service Obligations

19. All Universal Service Obligations that may be imposed shall be competitively neutral, transparent and measureable.

Imposition of universal service obligations

20. The Commission may impose Universal Service Obligations on designated licensees, which are to be included as an annexure to their licenses in instances where the obligations – (a) are offered or imposed as a condition of a licensing process;

(b) are the outcome of a competitive tendering process; and (c) form part of the Commission's annual objectives or universal service strategy, based on the conducting of a market gap analysis and cost analysis.

Roll-out time-tables

21. (1) Designated licensees with no coverage and roll-out time tables at the time of publication of these regulations, shall meet the roll-out targets and time tables specified in a schedule and as may be determined by the Commission from time to time.

(2) Designated licensees shall construct, operate, replace and maintain public pay telephones in identified areas, and shall meet the roll-out targets and time tables specified in a schedule and as may be determined by the Commission from time to time.

(3) All designated licensees shall report in writing to the Commission within thirty (30) days of each financial year on the following, in electronic format where possible –

(a) details of the service it provides to its customers and the technology used where applicable; (b) current network and public pay telephone roll-out status; (c) maps indicating the current coverage of the licensee on the date of the report; (d) roll-out projections for the next year; (e) compliance with any quality of service and emergency services requirements as may be prescribed by the Commission from time to

time; and

(f) repair and maintenance of public pay telephones.

Provision of Internet services to certain institution at Special Tariffs

22. (1) A designated licensee, shall provide internet services to school, higher education institution, government hospital and public health facility at a minimum discounted rate determined by the Commission which shall be deducted off the total charge per megabyte levied by any licensee for at least two (2) of its service offering which shall include one pre-paid and one post-paid package.

The discounted rate which will be charged per megabyte shall be known as a special tariff.

(2) The special tariff shall be restricted to internet access and connectivity charges for access to the internet but shall not include charges for equipment, related services or voice calls.

(3) The special tariff product and service approach may not be of lesser standard or quality than the products provided as part of the standard customer service approach offered by the licensee.

(4) A school, higher education institution, government hospital and public health facility or licensee of their choice to provide internet services based on the relevant existing products offered by such licensee and apply for the special tariff and shall comply with the applicable customer service approach and requirement of the licensee.

Restrictions on special tariff

23. A school, higher education institution, government hospital and public health facility or licensee may motivate for the use of the Universal Access Fund based on either a competitive tender process or an obligation as a designated licensee, to subsidise the following services to facilitate internet access –

(a) the acquisition of equipment and related products and services (not the product to which the special tariff applies); (b) the provision of training to users of the service; (c) the provision of management services; or (d) The provision of additional infrastructure including buildings, electricity and security.

Duties of licensee

24. (1) A designated licensee shall inform every school, higher education institution, government hospital or public health facility within its coverage area of the obligation to provide a special tariff on an annual basis and provide proof of its communication to the Commission. (4) A designated licensee that provides infrastructure to an internet service provider or another licensee that provides internet services to a school, higher education institution, government hospital and public health facility shall provide such infrastructure or relevant portion of the infrastructure at a similar discounted rate determined by the Commission, that will be deducted off the total charge levied to such service provider or other licensee to facilitate that particular service, where possible.

(5) In the event that a licensee was approached

by a school, higher education institution, government hospital or public health facility and is not able to provide internet services it shall inform the Commission in writing with clear reasons for its decision, within thirty (30) days of declining to provide the service.

(6) When approached by a school, higher education institution, government hospital or public health facility the licensee shall –

(a) clearly indicate if it has network coverage within the specific area, where internet service is required;

(b) clearly indicate the technology that will be used to provide the internet services to the relevant school, higher education institution, government hospital or public health facility; and (d) either apply its standard customer service approach in terms of inter alia credit vetting, commercial contracts, payment arrangements and customer service for a particular product as for any other customer, or if a customised product is developed for the special tariff, publish the customer service approach on its website and make it publically available.

Submission of an annual report

25. A designated licensee shall submit an annual report to the Commission listing the number of schools, higher education institutions, government hospitals and public health facilities that receive a special tariff and indicate –

(a) traffic volumes; (b) total invoice amounts; (c) a summary of complaints; and (d) payment history.

PART V
EMERGENCY SERVICES

A 112 emergency centre services

26. (1) For the purpose of this part a 112 Emergency Centre is a service by means of which a subscriber has the ability to contact an emergency centre by dialling the numerals 112 in order to request an emergency service. (2) The number 112 is designated as the main national public emergency number for Swaziland. (3) A person may not call the national emergency number 112, for any purpose other than to request an emergency service.

(4) A relevant licensee is required to carry communications to 112 Emergency Centres and to the emergency organisations at own cost and may not levy any charge on the caller for placing calls to the 112 Emergency Centre and emergency organisations.

(5) Where more than one licensee carries the emergency request, the licensees shall enter into commercial arrangements to ensure that the payments are made to the licensee with respect to the cost of carrying the request.

(6) A relevant licensee may self-provide a 112 Emergency Centre or outsource the service to a service provider that will provide the service on its behalf, although the licensee will be accountable to the Commission.

(7) A relevant licensee shall make automatic number identity, such as caller line identify and automatic location identity available to 112 emergency services, where a licensee uses the services or network of another licensee, the same obligations applies.

REFLECTIONS



WITH MIKE DREW
GUEST WRITER

MPs ARE A REJUVENATED LOT

...during the second session of the 11th Parliament, the Legislature should continue to hold the Executive to account who in turn, should now recognise the positive benefits of working more closely with a rejuvenated Legislature

THE article which recently appeared in the Eswatini Observer under the title headline 'This Type of Politics Needs To Change' sought to argue that 'the performance of our legislatures is a cause of great concern.'

Because their end goal is apparently to undermine the Executive, by continually criticising its programme of reform. A description which this time last year, this writer might have agreed with.

However, in the second session of the 11th Parliament, in this writer's opinion, there has been a noticeable change of approach by the Legislature and very much a change for the better.

A Legislature who last year seemed more concerned about their own remuneration package and engaging in a political point scoring exercise, rather than about the people who elected them to office.

As evidenced by the political pressure MPs put on the Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg, to suspend Finance Circular No.3 of 2018, which impacted in such a negative way on their credibility.

A credibility further damaged by the foolhardy decision of a small group of misguided MPs to visit Mainland China on their so-called "familiarisation tour" which has never been properly explained to Parliament (and probably never will be). An unsanctioned trip which, in the writer's opinion, has had a direct impact on the recent visa issue problems being experienced by those Emaswati wishing to travel to Mainland China.

The Loan Bill to borrow over E1.2 billion to finance the capital construction of the ICCFISH, was tabled under a certificate of urgency and announced through a government gazette, whilst the minister of finance was out of the country on official government business.

The strategy adopted by the minister was understandably interpreted by some MPs as showing a disrespect for the traditional Tinkhundla system of governance and only reinforced the growing feeling amongst MPs that "we are treated like strangers at events".

As Hosea MP Mduduzi Mabuza commented at the time in a moment of obvious frustration, "It is like no one cares so I wonder why we should bother." In the writer's opinion, the apathy and indifference demonstrated by a number of MPs throughout most of 2019 can be crystallised by the manner in which the Loan Bill was presented to the House of Assembly.

A watershed moment which could have had serious implications for

the future of the Tinkhundla system of governance.

A traditional system of governance which encourages participation at 'grass-roots' level, with those individuals fortunate enough to be elected as MPs having a moral responsibility to fulfill the mandate of those they represent.

Their primary function as MPs being to effectively represent their constituents; to debate and vote on policy by passing the necessary legislation to achieve the government's stated objectives; and perhaps most importantly of all, to exercise an oversight role by holding the Executive to account.

Evidence

There is a wealth of evidence to support the view that this was just not happening last year even though, in the absence of political parties, MPs are not required to follow the party line. By acting individually and collectively as 'pressure groups', MPs have a greater freedom to express their opinion and by implication, the opportunity to influence government policy.

The reason for this perceived newly found self-confidence is not entirely clear, but may in part be linked to the message contained in His Majesty the King's address to the nation during the State opening of the second session of the 11th Parliament. His Majesty calling on MPs to redouble their efforts because, contrary to the views expressed in the earlier article, the MPs do support King's strategic vision and now do have a much clearer idea of what is expected of them.

The willingness of the MPs in the various portfolio committees to now challenge and to ask more searching questions of the minister in charge is to be welcomed and suggests that the rules of engagement have now changed for the better.

On February 24, 2020 the Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi and her team were meant to appear before the Ministry of Health Portfolio Committee to discuss their annual performance report.

The meeting was postponed because MPs had not been given sufficient time to familiarise themselves with the content of the minister's report.

Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase suffered a similar fate for a late and incomplete report by omitting to make any reference to CoLA.

Minister of Economic Planning and Development Dr Thambo Gina was urged by MPs to root out "the rot, corruption and unexpected expenditure on a good project [ICCFISH] which have become an embar-

assment".

Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati was challenged by MPs on the unacceptable delay in addressing the controversial issue of labour brokers and to seek an early solution to the ongoing student unrest.

And so the list goes on, with even the much respected Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo having to apologise to MPs for his apparent oversight in committing E18 million of tax payers' money to the Kellogg's project without first obtaining the proper pre-authorisation.

Whilst the writer would fully support the minister's desire for the project to be a success, the unanswered question is whether in collusion with the minister of finance, Minister Khumalo's oversight was by accident or design.

Budget

The stated intention of MPs to freeze the E80 million budget allocation for the completion of the Nhlanguano-Sicunusa road construction project pending finalisation of the forensic audit (and certain uncooperative individuals appearing before the Public Accounts Committee), following the receipt of a very disappointing annual performance report from the Minister of Works and Transport Chief Nduluhlaza Ndwandwe.

To include the state of the unfinished roads across the whole country, with the pro-base phase one only running at 30 per cent of the targeted road length.

A minister who has now been threatened by MPs with a budget cut unless he can provide a convincing argument as to why nearly 50 per cent of the ministry's total budget of E2.4 billion was spent on civil aviation.

Perhaps it is now time for an early Cabinet reshuffle, as suggested by some MPs, to focus on those ministers in key ministerial positions who have consistently under performed and who are clearly out of their depth.

When challenged by MPs about the current position on the suspended Finance Circular No 3 of 2018, the minister of finance had little option than to confirm that it is now indeed dead in the water.

With Finance Circular No. 2 of 2013 to be used to purchase the new fleet of cars for Cabinet, the minister's double-speak indicating that 'there is space or policy in the CTA allocations for the replacement of vehicles'.

A government funded organisation which is operating without an

agreed budget and with an overspend in excess of E602 million of public funds in the financial year 2018/2019.

The writer would humbly suggest monies that could be better spent to address the inevitable arrival of coronavirus into the kingdom or the NatCom, William Dlamini's, often expressed concerns that, the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) is being required to perform its duties without a fleet of roadworthy vehicles. The MPs request that the prime minister's office considers providing an additional 200 police vehicles is, therefore, not unreasonable. When recently stopped by a police officer for apparently having only one rear brake light working, the writer politely pointed out that both brake lights were defective on the police vehicle.

And so, asked the obvious question, whether the police officer would also be issuing a ticket to her colleague. The writer was invited to 'speak to government.'

As importantly, and not for the first time, the minister of finance and the prime minister would appear to have a disconnect with the minister's decision to agree to the purchase of new vehicles for Cabinet ministers, being in direct contradiction to the previous announcement made by the prime minister in late 2018.

Which does sometimes raise the question in the writer's mind, where the real power rests in this government. So, unlike the conclusions reached by the writer of the earlier article, it is this writer's contention that during the second session of the 11th Parliament, the Legislature should continue to hold the Executive to account who in turn, should now recognise the positive benefits of working more closely with a rejuvenated Legislature.

Programme

To introduce a shared innovative programme of fiscal reform to improve Eswatini's ailing economy and to unite the country.

The directly elected MPs to the House of Assembly need also to be more aware of their own individual and collective responsibility by continuing to challenge but in a constructive and respectful way.

As His Majesty has often stated, when speaking about the importance of unity, Emaswati are known globally as a nation that embraces dialogue in seeking to find creative solutions to the country's current fiscal challenges and other equally pressing issues. Going forward, this must continue to involve the Legislature.



● "It's Not Whether You Get Knocked Down, It's Whether You Get Up." - Inspirational Quote By Vince Lombardi

● "If You Are Working On Something That You Really Care About, You Don't Have To Be Pushed. The Vision Pulls You." - Steve Jobs

● "People Who Are Crazy Enough To Think They Can Change The World, Are The Ones Who Do." - Rob Siltanen

● "Failure Will Never Overtake Me If My Determination To Succeed Is Strong Enough." - Og Mandino

● "Entrepreneurs Are Great At Dealing With Uncertainty And Also Very Good At Minimizing Risk. That's The Classic Entrepreneur." - Mohnish Pabrai

● "We May Encounter Many Defeats But We Must Not Be Defeated." - Maya Angelou

● "Knowing Is Not Enough; We Must Apply. Wishing Is Not Enough; We Must Do." - Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

● "Imagine Your Life Is Perfect In Every Respect; What Would It Look Like?" - Brian Tracy

● "Whether You Think You Can Or Think You Can't, You're Right." - Quote By Henry Ford

● "Security Is Mostly A Superstition. Life Is Either A Daring Adventure Or Nothing." - Life Quote By Helen Keller

● "The Man Who Has Confidence In Himself Gains The Confidence Of Others." - Hasidic Proverb

● "The Only Limit To Our Realization Of Tomorrow Will Be Our Doubts Of Today." - Motivational Quote By Franklin D. Roosevelt

● "Creativity Is Intelligence Having Fun." - Albert Einstein
Albert Einstein authored this

● "What You Lack In Talent Can Be Made Up With Desire, Hustle And Giving 110% All The Time." - Don Zimmer

● "Do What You Can With All You Have, Wherever You Are." - Theodore Roosevelt

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.6%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E13.65 per litre
Replacement	E13.70 per litre
Diesel	E13.65 per litre
Paraffin	E9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 09 MAR 2020

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	16.1926	16.2426
British Pound/SZL	21.2269	21.2924
Japanese Yen/SZL	6.3229	6.3406
Swiss France/SZL	17.5093	17.5615
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.4379	1.4602
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.5835	10.6227
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.8775	11.9107
Euro/SZL	18.4693	18.5263
Gold	1,668.6904	
Oil	46.14	

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OVER E205 000 SPONSORSHIP FOR TEKUVAKASHA AWARDS

BY SIMON SHABANGU

THE annual Tekuvakasha Awards have received a major boost of E205 000 in services and cash by four different local companies.

The sponsorships were unveiled by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati during an event held at Royal Villas yesterday morning.

The sponsorships came from companies such as Jenney Wireless Internet, which pumped in a sponsorship of three months internet connection to four category winners valued at E120 000.

First National Bank contributed E65 000 cash, Eswatini Beverages contributed E20 000 worth of Sibebe Beer stock to one of the winners, while Mountain Inn did not want to disclose the amount of sponsorship towards the event.

The minister said more companies were invited to contribute towards the event, which will be held at Sharma House in Ezulwini on March 20.

Minister Vilakati said the aim of the awards was to recognise the best service providers in each of their domains with the intent to motivate them to do even more.

He said government realised it was not easy for product owners, including those in the hospitality space to keep the standard high consistently since such required resources.

He said Tekuvakasha was one initiative through which the ministry sought to inspire the industry not to drop the ball.

"The token of appreciation to the industry in the form of prizes, we are aware that it does not come close to what the industry needs to keep their facilities at top notch. Our view is that any business that sets itself higher excellence stan-



TEKUVAKASHA: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati joined by ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo as they pose with representatives of sponsors for Tekuvakasha Awards. They are Mark Ward from Mountain Inn, Mpumelelo Makhubu from Eswatini Beverages, Nozizwe Mulela from FNB and Muzi Motsa of Jenny Wireless Internet. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

dards will reap the benefits in the long run," he said.

Vilakati added that government had been funding the awards since inception, but has since involved the private sector with the view of seeking funding given that government's state of finance was not in good standing.

"The prevailing economic situation has seriously affected government in fulfilling some of its obligations. We applaud the ETA for their innovation to look outside government for sponsorship as the third edition of the awards was fully sponsored by the corporate sector. I appreciate all sponsors who have committed to being part of this prestigious national event," he said.

Meanwhile, Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) CEO Linda Nxumalo said they were excited about the support they received from the ministry, which has introduced a number of initiatives aimed

at promoting tourism in the country. She said ETA was excited about the awards, noting that the combination of sponsors have so far was interesting in that there are internet providers, bankers and beverage producers, who are all major stakeholders.

"We are excited about the sponsorships and we also thank the minister for his guidance and support. We appreciate your support and without your esteemed guidance, I do not think we could have achieved so much. I thank the industry for their support in all our initiatives," she added.

Speaking on behalf of the sponsors was First National Bank Head of Business Nozizwe Mulela, who said as sponsors they were excited to be part of the event, stating that supporting tourism was very key to them because this was one sector which had the great potential of turning around the fortunes of this country's economy.

She said the good job ETA was doing out there had attracted them as companies to partake in such an important initiative.

She said ETA was doing a lot of things, noting that as sponsors they saw ETA everywhere doing its work. She said they were happy and wished to continue supporting such initiatives.

There are 16 categories to be awarded on the night, including Adventure Tourism, Best Accommodation, Best Community Based Tourism, Best Nature Reserve, Cultural Tourism, Major Festivals and Events, Major Tour and Transport Operators, Major Tourist Attractions, Minister's Award, New Tourism Business, Tour Guide and Tourism Restaurant and Catering Services.

Meanwhile, there are six categories within the accommodation category, which is Best Hotel, Guest House, Bed and Breakfast, Self-Catering, Lodge and Campsite.

EPTC to use EEC infrastructure to improve reliability

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

ESWATINI Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) will be using lines by the Eswatini Electricity Company's (EEC) network infrastructure to improve reliability and availability.

This is according to the ministry of information, communication and technology's (ICT) annual performance report, and this was also confirmed by EPTC Corporate Communications Manager Nqobile Magagula.

Magagula explained that since the company's network infrastructure

was largely affected by vandalism, using the EEC lines was a precautionary measure since their high voltage lines were not as exposed.

"The biggest benefit besides increasing the capacity of our national and international links will be the reliability and availability of the service. EPTC is largely affected by the vandalism that happens on our network infrastructure, both nationally and internationally, and it is a fact that infrastructure on the EEC high voltage lines is not as exposed as EPTC's," she said.

Magagula added that the collaboration with EEC will not only improve the customer experience with respect to reliability and avail-

ability, but will also provide alternative routes out of Eswatini.

"Not only will we just improve the network's reliability, but this collaboration will provide us with alternative routes out of Eswatini through South Africa and Mozambique using the MON-TRACO high voltage line that runs through Eswatini from Mozambique and South Africa," he said.

EPTC has also established Points of Presence (POP) in various locations around the world, such as Portugal, London and New York.

"We have established points of presence in various locations around the world which will improve the customer experience with respect

to access to internet content as it allows EPTC to go directly where the content resides, as opposed to using third parties to get us to the content; hence the customer receives the content faster," said Magagula.

EPTC is largely affected by the vandalism that happens on our network infrastructure, both nationally and internationally

Apply yourselves when responding to World Bank questionnaires - IRMU

BY BAHLE GAMA

The Investor Roadmap Unit (IRMU) is urging stakeholders to apply themselves when responding to questionnaires from the World Bank.

As of February, the World Bank undertook an exercise where they were collecting data and distributed questionnaires.

This data collection is done through survey questionnaires that are sent to both private and public institutions and individuals in countries all over the world.

Speaking during an interview, IRMU Director Albert Chibi said a majority number of stakeholders who were given the questionnaires tend to respond in a casual manner with intent to get it over and done with than seriously applying themselves.

"In that way you find that the responses are not correct and they are not actually limited to the case scenario or study case that World Bank would be addressing. Some of the responses also lack the stakeholders' particulars.

This makes the country to suffer from rankings because the other countries we compete with have



APPLY YOURSELF: Director of Investor Road Map Unit Albert Chibi making his remarks during the national workshop on the ease of doing business held at Esibayeni Lodge on Friday.

regimes that are established, whereby they can distribute these questionnaires in events where they talk about the ease of doing business as a norm and the stakeholders are almost identified for certain indicators," he said.

Sensitise

He further stated that as a department that is responsible to drive reforms, in order for Eswatini to improve they must try to sensitise all the stakeholders that participate in the ease of doing business about the cycle.

They also need to sensitise them

about reforms in terms of what is being done, why it is being done and how it improves the ease of doing business so that whoever responds to the form from the private sector actually appreciates any newly made changes.

"This enables the responder to appreciate the changes in terms of what has been changed in terms of lowering costs, simplified procedure or lowered time it takes to do a certain procedure. It is for this reason that we targeted this time because as of last month World Bank has begun issuing questionnaires, so in

order for people to answer and we as a country benefit from the rankings, we must influence their thinking because most of the time people will either not respond to the question, or ignore it or at worst, choose not to apply themselves when responding," he said.

The director further mentioned that Eswatini had established regimes to teach and distribute these questionnaires, except that when it came to the contributors they still need to recruit more and educate them on the importance of answering factual correct and timely send back to the World Bank, so that when they consider the data sent back to them they find that all the aspects that qualify as a contributor. "We are ranked with countries that have produced new things whilst we remain stagnant due to this setbacks caused by the casual response to questionnaires or lack of information there-of.

That is why we have been holding these workshops from February.

We hope that by disseminating the information to all stakeholders we will also get feedback from them in terms of their observation towards the ease of doing business environment, what areas that we can improve," he added.

Stay away from unlicensed service providers - FSRA

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
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THE Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) has urged the business community to stay away from unlicensed financial services providers.

The regulator said this after members of the business community expressed their frustration over being robbed of their hard-earned money by dubious credit providers, who allegedly milk them dry.

This was during the ease of doing business seminar held at Esibayeni Lodge on Friday.

The event was organised by the ministry of commerce, industry and trade Investor Roadmap Unit through the technical support from the Taiwan Embassy and the World Bank International Finance Corporation.

Members of the business community enquired what measures were taken by FSRA to protect local business people from investment and credit providers.

They also enquired how often the organisation visited such establishments to ensure they operated within the legal boundaries. FSRA representative Bukhosi Dlamini warned the business community to refrain from engaging the services of unlicensed financial service providers.

He said FSRA tried by all means to regulate the industry. He however stated that they could not protect the business community if they dealt with unlicensed financial agents.

"We do conduct periodic checkups of the establishments but we do face some challenges," he said. He mentioned that licensed establishments submitted quarterly returns to FSRA. He further encouraged the business community to give themselves time to consult if the investment was proper.

Eswatini amongst 13 countries for Tourism Workshop in SA

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

In the country's quest to develop the tourism sector, Eswatini was part of the 13 countries that participated in the Best Practice Workshop last week.

Eswatini was part of 12 African countries and Sri Lanka that participated in the three-day workshop which was held in Kempton Park, South Africa.

The aim of the workshop was to exchange information and experiences of tourism products and initiatives to develop tourism in the Africa continent.

The official opening of the workshop was graced by South Africa Deputy Minister of Tourism Fish Mahlalela.

"The South African Government to date has signed a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements with 27 countries across the globe, and continue to negotiate others with the aim to strengthening bilateral relations in the field of tourism.

"The objective of the workshop is to encourage countries to utilise grading and classification systems to give consistency to the quality image of a sub-region; to meet the demand of the market; and to facil-

itate exchanges and rapprochement between sub-regional systems," said Mahlalela.

The workshop was themed 'Quality Assurance - the integrated approach', and saw participants network and also having an exchange of best practices in the area of grading and classification.

Darryl Erasmus and Genevieve Joseph from Tourism Grading Council of SA (TGCSA) spoke about the fundamentals of quality assurance, grading levels and categorisation of establishments.

"We facilitate the delivery of a service oriented, quality assured tourism experiences in line with the brand promise whilst supporting job creation and industry transformation.

Grading is an annual process and tourism establishments should agree to the terms and conditions and adhere to the standards set by the SA Grading Council and based on the feedback received from our assessors, we can say its valuable to grade an establishment," said Joseph Representing Eswatini was Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) Tourism Inspector Nelisiwe Sigwane, who however explained that she was not allowed to divulge any information to the media.

CDPs to guide development, poverty alleviation - ESWADE

BY BAHLE GAMA

The purpose of Chiefdom Development Plans (CDP) is to guide communities to contribute to development and poverty alleviation.

According to the Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE), chiefdoms are enabled to identify and undertake development activities in a coordinated and well-informed manner.

This assists communities to identify and harness development opportunities and further assist communities to take advantage of development services provided by government and non-governmental organisations.

Interviewed on the importance and benefits of CDP to communities and the country at large, ESWADE SMLP National Project Director Lynn Kota said the achievement of the plan meant a change in people's lives and their dimensional backgrounds.

"It also enables people to ensure that development initiatives are implemented within a context of the aspirations as documented in the plan. Further to this, it brings harmonisation and understanding in communities as people are able to come together with a common vision, mission, values and principles which assists and guides their future development," she said.

Kota stated that this activity was conducted with traditional authorities such as the Inner council where they assist in identifying households and communities and since this is a strategic document it



REVEALS: ESWADE SMLP National Project Director Lynn Kota.

assists communities to identify their aspirations and lists them in a strategic manner that they will be able to follow.

"Since this is a detailed strategic document, it assists Chiefdoms to develop a structured plan that identifies interventions that contribute to the economy of the country.

This is because the plan outlines activities such as potable water, infrastructure development, water harvesting, Sustainable Agriculture and Market Led production

amongst others," she said.

As a result of structured chiefdom planning, Kota said a number of Chiefdoms have started or completed implanting the focal areas that are in their CDPs. For example, some communities have received funding from partners to protect their wetlands, dig boreholes for potable water, construct a school through the RDF, and other initiatives.

"ESWADE comes into play by providing support to the Chiefdoms whereby decision on socio-economic development activities is informed by consultation with concerned households and communities.

The result of this is a transformation of the development processes contributing to the allocation of natural resources in the Chiefdom to agricultural and economic activities that benefit the Chiefdoms in terms of food security and income," she said.

She added that they were hopeful that CDPs would eventually contribute towards bottom up budgeting for Eswatini, in enabling the plans and budget at Chiefdom level to feed to the budgeting at Inkhundla level, and to the regional level and subsequently to National Development Planning.

"It is also our anticipation that the Rural Development Fund will be managed optimally, using the Chiefdom Development Plan. Chiefdoms will, as part of their proposal to receive funding from the RDF, attach their CDP.

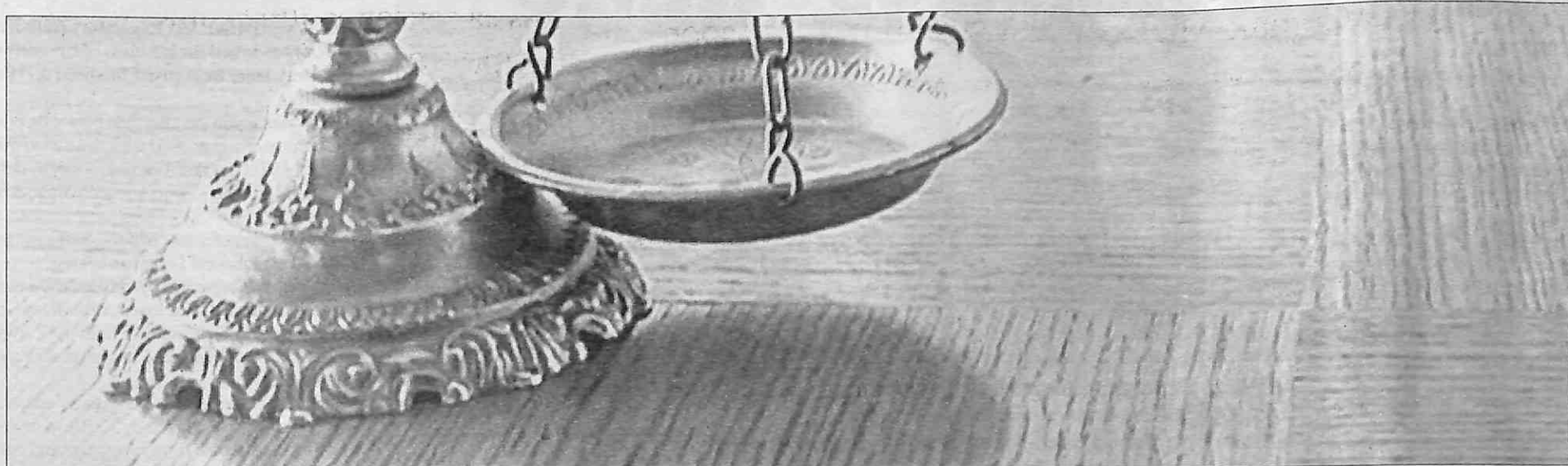
This will be proof that the initiative they are seeking funding for has been endorsed by everyone in the Chiefdom including the Traditional Authorities," she added.



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THE Consumer Credit Act, 2016 (the Act) outlines the procedures to be followed when enforcing a debt by repossession or judgement.

This is as per section 100, 101 and 102 of the Act. Read below to find out.

REQUIRED PROCEDURES BEFORE DEBT ENFORCEMENT

100.(1) If the consumer is in default under a credit agreement, the credit provider-

(a) shall deliver to the consumer a notice in writing, drawing the attention of the consumer to the default and propose, in the case of inability to pay, that the consumer refer the credit agreement to a debt counsellor, with the intent that the parties develop and agree on a plan to bring the payments under the agreements up to date or, in the case of any other dispute under the agreement, refer the matter to the Ombudsman;

(b) with the intent that the parties resolve the dispute; and

(b) subject to section 101(2), may not commence any legal proceedings to enforce the agreement-

(i) before first providing notice to the consumer, as contemplated in subsection 1 (a), or in section 93, as the case may be and meeting any further requirements set out in section 88; or

(ii) if it has come to the attention of the credit provider that the notice contemplated in Subsection 1 (a), did not come to the attention of the consumer.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a credit agreement that is subject to a debt restructuring order, or to proceedings in a court that could result in such an order.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), a con-

sumer may-

(a) at any time before the credit provider has cancelled the agreement re-instate a credit agreement that is in default by paying to the credit provider all amounts that are overdue, together with the credit provider's permitted default charges and reasonable costs of enforcing the agreement up to the time of re-instatement; and-

(b) after complying with paragraph (a), may resume possession of any property that had been repossessed by the credit provider pursuant to an attachment order.

(4) A consumer may not re-instate a credit agreement after-

(a) the sale of any property pursuant to-

(i) an attachment order; or

(ii) surrender of property in terms of section 99;

(b) the execution of any other court order enforcing that agreement; or

(c) the termination thereof in accordance with section 82.

DEBT PROCEDURES IN A COURT

101. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a credit provider may approach the court for an order to enforce a credit agreement only if, at that time, the consumer is in default and has been in default under that credit agreement for at least twenty

(20)

days and-

(a) at least ten (10) days have elapsed since the credit provider delivered a notice to the consumer as contemplated in section 93;

(b) in the case of a notice contemplated in section 100 (1), the consumer has-

(i) not responded to that notice; or
(ii) responded to the notice by rejecting the proposals of the credit provider; and

(c) in the case of a hire purchase agreement, secured credit, the consumer has not surrendered the relevant property to the credit provider as contemplated in section 99.

(2) In addition to the circumstances contemplated in subsection (1), in the case of an hire purchase agreement or secured credit, a credit provider may approach the court for an order enforcing the remaining obligations of a consumer under a credit agreement at any time if-

(a) all relevant property has been sold pursuant to-

(i) an attachment order; or

(ii) surrender of property in terms of section 99; and

(b) the net proceeds of sale were insufficient to discharge all the financial obligations of the consumer under the agreement.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of law or contract to the contrary, in any proceedings

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menced in a court in respect of a credit agreement to which this Act applies, the court may determine the matter if the court is satisfied that-

(a) in the case of proceedings to which sections 99, 100 or 102 apply, the procedures required by those sections have been complied with;

(b) there is no matter arising under that credit agreement, and pending before the Authority that could result in an order affecting the issues to be determined by the court; and

(c) that the credit provider has not approached the court-

(i) during the time that the matter was before a debt counsellor, or

(ii) despite the consumer having-
(aa) surrendered property to the credit provider, and before that property has been sold;

(bb) agreed to a proposal made in terms of section 100(1)(a) and acted in good faith in fulfilment of that agreement;

(cc) complied with an agreed plan as contemplated in section 100(1)(a); or

(dd) brought the payments under the credit agreement up to date, as contemplated in section 100(1)(a).

(4) In any proceedings contemplated in this section, if the court determines that-

(a) the credit agreement was reckless as described in section 82, the court shall make an order contemplated in section 83;

(b) the credit provider has not complied with the relevant provisions of this Act, as contemplated in subsection (3)(a), or

has approached the court in circumstances contemplated in subsection (3)(c) the court shall-

(i) adjourn the

matter before it; and

(ii) make an appropriate order setting out the steps the credit provider shall complete before the matter may be resumed;

(c) the credit agreement is subject to a pending debt review, the court may-

(i) adjourn the matter, pending a final determination of the debt review proceedings;

(ii) order the debt counsellor to report directly to the court, and thereafter make an order contemplated in section 85(b); or

(iii) if the credit agreement is the only credit agreement to which the consumer is a party, order the debt counsellor to discontinue the debt review proceedings, and make an order contemplated in section 85(b);

d) there is a matter pending before the Authority, as contemplated in subsection (3)(b), the court may-

(i) adjourn the matter before it, pending a determination of the proceedings before the Authority; or

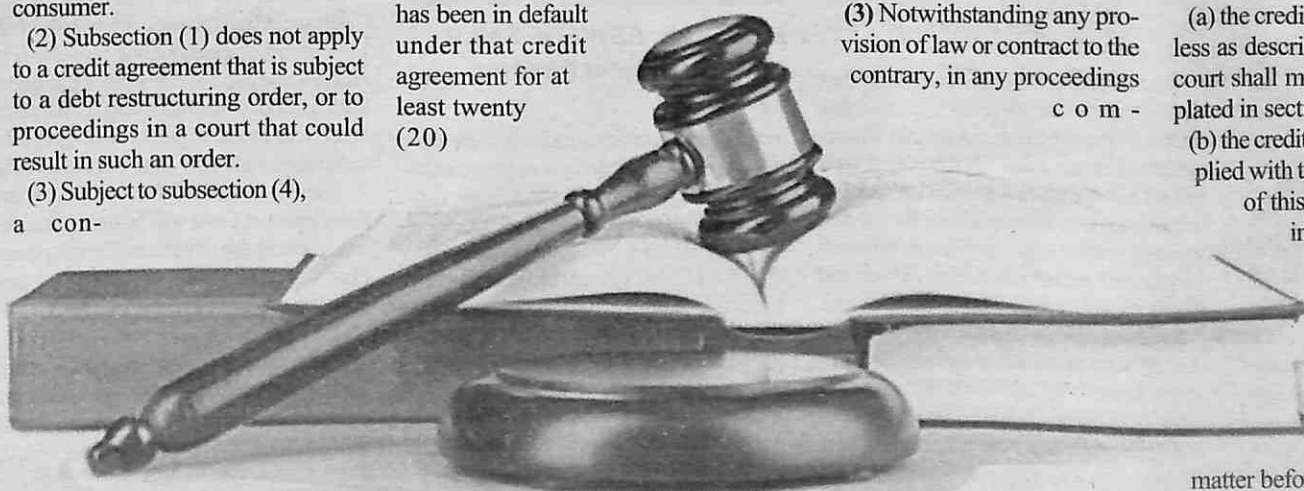
(ii) order the Authority to adjourn the proceedings before it, and refer the matter to the court for determination; or

(e) the credit agreement is either suspended or subject to a debt re-arrangement order or agreement, and the consumer has complied with that order or agreement, the court shall dismiss the matter.

REPOSSESSION OF GOODS

102. If a court makes an attachment order with respect to property that is the subject of a credit agreement, section 99(2) to (9) read with the changes required by the context, apply with respect to any goods attached in terms of that order.

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Focus on World News

Global News

Prince Harry, Meghan Markle will focus on military soon

LONDON - Prince Harry and Meghan Markle plan to set up a charitable organisation to help injured and homeless veterans, it has emerged.

The Duke and Duchess reportedly want to set up a new charity to give assistance to former military personnel, both in Britain and the US.

The cause is close to their hearts and both feel passionately about doing all they can for those who served in the armed forces.

According to the Mirror, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex plan to tackle

homelessness and issues around medical care for ex-service personnel.

A source told the paper the couple want to 'collectively make a change in the armed forces arena'.

The new planned charity would be the pair's first venture since announcing they want to move to Canada and set back from royal duties in January.

Palace sources said the move to help members of the military would be 'hugely welcomed' by the Queen.

Yesterday Harry and Meghan took part in their last official engagement

before they step down as working royals at the end of this month.

They will stand alongside the Queen, Prince Charles, Camilla, Prince William and Kate, at the annual Commonwealth Service at Westminster Abbey.

On Sunday Harry and Meghan joined the Queen for a church service in Windsor.

It was the first time that Meghan, 38, and the Queen, 93, have seen each other since the bombshell announcement on January 6.

News24

Russia sensationally claims Australia tampered with MH17 wreckage

KIEV - The Russian ambassador to Australia has claimed that the country's federal police tampered with evidence from the MH17 plane wreckage.

Dr Alexey Pavlovsky believes integral evidence from the Malaysia Airlines flight that was shot down over the Ukraine was falsified by Australian investigators.

A total of 298 people were killed, including 38 Australians, when a BUK missile shot down the Boeing 777 from Ukrainian territory held by pro-Russia separatists in July 2014.

Dr Pavlovsky claimed that there are flaws in the investigation which was made to reach a predetermined result and blame Russia for the

attack.

"The experts say that many of these pictures have been heavily tampered with and it seems that the Australian Federal Police as part of the investigation also had information to this effect but it somehow chose to withhold it from the public," he told 9News.

Analysts from the MH17 Joint Investigation Team (JIT) included representatives from Australia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Belgium and Ukraine.

The JIT have charged Russia's Igor Girkin, Sergei Dubinsky and Oleg Pulatov and Ukraine's Leonid Kharchenko with the tragedy, with a trial which began yesterday.

Daily Mail

DA demands details of decision to place Tshwane under administration

JOHANNESBURG - Gauteng Cooperative Governance MEC Lebogang Maile said they had received a letter from the Democratic Alliance (DA)'s lawyers demanding the minutes of the executive meeting that decided to place the Tshwane metro under administration.

Premier David Makhura announced they had decided to dissolve the council after weeks of political turmoil.

The Economic Freedom Fighters and the African National Congress have been trying to remove the DA through motions of no confidence but have failed.

MEC Maile said they would fight any attempts by the DA to challenge their decision to place the Tshwane metro under administration and dissolve the council.

"We're ready to meet them in court, we actually dare them to go [to court]."

The decision was made last week

by the executive which said politicians had failed to find each other and they had no choice since service delivery had been compromised due to political bickering.

Now the DA has made its intention clear that it will go to court to fight the move by the provincial government to invoke Section 139.

However, Maile said the move was unwise and they had consulted with their lawyers.

If Maile and Makhura have their way the council will be dissolved in two weeks and by-elections will be held within 90 days.

On Saturday, Maile met senior managers to

explain why and how they came to the decision.

He assured them that their jobs were safe and encouraged them to stay away from politics and focus on their work. Meanwhile, the deputy speaker will convene a council meeting for today.

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'SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL OR FACE JAIL TIME'

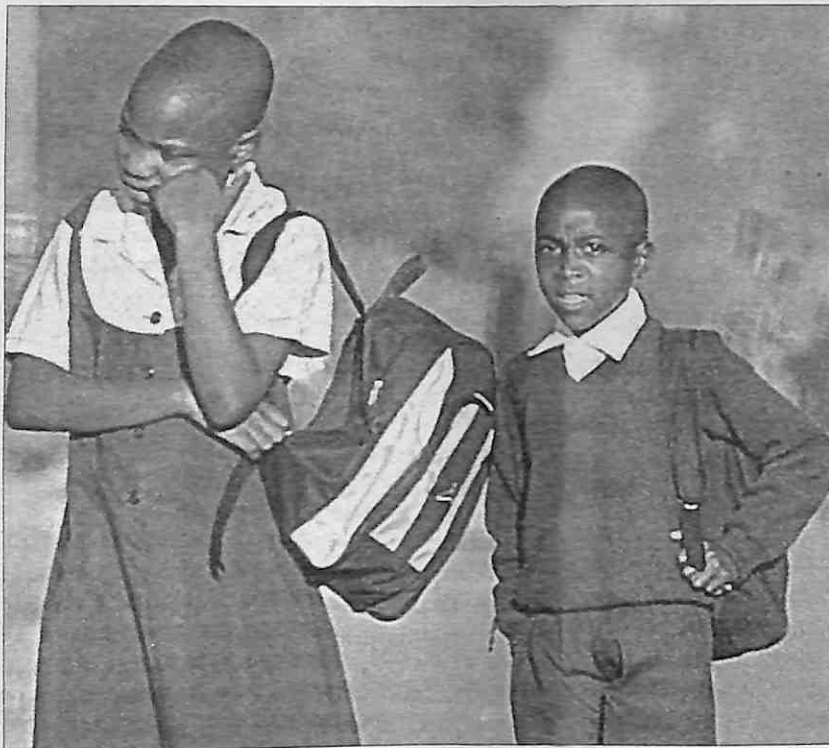
PRETORIA - Parents depriving their children of education in Zimbabwe can now be fined or jailed for up to two years under the new Education Amendment Act, state media reported yesterday.

The Herald newspaper reported that it was now compulsory for all children to attend school from early childhood development level (ECD), followed by Grade One until Form Four. It said every child in Zimbabwe was entitled to basic state-funded education and parents depriving their children would be guilty of an offence.

The maximum fine for parents found guilty is ZW\$4 800 (about R210), or up to two years' imprisonment. Magistrates have discretion to impose lighter fines or lower jail terms, depending on mitigating and aggravating circumstances.

The southern African nation previously had a non-mandatory clause that stated compulsory primary education was an objective and parents had a duty to send their children to primary school.

Zimbabwe's education system now consists of ECD, seven years of primary and six years of secondary school before students can enter university. A



EDUCATION IS KEY: Parents depriving their children of education in Zimbabwe can now be fined or jailed

learner can exit secondary school after four years. The academic year runs from January to December, with three month

school terms broken up by month-long holidays.

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BRIEFS

Dubai princess begged Britain for help

LONDON - The beleaguered ruler of Dubai has been seen in public for the first time since a damning court ruling as it emerged one of his daughters called British police to plead for her release 17 years after he had her abducted. The appearance of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, 70, at Meydan Racecourse in Dubai came days after the High Court in London found he kidnapped two of his children. Sir Andrew McFarlane, president of the Family Division of the High Court, ruled that he 'organised the forced return to Dubai of Princess Shamsa, who was taken from outside a pub in Cambridgeshire in 2000, as well as her sister Latifa, snatched from a boat in the Arabian Sea in 2018. iol

Professor branded 'abhorrent'

LONDON - Students have accused a lecturer of 'abhorrent bigotry' for stating only women have periods. Dr Eva Poen, who teaches economics at Exeter University, became the latest academic to face allegations of 'transphobia' after replying to a transgender man who had called for a fitness app to abandon the term 'female health' and replace it with 'menstrual health' instead. Writing on Twitter, Dr Poen said: "Only female people menstruate. Only female people go through the menopause. Female health is exactly what this is about." In another post, she declared: "A woman is an adult human female. Humans can't change sex." DPA

Sudan women protest

KHARTOUM - Sudanese women were at the forefront of the protests that toppled autocrat Omar al-Bashir but 11 months on, activists are disappointed at a lack of progress on women's issues. To show their frustration, dozens of women protested in front of the Justice Ministry in Khartoum, which is International Women's Day. The protesters presented a letter to the ministry calling for changes to laws deemed discriminatory against women, an AFP journalist said. "Nothing has been done to meet women's demands," Zeineb Badreddine, one of the protest organisers, said. Reuters

Algeria seeks prison term for protest leader

ALGERIA - Algeria's state prosecutor has requested four years in prison for Karim Tabbou, a key figure of anti-government protests, and the verdict has been set for March 11. Tabbou's trial opened Wednesday in Algiers and continued until dawn as around 60 defence lawyers argued for his innocence, the prisoners' support group CNLD said. The 46-year-old, who heads the small opposition party UDS, is accused of 'inciting violence' and undermining 'the morale' of the army, and has been detained since September. Around 180 lawyers offered to defend him while some 100 supporters rallied outside the court last Wednesday demanding his release. News24

CORONAVIRUS

HOW DANGEROUS IS CORONAVIRUS?

About 14 percent of people who contract the Covid-19 coronavirus are taken to hospital – with severe symptoms including breathing problems and pneumonia. About 5 per cent need intensive care.

But the majority who get the virus suffer nothing more than a cough and may never know they are infected.

So far, some 51 000 people around the world have already recovered from coronavirus – and that just includes the numbers who received a diagnosis.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DIE?

Officially, the death rate so far has been just over three percent. But experts believe the true mortality rate is probably between one and two percent. This is because most mild cases have not been picked up by doctors or reflected in the official numbers – so the death rate is inflated.

HOW DOES THIS COMPARE WITH OTHER DISEASES?

Seasonal flu kills roughly 0.1 percent of people. So Covid-19 is between 10 and 20 times more fatal.

But it is far less dangerous than SARS – the virus that ripped across China in 2003 – which killed 10 percent of patients.

BUT DOESN'T CORONAVIRUS SPREAD MORE EASILY?

Yes, but not dramatically. The best estimates suggest every person with Covid-19 passes it on to 2.6 people, on average. For flu that number is 1.5.

CAN IT BE SPREAD WITHOUT SYMPTOMS?

Initially scientists feared carriers who had no symptoms could pass it on. That is now in doubt. What is likely, however, is those who have mild symptoms are putting it down to a cold and going about their normal lives – which puts others at risk.

HOW LONG IS IT BEFORE SYMPTOMS APPEAR?

Again, unclear. Initially scientists said this could take up to two weeks.

But recent evidence suggests the incubation period could be as long as a month – particularly among children.

The average, however, is much shorter. A Chinese study said the average period of symptom onset was 5.4 days for adults and 6.5 for children.

WHO IS AT RISK?

The virus can affect anyone – with a study of the first 41 infected people revealing two thirds did not suffer from any pre-existing condition. But the middle-aged are most likely to get it – 78 percent of those infected in China have been aged 30 to 69.

WHAT ABOUT THE OLD?

Only three per cent of people infected so far have been over 80 – but if they get it they are more vulnerable. Analysis of 72, 000 cases in China suggests for over-80s the death rate is 15 per cent. For those in their 70s the death rate is 8 per cent and for those in their 60s, four per cent.

WHO ELSE IS VULNERABLE?

Those with other conditions – such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and kidney problems – are likely to suffer severe complications if they become infected.

WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN?

Children seem to be low-risk. Less than 1 percent of the Chinese cases have been under the age of ten – and if children do get the virus it's often a mild form. They do, however, retain the virus for longer than adults. A study last week found the virus was still present in the stools of some children for a month after they contracted it.

DOES GENDER MATTER?

Men are marginally more likely to get the virus than women. It is not clear why this is.

Daily Mail

WHO WARNS CORONAVIRUS CAN SURVIVE ON PAPER MONEY

GENEVA - People should stop using banknotes and make contactless payments instead to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, the World Health Organisation has warned as the spread of the virus continues to escalate.

The international body had advised customers to wash their hands after handling cash because Covid-19 can remain on notes 'just like any other surface' for several days.

But the health group has now advised against people using them in favour of digital transactions.

The latest health advice comes as the global figure for cases of the virus has surpassed 100 000, reaching across every continent except



Antarctica.

Several major sporting events and gatherings have been postponed or cancelled as health officials race to

avoid situations where major outbreaks of the virus could occur.

Last month, both China and South Korea began disinfecting and iso-

lating used banknotes as high infection rates sparked public official to rush to disinfect public places.

Officials used ultraviolet light or high temperatures to sterilise the bills, then sealing and storing the cash for 14 days before allowing them back into circulation.

China's central bank made an 'emergency issuance' of four billion yuan in new notes to Hubei province, the epicentre of the outbreak, prior to the recent Lunar New Year holiday. The Bank of England has acknowledged that banknotes 'can carry bacteria or viruses' but are not believed to be announcing plans to do anything similar.

Daily mail

CPAC chairman reveals he had 'contact' with coronavirus sufferer

WASHINGTON - The chairman of the American Conservative Union has revealed that he interacted with a 55-year-old man infected with coronavirus before shaking hands with Donald Trump.

Matt Schlapp said he feels 'healthy as a horse' after the 'incidental contact' with the man who is now recovering in New Jersey following the event in Washington DC from February 27 to March 1. Texas Republican Ted Cruz has admitted that he shook hands with the infected man and has put himself into 14-day quarantine.

"Last Saturday night, I was informed that 10 days ago at CPAC I briefly interacted with an individual who is currently symptomatic and has tested positive for COVID-19" Cruz said in a statement Sunday. "That interaction consisted of a brief conversation and a handshake." On Sunday, Arizona Republican Paul Gosar joined Cruz in self-quarantine.

"I am announcing that I, along with three of my senior staff, are officially under self-quarantine after sustained contact at CPAC with a person who has since been hospitalized with the Wuhan Virus," Schlapp was seen interacting with the likes of Ivanka Trump, Lara Trump and Jared Kushner at the event last week where he also came into contact with the infected person. Daily Mail



ITALY'S DEATH TOLL NEARS 400

... as number of infected rises to 7 375

ROME - The coronavirus death toll in Italy has risen by 133 to 366 as the country imposed a lockdown affecting 16 million people in a desperate bid to combat the spread of the killer bug.

The number of confirmed cases in the country increased by 1,492 to 7,375, with the new figures representing by far the largest daily rise in fatalities since the outbreak came to light last month.

Italy, which is the hardest hit European nation, has the highest number of cases outside China, the epicentre of the deadly disease, overtaking South Korea.

The head of the Civil Protection

Agency said today that, of those originally infected, 622 had fully recovered, compared to 589 the day before. Some 650 people were in intensive care against a previous 567.

The quarantine imposed today by Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte stops about 16 million people from moving in and out of the entire Lombardy region as well as parts of Emilia Romagna, Marche, Piemonte and Veneto. Areas under lockdown include Milan, Italy's financial hub and the main city in Lombardy, and Venice, the main city in the neighbouring Veneto region.

The majority of the deaths were in the Lombardy region in northern Italy, the civil protection agency said.

Anyone who flouts the quarantine rules - in which no-one can leave the 'orange zone' without a serious reason - could face three months in prison or a fine of up to 206 euros (around £178).

While information about the penalty for breaking the rules was released, confusion still reigned as residents and tourists tried to figure out exactly when and how the new rules were coming into effect.

Daily Mail

Britain's third coronavirus patient dies

LONDON - A third patient in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus has died, it has emerged, as the number of cases in Britain shot up to 278 in just 24 hours.

The male patient, aged over 60, had 'significant underlying health conditions' and had recently returned from trip to Italy. He was being treated at North Manchester General Hospital's specialist regional unit for infectious diseases.

It came as Northern Ireland reported five new cases of coronavirus last night, adding to the biggest daily rise in the number of cases reported in the UK. The Department of Health said on Sunday afternoon that as of 9am on Sunday there were 273 coronavirus cases and 64 new patients.

Health chiefs faced serious questions last night as it emerged travellers from Italy, at the centre of Europe's outbreak with more than

7 000 cases, said they had been able to get off flights to the UK without seeing any officials.

Flights from countries including China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Malaysia are subject to so-called enhanced monitoring measures. This means that when a passenger feels unwell they should alert the air crew. The pilot will then have to ask the destination airport for permission before anyone can disembark. Leaflets are then hand-

ed out to all passengers about calling NHS 111 and self-isolating if they experience a cough, sore throat or temperature.

Public Health England claimed it had been carrying out 'enhanced monitoring' of all flights from northern Italy since last Wednesday but had not extended the measure to flights from southern Italy - meaning travellers may be coming into the UK with the virus without being detected. Daily Mail



FOCUS ON SA OUTBREAK

STOP THE STIGMA AROUND CORONAVIRUS, MKHIZE URGES SOUTH AFRICANS

...a KwaZulu-Natal couple is among the three patients who are recovering in quarantine amid the coronavirus outbreak

JOHANNESBURG - Health Minister Zweli Mkhize on Sunday insisted South Africa is equipped in both the private and public sectors to deal with the spread of COVID-19 after confirmation that a third patient in the country had tested positive.

A KwaZulu-Natal couple is among the three patients who are recovering in quarantine amid the coronavirus outbreak.

They were part of a group of 10 people who returned from Italy last week.

Mkhize said while hospitals were preparing to quarantine any patient who tested positive for COVID-19, government was urging South Africans to cooperate and increase personal hygiene habits by washing their hands regularly.

"Now that we've seen one patient, we're going to increase the number of beds so that should there be a need to increase the number of people who are going to be admitted, we can take them in."

Mkhize told the Pietermaritzburg community to steer clear of stigmatising people with the coronavirus and to avoid stereotypes.

"If someone has been treated, they can



RELAX: Health Minister Dr. Zweli Mkhize.

go back to work and there's no problem. Don't start saying 'that one had coronavirus, we can't sit next to him' because once it's treated, it's gone - like flu. Just continue with life."

The children of the KwaZulu-Natal couple have tested negative for the virus but they're not yet back at school as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile, Egypt has recorded its first COVID-19 death, marking the first fatality on the continent.

A German tourist died on Sunday in a Sinai resort of eastern Egypt.

Cairo's health ministry said the tourist, who arrived from Germany a week ago, died after having refused to be transferred to an isolation ward until Saturday once his breathing had been affected by 'acute pneumonia'. Since the outbreak was detected late last year, more than 100 000 people have been infected, while more than 3 600 have died.

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Ravel insurance unlikely to cover coronavirus

CAPE TOWN - Still planning to take that trip abroad? If so, your travel insurer is probably not going to entertain any coronavirus-related claims because it's been classified as a 'known event'.

Thursday's announcement that a KwaZulu-Natal man, who had arrived back in the country from Italy, had tested positive for the Covid-19 virus has changed the game for South African citizens as well as travellers.

Earlier in the week, insurers said they viewed the coronavirus or Covid-19 as no special risk, so travellers who con-

tract the virus would be covered, with support in foreign countries as well as ticket cancellations and medical expenses.

But industry insiders say the virus is now a known threat so travel insurers are unlikely to pay out claims for bookings made after specific dates.

Last month, Holland Travel announced that its insurance policyholders were covered for medical expenses if they contracted the coronavirus, or if they were forced to cancel their travel plans due to the outbreak.

The situation remains fluid though,

and with Covid-19 reaching our shores, other travel insurers are no longer offering cover for the virus.

Travel insurance is designed for "unforeseen events", which the coronavirus no longer is.

Airlines are cancelling flights, entire cities have been quarantined, major events have been cancelled and many companies have instructed their staff to limit non-essential travel.

Corporates have placed a moratorium on any international travel while others have told their staff to work from home. *News24*

Most medical schemes to cover coronavirus treatment

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Council for Medical Schemes on Sunday said most health insurance providers would pay for the treatment of coronavirus.

Normally, a virus-like the COVID-19 would not be covered under prescribed minimum benefits.

But the council's Sipho Kabane said most schemes would provide extra cover.

"We have been talking to schemes and some of them have come forward saying they want to extend their rules to cover coronavirus as part of their risk pool and almost provide comprehensive cover. We're encouraging other schemes to do that as well."

At the same time, the department of transport has warned commuters using public transport to increase personal hygiene with three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Africa.

A KwaZulu-Natal couple and a Gauteng woman were part of a group of 10 people who travelled to Italy.

The Department of Health is now awaiting test results from the rest of the group. Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula's spokesperson Ayanda Allie-Paine said commuters using taxis, trains or busses must carry hand sanitiser with them as an extra precaution when exchanging and handling money.

"To passengers who use public transport, we call on you to exercise good

hygiene; wash your hands with soap and water as and when possible and if not, do use a hand sanitiser as much as you possibly can."

There are still no travel bans in place for South Africans who are travelling abroad to countries where there are confirmed coronavirus cases like northern Italy. However, professor of vaccinology at Wits University Shabir Madhi has advised South Africans to cancel non-essential trips to these destinations.

The Transport Department said it was monitoring travel developments closely but for now, it was confident all the checks for COVID-19 at ports of entry were sufficient. *EWN*

Joburg school closes as a precaution

JOHANNESBURG - The Gauteng Education Department says it will be engaging authorities from Grayston Preparatory School on its decision to close the school yesterday due to COVID-19 fears.

The department says no school has the authority to make such a decision without seeking guidance from them.

A teacher from the school is said to have had contact with a group of South Africans that had recently travelled to Italy.

Department spokesperson Steve Mabona said they are already in contact with the school on the way forward.

Educators

"We know learners are not there so we need to understand what transpired there," he said.

Mabona cautioned principals and educators not to unilaterally decide to close schools and must work through the Education Department and the Department of Health.

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RAND TAKES A KNOCK

JOHANNESBURG - Slumping Asian markets bode ill for the JSE yesterday morning, with all eyes on the coronavirus outbreak, as well as a plunging oil price due to a dispute between Russia and Saudi Arabia.

In risk-off trade, the rand crashed 3.38 percent to R16.9210/\$, having earlier fallen to R16.996. This has put the local currency at a four-year low.

The collapse of talks between Opec and Russia over production cuts on Friday sent oil prices plunging on speculation Saudi Arabia is scrapping a strategy of supporting prices in favour of a grab for market share.

Oil crashed further when this was confirmed by Saudi Arabia slashing prices at the weekend.

In morning trade yesterday, Brent crude fell 29.51 percent to \$32.11 a barrel. Gold was down 0.43 percent to \$1,666.80/oz while platinum was down 2.89 percent to \$874.20.

"Complete pandemonium at the open as investors wake up shell shocked to the realisation that last night's risk

meltdown nightmare wasn't just a bad dream," said AxiCorp chief market strategist Stephen Innes in a note.

In morning trade yesterday, the Hang Seng was down 3.5 percent and Japan's Nikkei 5.32 percent.

Tencent, which influences the JSE via its largest shareholder Naspers, had lost 3.23 percent.

There are no local economic releases yesterday, while global data releases are likely to be sidelined due to the threats of the oil price war and the coronavirus outbreak.

"In this environment, data will have little effect on currency markets as moves as big as 10 percent were witnessed in the overnight session," Peregrine Treasury Solutions Corporate Treasury Manager Bianca Botes said in a note.

News24



SARS steps up security at offices

CAPE TOWN - The SA Revenue Service (SARS) has beefed up precautionary measures at its offices and ports of entry following a third case of COVID-19 in the country.

The health ministry yesterday announced that the first patient's wife has also tested positive for COVID-19.

The couple, from KZN, were part of a group of 10 people who had travelled to Italy.

On Saturday, a 39-year-old woman from Gauteng, who is said to have had close contact with the couple, also tested positive.

The results of tests done on the other group members are expected within the next two days.

"In the past few weeks, SARS has made available personal protective equipment to customs officials at all ports of entry, including masks, gloves and hand sanitisers, in line with national government

guidelines. "SARS customs officials will also be supported by health officials, who will screen travellers entering South Africa."

"All SARS branches will make hand sanitisers available to taxpayers who visit our branches. SARS will also ensure that all working and service areas that are most frequently touched are kept clean with

specialised detergents. Information will also be shared with taxpayers on basic steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19," SARS said.

Health Minister Zweli Mkhize said the couple's children had tested negative.

However, the children will remain in self-quarantine until their parents have tested negative.

"This means they will continue not to attend school. This is in an effort to curb the risk of spreading the virus to other children and teachers."

Cape Times





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NOMINATED: CheiStar.

CheiStar nominated at Afrimusic Song Contest

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

ARTIST CheiStar has been nominated for the Afrimusic Song Contest for her song 'Stay' featuring Cassasoul.

CheiStar said being nominated on such a platform came as a surprise to her as she was least expecting it. She pleaded with the public to vote for her, as it was her wish to

represent the kingdom in Netherlands. "I feel truly humbled and favoured by God to be the one chosen to raise the flag high as our country is filled with a lot of talent."

Stories

"I am ready to make my people proud."

I am ready to tell beautiful African stories to the world through music and dance," she said.

The AfriMusic Song Contest is

the first and one of the biggest music competitions of its kind in Africa.

Recognised

It is worth noting that CheiStar has also been shortlisted for the MTN Bushfire Firefly top 20 stage. She stated that this was great news as it showed that people recognised her hard work and talent.

She said she was excited to share her gifts and talent with the world. "To vote for me, you simply look

for my name and picture, CheiStar, and you click on the link and you will verify with your email then go and click on the like button 24 times every day.

"There are 113 songs that made it from 54 countries but we won the first one with the amazing Symphony and I believe we can do it again! I need each and every one of you for this to become a reality," she said.

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

YOUR safety comes first!

These were the words said by Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini yesterday while warning artists and event organizers to be wary of their travelling in light of the deadly coronavirus (COVID-19).

Dlamini stated that artists must be cautious about their movements and business as their health was chief to them as an organization.

"It is obvious that COVID-19 has negatively affected the world's business and economies. This is a world pandemic or outbreak which governments all over the world have put strict health systems and movements to ensure the safety of the human species in all spheres the arts included."

"Our prayer is that the situation is normalised as soon as possible. I would advise local artists and event organisers to always be cautious about their movement to ensure their safety and also of the public at large," said Dlamini.

Manager for artists Sands, Lucid and Green Lifestyle Festival Director Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini said they were not at ease but they were studying the situation closely and talking to health professionals for advices.

"This thing is everywhere on every news platform in the world, it's scary. So, we are not at ease. This will definitely affect every business

ARTISTS WARNED ABOUT CORONAVIRUS



WORRIED: Artist Cleopatra.

that involves travelling. Not just entertainment. Whether it's inbound or outbound travel, we do however remain optimistic nonetheless, Africa has dealt with such pandemics before.

'Always be cautious about your movement to ensure your safety and also of the public at large'

We will win this one as well.

"That's what we do. The health of our artists is a priority. There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease so the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, by all means possible," he said.

"I feel there has been too much of a reaction to the virus without much information shared with the people and this has affected a lot of businesses across the world. I feel people should research more on how this virus can be managed," Dlamini added.

Event organiser Larry Mhlanga

said the virus had taken its toll as most events globally were at imminent risk of not being carried out.

"Gatherings that bring together people from all over the world are feared to become the transmission zone for the coronavirus hence it is risky to have them."

"Cancelling these events as a way to manage the spread could be one way the arts industry can participate in the control."

"Artists should stay put and not panic, coronavirus is not air-borne. They should at least follow the dos and don'ts that we have been enlight-

ened about by our health sector colleagues," he said.

Country musician Cleopatra stated that the virus had affected a number of activities around the world, including sports and entertainment.

"I am worried, not only just for my safety as I travel a lot but also the safety of my fellow artists."

What would have been a great opportunity is turning to the worst nightmare.

The virus seems to be spreading quicker than one could expect. We are all hoping for the best as the country and the rest of the world try to prevent and contain it," she said.

Nhlakanipho on Amanda Black's new music video

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

SOUTH Africa based local artist Nhlakanipho has debuted on Amanda Black's music video.

He is part of Amanda Black's 'Ngizele Wena' video.

The video was released two weeks ago and it is played on the Crispy Fresh on Channel O

Nhlakanipho

is spotted playing a piano as Amanda Black sings.

Nhlakanipho said this was an opportunity brought by hard work and networking with the right people.

He shared that he received a call from a great musician known as 'Nathan Blur' as they needed a pianist for the song, and he had to learn the

song in less than 24 hours.

Nhlakanipho said he was doing a great project, which will come out very soon.

It has a mixture of Afro pop and amapiano sound, since he is also a singer.

"I have featured on a great gqom vocalist from the Eastern Cape called 'Zintle

Kwaaiman' in a song titled 'Nay'Lengoma'.

I have also featured 'Judah SD' from Eswatini in a Siswati song as well.

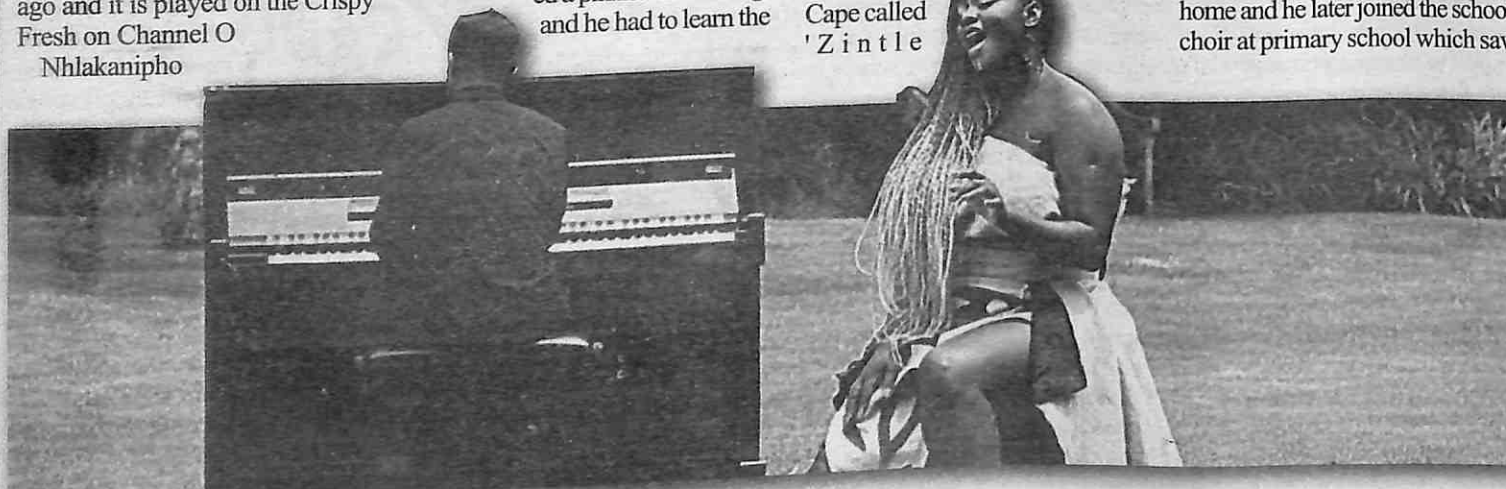
I can promise my fans that this project is on fire," he said.

Nhlakanipho Dlamini is Liswati born pianist, singer, composer and producer. For him, music began at home and he later joined the school choir at primary school which saw

him winning his first solo competition. In 2015, he studied music professionally and he currently holds a Diploma in Music Performance (piano) and a Diploma in Civil Engineering.



FEATURED: South Africa based local artist Nhlakanipho.



BLOSS CUTS TIES WITH SOLANI'S

BY MLUNGISI NDWANDWA

AFTER what had been a fruitful four years, Solani's resident deejay Bloss has parted ways with the most sought-after hangout spot to pursue a solo career.

Blessing Masuku, popularly known as 'DJ Bloss' has been rendering heavy sets and keeping many fans on toes with every performance he delivered on stage.

His name indeed carries a dead-weight load and sparks with fire flies every time it is mentioned in a conversation.

Bloss said his departure from Eswatini's crowned number one spot came after a few misunderstandings with the entertainment management.

However, the spinner did assure that they were in good terms with Solani's and he was grateful for the time he had spent at the spot.

"When you grow as an artist, you reach a point where you need to spread your wings in order to realise your full potential. Solani's gave me a base to start playing and I will forever be grateful for that," said Bloss.

Moreover, he said he saw this as an opportunity for him to shape up his career as a brand, that is still growing and maturing with every hiccup presenting itself on his journey.

"My relationship with Solani's has benefitted me in an incredible way. I would basically say Solani's groomed me and made DJ Bloss the brand that he is today.

"It is where I learnt how to interact with my fans as a DJ and learned how to handle myself as an upcoming and growing artist in the entertainment industry of Eswatini," he added.

Furthermore, the spinner said at the moment he was working on launching the Bloss brand and making sure that it remained a recognised brand in the house music field.

"I will continue giving my fans good music and I would like to advise them to check out my social media pages so that they are always on the loop with every single move that I make," he said.

Lastly, the deejay extended special thanks to his fans who had been supporting him over the years.

DJ Bloss currently has a mixtape out and available for downloads and it is dubbed Bloss Deep Sounds Winter Mix. When the Entertainment Desk contacted Solani's about Bloss's departure, the venue's Entertainment Manager Thandukwazi Hadebe refused to comment on the issue.



LEAVES: Solani's resident deejay Bloss.

Switch's 3rd album underway

BY MLUNGISI NDWANDWA

RAPPER Switch recently hinted that his album might be a few tracks away from leaving FL Studio.

This came after he took to his Twitter page and stated that he was adding a couple of songs.

The rapper said the name of his new album is dubbed 'You Only Understand' written as Y.O.U.

"Yes, this will be my third studio album following the Journey Begins, which dropped in 2013 and Walking In Faith which dropped in 2015," said the rapper.

According to Switch, the album is knitted and curved from stories of his life: pain, love, hope and faith.

"I share a few things here and there but at the end of the day you can only understand it in your own way because we go through different things in our own lives," he shared.

The 17-track album will have guest features by Rebirth from Malawi, Incense from South Africa and Mala Triggerson to

name but a few.

It also has Seth, Slotta and Tendai (Zimbabwe) on production.

The gospel hip-hop artist recently dropped 'Bigger Than God', which is a single that has also been taken off from the album.

"Bigger Than God" is the third single from the album and it is doing well. People seem to love it as it is on rotation in South African radio stations.

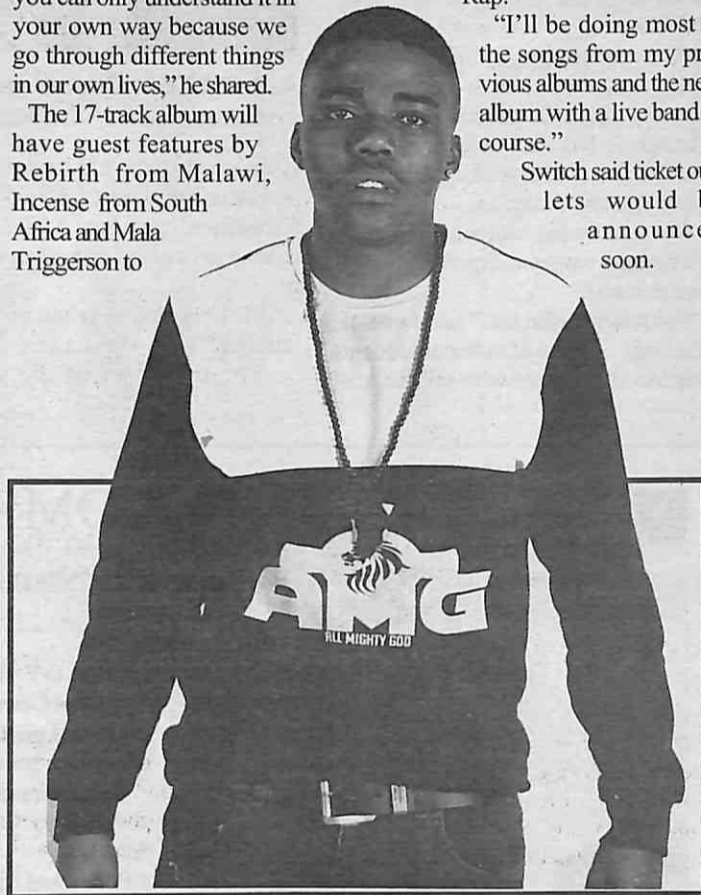
It has played in SA stations such as Link FM.

"I think I'll drop one more single which is going to lead all the singles that I've dropped," he added.

It is worth noting that the rapper will host a one-man show dubbed 'Switch Goes Live' on June 27 at his church - Mbabane Alliance. He said he would be celebrating a decade in the industry of Gospel Rap.

"I'll be doing most of the songs from my previous albums and the new album with a live band of course."

Switch said ticket outlets would be announced soon.



Y.O.U: Rapper Switch.

Food Fair poorly attended

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

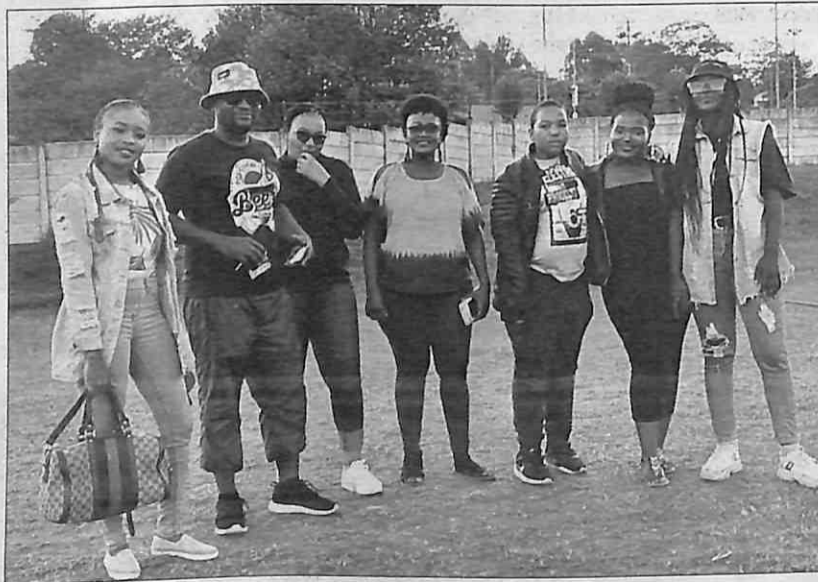
MEANT to be an exceptional affair and classy food festival the Food Fair held over the weekend was a total flop.

The first Food Fair held at Prince of Wales grounds in Mbabane was attended by less than 20 people including the food stalls, owners and organisers.

The event organisers pulled all strings to make the event a success as music and food stalls were ready for attendees.

On the menu were light food such and hotdogs, burgers and French fries.

The stalls also provided a variety of drinks and a bit of traditional food. People who were at the event said it was a good concept, but organisers failed to market it. The event had acts like Nwiki Flez and LK Baba lined up to perform for the night segment.



ATTENDANCE: Part of the people who attended the food fair held at the Prince of Wales.

One of the organisers Ntsika Shongwe said letting him down from his side was the issue of marketing and getting more sponsorships. "This was a great concept conceptualised

by us.

However, for it to reach its full potential more collaborations are required with local entrepreneurs. We will host another food fair

soon," said Shongwe.

The performers didn't perform at all since there was no crowd to perform for. The event ended with the food expo in the afternoon.



MILKY: Milkyway Mobile kitchen was at the Food Fair where children got their favourite ice cream flavours.

FUN AT 1ST KARAOKE NIGHT

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

FUN was the order of the day at Chi Executive Lounge on Friday.

This was during the first ever karaoke night that was attended by personalities and comedians such as Dr Shakes, Cleopatra and Mdura.

Karaoke is a form of entertainment offered typically by bars and clubs in which people take turns to sing popular songs into a microphone over pre-recorded backing tracks.

The patrons at Chi Lounge lived up to the meaning of karaoke as they mounted the stage and displayed their vocal abilities.

Most participants could not get the lyrics of their selected songs right but they had fun in the process.

Lungisile Dlamini said they needed such laid back events like the karaoke to unwind and have fun.

"We usually see karaoke sessions on TV but now we get to experience it right here at home."

"What is more fun than that?" said Lungisile Dlamini. Sharing the same sentiments was Mandla Sithole who said he real-



ALL SIMLES: Chanel gestures celebrating after displaying her vocal abilities at the Karaoke Night last Friday at Chi Lounge

ly enjoyed the event and the whole ambiance was perfect for him. "My wife forced me to come here. At first I thought it is not my type of event, but I enjoyed it."

"All I can say is when is the next karaoke?" said Mandla.

The organiser of the session,

Thembinkosi Mthethwa, said they were looking forward to hosting more events in the future. "It was our first Karaoke Night at Chi Executive Lounge. Karaoke is a best and fun way to interact. The next session is scheduled for the first week of April. We will have two karaoke events every month," confirmed Mthethwa.



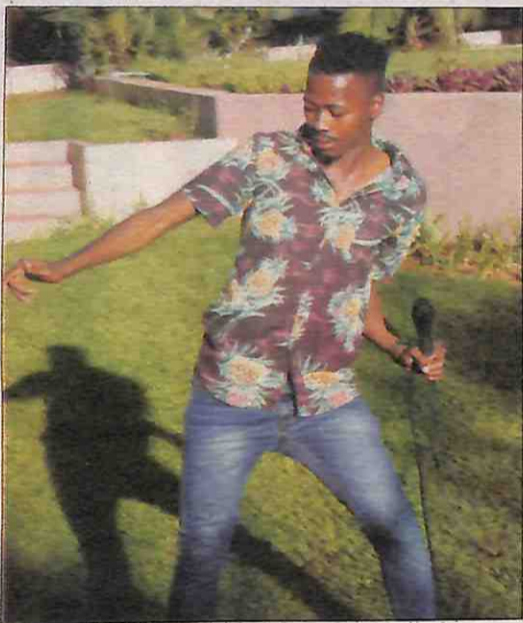
IMPRESSED: Lunga appreciates the talent displayed at the Karaoke Night.



SINGING: Cleopatra also gave it a shot during the show.



ENJOYING: Majaha, Dr Shakes and Thembinkosi sharing a light moment at the Karaoke Night.



HOST: Mdura shares his jokes with the audience during the Comedy and Poetry Outdoor event at Madonsa Guest House in Manzini. (Pic: Setsabile Nkambule)

COMEDY MEETS POETRY!

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

COMEDY met poetry at Madonsa Guest House as comedians and poets delivered splendid performances.

This was during the Comedy and Poetry Outdoor event on Saturday.

Poetry and comedy lovers came with their camp chairs and cooler boxes to enjoy the event. With an intimate setting, the audience enjoyed the event as the comedians and poets rendered great performances. Performing were Mdura, who was also the MC of the show, Ndosh, Thembelani, Debo, Sbu, Poet Majaha, Aliah, Judah and Samton, to name a few.

The event commenced from 4pm till 9pm. "I am happy with

the number of people who showed up. This was different for me as I usually host shows indoors. This felt more like I knew each and every one of the people who attended personally," said Mdura, who was also that host of the event.

Madonsa Guest House General Manager Samkelisiwe Ngwenya said the event was the first ever show to be hosted by the guest house.

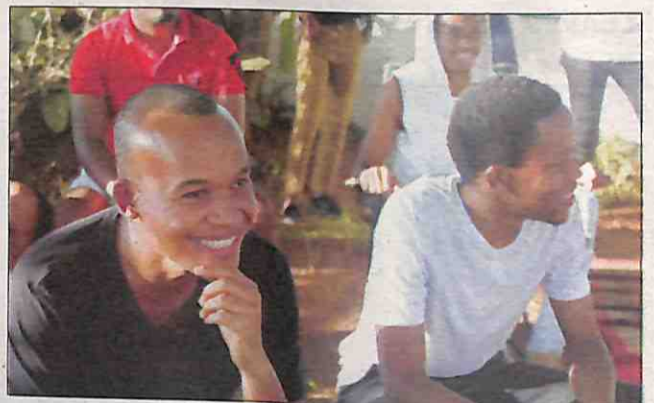
She said the reason to host the event was to celebrate local talent by giving their customers a feel of the entertainment industry.

She said they also wanted to show Emaswati that the Madonsa Guest House was a great place for people to chill and have fun.

"We are happy that we were able to support local artists," said Ngwenya.



ENJOYING : A section of the audience laughing to Mdura's set.



ALL SMILES: Comedian Thembelani and Sbu react to Debo's jokes.



CHILLED: A section of the audience who attended the event.



HAPPY : The crowd laughing their lungs out.

HOUSE MUSIC FEST A HIT



PACKED: Revellers came in their numbers for the House Music Fest held at Esibayeni Lodge on Saturday. (Pics Ayanda Dlamini, Nokwanda Sibandze)



PEACE: Malungelo and Prince captured at the show.



GENTS: SwaziBoy Director Shadow Zwane poses with DJ Fresh after his set.



LADIES: These ladies in a jolly mood on arrival at the festival.



GENTS WORLD: Fun lovers in a jovial mood at the festival.



CLICK CLICK: DJ Oscar Mbo took time to pose with fans after his set.



ON FLEEK: Tenele got a haircut from Hair Studios at the show.



GET DOWN: This fun lover danced the night away.

ONES, TWOS: DJ Mbo on the turntables.



LEGENDS: DJ Christos and DJ Fresh delivered splendid performances.



ALL OUT: Cheerful party animals packed the venue.



MISS HOUSE: Melody couldn't miss out.

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SABC TO CONTINUE PLAYING SJAVA'S MUSIC

JOHANNESBURG - The SABC will continue to play Sjava's music on its various radio and television channels uninterrupted amid allegations of rape.

The public broadcaster has told Sowetan it will first let the law take its course in Sjava's case before it reaches a decision over boycotting his music.

Last week, organisations such as the DStv Mzansi Viewers' Choice Awards, Cape Town International Jazz Festival and Miss Mpumalanga immediately cut ties with the Umama singer.

The numerous withdrawals come after organisers learnt of the rape case opened against Sjava by former girlfriend and musician Lady Zamar last week.

"The SABC respects the rule of law and believes that any allegations levelled against anyone should follow the due process of the

law," acting SABC spokesperson Mmoni Seapolelo said.

"Thus at this stage, it is premature for the SABC to take any decision regarding broadcasting Sjava's music."

Sjava stripped of DStv Mzansi Viewers' Choice Awards nominations

The DStv Mzansi Viewers' Choice Awards have stripped Sjava of his two nominations amid alle-

gations of rape.

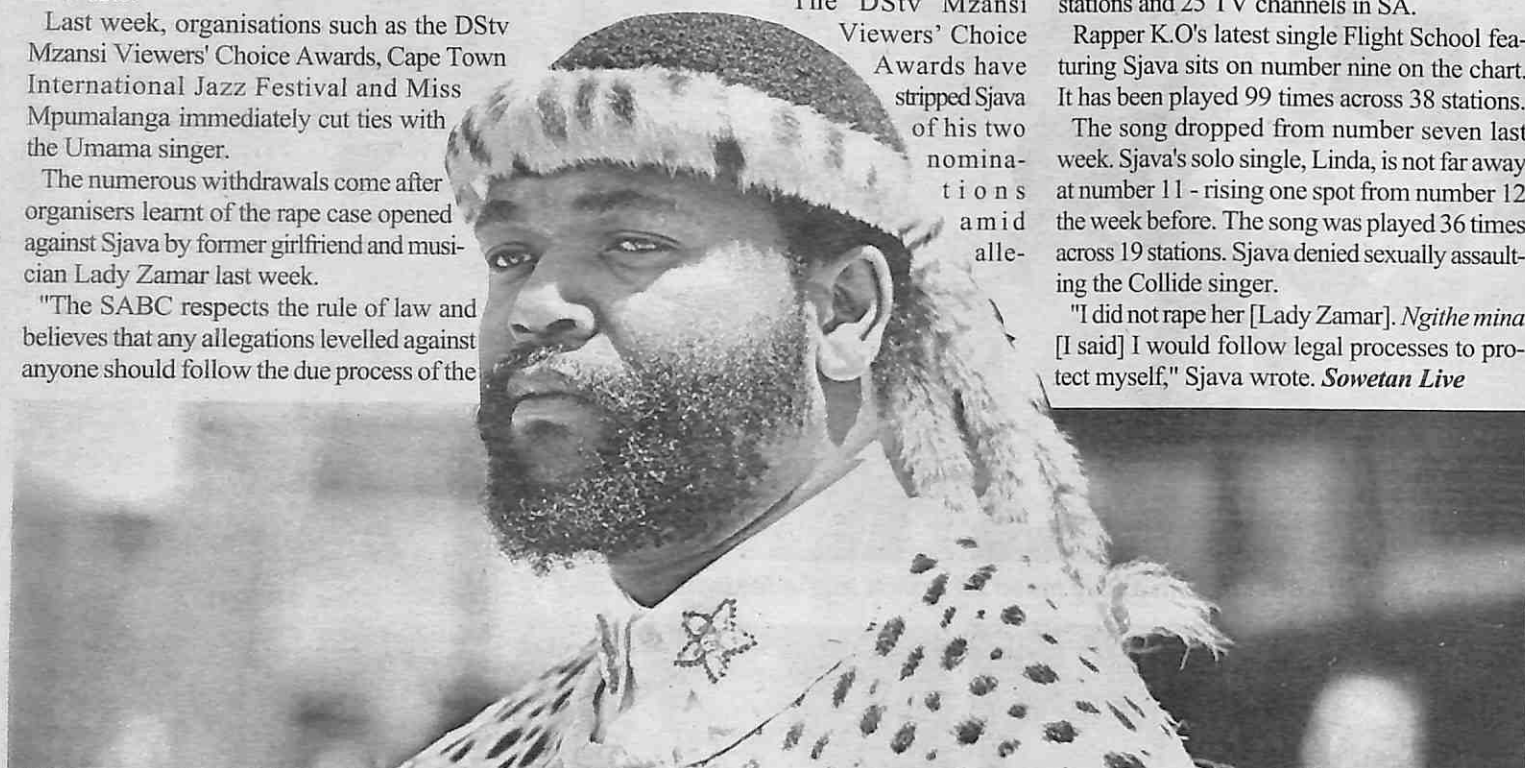
In the week that the news broke between February 29 and Friday, his music didn't see a massive drop, according to the official Radio Monitor.

Radio Monitor is the official standard that captures airplay data and analysis in over 170 radio stations and 25 TV channels in SA.

Rapper K.O's latest single Flight School featuring Sjava sits on number nine on the chart. It has been played 99 times across 38 stations.

The song dropped from number seven last week. Sjava's solo single, Linda, is not far away at number 11 - rising one spot from number 12 the week before. The song was played 36 times across 19 stations. Sjava denied sexually assaulting the Collide singer.

"I did not rape her [Lady Zamar]. *Ngithe mina* [I said] I would follow legal processes to protect myself," Sjava wrote. *Sowetan Live*



SA events to go ahead as planned despite virus

SANDTON - Minnie Dlamini-Jones will host the Viewers Choice Awards.

Panic over corona virus has rocked showbiz with upcoming high-profile social events under threat amid health and travel concerns.

But organisers for the DStv Mzansi Viewers' Choice Awards and Yvonne Chaka Chaka founded Backing Vocalists and Session Musicians (BVSM) say they will cautiously continue.

The DStv awards will take place this Saturday at the Ticketpro Dome, in Johannesburg, with a seating capacity of 20 000.

Hosted by Minnie Dlamini-Jones, performers on the night will include Makhadzi, DJ Zinhle, Master KG, Semi Tee, Kammu Dee and Miano.

Stars such as Bonang Matheba, Somizi Mhlongo, Moshe Ndiki, Percy Tau, Anele Mdoda and DJ Fresh are nominated.

"MultiChoice Group has taken the necessary measures to assess and minimise potential risks to its employees, stakeholders and business operations in relation to the novel coronavirus [COVID-19]," said executive head of corporate affairs at MultiChoice South Africa Reggy Moalusi.

"We have not recorded any suspected cases within our organisation and will cooperate with the relevant health authorities in the communities where we operate, as necessary," he said.

Around 300 guests are expected to attend Chaka Chaka's awards at the Soweto Theatre in Jabulani, Soweto.

Times Live

Enhle opens up about her mom's support

MIDRAND - Actress and businesswoman Enhle Mbali is focusing on family after her split from DJ Black Coffee, sharing how her mother has been a massive support during the last few months.

Enhle confirmed the couple's separation late last year, saying she 'had to explain the unexplainable' to her children, and called for privacy to protect them.

While approaching life as a single woman, she said she has been able to count on the support of her mother, Bongzi Mlotshwa, and recently told Drum that she was grateful for all the help she was getting.

"Family is important. The kind of help you

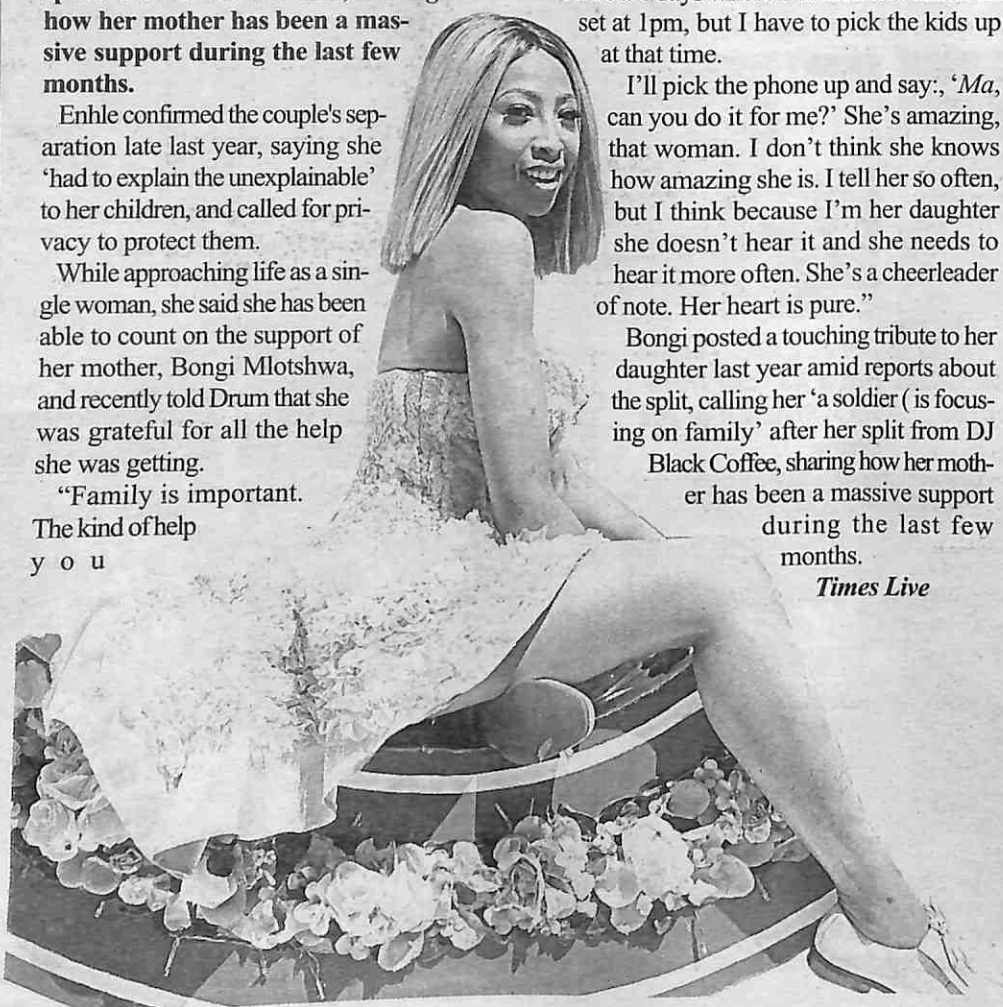
have in your house and everyone pulling together for you is extremely important.

There are days where I'm meant to finish on set at 1pm, but I have to pick the kids up at that time.

I'll pick the phone up and say: 'Ma, can you do it for me?' She's amazing, that woman. I don't think she knows how amazing she is. I tell her so often, but I think because I'm her daughter she doesn't hear it and she needs to hear it more often. She's a cheerleader of note. Her heart is pure."

Bongzi posted a touching tribute to her daughter last year amid reports about the split, calling her 'a soldier (is focusing on family)' after her split from DJ Black Coffee, sharing how her mother has been a massive support during the last few months.

Times Live



DAILY SOAPIE DIGEST



DISCOVERY: Catch Vuyiswa on The Queen.



People gather from far and wide as Thandeka is buried. S'bu finds the words he needs to say to his wife.



Mayekiso has one more trick up his sleeve. Patience confronts the giraffe in the room. Lefa's worst nightmare is made real.



Vho-Masindi unravels as the time for the royal family meeting draws near. A surprise gesture from KK rocks Matshidiso's boat. Shaz attempts to unmask Mbali but finds tables have turned.



The sisters-in-law get into a major blow-out. The Moroka boys get even more bad news. Pele conducts a bust and is shocked by what he finds.



Trouble looms for the Khozas when Vuyiswa makes an important discovery. Schumacher feels trapped by his love life.



Sibonelo is forced into an uncomfortable position when Khomo makes a tall order, Gabisile makes a scary promise to Qhabanga, and Shu's plan goes completely wrong.



Thembeke makes serious progress with nailing a scapegoat.

MEME OF THE DAY

I'm at a point where I don't know nale point which I am at but khona I'm at the point nje ...

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19
You might want to put on your suit of armor as soon as you wake up, Capricorn. An all-out battle is raging out there, and it could seem like everyone has picked you as the main target. Be careful about escalating an issue even more by becoming defensive without first understanding the full scope of the matter. It could be that everything is coming to a head simply because of one slight misunderstanding.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18
You might want to put on your suit of armor as soon as you wake up, Aquarius. An all-out battle is raging out there, and it could seem like everyone has picked you as the main target. Be careful about escalating an issue even more by becoming defensive without first understanding the full scope of the matter. It could be that everything is coming to a head simply because of one slight misunderstanding.



Pisces February 19 – March 20
There is a tremendous amount of physical energy building within you, Pisces. Be careful that you don't let this incredible force come out in the form of a heated argument against someone you really care about. Perhaps you suddenly feel as if everything is caving in and you desperately need some means of escape. Go for a good long run. Find a way to release this tension.



Aries March 21 – April 19
You're sailing along and suddenly see a big ramp in front of you, Aries. Your choice: avoid the ramp, stay on the ground where you know it's safe, and be content with a limited worldview, or hit that ramp head on and soar over the trees and beyond. Who knows where you might land?



Taurus April 20 – May 20
A great sense of duty toward your fellow humans is likely to drive your actions, Taurus. Think of yourself as an important role model for young people. They may look up to you without you even knowing it. Make sure you stand up straight and proudly whether or not you consider your job menial. The example you set is likely to have a trickle-down effect that will end up touching many people.



Gemini May 21 – June 21
There is a negative intensity about the day that is only going to get worse if you continue this stubbornness about every issue that comes your way, Gemini. Much of today's activity will focus on ways in which people can break out of their ruts and see things from an entirely different perspective. If you insist on remaining fixed in your ways, you'll only meet resistance.



Cancer June 22 – July 22
Whether or not you willingly participate, you'll certainly play a key role in the action, Cancer. At times you'll feel like the pivotal player whose actions decide the fate of the game. Now you must close your eyes, take a deep breath, and find the answer from your heart. Don't look to others for support, because they'll have their own agendas and ideas about what you should do. Only you know what is best.



Leo July 23 – August 22
The time for planning and calculating is over, Leo. The time for taking aggressive action has arrived. If you don't have your armor ready, too bad. You'll be thrust onto the battlefield with the rest of the troops even if you're in your underwear. The more you try to delay the inevitable, the more difficult it will be. Bite the bullet and charge full-speed ahead with whatever protective gear you have.



Virgo August 23 – September 22
A large force is gathering now to make a bold statement and important pledge, Virgo. This kind of movement brings together generations and unites people in a revolution. Put away the petty issues and think globally. Educate yourself about what's going on in the world and take a more aggressive stand to fight for what you believe. A small group of intelligent individuals can make a tremendous impact.



Libra September 23 – October 23
There is a burning restlessness inside you that is activated because you don't feel as if you're fulfilling your life's destiny, Libra. You could have a sudden insight that you have a much greater purpose in this life than what you're doing now. Explore this idea and see how you can move toward this desire that comes from deep within. This is the perfect time to put large, long-term plans into action.



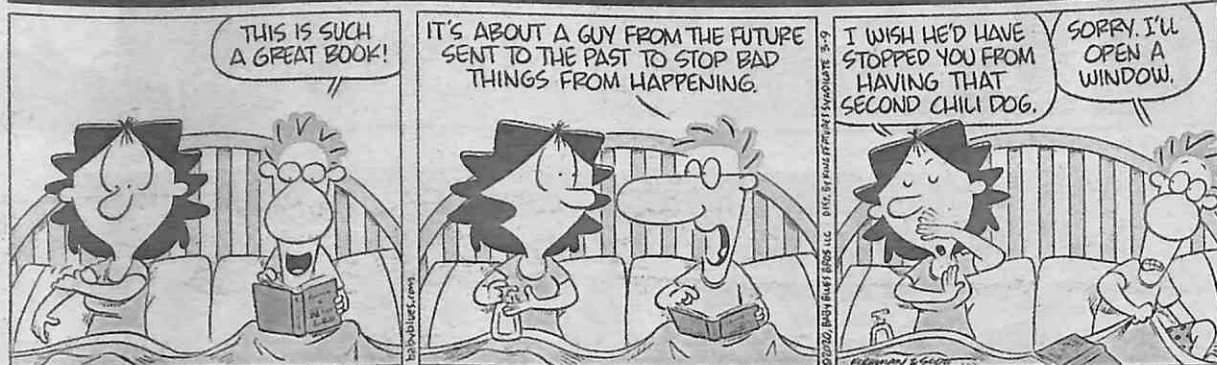
Scorpio October 24 – November 21
There is a strong wave of power coming your way, so be careful how you handle it, Scorpio. You're extra prone to injuries and accidents of an explosive nature. Try not to make any hasty moves while driving, and be careful operating things like gas pumps or propane tanks. Used properly, today's planetary energy can help you tackle just about any obstacle in front of you. How you handle the energy is up to you.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21
Your flexible, down-to-earth and optimistic attitude is likely to pay off well, personally and professionally, feels Ganesha. Celebrations and soiree during the lunch time demand for social exchanges. Evening will be more relaxed, with you and your beloved gazing at the setting sun and remembering good old days!



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LOL

Rude man shopping

With his wife sick in bed, a man did the weekly supermarket shopping. By the time he reached the checkout, his cart was overflowing. Behind him in the line was a little old lady with just a loaf of

bread and some butter. He turned to her and said: "Is that all you have dear?" Her face lit up. "Yes, it is." "Well," he said, "if I were you I'd have a seat because I'm gonna be a while."

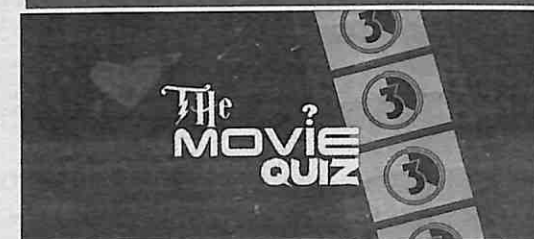
DID YOU KNOW

- The Silverback gorilla can lift almost a literal ton.
- Every time you shuffle a deck of cards, you get a combination that's never existed.
- When it's an adult, the "Immortal

Jellyfish," scientifically named Turritopsis dohrnii, can transform its cells back to its childhood state.

4. America accidentally dropped an atom bomb on South Carolina in 1958.

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

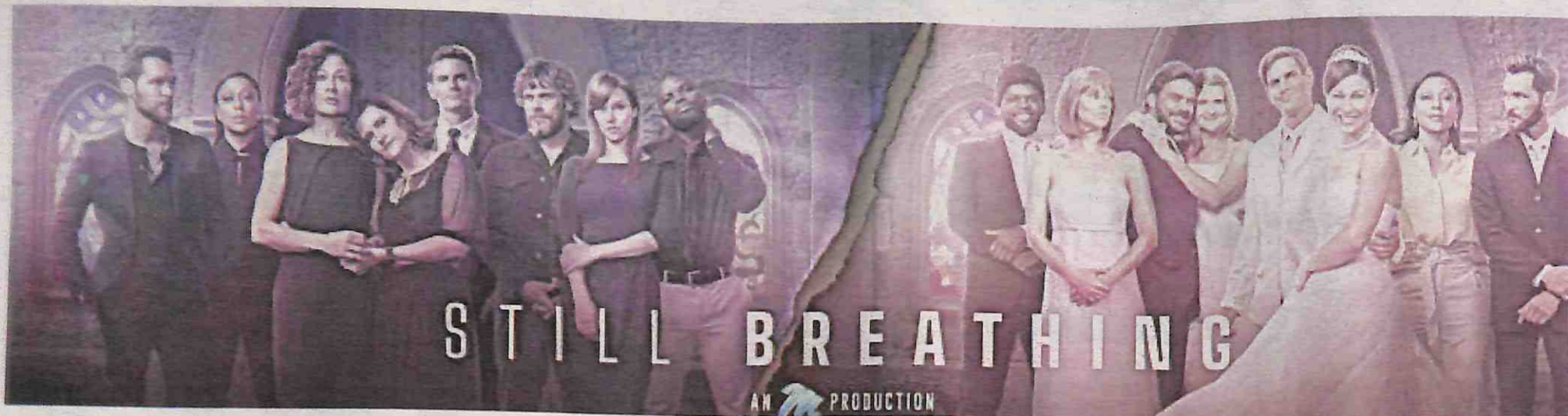
1. What is the name of the circus owner on The Greatest Showman?

Answers:
B. P.T. Barnum

TODAY'S QUIZ

1. Which film starring Lee J Cobb amongst others had the tagline 'They have twelve scraps of paper... Twelve

chances to kill!?'
Answers:
A. 12 Angry Men
B. 69 Death Men



TEARS FOR TRENT - STILL BREATHING EPISODE 2

THE tears speak volumes on Episode 2.

Trent's death has opened up a whirlwind of emotions, wounds, lies, and secrets. Everyone has to pick up the pieces and move forward, but that's never easy to do! Let's see what the tears from episode 2 brought us.

TEARS FROM A WIDOW

Abi is still in shock as she tries to come to terms with Trent's death and being a widow. She shuts herself out from her family and tries to reach out to her friend Candice, who to her is MIA. Where in the world could Candice be? Oh! If only Abi knew that she's licking her wounds. Speaking of friends, her old mate, Lucille arrives and wants to lend a shoulder to cry on, but Abi shuns her. We're dying to know what did Lucille do to turn

ABI SO COLD TOWARDS HER?

Abi's one wish for Trent is to have his body cremated, but Trent's dad is hearing none on it, as it's against his family tradition. It seems like Abi is still the outsider in Trent's family and his death is slowly but surely exposing skeletons in the closet. What does Abi have on Trent's dad? We're loving how the plot thickens.

TEARS FROM A MISTRESS

Candice is busy hiding out and turns to T-Boss for consolation. T-Boss advises her to visit her



grieving friend. Candice reminds him she is also grieving and suffered a loss too, to which he answers, "He was never yours to lose." Ouch! T-Boss. We guess the truth hurts. We can't help but wonder how will Candice dig herself out of this compromising situation?

TEARS FROM FRIENDS, FAMILY

Each of Trent's friends is coping with his death while battling demons of their own. T-Boss is caught between keeping Candice's affair a secret and also keeping his wife happy (who's not keen on playing happy family with Trent's folks.)

Meanwhile, Danny copes with the loss of his best friend by embarking on a dog-rescuing-and-finding-mayo mission. You've gotta love Danny! Jessica has trouble breaking the sad news to her little boys, while also becoming Abi's armour. Can we just say we want a sister like good old Jess. Then there's Stephen (adding more eye candy to the screen), the friend who appears to be quite the playboy. He has returned home but is not ready to face Trent's death nor come face-to-face with Abi. Is she his one true love? He doesn't believe in funerals or the afterlife, but hey... he is still breathing.

TEARS OF BETRAYAL

Candice finally shows up to console Abi, but rowing deeper into her bed of lies. Abi has no clue that betrayal is standing right next to her. How will Candice cope with her guilt, while she tries to be a pillar of strength to her best friend during this tragic time? Two women mourning one man? Nothing good can come from this.

TEARS FROM A MOTHER

They say that losing a child is one of the hardest things, this is so evident when Trent's mother breaks down emotionally and cries out those ever so piercing words "I lost my son!" We can clearly see the unbearable pain in her eyes and we know that the family troubles are only beginning.

TEARS FROM A SISTER

Trent's little sister has issues with their overpowering father, something big brother also battled with. We see a flashback of her and Trent at a funeral which shows us that they had a wonderful relationship. Now that her brother has passed, will daddy dearest put all the pressure on her to be the family's golden child?

TEARS FROM A LOST SON

Just when you needed to catch your breath again, BOOM, another heart-pounding twist. Trent's long-lost son comes knocking grandpa's door. Where has he been all this time? Does Abi know about Trent's secret son? What does this mean for the family? Trent certainly had deep dark secrets that are being dug up before he's even buried. We want answers before the final nail hits the coffin. Join us for the next gripping episode on Thursday at 20:00 on #MNet101 and tweet us with the hashtag #StillBreathingSA.

NOMUSA, LEHLOHONOLO'S LOVE STORY – OPW

They met way back in 2004.

Nomusa admits she was a bit of a 'Miss Busy Body' back in the day and luckily for her, this kind of sways things in her favour and tonight she marries the man of her dreams.

HOW THEY MET:

She met Lehlohonolo way back in September 2004. She gave him her number and when he called later, it was a brief chat. Two days later, they went out on a date and it was only after about two months that they started dating officially.

It seems Nomusa was getting tired of the endless lunches and movies, so she asked him the big question: "Where is this going?" This was when Lehlohonolo knew she was the woman of his dreams.

CHALLENGES:

When Lehlohonolo fell ill and was hospitalised, the relationship took quite the knock. It was a difficult time especially since they were in the process of planning their wedding and both Nomusa and their son worried a lot about his health.

HOW HE PROPOSED:

He picked her up at work, had a few errands to run and later they went out for dinner. He insisted she have some chocolate mousse, but she refused and when she finally did, she discovered the ring! He went down on his knees and she was crying the whole time.

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HATTON SCOOPS £1.28M PRIZE IN ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL

NEW YORK - Tyrrell Hatton sealed the first English win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational in Florida.

The 2018 Ryder Cup ace, 28, secured a gutsy one-shot victory at Bay Hill after carding a final-round two-over-par 74.

It was Hatton's maiden US Tour title and after holding off the challenge of playing partner Aussie Marc Leishman he took a £1.28million first prize with a four-under total.

Hatton's two-stroke overnight lead went in the first five holes in tough conditions as only four players finished below par.

The High Wycombe ace said: "It was such a tough day. After my double bogey on the 11th I thought I'd played my way out of it because I didn't see the scoreboard."

"Then that final two-foot putt at 18? I've never been so nervous. I won't ever forget this week."

World No.1 Rory McIlroy, tied second at the start of the day, had two double bogeys in a 76 that saw him slip back to level par and a share of fifth place.

David Drysdale was close to tears after his wait for a first title continued at the Qatar Masters.

The Scot, 44, was playing his 498th event and had a 10ft putt on the last to finally win.

But he missed and was then beaten by Jorge Campillo after five dramatic play-off holes.

Gutted Drysdale did not hang around long enough afterwards to put his dis-

appointment into words.

But wife and caddie Vicky tweeted: "Gutted not to win but I'm so proud of DD for the way he played in the play-off."

"Team DD will keep fighting for that win."

Campillo, 33, holed a birdie putt from 20ft and Drysdale, who has now been runner-up four times, could not match it.

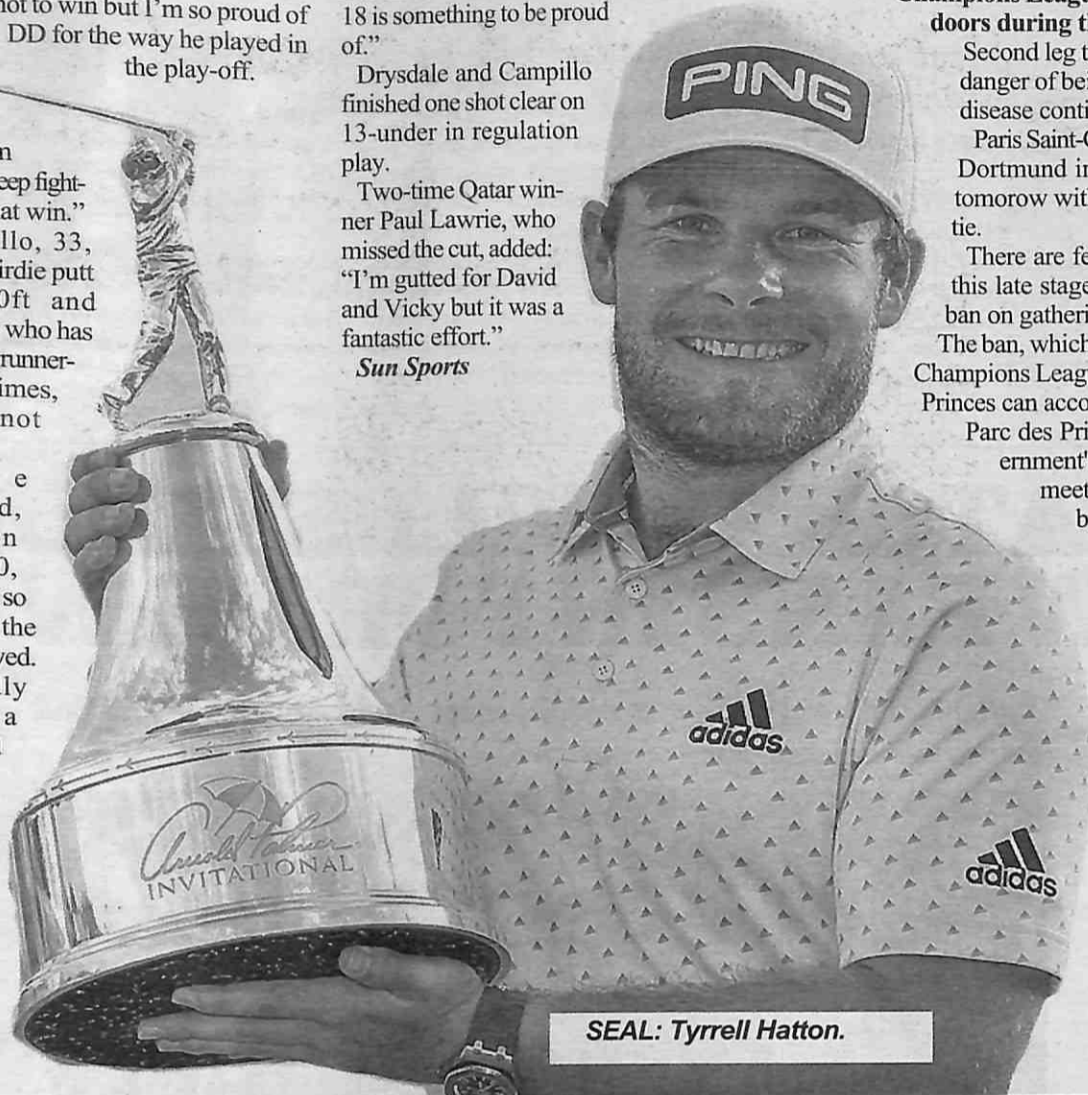
The Spaniard, who won £230,000, said: "I'm so proud of the way I played. I hardly missed a shot and made some putts."

"David was hitting some great shots. But three birdies out of six on 18 is something to be proud of."

Drysdale and Campillo finished one shot clear on 13-under in regulation play.

Two-time Qatar winner Paul Lawrie, who missed the cut, added: "I'm gutted for David and Vicky but it was a fantastic effort."

Sun Sports



SEAL: Tyrrell Hatton.

TWO CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED

PARIS - The deadly coronavirus outbreak could see two Champions League last 16 games played behind closed doors during the next fortnight.

Second leg ties staged in Paris and Barcelona are in danger of being played out in empty stadiums as the disease continues to spread across the world.

Paris Saint-Germain will host German outfit Borussia Dortmund in the second leg of their last 16 clash tomorrow with coronavirus fears overshadowing the tie.

There are fears the tie could even be postponed at this late stage as French government have placed a ban on gatherings of more than 1 000 people.

The ban, which was announced on Sunday, has put the Champions League fixture in jeopardy as PSG's Parc des Princes can accommodate 48 000 spectators.

Parc des Princes has been disinfected but the government's ban following an emergency security meeting may leave the club with no choice but to postpone the fixture or play in an empty stadium.

Barcelona do not host Napoli until next Wednesday but there are doubts surrounding the fixture too.

Barcelona City Council have postponed the Barcelona Marathon from March 15 to October 25 due to the coronavirus so games at the Nou Camp are also in doubt.

Games in Italy are being played behind closed doors until April 3 as they have been badly affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

The flu-like disease has killed 366 people in Italy with 7 375 infected - the highest number of confirmed infections outside China.

Reuters

HAMILTON TAKES CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTION ON FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA

LONDON - Lewis Hamilton was taking no chances as he flew to Australia ahead of the F1 season opener this weekend.

The reigning world champion posted a picture of himself wearing a mask with fears over the spread of coronavirus.

Race officials confirmed Sunday's event in Melbourne would go ahead as planned with more than 100 000 fans expected.

And it seems Hamilton was taking measures to prevent himself from catching the virus on his flight to Australia.

The image on Instagram was later deleted.

Hamilton is chasing his record-equalling seventh world title this season which will draw him level with Michael Schumacher.

The Brit posted a picture online of his new physique after a rigorous off-season programme to get in top condition.

He also added the caption: "Every year I try to find the right balance between being the fittest athlete I can be, a good businessman and deliver on all platforms."

"It is far from easy but I give it my all. I listen to my body, fuel it to the best of my knowledge. This year, I've managed to push further and be fitter and stronger than the years before which

I'm so happy about.

"I feel more ready than ever as I embark on my journey to the first race of the season. I just want to encourage you all out there, your body and mind are one."

"Take care of it, feed your body and your mind with the right ingredients. Health is wealth."

"If you believe you can't do something that is just the wrong attitude because you can do anything you put your mind to."

"You need to develop a positive frame of mind and working out will help you do that and feel better about yourself. I know you can do it, now you need to know it too." *Reuters*

Los Blancos fluff chance to regain lead at top of La Liga

BARCELONA - Former Barcelona winger Cristian Tello made sure his old team stayed top of La Liga by scoring the goal that beat Real Madrid 2-1 on Sunday night.

With 82 minutes on the clock and the game evenly poised at 1-1 a loose pass from Karim Benzema put Real Madrid in trouble. Andre Guardado got to the ball ahead of Sergio Ramos who had gambled everything on flying into the challenge only to come up empty.

Guardado released Tello and the second half substitute ran onto it sprinting to the edge of the area before firing it past

Thibaut Courtois.

Barcelona gave up on Tello in 2014 loaning him out and eventually selling him.

The homegrown winger had shown promise but often infuriated Lionel Messi with a selfish streak in the final third.

There will be no complaints from Barcelona now over his single-mindedness in front of goal.

Real Madrid desperately tried to get back in the game but Betis clung on and Zinedine Zidane's team lose the lead to Barca just seven days after beating them in the Clasico.

The Sun

Fired-up James, Anthony Davis shine against the Clippers

LOS ANGELES - Anthony Davis scored 30 points, LeBron James added 28 and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Clippers 112-103 on Sunday, ending their Staples Center co-tenant's six-game winning streak.

Avery Bradley added 24 points to help the Lakers win their fourth in a row and 11th in 12 games. They pulled away in the second half after the Clippers' smothering defense helped them lead most of the first two quarters.

The Lakers recently clinched a play-off berth for the first time since 2013, and it's possible they could meet the

Clippers in the postseason.

The crowd made it feel like a play-off atmosphere, with a strong contingent of raucous Lakers fans on hand for what was a Clippers' home game.

They chanted "[MVP! MVP!]" when James completed a 3-point play that tied the Lakers' largest lead of 12 points with 40 seconds to play.

Paul George scored 31 points, Kawhi Leonard added 27 and Montrezl Harrell had 20 for the Clippers. They lost to the Lakers for the first time in three games this season.

With the Lakers up by four points, James hit a 3-pointer to open the fourth.

His 3-point play and a basket by Davis capped a 14-6 run that pushed it to 99-87, their first double-digit lead of the game.

George and Leonard combined to score 12 straight points during a stretch in the fourth, but they could never get a sustained run going.

Bradley hit four of his season-high six 3-pointers in the third, helping the Lakers take their first lead since the opening quarter after trailing by nine.

Sports Mail





BARCLAYS

ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



Spurs, Chelsea fans could be STOPPED from attending CL games

LONDON - The coronavirus crisis may prevent Tottenham, Chelsea and Rangers fans from travelling to cheer their teams on after the German health minister proposed cancelling large scale events with more than 1 000 people.

In the Champions League, Tottenham are due to travel to RB Leipzig for the second leg of their last-16 clash with a 1-0 deficit on March 10 while Bayern Munich

...as health minister calls for BAN on gatherings of over 1 000 people amid coronavirus crisis

are scheduled to host Chelsea on March 18.

Rangers also face a two-legged Europa League last-16 tie against Bayern Leverkusen with the return trip on March 19.

Games in Italy were played behind closed doors this weekend, while a host of other sporting events have been suspended in a bid to stop the

virus spreading further.

"After many discussions with those responsible, I emphatically encourage the cancellation of events with more than 1 000 participants until further notice," German health minister Jens Spahn wrote on Twitter.

Warnings have also been issued by German Football League chief Christian Seifert that the season

must finish by mid-May with the 2020 Euros this summer and issues of promotion and relegation to decide.

A number of high-profile events including Berlin's travel fest ITB, industrial show Hannover Messe and the Leipzig book fair have already been stopped.

Sports Online

'It was not acceptable'

MANCHESTER - Bernardo Silva slammed Manchester City's performance as 'unacceptable' after they suffered a 2-0 derby defeat against Manchester United.

Goals from Anthony Martial and Scott McTominay at Old Trafford on Sunday saw City lose to United for the second time in the league this season.

The Blues also lost to their city rivals in the second leg of the Carabao semi-final.

"It was a bad game for us. Not acceptable. We didn't start badly and were playing quite well until we conceded," he said to Sky Sports after the match.

"We know how good the Manchester United players are on the counterattack, very aggressive. So our performance was not acceptable.

"We will have to watch the game back and listen to what Pep has to say. But a team like ours cannot lose this many games. We need

to check what's not going right and try not to make so many mistakes."

City have now lost seven games in a disappointing title defence and their latest defeat means Liverpool now need only six points from

their remaining nine games to take their crown.

Despite that, Pep Guardiola was not too downbeat about the performance, disagreeing with Silva's assessment.

"I don't agree with Bernardo," Guardiola said. "Over 90 minutes we played really well. In the first half we need to be a little bit more aggressive in the final third but in the second half we did it a little bit better.

"In general we played well but congratulations United on the victory."

Guardiola refused to criticise goalkeeper Ederson, who was at fault for both United goals and almost gifted them another.

Sports Mail

EPL MATCHES WILL STILL ALLOW FANS IN FOR NOW

LONDON - Premier League games are set to go ahead with fans after crunch talks between government officials and sports chiefs and broadcasters today on the coronavirus outbreak.

Sport's governing bodies and television chiefs were summoned to Sports Secretary Oliver Dowden's offices to be given the latest 'clinical guidance' relating to holding fixtures.

Following the meeting in London, RFU chief executive Bill Sweeney said: "There was no medical rationale for cancelling events or (playing them) behind closed doors yet, but clearly it is a moving situation so we'll keep talking and go from there."

Dowden told BBC Breakfast yesterday that the current medical advice was that there was no reason to avoid or cancel sports events, but reports over the week-

...after government crisis talks established there was 'no medical rationale for cancelling events' over coronavirus



end stated Premier League chiefs were increasingly expecting matches may have to be played behind closed doors within the next two weeks. Dowden, who watched the England vs Wales Six Nations game on Saturday at Twickenham with prime minister Boris Johnson,

said: "We are guided by the facts and we are guided by the evidence. At the moment the advice is clear from the chief medical officer: there isn't a need to cancel such events." The crisis meeting comes after Italy, hard hit by the Covid-19 outbreak, ordered

all major sporting events throughout the country to be played without fans for one month in a bid to curb Europe's worst coronavirus outbreak.

Sports Mail



Ole believes United need 'two or three' signings

LONDON - Ole Gunnar Solskjaer believes Manchester United need another 'two or three' new signings to be considered Premier League title challengers.

United boosted their hopes of qualifying for next season's

United will be able to mount a title challenge next season if they make the right moves in the summer transfer market.

"We feel we are improving all the time," Solskjaer said. "We know we lack one, two, three players to be considered a title contender and some experience and we know that.

"We are just going to start talking about going up the table, getting more points.

"Chelsea and Leicester are too far ahead for my liking."

United racked up a 10th match unbeaten thanks to goals in either half from Anthony Martial and Scott McTominay at a rain-soaked Old Trafford.

That run across all competitions has included seven wins and eight clean sheets, boosting United's chances of catching Chelsea in fourth. *AFP*

Champions League with a 2-0 win over rivals Manchester City on Sunday afternoon. But they remain three points shy of fourth place and an enormous 37 points behind champions-elect Liverpool. However, Solskjaer believes

Arsenal's Torreira ruled out for the season

LONDON - Arsenal will be without midfielder Lucas Torreira for the remainder of the campaign after the ankle injury he sustained in the FA Cup against Portsmouth.

The Uruguayan was taken off on a stretcher in the 16th minute of the fifth round tie at Fratton Park and was replaced by Dani Ceballos, and now the club have confirmed that he will be out of action for 'eight to 10 weeks'.

The Gunners confirmed on their website that

the 24-year-old Right ankle had 'sustained a fracture to his right ankle during Portsmouth (a) on March 2', adding: "Still receiving continual assessments. Recovery process expected to take between eight to ten weeks."

Torreira, who was seen leaving the stadium on crutches, joined the club in 2018 from Sampdoria for around £26 million and has since made 75 appearances for the north London outfit.

Sport Mail

Liverpool 'to stay in Europe for pre-season tour'

LONDON - Liverpool have abandoned plans for a pre-season trip to Asia and will remain in Europe as a result of the outbreak of coronavirus.

The Reds were exploring the prospect of a lucrative one-off game in China this summer but have now shelved those plans.

Instead, Liverpool will remain in Europe during pre-season for the first time in a decade, having spent the last two summers in America.

The Reds' last trip to Asia came back in 2017 when they competed in the Premier League Asia Trophy in Hong Kong, though that event

was hampered by severe weather conditions. According to The Athletic, the news has been welcomed by manager Jurgen Klopp, who told the club's owners several months ago that he favoured a Europe-based training camp. Klopp wants to reduce the amount of travelling his side has to do and the risk of fatigue, which he feels will give the club a better chance of success next season. The German is already concerned about the late return of several first team players after the European Championships and Copa America.

Sport Mail



South African SOCCER

Mahangwahaya speaks about bitters-sweet victory

LIMPOPO - Ivan Mahangwahaya says beating a side from Limpopo does not bring as much joy to him as defeating sides outside the province.

Mahangwahaya's side Baroka FC beat provincial rivals Black Leopards 2-0 in a league match on Saturday.

The 30-year-old moved to Bakgaga from Bidvest Wits on a loan deal until the end of the season.

"It was good to get maximum points against them but you know beating a side from home is sad because we need more teams from our side of the country playing in the top league, but we need to get all the points we can get from all our games, it is unfortunate, but we have to win each game," Mahangwahaya told Phakaaathi.

"We are happy we are moving away from the bottom with about six games still to go and we want to win more games and stay clear of relegation or playoffs."

The Star



REVEALED: Ivan Mahangwahaya.

JOMO TO RETIRE IF...

JOHANNESBURG - Jomo Cosmos boss Jomo Sono says he will retire from football if his side doesn't gain promotion to the ABSA Premiership next season.

Ezenkosi are currently third from bottom in the GladAfrica Championship table, but the former Orlando Pirates star is not worried about getting relegated to the ABC Motsepe League.

Sono says he is building a team that will challenge for promotion in the Championship.

"At the end of the next season, I'll gain promotion or will retire. I can assure you I'll be back in the PSL because I'm going to get promotion, you can hold me to that," Sono was quoted as saying by Sunday Sun.

"Right now, I'm finishing

...he fails to promote Cosmos next season



Jomo Cosmos boss Jomo Sono.

off this current season and building a team for next season. I know our position on the log table but am not even worried about relegation. I

don't want to start planning when the season starts, so that I know which players have to be used where," added Sono. *The Citizen*



PULL UP YOUR SOCKS: Orlando Pirates midfielder Fortune Makaringe.

Pirates' heads are still being held high

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates midfielder Fortune Makaringe says they will have to keep their heads held high following their goalless stalemate with Golden Arrows at the Sugar Ray Xulu Stadium on Saturday.

Makaringe admitted that they had a tough time going up against the KwaZulu-Natal outfit, but they will gladly take the point following a great team effort on the day.

"A very difficult point to take out of this game. We are very disappointed with the result. We always play to win, but to get a point is something. So, we have to keep our heads high and continue to work as hard as possible," the midfielder told media after the match.

"All credit to my teammates, we've been working well together as a unit. The collective effort lifts my confidence and without my teammates. My teammates can confide in me as much as I can confide in them and it works well for the team."

Makaringe also gave credit to Pirates fans for rallying behind them and added that the Ghosts should continue getting behind them.

"We appreciate their efforts and support at all times everywhere we go. Let them keep on coming. We should encourage them to come because without them we can never be the Buccaneers that we are."

Money crisis threatens to derail PSL club

BLOEMFONTEIN - KickOff.com has learnt that the money problems at Bloemfontein Celtic that forced Steve Komphela to leave the club have returned.

According to a reliable source inside the club, the technical staff have not received their February salaries and have been told to go look for employment elsewhere if they are not prepared to be patient.

"Ja, it's true. It's tough here even though it's only this month. They only paid the players," the source tells KickOff.com.

"The problem is this guy (Max Tshabalala) runs the team with money from a government tender, so if a tender fails to pay him it's a problem. So the only reason he paid the players only is because he doesn't want them to strike, because that will bring the league into disrepute."

"But sooner or later it's going to happen because he is owing them also bonuses. He keeps on postponing them, postponing them. So it's a matter of time before this thing backfires again. "This guy is not good, he is arrogant my brother, this

guy. He says whoever wants to leave can leave. What can you do? This guy doesn't care."

"These people are all the same, there's only a few teams that take care of the contracts but others... even the staff is demotivated in this club, technical, supporting staff, it's only players but it's a matter of time because now their bonuses are also behind. "Soon it's going to backfire again." Celtic CEO Khumblani Konco's phone has been ringing unanswered since last week and he could not be reached for comment.

KAIZER CHIEFS TO JUST FORGE AHEAD



Premiership title. "I don't know why you are putting it like that. It is normal all over the world that you go a number of games and you produce good results and get to a good position. And then there are games where opponents come with

a different approach.

Yes, some players here and there are not producing the performances but this is normal it is not unusual. I know it's a marathon and it is about staying in the league for the teams at the bottom and for the teams at

the top it is about winning the league."

The 61-year-old German mentor said his team remained focused on the job at hand and were not thinking too far ahead as they looked to regroup after the Usuthu embarrassment *EWN*

Dlamini reveals secret behind AmaZulu's shock win against Chiefs

DURBAN - AmaZulu caused an upset in the ABSA Premiership this past weekend when they beat log leaders Kaizer Chiefs at the FNB Stadium.

The win against Chiefs gave Usuthu a much-needed boost in their fight against relegation.

Stand-in coach Ayanda Dlamini has revealed how he managed to orchestrate the shock victory against Chiefs.

"We knew it was always going to be difficult coming to Chiefs and win. Obviously, the whole world knew it was going to be difficult and the whole world didn't give us a chance to come out with a result," said Dlamini.

"It's a good win, we needed it badly... we were desperate for it. In the situation we're in, I told the boys it didn't matter that we were playing Chiefs. It was important to introduce a system that the boys would understand easily... I told them to keep it as simple as possible, just play the ball, keep possession and I think it worked." *The Citizen*

JOHANNESBURG - Regroup and forge ahead.

That was the message from Kaizer Chiefs coach, Ernst Middendorp after his team suffered a crippling 1-0 defeat to AmaZulu at FNB Stadium on Saturday night.

The unexpected loss denied Amakhosi a chance to widen their lead at the top of the ABSA Premiership standings to put more pressure on the chasers Mamelodi Sundowns and Orlando Pirates.

Coming from a big win where they beat Pirates in a derby where the odds were stacked against them, it was expected that Chiefs would cruise past the relegation-threatened Usuthu. But under rookie coach Ayanda Dlamini, AmaZulu brought a fight and stole the three points.

Answering a question on why his team had failed to get a winning run going since the beginning of the year, Middendorp gave a lengthy lecture on how he never said his team were gunning for the Absa

LAWYER BRANDS RONALDINHO STUPID AFTER FAKE PASSPORT ARREST

ASUNCION-BRAZILIAN football legend Ronaldinho has been branded "stupid" by his lawyer after being banged up for using a fake passport.

Adolfo Marin insisted the former Barcelona and AC Milan star had no idea he was doing anything wrong by trying to enter Paraguay with a dodgy passport.

In an interview with Brazilian newspaper Folha de Sao Paulo he said: "The courts have not taken into account the fact that Ronaldinho didn't know he was committing a crime, because he didn't understand he had been given false documents. He is stupid."

His bizarre comment came as Samba star's legal team finalised an appeal against a judge's decision to remand him in prison on Saturday while an investigation into his use of the doctored passport continues.

The 39-year-old and his brother



Roberto were hauled to court after being arrested at the Sheraton Hotel in Asuncion on Friday.

They have been warned they face



up to six months behind bars while the criminal probe continues.

Their arrests followed a U-turn by prosecutors who initially indi-

cated they were happy for the Brazilian pair to escape trial and receive a fine.

The Sun



Ligue 1 matches will be played behind closed doors

PARIS - Ligue 1 fixtures will be played behind closed doors until the middle of April as the French government bids to crack down on the coronavirus.

French Sports Minister Roxana Maracineanu confirmed the news that games in the country's top flight would either be played in an empty stadium or with just 1 000 spectators - the limit set by the government for sporting events.

It follows the same move by Italy to force Serie A games behind closed doors until next month as they tackle a soaring number of cases.

On Saturday PSG's trip to Strasbourg became the first Ligue 1 fixture to be postponed, with the Alsace region one of the worst-hit regions in France.

And it was also announced that the French champions would play their Champions League second leg tie at home to Dortmund on Wednesday without supporters.

The big games that will be impacted by the new measures include a title clash between Marseille and PSG on March 22 and the Coupe de la Ligue final between PSG and Lyon on April 4.

The number of cases in France have surpassed the 1 200 mark and there have been a total of 19 deaths, with only 12 patients recovering - which indicates a struggle to put a lock on the disease.

It comes as the second blow for sport in France after their Six Nations clash against Ireland was postponed.

The Telegraph

Six Nations loses a third game over coronavirus concerns

PARIS - France's Six Nations clash against Ireland has joined England v Italy in being postponed as fears around the coronavirus continue to mount, although Wales v Scotland has been given the green light by RFU chiefs.

Reports in the French media had claimed that federations had held talks yesterday morning, deciding that the last round of games would be moved to October 31. Now the French government says France's clash against Ireland in Paris will be delayed.

French Sports Minister Roxana Maracineanu confirmed the news yesterday but did not specify a later

date for the fixture, which was slated for this Saturday, and would not comment on other postponements. But RFU Chief Executive Bill Sweeney has eased concerns around Wales' game against Scotland in Cardiff this weekend, saying: "I think it looks good, I don't see any reason why that won't proceed."

L'Equipe also reported that the round of games would be pushed

back, saying: "The decision was ratified on Monday morning by the Six Nations Committee, after the French government decided on Sunday to ban any event gathering more than 1 000 people because of the coronavirus epidemic."

On Sunday France banned the gathering of more than 1 000 people as the death toll and number of

coronavirus infections continued to rise.

It follows the disruption of Ireland's clash against Italy and England's trip to face the Italians in Rome. The coronavirus has been disrupting a number of sporting fixtures around the world as the cases continue to rack up, with the Indian Wells tennis tournament also pushed back.

There have been over 110 000 cases of the virus worldwide and more than 3 800 deaths, and there are fears the outbreak could cause a host of events to be shelved or postponed - including the Euros and the Olympics. *Sports Mail*



Footballer Chineme Martins dies

ABUJA - NIGERIAN footballer Chineme Martins has died after collapsing on the pitch on Sunday.

The 22-year-old was taken to hospital in Lafia but was later pronounced dead.

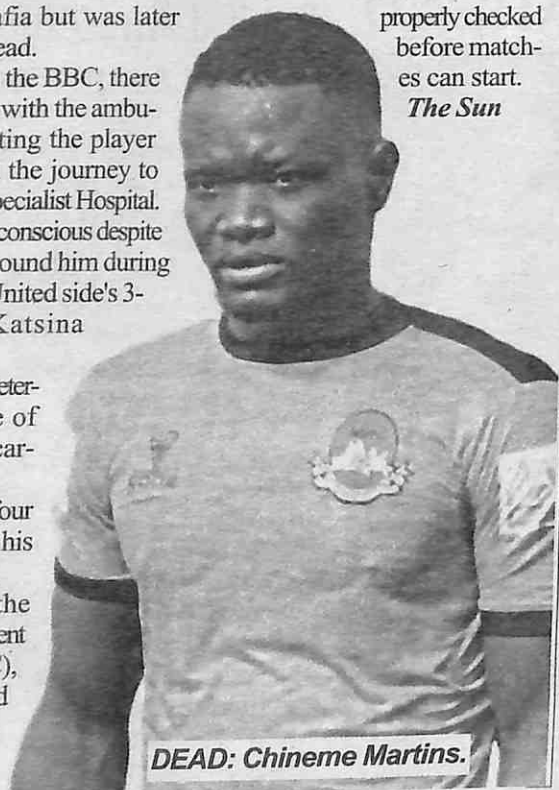
According to the BBC, there was a problem with the ambulance transporting the player which delayed the journey to Dalhatu-Araf Specialist Hospital.

Martins fell unconscious despite no one being around him during his Nasarawa United side's 3-0 win over Katsina United.

An autopsy to determine the cause of death is being carried out.

Martins made four appearances for his club this season.

Chairman of the League Management Company (LMC), Shenu Dikko, paid his respects to the footballer.



DEAD: Chineme Martins.

And Nigeria's sports minister, Sunday Dare, said the death 'was sad but avoidable' - and now there are calls to ensure all medical facilities are properly checked before matches can start.

The Sun

McGregor mocks Mayweather for wearing latex gloves

LAS VEGAS - Conor McGregor couldn't resist launching a cheap shot at fierce rival Floyd Mayweather after the American wore latex gloves at a fan meet-and-greet.

The boxing legend may have gone 50 fights undefeated but obviously fears coronavirus could end up leaving him floored.

Mayweather, 43, is travelling in style the across the UK as part of a tour having met Geordie Shore's Chloe Ferry in Newcastle on Saturday.

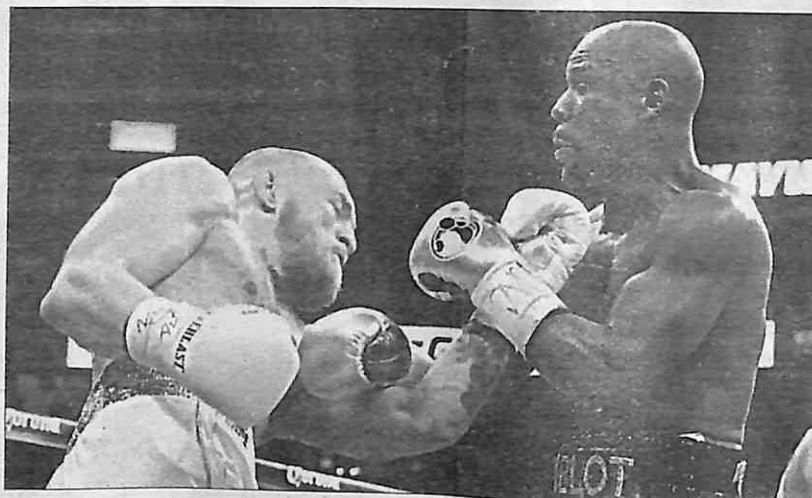
One fan did his best to wind up the American by posing with a joke t-shirt that read 'TMT, The McGregor Team'.

It was a play on Mayweather's lifestyle brand called TMT, an acronym for The Money Team.

Mayweather, who is worth around £700 million and nicknamed Money Man, brushed off the joke by posing with the fan who then took to Twitter to show off the image to McGregor.

The Notorious found it hilarious before commenting on the latex gloves Mayweather was wearing at the event.

He said: "Hahah brilliant. The gloves." Mayweather hasn't fought since stopping McGregor in August 2017 where



MOCKED: Conor McGregor with Floyd Mayweather.

he pocketed a cool £300m from the mega-crossover bout against the UFC star.

But he teased a comeback this year when he insisted he would face McGregor in a rematch if the money was right.

UFC lightweight champ Khabib is also desperate to face the unbeaten American inside the ring, but he has demanded that they have one round of MMA rules.

Commenting on speculation regarding his return at a DKM Promotion's

event at York Hall as part of his UK tour, Mayweather insisted any potential fight must be worth his while.

In quotes obtained by the Mirror, he said: "Like we (him and UFC president Dana White) talked about on social media, there's two names right now.

"We talked about the Conor McGregor fight, we talked about the Khabib fight. "For myself, the number is \$600m (464m). If I'm going to go out there and risk it, it'd have to be worth it."

The Sun

Weekend Sports Results

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Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League - E77 000			MP Sompisi Ntongweni Football League - E40 000			Corban Mafutseni Promotion League			RSSC Siyikha 1800 North - East		
Southern Zone		Hawane	1	Barcelona	3	Dynamos	1	Supersport	4	Juventus	1
Sidwashini	2			Nkonjaneni	3	Khamatlo	2	Bhudia Celtics	0	Rhinos	3
Northern Zone				Chelsea	1	Madubula	6	Mafutseni Vultures	1	Zamalek	1
Vultures	1	Stone Breakers	1	Ntintinyane	1					Arsenal	0
Manchester	1	Sigodlo	0	H. Pirates	5					Bacambi	1
Kappa Kappa	2	Seven stars	1							JB	0
Horo Spinners	1	Mvuma	0								
Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League - E70 000			MP Nelson Mamba Timpisini Football League - E25 000			Premier Bakeries Mkhweni Promotion League			Lubombo Eastern Zone		
Promotion		Mvukwile	1	Promotion		Miba United	3	Step Ahead	2	Hot Chilies	3
Sandia	3			Elegence	4	Miba Rangers	0	Liverpool	4	City Rollers	2
B. Division				Beaufort	1	Manchester	2	Manthonga United	3	Ngoma FC	2
Movers	0	Mphalali	7	Mv. Sundowns	1	Moyeni	1	White Killers	1	Real Madrid	6
Manisholo FC	2	Red Stars	3	Njakeni City	4	Miba Classic	2	Manthonga F.C	3	Six to Six	1
Royal Dynamos	2	Mbabane Utd	1	Vusweni Cosmos	0	Lube Stars	0	Sangotfo	2	Young Zebras	3
Manisholo FC	2	Movers	0	AK 47	0	Mbashi	2	Lube Suncity	1	Bush Ranger	7
Buy Cash Pigg's Peak League - E50 000			Oupa Mhlangatane Football League - E50 000			Nsingweni Promotion League			Mahle Makholo Western Zone		
Hotspurs	5	Supersport	0	Western Stream	0	All Stars	3	Young Madrid	3	Ngwenyaboya	3
19 Celtics	4	Thuluzobona	0	N. Liverpool	2	Mferi Spurs	0	Highlands Blues	1	Manchester	1
Phophonyane	4	Mangwenani	2	Manchester	2	Black Aces	0	Talibans F.C	1	Sea Birds	1
Nkomazi	2	Rise & Shine	0	Professionals	2					Vultures	2
Ndaba Galaxy	1	Peak Forest	0	Thuluzobona	0					Young Aces	0
Citizens	1	White Killers	0	Democracy	0					Red Lion	4
Futis Nkhamba League - E30 000			Dabulamanzi Manzini Super League			Pharm Pharm Impact U15 Juniors E30 000			Lubombo Central Zone		
Nkoyoyo Utd	2	Mahangeni	0	Fairview Chiefs	3	Abancoti Academy	4	Brema United	0	Siphonani FC	4
Mariyisa Utd	1	White Rhinos	3	Villa Stars	0	Road Block	0	School Of Excellency	10	Insha Sport	0
Crocodiles	2	Motshane V.	0	Royal Swallows	2	Red Sea	2	Super Gunners	3	Mhombi	1
Majini Utd	1	Barcelona	1	Moyeni United	1	God's Property	2	Young Buffaloes	7	Home Defender	2
Atletico	6	Dribbling Stars	0			African Chiefs	0	Ishibobo Academy	6	Happy Fighters	2
Ngwenya Utd	2	Fast Movers	0			Mphola Fosters	0	Sicelwini Young Stars	7	Mahashulane	2
Hawane Arsenal	4	Bafana	2							Blue Prince	0
Majini Rebels	5	Kasie Xi	0							Maduma	4
Super Stars	4	Nkoyoyo Jr	1							Big Bombers	3
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Promotion	4	Mayiwane	2	Nyatsini United	2	Junior Eagles	0	Royal Leopard	12	New Classic	2
Professionals	1	Fontolje	3			Christ Like	6	Terror Squad	0	Magele	1
Buhleni Aces	0	Superstars	1			Young Heroes	7	Matsapha Eagles	1	Real Tigers	2
D. Darkies	0	City Cosmos	3			Bafundisi	1	Terror Squad	0	Boko	1
Manchester Utd	0										

Press slam Real Madrid as Zinedine's men stumble in title race

MADRID - Real Madrid's performance against Real Betis is the type of display that will cost them the title following their 2-1 defeat at the Estadio Benito Villamarin.

That was the verdict in the Spanish press after goals from centre-back Sidney and former Barcelona winger Cristian Tello either side of a Karim Benzema penalty consigned Madrid to their third La Liga defeat of the season.

The visitors also conceded the advantage in the title race back to Barca after their 1-0 victory against Real Sociedad on Saturday, which came courtesy of a Lionel Messi penalty.

And now following Madrid's latest setback, the Spanish media have given their hard-hitting reaction to Sunday evening's events.

Marca's headline said: "That's how you lose leagues", adding that an 'unrecognisable' Madrid gave a 'pessimistic

performance' against a lively Betis side that had star Nabil Fekir to thank for making the Madrid defence 'go crazy'.

Advantage

While they add that Madrid have lost their advantage, supplemented by quotes from Zinedine Zidane taking responsibility for their 'worst game of the season', they also include Sergio Ramos warning that there are still many games to go.

Furthermore, Spanish paper AS led with: 'Madrid lose their heads' against a 'superior' Betis, with Ramos believing his side must be self-critical as they did nothing well while Zidane maintained that they lacked everything from energy to aggressiveness. Meanwhile, Mundo Deportivo ran with the headline: 'Great Tello' after the former Barcelona player's winner in Seville.

They also claimed that Madrid were

'fragile' and made a lot of mistakes against a Betis side who had more chances to score.

Slipped

Just like Marca, they include a quote from Ramos who said: "We've slipped behind and the result is fair".

And finally, Sport ran with: "Thank you Betis, thank you Madrid", as the Barcelona-affiliated outlet revelled in the fact that Madrid had already conceded their lead at the top of the table to the Catalans just a week after the Clasico.

Sports Mail

THE SUCKER PUNCH

...with Mphikeleli Msibi [STRIKING, STRAIGHT AND STRENGTHENED] POW!

AFTER ALL IT WAS JUST AN ALLY WITTY BANTER

WITTY Banter is defined as the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks, conversing in a quick and intelligent manner and the requirement for funny attractive men. Even if they are ugly, the witty banter will redeem their unfortunate looks.

In a gentlemen response, everyone will retort and remark 'there was much good-natured banter'.

A couple of years ago our football had a total blessing of a master of Public Relations, the late Sibusiso Manana, whose witty banter made him to be loved by many across club affiliation, yes at times it would hurt but the fun would most often plant a smile or hysteric laughter.

It developed into sweet witty banter at the height of dominance, Mbabane Swallows had dominated locally, extending it to the region tearing down



some of the region's heavyweights such as Orapa United from Botswana, Azam from Tanzania, Zanaco from Zambia and eventually Platinum Stars from neighbouring South Africa. They even threatened to break the dominance from the Arabic north to such an extent that their late boss Victor Gamedze (may he rest in eternal peace) boldly and with assuming confidence said

that he wanted to buy a franchise in South Africa. Within the ranks they had the late Sibusiso Manana (may he too rest in eternal peace), my top spinner of banter publicity and many of the times would love how he would declare to his Royal Leopard counterpart, Frank Hurube how they would be forced to take the centre or how Swallows would force the door open if their counterparts arrogantly refused to respond to the knock.

Accolades

Such was fun created by the banter, no wonder waManana carried many of the Best PRO awards to his last breath and indeed posthumously, he truly deserved the accolades such that if I had it my own way the PRO awards would be named in his name as a befitting honour.

Sadly, it all seems the witty banter was laid to a peaceful rest the day we laid to rest the master.

Enter Manqoba Mabuza the Swallows PRO and the Highlanders Chairman Kenneth Dlamini's spate of verbal exchanges triggered by Ally Kgomongwe's seemingly witty banter which was aimed at psyching up his lads.

If anything, Kgomongwe was as witty and smart as it came with nothing wrong in its additives and deserved to be treated as such. But reactions from the two

guys, 'ungentlemen', was totally unwarranted and further threatened the serenity environment around our game by the addition of attrition potentially volatile in the way it has sucked in the rival fans. I can, however, forgive Kenneth for now because his was merely a response.

Is a mere banter similar to a Jose Mourinho verbal jab on high flying Jurgen Klopp just about to take away our football peace virginity at just the dawn, when we could have all laughed and if it is so, let me apologise on behalf of the sports journalism fraternity for amplifying it through our publications. Never in our time did we ever see Hurube penning a whole statement reacting to the late Manana witty banter. He never cursed, he never kicked and frothed but would always embrace it with that sheepish giggle if beaten to the talk.

Never did we see Leopard and Swallows fans at each other's throats. Hurube as a living testimony will flag me wrong if I have misrepresented on this one.

My worthy advice to the two guys is to leave the kitchen if it has become too hot for their tolerance - after all it was just an Ally witty banter, let's just work harder and have Swallows beat Highlanders on the field of play to force him swallow back his words.

CONGRATS NYOK'ELUHLAZANA

I just want to shoot straight and waste no time but congratulate Correctional Services side Green Mamba for being champions of the 2019/2020 Ingwenyama Cup.

This was their first appearance in the finals of this prestigious tournament and they won it in style at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Against a team that also wanted it so bad, Inyok'eluhlazana showed endurance and stamina in front of over 15 000 football lovers, who joined His Majesty King Mswati III for the finals of the richest tournament in the country.

Green Mamba were underdogs going into this match and I am one of those who did not give them a chance against a team that has been doing well in cup competitions. I would be lying to say I expected them to win it with ease like they did.

The Correctional Services side displayed a high level of fitness and their experience helped them

to beat the below par Mbabane Highlanders, a team that went to this match with high expectations before bowing down 0-2 through goals scored by their ever improving midfielder Mxolisi Mkhontfo and Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo, who scored the goals in each half. I would also like to send my commiserations to the losing finalists the 'Black Bull', who tried their best, but were unlucky on the day. In fact Highlanders did not play their normal game.

Harmonious

Both clubs gave as much as they were getting, hence it was a somewhat physical match, especially in the first half.

Truth be told, it was not the best final, but the teams tried their best inside the field of play.

I also want to say Bayethe to His Majesty King Mswati III and other Royal family members, who graced the event. This goes so much to show that the King supports sports.

This turned out to be a harmo-

nious day filled with energy and enthusiasm from football supporters, who came in thier numbers to support the finals. There were a lot of other activities on the day, as we also got to watch cultural performances. Surely, this tournament is unique as its blends football with culture. I once again congratulate Green Mamba, who have won the fifth edition of the tournament.

The support from fans was great as close to 15 000 fans crammed Somhlolo to cheer their respective teams, while others came just to have an experience of this wonderful event and give their eyes something to marvel at.

Worth noting is that fans maintained a high level of respect as there was no violent incidences throughout the day.

Special thanks go to the football stakeholders and the sponsor Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) for organising another great installment of this prestigious tournament.

Wanderers' problems...

NO one should be happy with what is happening currently at one of the country's biggest teams Manzini Wanderers.

A lot is not going right at the team and something needs to be done- and if I may say- this should be soonest if they are to save this old and most followed team from embarrassment.

There has been a lot of happening in as far as their directorship structure is concerned.

Well, maybe it could be what I see and analyse from a distance when maybe in fact they are working in harmony. But I can tell you now that the team is faced with serious challenges.

The honest fact is that Weslians have been faced with financial challenges for the longest time now.

They have made several changes, including the coaches and also signed good players but nothing seems to be working in their favour. What with the team already suspending its training sessions?

Like I have already said, they looked promising during pre-season but all that has faded as the season progressed. The issue of money is a serious one in the team, but seemingly there is more to that than meets the eye.

This then makes me reach the conclusion that the challenges are deeper than we think, but all can be sorted out if the one in charge may take responsibility and become honest to themselves about the challenges within the club.

Restructure

This big club has a huge following to go through such experiences when it comes to their financials. This has never been seen before during the era of the dearly departed Henry 'Shushu' Mthethwa and the lovable Sandile 'Chief' Dlamini.

I think they need to restructure, dig deep where the problem is and find a lasting solution that will propel the team to greater heights, thus restoring their glory days.

The team has wonderful supporters, who are always there to rally behind the team through thick and thin. I just want to salute them for being patient for all these trying years, even though I have also noticed a decline in their attendance during games. I cannot blame them though.

Until Weslians look at themselves and admit that everyone at some point has to be accountable, then nothing will change. Other questions could be; where is the Council of Elders?

Everybody has to take responsibility in this great club on why it's falling apart.

They are a great team, and they can do it, but only if they can take responsibility and be honest to themselves about the challenges brewing within the club. If such problems are not sorted, the famous wonderful Wanderers might be a thing of the past.

Don't say I didn't tell you!





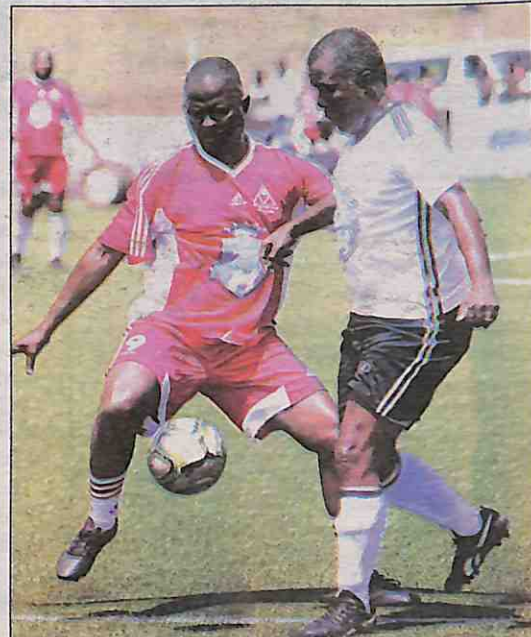
INGWENYAMA CUP 2019/20



MORE ON INGWENYAMA CUP FINAL



ABOVE- READY: CEO XI players pose before their clash against members of Parliament during the curtain-raising game for the cup final between Green Mamba and Mbabane Highlanders. LEFT- BALL CONTROL: MP Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo marks his opponent. MPs won 4-2. (Pics:Lucky Simelane)



CAN'T PASS: MP Mduduzi Mabuza blocks FINCORP MD Dumisani Msibi.



50/50: Minister of Sports Harries 'Madze' Bulunga and ENCAC Chief Executive Officer Stanley Dlamini vying for the ball.



EMALANGENI: Princes posing before playing against Chiefs (Bobabe Tikhulu). The game ended in a goalless draw.



MOVE: African Alliance's S'thofeni Ginindza attempts to go past MP Welcome Shongwe.



LEFT- ON AIR: Chief Maliwa Maziya and an opponent in a heading duel.

PHOTO-SHOT: Soccer fans taking a selfie with SA's Mgijimi at the stadium.



CHALLENGE: Prince Sicalo challenges Chief Mbane in a curtain-raising match.



ATLEAST: Dejected Mbabane Highlanders supporters display their miniature trophy. Highlanders were beaten by Green Mamba 2-0 in the cup final. RIGHT- Sabelo 'Rasta' Dlamini greets others upon arrival at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.



RIGHT- TACKLE: MVA and King's Office players in action. MVA won 4-2.





● Real Madrid are considering a move for Chelsea's Spanish goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga, 25, this summer, with the Blues thought to be interested in both Barcelona's German shot-stopper Marc-Andre ter Stegen and Manchester United's on-loan English keeper Dean Henderson, 22. **(Star)**

● Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola is planning to hand Belgium midfielder Kevin de Bruyne, 28, a new contract worth £350,000 a week. **(Express)**

● English goalkeeper Dean Henderson, 22, has told his Sheffield United team-mates he will be back on loan at the club next season if he is not guaranteed a starting role at parent club Manchester United. **(Mail)**

● Chelsea's English midfielder Conor Gallagher, 20, on loan at Swansea, is wanted by Dutch side Vitesse Arnhem on loan. **(Sun)**

● Manchester United are confident they can convince Dutch winger Tahith Chong, 20, to stay at the club, despite interest from Barcelona, Inter and Juventus. **(Sun)**

● Tottenham are keen to recruit a left-back this summer and have targeted £22m-rated Borna Barisic, the 27-year-old Croatian currently with Rangers. **(90 Min)**

● Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer says Manchester United still need 'two or three' new signings to be considered title contenders despite doing the league double over Manchester City for the first time in 10 years. **(ESPN)**

● Chelsea's France international striker Olivier Giroud, 33, has revealed that he was "blocked" from joining rivals Tottenham in the January transfer window. **(90 Min)**

● Arsenal's Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, 30, continually linked with a move, has stressed he is 'happy' at the Emirates. **(Mirror)**

● Chelsea are leading the chase to sign non-league Aldershot's 17-year-old English midfielder Reece Wylie. **(Team Talk)**

● Juventus and Argentina forward Paulo Dybala, 26, told his agent to cancel his move to Manchester United - when the player's representative was sat in Ed Woodward's office. **(Calciomercato, via Mirror)**

● Bournemouth's Wales winger Harry Wilson, 22, on loan from Liverpool, was pictured wearing a Reds overcoat at the meeting of the two clubs on Saturday but insisted he was given it by an Anfield member staff because he was cold. **(Liverpool Echo)**

● Liverpool could be set for a cash injection this summer thanks a 30% sell-on clause included in the deal to sell Spain midfielder Luis Alberto, 27, to Lazio by sporting director Michael Edwards. **(Star)**

KARATE IS NOT FOR MALES ONLY - NOKUPHILA

BY COLISILE SACOLO

KARATE - Marshal artist Nokuphila Simelane says the sport is not only for males as females are also allowed to take part.

Simelane said this during the Oyama Kykushin Juniors Karate grading session at UNESWA Sport Emporium on Saturday.

The grading was about testing karatekas in their ranks to determine if they were capable of moving to another level in terms of the belts. The skills they were tested for included physical fitness, kicking and punching, stances katas, fighting skills and self-defence skills. Simelane said women also needed to be given

a chance to demonstrate their skills.

She said she would love to see females joining the sport. "I like this sport because it helps one to be disciplined and most importantly to be able to protect yourself. Karatekas are taught to avoid fights at all times and this shows that we are not endorsing violence. It helps in many ways as you get to reason differently as a person if you are a karateka."

The 22-years-old, who is a student at UNESWA (Mbabane Campus), said she had been doing karate for three years and was looking forward to getting a black belt.

"Ever since I was involved in the sport, I have learnt lot of things and truly speaking I am a very disciplined lady, who is always

focused.

"The good thing is that I am able to protect myself in every situation I face as a human being. Mine is just to encourage more females to join the sport. They should know that it is not about promoting violence."

Misconception

Meanwhile, Siphakamise Shabalala (21) from Mbabane campus said there was a misconception about karate that it's for men and it promotes violence.

Shabalala said the sport was about physical fitness, discipline as well as self-defence.

She said she had been doing it for three years and had never been involved in a fight. "We are taught about discipline."

'Swazi Bolt' sets new record in AGN 6 Meeting 100m

BY NOMALUNGELO PHIRI

ATHLETICS - HE is setting his own standards!

This in none other than top Eswatini sprinter Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa, who clocked 10:32 seconds to come second in the Athletics Gguteng North (AGN) League 6 Meeting 100m race.

The competition was held at Bestmed Tuks Stadium, Pretoria on Saturday.

The Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) athlete was the runner-up, beating seven other South African athletes in Dickson Kamuserem, Oscar Mavundla, Thomas Nikuze, WP Struweg, Maurice Freeman, Brandon Vonder Walt and Le-More Jannentjies.

Matsenjwa said he was looking forward to setting a new record of at least 10:22 seconds.

He also highlighted that the 10:32 was his best this season.

Matsenjwa also competed in the 200m where he again came second with an impressive 20:80 seconds.

"I am excited about the results as they keep me going. I am preparing for my next competition in Cape Town next month. The results give me confidence to continue working hard as I look forward to improving my time and also compete for honours," he said.

Other athletes who competed at the AGN League 6 are in Phumlile Ndzinisa, who also



NEW RECORD: Eswatini sprinter Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa.

came second in the 100m after clocking 12:07 seconds while Andile Lushaba was also the runner-up in the 200m after clocking 21:32 seconds.

REPS sink Way Inn in Dixies League

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

POOL - POLICE Academy beat last year's runners-up Way Inn 13-11 in the E40 000 Dixies International Pool League.

The highly anticipated match was played at Malkerns Game Room on Saturday. Police Academy are now sitting at the summit of the log with seven points. Meanwhile, Correctional bite the dust against Manzini 1 with France beating new comers Ludzeludze 13-6.

Dixies /MRPA results:

Ludzeludze	6-13	France
Mahlanya	13-10	Mankayane
Correctional	13-12	Manzini One
Stairs	13-3	Nicks
Bhunya	10-13	Garrison
Way Inn	11-13	REPS
Manzini Masters	13-5	Figa5

League prize breakdown:

Champions - E8 000 plus trophy and gold medals



Runners-up - E5 000 plus bronze medals

Third prize - E3 000 plus silver medals

4th	-	E1500
5th	-	E1,200
6th	-	E1,100
7th	-	E1000
8th	-	E900
9th	-	E800
10th	-	E700
11th	-	E600
12th	-	E500
13th	-	E400
14th	-	E300
15th	-	E250

35 Swimlab swimmers qualify for ESA Championships

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SWIMMING - A total of 35 Swimlab swimmers have qualified for the Eswatini Swimming Association (ESA) Championships to be held at Enjbulweni.

The championships start today.

This was revealed by Eswatini Swimlab coach Welcome Nhlabatsi, who said they were impressed with the number.

He said the National Championships would run until Sunday.

Nhlabatsi said out of the 35 swimmers seven have also qualified for the South African level 2 and 3 competition to be held on March 19 - 22.

"Last year we saw Kyla Webb getting a gold medal in the 200 backstroke and are expecting more medals this time around. The swimmers are ready and it's good that we have one swimmer, who has qualified for level 3 and 4, which is an improvement from last year. I think we are headed to the right direction as a club."

He said they were a new club but already had the highest number of swimmers in the competition. Nhlabatsi also thanked the swimmers' parents for their support.

"I also want to thank our sponsor Viva Beverages for their continued support. As Swimlab Club we are looking forward to positive results."

Level 2 qualifiers:

Luca Fraser
Eryn Webb
Damien Desousa
Raya Young
Level 3 qualifiers
Hayley Hoy
Tiano Fraser
Kyla Webb

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I GOT SUBSTITUTED FOR FAILING TO MARK MKHONTFO - MENZI

BY NOMALUNGELO PHIRI

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders midfielder Menzi Mamba believes he was substituted for failing to deal with Green Mamba player Mxolisi Mkhontfo, who scored the opening goal in the Ingwenyama Cup final played at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Highlanders lost 0-2 to Green Mamba with Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhintfo scoring the second goal in the dying minutes of the match.

Mamba explained that this was his assumption after he was substituted for Vusimuzi Vilakati in the first half. "There was no explanation behind my substituti-

tion, however I respect the coach's decision," he said.

When questioned about his team's performance, the former Matsapha United player said their performance was below par. "We failed to come to the party. Green Mamba were better than us in all departments," he said.

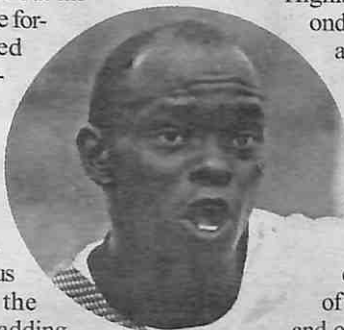
Mamba said their focus would now shift to the EswatiniBank Cup, adding that they were hoping for the best.

The Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led side really looked confused on the day as their

substitutions were not spot-on; hence they struggled in the match.

Highlanders have lost their second Ingwenyama Cup final in a row, while Mamba won it in their first appearance in the finals.

His Majesty King Mswati III, who is the patron of the most lucrative tournament in the Premier League of Eswatini calendar, was joined by members of the Royal family, his guests and over 15 000 football lovers to watch the security forces side brush aside Inkunze'mnyama to claim their E1.4 million first prize cheque.



Local football standard improving - 'Mgijimi', Bullie

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - MAMELODI Sundowns supporter Bullie James and Orlando Pirates' Mgijimi have noted that the standard of local football was improving in the country.

The duo was in the country to watch the finals of the fifth edition of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup between Mbabane Highlanders and Green Mamba.

Popular Orlando Pirates supporter 'Mgijimi' said it was interesting to see football blending with culture. He said Emaswati loved their culture.

"It was a fun-filled day as throngs of supporters came to the stadium. We saw culture blending very well with football. Emaswati proved that they love and respect their culture. Football is indeed a unifying sport," he said. Bullie James said football unite people from all walks of life.



IMPRESSED: Mamelodi Sundowns and Orlando Pirates supporters Bullie James and Mgijimi.

"I have noted that the standard of football is improving in the country.

Emaswati love the game; you can see by the way the stadium was packed. It's also good to see new champions in this tournament. In the same vein, I would like to say hard luck to Mbabane Highlanders," he said.

James further revealed that she was

impressed with the duo of pint-sized midfielder, Njabulo Thwala and Mcolisi Mkhontfo.

Meanwhile, Mbabane Highlanders lost the trophy for the second time. Last season they were thrashed 1-4 by army side Young Buffaloes in the final that was also watched by King Mswati III and former South Africa President Jacob Zuma.

Players will get incentives

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - GREEN Mamba President Phindile Dlamini says her players will get rewards for bringing the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) Ingwenyama Cup home.

The final of the fifth edition of the prestigious tournament was played on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium. The Correctional Services side, who were making their maiden appearance in the final, beat Highlanders 2-0 in a match watched by His Majesty King Mswati III.

'Inyoka Eluhlazana' took home E1.4 million for being champions while Mbabane Highlanders will get E550 000 for being runners-up.

"Winning the tournament before His Majesty is an honour. I would like to thank the technical bench and players for their gallant performance throughout the tournament. Their performance did not go unnoticed and they will get some kind of motivation," she said.

Meanwhile, senior player Musa Dlamini said they would always try by all means to make their president happy. He said it was also their wish to lift the EswatiniBank Cup.

"Firstly, as players we would like to thank our president for her continued support. We will try by all means to make her happy. I would like to thank our supporters for rallying behind us throughout the tournament. It is also our wish to win the EswatiniBank Cup," he said.

'Don't blame coaches alone'

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - SOCCER-ESWATINI Football Coaches Association (EFCA) Secretary General Musa Mamba saying a coach alone cannot be blamed for teams' defeats and dip in performances.

Mamba said this after watching Green Mamba beat Mbabane Highlanders 2-0 to win the Ingwenyama Cup at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. He said it was wrong to blame the coach alone when a team was not performing well.

Mamba said there were other components in the team which included coach, technical bench, manager as well as the players. "All these components play a role, so it is wrong to blame only the coach when a team is not performing well."

Mamba said these structures were there to see to it that everything was in order for players to be able to perform to the best of their abilities. When a team is not performing well,

people tend to blame the coach. There other components must be kept in check too. I know that supporters see things in a different way, hence they blame the coaches."

He noted that coaches also have their slip-ups here and there, but sometimes it was not always their fault if the team was underperforming. "If players are not getting paid on time, they tend to underperform. So in this case the one who is in charge of the players' welfare should be blamed. Players do not perform well when they are not happy with certain things in the team."

"You cannot blame the coach if players continue to miss clear cut chances. Let us be fair on the coaches." Mamba said he felt sorry for some coaches, who were subjected to this kind of abuse.

"It is true that at the end of the day supporters will put the blame on the coaches, who play the big role of giving the team direction. Players have to be blamed at times for their under par performances."

Clement wins ESRIC Monthly Mug

BY SIFISO DHLAMINI
Guest Writer

GOLF - VETERAN golfer Clement Nhleko was on Saturday crowned champion of the Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC's) Monthly Mug played at the Mbabane Golf Course.

Playing of handicap 12, Nhleko took almost everyone by surprise when he finished the 18-hole contest with an unruffled 68 net ahead of some of the well-known golf stars. He carded 41 and 39 gross in the first and second nine holes, respectively.

In fact, Nhleko emerged the winner despite the heavy tussle he had with himself on hole eight, where he scored a triple bogey. In the other holes he performed excellently cupping a birdie, nine pars and five bogeys.

He has attributed Saturday's rare success to undivided concentration and hard work. "I last won this competition early last year and about a week ago I was a strong contender in the Mbabane Club championship. I'm working hard these days and hope my newly-found form will reap more

The results:		
Clement Nhleko	68 (best net)	
Sifiso Vilane	70 (best gross)	
Evert Madlopha	69	
Xolani Dlamini	69	
Siboniso Simelane	70	
Sifiso Zubuko	70	
Zwelisha Dlamini	70	
Nicholas Vilakati	70	
Mfundo Nxumalo	70	
Musa Shongwe	71	
Valentine Maziya	71	
Sphesihle Mhlalala	71	
Sibusiso Ndzabandzaba	71	
Novelties:		
Fisiwe Vilane	Longest Drive	
Ladies		
Sanele Myeni	Longest Drive	
Males		
Lindziwe Gamedze	Nearest the pin hole 2/11	
Mduduzi Maphalala	Nearest the pin hole 8/17	
Benedict Bennett	Nearest the pin hole 7/16	

positive results going forward," he said. The gross winner on the day was national team player Sifiso Vilane with a 70 score. The second placed net winner with 69 was another veteran golfer Evert Madlopha who beat Mbabane Golf Committee Secretary Xolani Dlamini on a countback. There were five tied on 70 net and these included Siboniso Simelane, Sifiso Zubuko, Zwelisha Dlamini, Nicholas Vilakati and Mfundo Nxumalo.

MINISTER URGES ANTI-DOPING WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE

BY JONGILE XUBA

SPORTS - MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga has urged participants of the Regional Anti-Doping Organisation (RADO) workshop to share and use their knowledge to keep Eswatini sporting sector clean.

The minister was speaking during the launch of the workshop at Thokoza Conference Room in Mbabane yesterday. The workshop will end Friday and it has 16 participants from various sporting codes. The facilitator is Africa Zone IV RADO Manager Andrew B Kamanga.

"We are extremely pleased to be here today to witness the start of this programme which will capacitate these participants from the various sporting codes in Eswatini with the necessary knowledge to implement programmes that would promote clean sports in our beautiful country. We urge them to ensure that they share the knowledge they will gain from this workshop, otherwise this exercise would have been in vain," he said.

Bulunga further thanked RADO for their



SHARE KNOWLEDGE: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga (centre) pose with participants and delegates during the Regional Anti-Doping Organisation (RADO) Workshop launch at Thokoza in Mbabane yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

support and reassured them that the country was committed to the cause.

"We should first thank RADO for the invaluable support which has made this exercise a possibility. On behalf of His Majesty's government, I wish to reiterate our zero tolerance on any form of doping. As a country, we are committed to

adhering to all RADO and global anti-doping measures and practising the spirit of fair play," he said. The workshop facilitator, Andrew Kamanga, reassured the minister the course would help protect the country's image adding that he was grateful for the opportunity he had been given.



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ESRC SUSPENDS ALL INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

BY JONGILE XUBA

SPORTS - WITH the threat growing each day, Eswatini Sports and Recreation Council (ESRC) has suspended all international trips for sporting codes in an effort to prevent the spread of the infamous coronavirus.

This was revealed by ESRC Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze through a press statement yesterday.

According to worldometer.com there have been 111 753 confirmed coronavirus cases with 3 888 deaths in 109 countries including about 90 reported cases in the African continent.



To make things worse, just yesterday there were seven confirmed cases in neighbouring South Africa, forcing the country to step up its efforts to curb the outbreak.

Tsabedze said they had come to the decision after careful consideration and it was for the safety of

citizens.

Decision

"Following reports by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the outbreak of the Coronavirus [COVID-19], the Eswatini Sports & Recreation Council has taken a very considered decision, which

puts the interests and safety of our athletes and citizens above all else, to suspend all international travel by our respective recognised sports bodies for various sports-related engagements until the situation with the outbreak is normalised," he said.

He further asked for cooperation from their stakeholders and said no more recommendations would be made from their office. "We will not be recommending any international participation clearance for any individual or national team to the ministry of sports, culture & youth affairs. We therefore request the utmost cooperation from all concerned to ensure the safety of our citizens from this epidemic," he said. Coronavirus (COVID - 19) belongs to a large family of viruses that cause illness, ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, coughing and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.

In an effort to educate the public on the virus, the ministry of health provided a short presentation and demonstration on how to protect oneself from the virus during the Ingwenyama Cup final at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Standard recommendations to prevent infection spread include regular hand washing, covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, thoroughly cooking meat and eggs. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

Council of Elders takes charge at Wanderers

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - AT height of Manzini Wanderers problems threatening its peace and stability, the Council of Elders has now taken charge to bring steadiness in the team.

According to a statement signed by the team's Council of Elders Chairperson Joe Nkumane, the coun-

cil will work hand in hand with the Management Committee and National Supporters Committee until further notice.

Mandated

"The council has mandated to close the void left by the then director/financier and work hand in hand with the management committee until further notice. If there is anyone able to engage with the prospective director, financier or wish to

render any form of assistance should consult with the council of elders for guidance.

"This is done for the purpose of monitoring developments and giving direction, especially to avoid a recurrence of unknown people said to be representing the club in negotiations," reads part of the statement.

The council of elders further mentioned that anyone wishing to engage a potential director or financier should

consult the chairperson of the council, who would liaise with the management committee and chief executive officer.

Meetings

The elders also mentioned that they had held numerous meetings to try and resolve the leadership situation and normalise operations in the team.

On another note, the council of elders has thanked former boss

Mehluli Nhlengetfwa for the role he played in helping the club.

"We wish to thank Mehluli Nhlengetfwa in helping the club thus far. We also send our sincere gratitude to the 'Good Samaritan', who covered the players' salaries last year December. We also thank the management committee for their tireless efforts to keep the club running under very difficult conditions.

"Special thanks go to the players for their continued participation while their issues are being addressed, not an easy sacrifice. To the supporters who have braved the situation to go and rally behind the players, we offer our sincere thanks," reads the statement.

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